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## One for the record books



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A few of the 303 combines who set a new Guinness World Record for the most combines simultaneously harvesting a single field as part of Children's Camps International's Harvest for Kids event Saturday. Thousands of volunteers and spectators came out to the field of winter wheat south of Winkler to witness the attempt. For more Harvest for Kids coverage, check out Pg. 3 and Pgs. 14-15.

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Katie Cares board member Robyn Wiebe visits with Katie's Cottage executive director Ruth Reimer at the respite home's second anniversary open house last Wednesday. The facility, which is located across from the Boundary Trails Health Centre, had 631 guests stay overnight in 2017.

# Katie's Cottage celebrates 2nd anniversary

By Lorne Stelmach

It's only been open for two years, but the Katie's Cottage respite home has already become a fixture across the road from the Boundary Trails

Health Centre.

As the facility marked the milestone with an open house Aug. 1, executive director Ruth Reimer had the entire project's inspiration on her heart.

"Kaitlyn would be thrilled," Reimer

said of her late daughter, who came up with the dream of a place that could be a home away from home for families with loved ones receiving treatment in the hospital.

"I can see her right now saying, 'This

is the right thing, Mom,'" she said. "And I know that ... when you see people who come in and they are so tired."

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# "I never doubted that we'd get there"

## Winkler sets world harvesting record with 303 combines

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thousands of spectators lined up on a winter wheat field south of Winkler Saturday to witness a world record being broken in support of children in developing countries the world over.

Children's Camps International's Harvest for Kids entered the record books once again for the most combine harvesters working simultaneously on a single field.

A total of 303 combines successfully harvested the minimum required five minutes, smashing the previous record of 244 set by CCI's Saskatchewan office in 2012.

This marks the third time Winkler has set this record (starting with 105 combines in 2006 and then 200 in 2010), but it was an emotional moment nonetheless for organizer George Klassen.

"That was such a great feeling, sitting in that combine and realizing what all came together to make this happen," he said shortly after hopping down from his combine. "This was just awesome. No words for it."

The event was far short of its combine goal just days before the harvest, but Klassen said he had faith the agricultural community would come through for them.

"I never doubted that we'd get there," he said. "At the last minute, so many from so many different areas came. Almost every little town around this countryside is represented."

People came from far and wide, as well, to witness the harvest and enjoy the many other activities going on throughout the day, including a kid's



Onlookers sought to capture the spectacle as hundreds of combines rumbled across the field to set a new world record Saturday in support of Children's Camps International.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

fun zone, musical entertainment, a farm show, lunch, and more.

The night before, the Parkland stage saw one of its biggest crowds ever enjoy a benefit concert featuring performances from High Valley, the Hunter Brothers, and Rosemary Siemens & the Sweet Sound Revival.

But while the spectacle drew huge crowds, it served a much larger purpose than pure entertainment.

CCI hopes the global awareness Harvest for Kids 2018 generated will help them raise \$5 million—enough to send one million kids to their Christian outreach camps.

"\$5 is all it takes to send a child to camp and do the year-round follow-up," said CCI founder Ray Wieler. "We have so many people, churches on a waiting list. We could reach a million kids a year right now if we had the support."

It's a cause combine drivers like Jeremy Klassen, who farms at Haskett, found it easy to get behind.

"I like the idea of community getting together and everyone working together," he said, noting this was his first time taking part. "It seemed like a really good cause. Telling kids about Christ, you can't go wrong with that."

### "A SHINING STAR"

The impact CCI has on the lives of

children cannot be overstated, said Antony Samy, who runs the agency's programs in India.

"They are transforming so many children's lives in my country with Christian principles," he said, stressing those children, in turn, go on to spread the gospel to others.

Looking around at the thousands of people who came out for Harvest for Kids, Samy said seeing such an outpouring of community support for

this cause is overwhelming.

"A year ago when we started thinking about this I thought, personally, it was a crazy idea. But now, after seeing this many combines, this many people coming together, I see what a great heart people here have.

"They have a great attitude not only to this community but all over the world. This community is like a shining star to bring transformation all over the world."

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# Spend a 'Day in the Trenches' at WW1 museum



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Day in the Trenches volunteers decked out in period attire are eager to provide a glimpse of what life was like for the average Canadian soldier during the First World War.

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitoba World War One Museum marks a milestone with its annual heritage event this Sunday.

The fifth "Day in the Trenches" comes a hundred years since the end of the global conflict, and organizer Bruce Tascona hopes people come away from the afternoon with a greater appreciation of the harsh realities of the war.

"It brings it all to life," Tascona said of the interactive event held every August at the museum a few miles west of La Riviere.

"Simple things like how did the soldiers go to the bathroom?" he said. "More soldiers died in the 19th century from dysentery and cholera than from bullets ... so it was strictly enforced."

The non-profit museum is dedicated to the memory of the Manitobans who served in the Great War of 1914-1918. It features an extensive library of photographs and war documents alongside artifacts and memorabilia such as medals, uniforms, and equipment.

It all started in 2012 when Tascona retired and moved to the Pembina Valley with his wife to open the Silver Springs Bed & Breakfast.

Tascona had been involved in military museums in Winnipeg and was an avid collector of military artifacts, so one thing quickly led to another.

"We're probably the only private not-for-profit museum in the province," he suggested.

"What we've done over the years is we've expanded from a collection ... we have outdoor exhibits and seasonal exhibits," Tascona added, noting the example of an army tent that shows how soldiers lived day-to-day.

A highlight of the museum and the annual Day in the Trenches is the facility's sprawling trench system.

"It gives an idea of what it would have been

like in the First World War," said Tascona. "We hope visitors come in and get the experience of what trench life was like.

"We don't talk about the death and destruction," he continued. "We talk more about the realities of how they endured living in the trenches."

This year's event runs from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 12 and will include all manner of tours and demonstrations.

"I've been very fortunate. There's a group of people in Winnipeg who help me out, and they dress up in uniforms of the time and with the equipment," Tascona said, noting the volunteers guide visitors through the grounds to the various informational sites and demos. "We have sort of a mock war battle where we demonstrate what a raid might have been like."

He's pleased as well to have another special addition this time around.

"The newest feature that we have this year is that we were contacted by a group from North Dakota who dress up as living history of German soldiers. So we have a representational enemy trench ... they're going to depict trench life from the German army viewpoint," said Tascona. "We've very excited that they're coming. It can only add to the story of what a terrible war the First World War was."

To take part in Day in the Trenches, find your way to the museum by watching for the signs about three miles west of La Riviere on Hwy. 3.

Tascona is hoping for another good crowd this year.

"The first year, we had maybe 150 people, but it's grown steadily. Last year we had over 400 people ... so it was buzzing here," he said, adding that the day's activities go ahead rain or shine. Foul weather, in fact, could actually enhance the experience. "We'll show how it was to be in wet trenches."

## > KATIE'S COTTAGE, FROM PG. 2

It took nearly two years of planning and fundraising to bring Kaitlyn's dream to reality in the summer of 2016.

Since then, Katie's Cottage has been a pretty busy place, opening its doors to 631 guests in 2017.

It's a number Reimer expects they'll easily hit again, if not exceed, this year.

"It's an ebb and flow ... when the hospital is busy, we're busy," she noted. "When the hospital slows down and there's less surgeries, of course we're slower too.

"I think people are still trying to grasp what this thing can do for them ... what can Katie's Cottage do for you," she continued. "It's so that people would be able to be close to their loved one. That's what Kaitlyn wanted."

Reimer remains surprised by how some of their guests come from all over, including well beyond this region.

"We are getting guests coming in from as far east as Kenora and as far west as Estavan and Yorkton [Saskatchewan] ... and going up as far north as Churchill.

"We've even had some guests staying from Winkler who have stayed overnight just because it was easier," she said. "They wanted to stay close and they could get a good night sleep."

The whole journey so far "has been a big learning curve for me," Reimer reflected. "Things that we started that we thought would work didn't. But that's okay, because this is all about learning.

"This is a new thing ... nobody else

in Manitoba has one of these," she added, noting other respite facilities have specific mandates such as for being for families dealing with cancer.

"Our house is open to anybody who is in the hospital, any family member that needs a place to stay," Reimer stressed. "If their loved one is in the hospital ... they can stay here.

"We've seen more day visitors as well. We have seen more people coming in and just needing it, needing a place to stay, to be close."

She sees an important part of what they provide as being some of the small touches and extra services, like to-go snack bags or the coffee bar in the guest area.

"Pharmasave has the toiletry bag so if you have forgotten something, it's in there," she said, noting as well

that Telus provides nationwide telephone service from the home. "It's really nice for the guests to be able to have that convenience."

In order to make all that happen, of course, requires a great deal of financial support, with Reimer estimating the average cost to run the cottage is about \$350 per day. But they have been incredibly blessed in that respect when it comes to donations from the community.

"It feels good, but I think the bigger thing is that we have been supported in many ways," said Reimer. "We have also been supported because people have said let's do this, this makes sense ... and it did make sense.

"Kaitlyn saw it ... it took a 13-year-old to say let's do it."

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## Friesen moves from finance portfolio to health

By Lorne Stelmach

Cameron Friesen is moving on from correcting the financial course of the province to righting the ship in Manitoba health care.

Both are equally challenging roles for the Morden-Winkler MLA who was moved from the finance portfolio to become the Minister for Health, Seniors, and Active Living in last week's cabinet shuffle.

"It's clearly a case of out of the frying pan and into another frying pan," said the Morden-born Friesen, who was first elected as the MLA for Morden-Winkler in 2011 and re-elected in 2016.

"They are two very large roles ... what the premier said to me is that he wants me to apply the same approach as I used in finance to health and take this in the right direction," he said. "I inherit a system that is on a better trajectory now ... what we're doing is working and achieving results."

The move did seem to come somewhat unexpectedly to Friesen.

"While this move for me did come with some surprise ... of course I am honoured that the premier continues to have this much confidence in me," he said.

"It comes with some regret now to leave many projects that are underway," he added. "We have been steadily making progress in reducing the deficit. We have brought some important tax reduction ... we have

"I INHERIT A SYSTEM THAT IS ON A BETTER TRAJECTORY NOW."

restored fiscal discipline.

"Now the premier hands me what would be considered to be an equal challenge in respect to the largest department of government, which accounts for 43 per cent of all expenditures," said Friesen.

"Health care is a significant challenge to the province," he continued. "We are in the middle of the most significant changes to our health care system ... we are doing them because they are necessary. They are based on evidence and they are based on careful engagement with Manitobans.

"If we don't make these changes, health care expenditures will continue to rise at a rate whereby we will not be able to provide these services in this form."

Friesen now faces a steep learning curve with the new portfolio, and he said it will be a challenge for him to manage his time for the riding as his primary responsibility as an MLA.

"My time in the constituency office is more limited than it once was," he said. "I plan to do everything I can to



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Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen was sworn in as the new Manitoba Health Minister by Manitoba Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon last week.

make sure that the constituency services are accessible and accountable."

In the cabinet shuffle, Premier Brian Pallister made changes to a number of key portfolios, including naming Kirkland Park MLA Scott Fielding as finance minister, Steinbach MLA Kelvin Goertzen as education minister and government house leader, Tuxedo MLA Heather Stefanson as families minister and deputy premier, and Spruce Woods MLA Cliff Cullen as justice minister and attorney general.

"Since our election in April of 2016,

our government has focused on fixing the finances, repairing the services, and rebuilding the economy of our province," said Pallister.

"Our team has made great progress. Taxes have been lowered, the deficit has come down, and we are seeing record private investment in our province, bond rating agencies are giving Manitoba a vote of confidence and emergency room wait times have come down. We have achieved this through a strong team. But there is much left to do."

## North Forge South hires executive director

By Lorne Stelmach

An agency aiming to boost business growth in the area with a focus on innovation and technology is setting up shop in Morden.

The next step in starting up North Forge South came last week with the hiring of Alison Lea as the executive director of the new agency.

Heading up what is being described as a technology-based business incubator, Lea comes to the role with experience with North Forge Tech-

nology Exchange in Winnipeg, an innovation-based economic development agency that is working in partnership here now with the City of Morden.

North Forge touts itself as having provided a startup program that has helped over 60 companies access over \$180 million in financing while also creating hundreds of jobs.

The new partnership was first announced by Mayor Ken Wiebe at his state of the city address this spring.

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Corporation business development specialist Chad Sheldon was not available for comment but did say in a news release that he welcomes the initiative.

"The opportunity that North Forge South creates for the region is huge, and it will take a special talent to build and lead this organization," Sheldon said. "It is a significant responsibility, and we are thrilled that



Alison Lea

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## “Dear Editor”

**D**ear Editor,  
As I will be enduring the wilderness of Tuscany this month I must inform you that I will not be able to submit a column in the coming weeks.

No, no, you must not protest, my mind is made up (and the flights are booked). I realize that for a small number of my readers this will serve as something of a reprieve. Of course, for the vast majority I recognize this will be a trying time, but I am sure they will make do with whatever you choose to fill the space with.

Rest assured whilst travelling amongst the Italians I will be on the lookout for new and fresh material. Perhaps I will be inspired by the Eternal City. Who is to say, really? Time will tell.

I expect to come back fairly stuffed



**By Peter Cantelon**

with various wines and cheeses, and while my heart may have to work a little harder for awhile my spirit will no doubt be up to the task of refreshing the well, as it were.

Should you or my faithful (and faithless) readers wish to contact me while abroad, I can only say: good luck. The phone will be occupied taking photos and the hands with eating.

I will endeavour to read some of the local papers to get a sense for style and content on the continent, but seeing as my Italian is primarily based on high school Latin and two years of classical Greek I expect I will struggle.

In preparation for the trip, I have been reading about the fall of the Roman Empire. I confess I am not sure how this will help but it is enjoyable. I will have to watch *La Dolce Vita* by Fellini as well. Again, I am not sure why, but it seems to make sense.

Honestly, Editor, if I am afraid of anything on this excursion it would have to be the bread. So much bread to be eaten and so few holes left on the belt. Still, it is a struggle worth taking up, I suppose, and I am as

good as the next man to take it on.

Believe it or not, I have distant relatives in Italy. Way down south in Calabria in the small mountain town of San Giorgio di Morgetto where my great-grandparents Michaelangelo and Elisabetta Valeriotte emigrated from all those years ago in the late 1800s.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it there as we have set our sights on a villa between Florence and Pisa. I will send you a photo.

I suppose I could offer suggestions as to what you might use for the space while I am away. Perhaps a much larger photo of myself to reassure people that while I may be gone it will not be forever. Too much? You're right, of course, and certainly not in keeping with my humble persona.

Well then, I leave it to you (as well I should). I know it is a burden but honestly even columnists need a vacation sometimes from the grindstone of writing.

Good luck and addio. I will seek out the muses Calliope and Erato in the sacred groves if I can find them, but will try to avoid Melpomene.

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## > NORTH FORGE SOUTH, FROM PG. 5

after an extensive search of very talented people we were able to bring Alison on board.”

Lea's role officially starts Aug. 20, but she has already begun her work on developing the framework for North Forge South. She also was not available for further comment at press time, but touched on their mission and vision in a statement.

“North Forge strives to change the stigma of failure, create a more entrepreneurial, innovative and risk tolerant province,” said Lea. “With the access that North Forge provides to events, training, resources and world-class mentorship, aspiring entrepreneurs will have readily available access to resources and an

entire community supporting them.”

Through her studies at the Asper School of Business, Lea became involved with CEO Manitoba, a post-secondary entrepreneurship organization dedicated to supporting student entrepreneurs.

She became the first female president and led the implementation of support not only to students at the University of Manitoba but across all post-secondary schools in the province.

Her experience in the community has also led her to sit on the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities ventures board, which is responsible for building partnerships, coordinating joint ventures, and manag-

ing investments for the organization.

Lea has also held roles as a marketing director for a real estate company and recently as a social media and events manager for North Forge Technology Exchange.

“I have seen firsthand the value that North Forge provides to entrepreneurs in Manitoba and I am so proud to lead this initiative,” Lea said.

**“NORTH FORGE STRIVES TO CHANGE THE STIGMA OF FAILURE ...”**

# Old and new collide at Harvest Festival & Exhibition this weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Something old, something new—the 33rd annual Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition offers a little bit of both this weekend.

The community celebration takes over the Parkland fairgrounds Aug. 10-12.

Festival director Deb Penner says it's always a balancing act trying to introduce exciting new activities alongside the well-loved ones each year.

But it's a challenge she relishes.

"I try to stay really on top of seeing if things are becoming stale, something that's not working," Penner says. "Maybe drop one thing each year and then bring on something new so that there's always something fresh and exciting, especially for people who have been attending the festival for years and years and years. You want to give them something new."

At the top of the new event list this year is the inclusion of CultureFest at the festival.

Previously a separate event in fall, the celebration of the city's diversity is carving out a space for itself in the new Culture Tent Saturday and Sunday.

Displays and activities from 20 different countries will set up shop there, in addition to a varied lineup of multicultural entertainment at the Cultural Stage.

"The Culture Tent, absolutely, will add a little bit of fresh air," says Penner, noting people can explore the world right here at home. "They're going to have a little passport you can go around with to get a stamp for visiting the different countries."

Another big change this weekend is the introduction of the Cross Fit Competition to replace the Strong Man event Saturday afternoon.

"Cross Fit right now is a really popular thing. There's a lot of people that are really involved in it," Penner says. "So this is a chance to see some super-athletic competitors in action."

Other new events include an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Saturday afternoon at the Garden Valley Collegiate soccer fields, a fairground-wide scavenger hunt dubbed "Goose Chase" Sunday afternoon, and, returning after years off the schedule, a car show in Winkler Park Sunday.

The weekend will also be filled with all the traditional festival favourites: the Saturday morning parade, pancake breakfast, Wonder Shows midway rides and games, kid's tent activities, Stanley Ag. Society exhibition, community worship service, and much more, all wrapping up with a spectacular fireworks show Sunday night.

"It's going to be another great weekend for the community to get together and celebrate," says Penner.



The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition takes over the city's fairgrounds this Friday through Sunday.

VOICE FILE PHOTO

## FOUR TIMES THE STAGE FUN

The festival boasts four performance stages this year, each with their own distinct flavour of entertainment.

Main Stage headliners include Bee Gees tribute show Night Fever Friday night, legendary country band Restless Heart Saturday evening, and The Ball Brothers and Colton Dixon Sunday.

The new Country Fair Stage includes trivia contests, bingo, hula hoop and line dancing demos, a pet

fashion show, pie-eating and other wacky contests, and more.

The Cultural Stage, as mentioned, has a lineup that includes performers from around the world as well as Friday night showings of *Hansel and Gretel* and *The Carol Burnett Show* courtesy of Flatlands Theatre Company.

Finally, the Kid's Tent features performances from Safari Jeff and his exotic animals all weekend long.

For a detailed festival schedule, head to [winklerharvestfestival.com](http://winklerharvestfestival.com).

# Morden Park hosts market, community garage sale Aug. 18

By Lorne Stelmach

Two community events are joining forces next weekend in Morden Park.

Pembina Valley Events is following up its successful Morden Night Market earlier this spring with a Market in the Park from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18.

The free-to-attend market will feature a variety of vendors, artisans, and businesses from all over Manitoba as well as a few from the U.S.

"I was encouraged by the attendance and overwhelming support coming off the Morden Night Market from the community and the outpouring of support to put on another community event in Morden," said organizer Gina DiClemente, who notes she also has markets in the works in Morden for Sept. 1 and Sept. 29. Vendor registration is available by emailing [pembinavallevents@gmail.com](mailto:pembinavallevents@gmail.com).

Running alongside the Aug. 18 market is the Morden Community

Garage Sale.

"It will be a great night for the community," said sale organizer Alexis Dyck, stressing there will be "something for everyone" going on that night.

In addition to tables full of garage sale goodies and the market vendor displays to peruse, the evening will also feature a free bouncy castle and face painting for the kids.

It's free to set up a table for the ga-

rage sale, but organizers ask people to pre-register so they can prepare. You can do so via email at [alexisdyck1@gmail.com](mailto:alexisdyck1@gmail.com).

The evening runs rain or shine.

# Eden Health Care Services hires new CEO

There will be a new face at the helm of Eden Health Care Services this fall.

The mental health agency announced Friday it has hired Kym Kaufmann to fill the role of chief executive officer.

In a statement, the Eden board noted that Kaufmann comes to the role with several years of experience in progressive leadership roles at Selkirk Mental Health Centre, including as director of operations.

She holds a master's degree in occupational therapy and has foundational skills and experience in various management approaches with proven results leading projects in efficiency and effective service delivery.

"Kym is well suited to lead the Eden organization as it evolves and further strengthens its role in Manitoba in mental health acute and community based services," said board chair Ben

Fry. "As Eden collaborates within a broader transforming health system, strong leadership will be essential."

Fry expressed his thanks to acting CEO Ken Kroeker for his support in recent months and to Eden's staff for their continued commitment to the values of the organization.

Kaufmann steps into the role on Aug. 27.

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# Partnership spearheading water level feasibility study

## Conservation districts looking into raising water levels of Swan Lake, Rock Lake

By Lorne Stelmach

A joint municipal initiative is aiming to answer questions around the idea of raising water levels on Swan Lake and Rock Lake.

A feasibility study is being done to examine the potential benefits as well as the risks it might pose.

Officials see the potential for providing long term benefits to tourism and the recreation industry within the region, but "the primary goal of the project is to determine the ways to improve the health of Rock and Swan Lakes," said Kory VanDamme, chairperson of the Tri-Lakes Group.

The Tri-Lakes Group brings together representatives from a number of municipalities as well as organizations such as the Rock Lake Cottage Association and the Pembina Valley, Turtle Mountain, and Assiniboine Hills conservation districts.

Among the key interests in the region are the lakes connected to the Pembina River system.

Both Swan and Rock lake are relatively shallow lakes, and representatives want to examine lake levels

with the mind to making it better for tourism and recreation as well as the health of the water bodies.

"We think it's kind of a no-brainer to look at raising that lake level and make it a little more sustainable," said Cliff Greenfield, manager of the Pembina Valley Conservation District.

"We think it would make it a lot better lake at a higher level, but we need to determine is that feasible, what are the pros and cons, what would that cost," he said. "Those types of things would be evaluated ... and is there any environmental damage that would occur."

The study, which will cost around \$25,000, received support recently with a \$10,000 grant from Enbridge. Other sources of funding, including local municipalities, are being looked to as well.

"The Enbridge grant really is a huge step forward towards meeting our goals," noted Greenfield.

### BENEFITS TO THE ECOSYSTEM

It is believed a higher lake level



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From left: Les Scott of Enbridge Pipeline presents Kory VanDamme, chair of the Tri-Lakes Group, and Cliff Greenfield, manager of the Pembina Valley Conservation District, with a cheque for \$10,000 to go towards a feasibility study on raising water levels at Swan Lake.

would result in significant positive improvements to the current lake ecosystem in terms of fish habitat, a greater depth for increased cover, reduced water temperatures, improved overwintering conditions, and improved water quality.

The feasibility study will include:

- Conducting a baseline hydrological study of the overall system.
- Doing a fish suitability assessment.
- Outlining options in regards to

raising the lake level with two or three of the most viable.

- Assessing the cost-benefit ratio.
- Compiling a technical report summarizing findings, including a list of steps required if the project were to move ahead.

"I think it will be a next year project," Greensfield suggested for the study's timeline. "Any work would be a long ways off ... but this is one step towards that."

# Manitoba Hydro addressing higher-than-usual power bills

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitoba Hydro is dealing with an issue that had some residents in the province getting surprised with unusually high bills this summer.

The glitch arose in large part because of the unusually long spell of warm weather, officials explained.

"We are seeing higher bills across Manitoba this summer with the heat," said Scott Powell, director of corporate communications for Manitoba Hydro. "Many, many customers are seeing higher bills because they are actually using more electricity."

The billing issue, though, affected a narrow range of customers, Powell noted, including newer customers or those with less than eight meter readings in the last two years.

The reason they were impacted is

that the Manitoba Hydro billing system takes into account both usage history and current temperatures to estimate the energy consumption.

"What we are finding is the extraordinary temperatures across southern Manitoba this summer are affecting our estimate calculations for customers who don't have a lot of meter readings associated with their accounts," said Paul Chard, director of customer care.

"Without enough meter readings to establish a customer's history of energy usage, our billing program puts more weight on weather factors," he said. "However, the number of hot days this year is so far outside our system's range of experience that, in some cases, it is generating estimates considerably higher than actual consumption."

Starting this past week, the company began manually reviewing any estimated residential bill over \$400 and, if found to be out of the ordinary, adjusting the bill before sending it to the customer.

Any customer who has received a significantly higher than expected bill is encouraged to read their meter and call Manitoba Hydro at 204-480-5900 or 1-888-624-9376.

Instructions for how to read your meter can be found at [www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca) under "Accounts & Services."

Customers who already received and paid a bill based on an incorrect estimate will see a correction in the next bill they get based on an actual meter reading.

Most Manitoba Hydro customers have their meter read or are asked to submit a meter reading every two

months. Bills are based on estimated consumption in alternate months.

Powell noted this also shows the importance of customers getting regular meter readings in order to help get accurate pictures of usage.

"We really encourage people to take a reading and phone it in," he said. "That really helps eliminate estimated bills ... when you remove those, you've got your actuals."

Chard noted as well that Manitoba Hydro was "conducting a thorough review of our estimating program to determine what changes can be made in the future to improve accuracy for accounts without a lot of meter readings.

"In the meantime, the best thing our customers can do if they think their energy bill is too high is take a meter reading and call it in."



# Summer camp helps immigrant youth adapt to life in Canada

By Lorne Stelmach

Marina Zmeu remembers the challenge of adjusting to life here as an adult immigrant to Canada.

How much more of a struggle, then, must it be for a young child to get settled here as a newcomer?

"I know, especially mothers and children, how they feel when they come here," said Zmeu, who is now a settlement worker with Regional Connections.

Working with the area schools, Zmeu has been leading a summer camp program for newcomer youth age six to 17 who have very recently settled here.

She said a summer program is especially needed as the season can be even more of a challenge for the kids if they are still getting settled but don't have a school community to lean on.

"We have huge support for adults

but we didn't have as much support for children," Zmeu suggested. "That's why we decided to run this."

She sees the twice-a-week camp days as a way to help newly arrived youth, some of whom are still getting a handle on speaking English, "to get to feel a little comfortable with their new country, their new language, and their new society."

"We decided to gather them from different cultures, from different countries, and to help them adapt faster in a new community ... to be more of an active part of a new local community."

In recent weeks, the program has had the kids touring all over the area to help them get to know it better.

"We went to the fossil museum, we went to the art gallery; we had some art classes," said Zmeu, who last Thursday took a group to the Pembina Valley Humane Society and then



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Newcomer students getting a tour of the Morden fire hall last week were quite interested in equipment like the jaws of life (displayed above by Chief Andy Thiessen). Their favorite part, though, was getting to climb up inside of the array of fire trucks (left). The tour was part of Regional Connections' summer camp program, which aims to introduce immigrant kids to their new community.

for a tour of the Morden fire hall.

"Every time we do something different ... for them to be able to open the community for themselves more and more ... to know the community and to find their right place in the community and to find friends and just be able to communicate with each other."

Zmeu says the initiative is having a clear impact on its young partici-

pants.

"I like to see the happy faces of children," she said. "I can see that every time they catch something new."

"Some of the children who didn't speak English a couple weeks ago, they can already say some words," she added. "They already found some friends here, and I am happy to see it, that they are not alone, they already have somebody to play with."

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# Show & Shine returns to Harvest Festival

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A show and shine is returning to the Winkler Festival and Exhibition lineup for the first time in years.

Dubbed "Shine in the Shade," the car show will take over Winkler Park this Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Organizer Bob "Chomper" Giesbrecht of the Border Hills Car Club is eager to have this event back at the festival.

The car show was once a fixture festival weekend, but no one had stepped up to organize in recent years.

"I figured let's put it back in the park," Giesbrecht said, adding he's been hearing a lot of excitement from local gearheads about the event's return.

"I just hope enough people know about it," he said. "It's the first time in years, so we'll have to make do if we get 10 cars or 100 cars. We don't know what to expect."

Anyone who wants to show off their wheels can simply stop by the park Sunday as early as 10 a.m. to stake out a

spot.

"We can hold about 120 cars, so we've got plenty of room," Giesbrecht said, stressing that everything and anything is welcome, including motorcycles. "If you're not quite finished with your car or it needs a paint job, that's fine. We want to see that, too."

"Some newer ones will surely show up too," he added. "A nice Mustang, maybe. Anything they

want to show off."

Providing the soundtrack for the afternoon will be live music from Giesbrecht himself, Frank McLean, and Jayme Giesbrecht and her band.

"It'll be a very relaxing afternoon in the shade," said Giesbrecht.

Admission is free, both to check out the cars or to display one.

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# Miami Railway Stn. Show & Shine on this Sun.

Event raises funds for town curling club, railway museum platform project

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Miami Railway Station Museum hosts its fourth annual Show & Shine this Sunday.

Car lovers are invited to cruise downtown Miami from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., parking their special vehicles on the grass alongside the town's main street.

The afternoon will include music from the band Group Therapy in Session, plenty of tasty food, and a rainbow auction filled with lots of great prizes. Admission is free.

Funds raised through the sale of food and prize tickets go toward the Miami Curling Club and the museum's platform project, explains organizer Joan Driedger.

"We are rebuilding the platform that used to run around the building," she says, noting the station's original platform was removed decades ago.

Bringing the platform back restores the National Historic Site to its original appearance and will also make the main floor of the museum more accessible to those with mobility issues and give the facility a little more display

space.

The project also calls for the tracks that were located on the north side of the museum to be placed on the original rail bed along the south side of the building, next to Hwy. 23. The freight shed doors are also being rebuilt to their original appearance.

"We've been saving our money for years," Driedger says, noting the price tag for all this work is an estimated \$26,000. "But, as with all projects, there's always unexpected costs that come up."

Work on the project is already well underway and should be completed this summer.

It's perfect timing—the building celebrates its 130th anniversary next year.

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Work is underway on a platform at the Miami Railway Station Museum, restoring the building to its original appearance.

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# DNS pollinator garden a buzzing place

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Discovery Nature Sanctuary in Winkler is doing its part to help stave off the decline of bees.

The preserve on the northeast end of the city planted a large pollinator garden this spring that came into full bloom last month.

Over 30 species of flowers and

grasses were planted with the help of DNS volunteers and Kroeker Farms staff, explained DNS committee chair Paul Goossen.

"The role of pollinators is critical to our food supply and maintaining a pollinator garden at the Discovery Nature Sanctuary is one small contribution to global efforts aimed at providing habitats for pollinators" he said.

Goossen hopes that in the future the garden will also serve as an environmental education tool for teachers to use to make their students aware of the essential role pollinators play in sustaining the human food supply and ecosystem health.

Project volunteer Margaret Klassen noted that the sanctuary's land was well-suited to a project like this.

"We had planted the wildflowers that will attract the bees," she said, "but there is also a lot of natural milkweed there in the sanctuary growing wild, and that is another thing that definitely attracts bees."



SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY PAUL GOOSSEN/DNS

The Discovery Nature Sanctuary in Winkler planted a large pollinator garden this spring that came into full bloom a few weeks ago. With over 30 species of flowers and grasses, it's proven to be a popular site for bees.

"The aim of the pollinator garden is to help keep the bees alive," Klassen added, also stressing their vital role in the food chain.

Property owners can throw pollinators a lifeline themselves by simply planting a few wildflowers in their gardens and flower beds to provide a habitat for them.

After a few weeks of brilliant floral colours, the DNS garden was recently mowed to get rid of weeds and en-

courage healthy growth. Klassen expects it will grow back nicely through to summer's end and really flourish in future years.

Klassen sends out her thanks to Kroeker Farms for their support of this project.

"They tilled it, supplied all the seed, and also helped us plant it," she said. "We had it all planted virtually within three hours."



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# Plum Coulee Plum Fest on next weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's not really August without a festival to go to on the weekend, and Plum Coulee has got you covered Aug. 17-19.

Plum Fest 2018 takes over the small community east of Winkler for three days of old-fashioned (and free) fun.

One addition to the schedule this year organizers are especially excited about is Dr. Von Houligan's Carnival Show, which will be setting up under the big top in the town square.

"They've never been in our area before, so we're really looking forward to having them," she said. "It's an old-fashioned travelling carnival, bringing the circus to town."

Four shows filled with feats of balancing, juggling, fire breathing, magic and more are scheduled for Saturday at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. (the evening show is geared

for adults).

The festival officially kicks off with the Street Dance on Main Ave. Friday night from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday's highlights include the hugely popular waffle and crackles breakfast ("We average about 650 people," says Letkeman, stressing the line moves pretty quickly), the parade, a duck race at Sunset Beach, the fireman's rodeo (which pits members of area fire departments against each other in skilled challenges), the street supper featuring fried chicken and fixings, the Plum Fest Market in The Centre on Main, and, moved to the arena this year, the Old Tyme Dance from 5 p.m. to midnight.

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# Thousands take part in Harvest for Kids '18

Clockwise from above: Proudly bearing flags that illustrate Children's Camps International's global presence, 303 combines broke the Guinness World Record for harvesting Saturday; spectators snag some shade beneath this specialized grain bin, which was auctioned off for the cause; CCI founder Ray Wieler thanks Harvest for Kids organizer George Klassen for the many hours he put into this monumental undertaking; thousands of people came out to be part of the historic day; hundreds of volunteers made it all possible, including this group, who helped serve over 3,000 lunches.



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PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE







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Clockwise from left: Bill Klassen auctions off a pair of handmade commemorative Harvest for Kids toy combines; lining up to deposit the fruits of the harvest;

pony rides were a popular activity for the kids in the lead-up to the big event; combines at work; the weekend's festivities kicked off with a concert featuring Rosemary Siemens and the Sweet Sound Revival, High Valley, and the Hunter Brothers (not shown).





# Down it comes

Downtown Morden is getting a major facelift as the demolition of the former municipal building on Stephen St. got underway last week. The estimated \$3.7 million project of Imperia Management will redevelop the space at 379 Stephen St. into a four-story, mixed-use development. The plans include residential suites, underground parking, a café, and new offices for the Morden Chamber of Commerce and Corn and Apple Festival. The building had previously been offices for both the Town of Morden and the RM of Stanley and since 2012 had been home to the chamber and the festival.

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## Provincial champs

PHOTO BY LANA MEIER/VOICE

Team South Central won the U15 AAA Baseball Provincial title over the weekend, knocking out North Winnipeg 6-4 in the final match in Winnipeg. The team, who were 3-1 in

the event's round robin, were trailing the Pirates 4-2 before bringing home four runs in the top of the seventh inning to win. South Central will now compete in the Western Canada Championships in Winkler Aug. 16-19 and then head to Oshawa, Ontario for the Canadian Championships Aug. 23-26.

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## Tickets for Katie Cares Fashion Show on sale today

By Lorne Stelmach

A major fundraiser for Katie Cares is on the move this year.

The 7th Annual Celebration of Life Fashion Show Sept. 29 will be held at the Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

The change of venue from the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church will provide more room for an event that has experienced tremendous growth. The 2017 edition sold out and brought in around \$68,000 for the charity, which operates the Katie's Cottage respite home.

"It is a bigger venue ... and it allows the foyer to display the silent auction items in a much better fashion," suggested organizer Ruth Reimer. "The silent auction does really well. We're really pleased with the support we have gotten this year again."

As well, she noted there is also the bonus of bringing youth on board with NPC's culinary arts and cosmetology students getting involved as well as the school's Youth In Philanthropy group.

"We're looking forward to that aspect of it, involving more of the community in this," Reimer said.

The fashion show will involve a number of local businesses, including Maurices, Co-op Fashions, Tanworx, Time Out Sports, Pharmasave, Warehouse One, Shoes For Less, and Focal Point Comprehensive Vision

There will be live entertainment by Momentum Dance and the Bare Yogis.

Tickets go on sale Aug. 9 at 8 a.m. for \$60 and are available at Katie's Cottage and by calling 204-312-8445 or 204-362-1173.

With being able to add more seats, Reimer said they didn't consider raising the price.

"It's not always just about raising the money, it's also about raising awareness," she said. "It's about teaching and showing what [Katie's Cottage] can do ... and I don't think we've even reached the top of the mountain yet."

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# Cyclist rides over 1,100 km. for Habitat for Humanity

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Roland woman's mission to raise funds for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity was a resounding success last month.

Avid cyclist Nancy Bezan clocked over 1,100 kilometres on the roads and bike trails across the Pembina Valley in the first Nancy's Gear Up to Build July 21-27.

"I generally went out about quarter after six in the morning and then pretty well rode the whole day," Bezan recalled when reached for an interview on Monday. "I just took it day by day."

Heading out every morning from her home, Bezan biked wherever the mood moved her, and it gave her a chance to explore everything from rolling hills to flat country roads.

"I went east to Morris and St. Joseph and then up to Swan Lake and over to Pilot Mound, Manitou, Notre Dame. All over, really," said Bezan, who followed up Gear Up to Build with a family vacation to British Columbia for even more cycling last week.

Biking over 100 miles a day takes a lot of endurance, both physical and mental, but Bezan said the cause behind the ride helped get her through any rough patches.

"I find it so phenomenal, the thought of [Habitat] giving somebody that step up," she said. "But also what I think about is the kids getting to see how happy their parents are to be given this opportunity and what it means to their family. I hope that they will grow up wanting to contribute and help other people themselves."

Bezan set a goal of \$3,000 in pledges for the ride and confirmed with Habitat for Humanity on Tuesday that she

had beaten it with \$3,260 in donations.

"I find it amazing and uplifting" that so many people were willing to contribute donations, she said, thanking everyone for the support.

The funds will certainly go a long way, said Winkler-Morden Habitat for Humanity chapter secretary Christina Falk.

"It's wonderful," she said. "Every dollar helps us get closer to building a house."

Bezan taking the lead on this project by approaching Habitat with the idea was a blessing, Falk said.

"We are a small team of volunteers and it's a lot of work to do a lot of different fundraisers, so when people are able to do it on their own it's just such a boost, it helps us a lot," she said. "It also tells us that people are aware that we're here and that they really want to be part of it, so that's good to see."

The regional chapter has had great support from the community as it works towards raising funds to build the first Habitat houses in both Winkler and Morden next year.

"We have so many people who are eager to swing a hammer already," said Falk. "People are raring to go, so we're doing our best to get to that point."

The need is most certainly there. By the July 31 deadline, the agency had received several applications from low-income families hoping to be selected for the affordable housing program.

If you missed out on making a donation to Bezan's ride, you can still do so online by searching for the Winkler-Morden chapter at [habitat.mb.ca](http://habitat.mb.ca).

You can also support the chapter by purchasing a raffle ticket for a gi-



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Nancy Bezan spent seven days on her bike at the end of July to ride 700 miles and raise \$3,000 for Habitat for Humanity.

ant playhouse. Volunteers will have tables set up at the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition this weekend

and the Morden Corn and Apple Festival Aug. 24-26.

The draw takes place Sept. 13.

## > PLUM FEST, FROM PG. 13

The Hurricanes, and Johnny Cash tribute artist Cold Hard Cash to wrap up the day ahead of the fireworks.

Sunday starts off with the Community Church Service and also includes a by-donation hot dog lunch, a free faspa, and a performance from The Color at 1:30 p.m.

"That's huge for us," Letkeman said of the Christian band who

took home a Juno Award this spring for album of the year in the contemporary Christian/gospel category for *First Day of My Life*. Having a successful group with roots to the community come home to perform is always a treat, she said.

For the detailed Plum Fest schedule, head to [plumfest.com](http://plumfest.com).



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# Budding artists broaden their skills

Kid art classes last week had youth exercising their creativity at the Central Station Community Centre in Winkler. Fifteen students from Gr. 6-9 took part in the class, learning a variety of techniques from instructor Kath Penner. "We've been working on blending and drawing and then we used the technique of splattering," said Penner, who also had students using sea sponges and credit cards for painting. "I just wanted to expose them to a bunch of different ideas and techniques that they could experiment with."



# sports & recreation

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## Mohawks ground Pilots



Morden's Ryan Stepler slides safely into third base when Pilot Mound's Brad McLeod can't hold onto the ball.

PHOTO  
BY RICK HIEBERT/  
VOICE

By Ashleigh Viveiros

And then there were two.

The Border Baseball League's semi-final round came to an end this past week with the Morden Mohawks making short work of the Pilot Mound Pilots and the Baldur Regals ousting the Cartwright Twins.

Morden and Baldur will now face each other in the final playoff round for the fifth time in the past seven seasons. The series schedule had not been released at press time.

Morden had a firm hold on their semi-final series throughout, besting the Pilots 5-2 in game one on July 29 and then taking game two 3-1 on July 31.

Game two saw the Mohawks get two runs in the first inning. No one made it to home plate for either side, then, until a seventh inning run from Morden at the top of the seventh and final inning, which was matched by Pilots at the bottom.

Derek Holenski went the distance on the mound, giving up just five hits to 28 batters.

Game three was a much more lively affair, as Morden got runners home in all but two innings.

The Mohawks were up 9-1 heading into the seventh when the Pilots made a last-ditch effort, scoring four. It wasn't enough, and Morden got the win 9-5 to take the series in three.

Matt Mutchison pitched this final game for Morden, allowing 11 hits off of 34 batters.

The Twins-Regals series, meanwhile, went to game four after Baldur won the first outing 5-1, Cartwright bounced back with a 6-0 game two win, and then the Regals swept the

remainder with 2-0 and 10-2 wins.

In the regular season, Morden and Baldur split their pair of games against one another.

The Mohawks finished in first place to the Regals' third, which means game one of the championship final will be played in Morden.

## Winkler Storm swat Wasps

The Winkler Storm swatted down the Wasps 5-0 last week.

Playing in Winnipeg July 31, the Storm saw goals come in from Phil Unruh, Johann Klassen, Emil Rode, Kevin Stein, and Tobias Morasch while keeper Abe Rempel earned a clean sheet.

The win bolsters the team's record to 4-6-3, which has them in the middle of the pack in sixth place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 10 team 1st Division.

This week the Storm hosted Scotia United on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, they play at Bandits FC Aug. 14 and then round out the season with a home game against the Rovers Aug. 21.

Meanwhile, playing in the league's 8th Division, the SC Riot had the week off last week. They return to the field with a home game against Asian United this Friday and also play the Wolverines in Winnipeg

Sunday.

The Riot have a firm hold on the division's top spot with a flawless 6-0 record and 18 points.

In the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League, the SC Hurricanes shot down Synergy 4-1 July 31.

The ladies' final two games of the season are away games against the Red Hot Pink Flamingos Aug. 8 and Frozen Water Aug. 14.





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# Agriculture

## To expand productions means to expand trade

By Harry Siemens

Federal Agricultural Minister Lawrence MacAulay said he remains committed to diversifying and expanding the market for Canadian agriculture and agri-food products as his government works to reach its target of \$75 billion in agricultural exports by 2025.

After concluding his agricultural outreach mission to Argentina and Chile during which he attended the G20 agriculture ministers meetings in Buenos Aires, MacAulay held a conference call with reporters. He said his government is committed to grow trade by opening doors in new markets, including in South America, while striving to reduce Canada's dependence on trade with the United States.

"The U.S. is the biggest trading partner and best friend, and we will always be doing a lot of business with them, but we want to do more business in Chile and we want to do more business in Argentina," said MacAulay.

Trade diversification is essential to Canada, he stressed, and it's international trips like this that help the nation do that.

"We sat down with retailers here to find out just how we can promote more agriculture and agri-food products," MacAulay said. "We need to know what problems exist that we can rectify so we can have the Canadian products in Argentina and Chile and around the world.

"That's what I am doing and hopefully with a substantial amount of success," he said. "The target is \$75 billion, and we fully intend to meet that figure."

MacAulay said the efforts are paying off, noting last year Canada's agriculture and seafood exports hit a new record.

The government's commitment to trade is good news to Jack Froese, a Winkler area farmer and president of the Canola Growers of Canada.

"Everybody sees agriculture as having a bright future," he noted. "The world is growing, populations are expanding. The middle classes are also growing in many parts of the world, and the first thing they do is to have

better diets and protein is a part of that diet.

"So things look bright. It's just a matter of making sure that the prices and the crops are good and stable."

With the harvest underway in southern Manitoba, yields may be down because of hot, dry weather and rains coming far in between.

Froese, a wheat grower, said the ini-

tial reports on protein content is high, maybe as high as 17 and 18 per cent above the normal 12 per cent, which could edge the premium back up again.



By Harry Siemens

The harvest is in the record books and the combines are back in their owners' fields after that momentous moment on Aug. 4 from 2-2:15 p.m. when the dust settled.

The community of Winkler and surrounding area worked hard and gave of themselves, not so much for the harvest as for the cause of helping young children around the world.

There is another community I pay tribute to and that is the farming and extended agricultural community I'm so proud to serve. My father instilled in me the desire to first farm and then become a farm journalist. He also showed me the way to accept what Jesus Christ did for him and what He could do for me.

On Saturday, an estimated \$250 million worth of equipment owned and operated by farmers, some of whom left their own crop sitting in the field and drove hours to get there, came together to show the world they care about others: the one million children that will have an opportunity for a better life.

I had a chance to visit with Philip Robertson, the Guinness World Records adjudicator, after he scraped the two or three layers of dust off and settled into his hotel room. I asked him what does the record mean?

"Quite often people ask me to cat-

## "God is good and He made it all happen"

egorize it as what does it mean as a record or what does it mean like an event? And in this instance it was more than just achieving a record," he said. "This event had to take incredible coordination and safety measures put in place.

"Considering you have potentially a quarter of a billion dollars' worth of equipment on a huge field with thousands of people watching it, in a straw field, that if a match had dropped and burned it to flames you've lost a quarter of a billion dollars' worth of equipment. Let alone people's safety.

"[It's] an incredible feat of organizing and coordination," Robertson said. "And then you think about what it means because what they were trying to achieve was to raise lots and lots of funds and donations for Harvest for Kids. So they're sending kids better opportunities for life in a way that people came together to achieve."

I sensed here is a man who came to do a job but went away with a sense of community the likes of which, he said, he had not experienced before. Robertson lives in New York but grew up in England.

Winkler area farmer and Harvest for Kids combine driver Jack Froese called the event an awe-inspiring experience.

"It's unbelievable when you get all that, 300 combines starting their engines, the rumble, the excitement, the people standing and watching, and then having a good cause to where it's all going for," said Froese, whose family farms the land harvested. "We initially seeded the crop to winter wheat last fall and put in the fertilizer, made a couple of applications, and had a lot of winter kill on parts of the field and ended up reseeding some of it to spring wheat this spring."

And it was a God thing right from the beginning, right?

"No question," Froese said. "The day was set a year ahead of time when you're going to have this harvest. So I planted the spring wheat, got a good start, but, you know, when you're planting spring wheat the beginning of May and to have it ready by August 4th, that's a tall order.

"But God is good and He made it all happen."

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## NOTICE OF HEARING

### UNDER THE HIGHWAYS PROTECTION ACT AND THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Highway Traffic Board will be held on August 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 204-301 Weston Street, Winnipeg MB R3E 3H4 Phone: (204) 945-8912.

### PERMITS - PART I - SECTION 9 H.P.A. AND PART III - SECTION 17 H.P.A.

**2/003/089/B/18 - TERRAPOINT AGRIBUSINESS CENTRE**  
Application for Paved Parking Area (Commercial) adjacent to P.T.H. No. 3 (Proposed Service Road), S.W. 1/4 12-3-5W, R.M. of Stanley.

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

200 - 301 Weston Street Michelle Slotin, Board Secretary  
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## NOTICES

### Public Notice The Municipality of Pembina LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN NO. 17-2017

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to section 314 of The Municipal Act that the Council for the Municipality of Pembina has scheduled a public hearing at the Municipality of Pembina office, 360 PTH # 3, Manitou, MB, on **Thursday, August 23rd, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.** Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection to Local Improvement Plan No. 17-2017.

The Proposed Local Improvement affects the LUD of La Riviere. The Council of the Municipality of Pembina proposes to upgrade the lagoon to meet government standards. In December of 2016, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship sent a letter stating that they need a definite commitment from the municipality to address and remediated the condition of the lagoon.

Potential taxpayers are owners of all taxable, grant in lieu and otherwise exempt property connected to or have access to connect to the LUD of La Riviere Lagoon as described in Schedule "C" of bylaw 17-2017. Vacant lots and those properties without access to the municipal waste water system are excluded.

Potential taxpayers wishing to object to the Local Improvement Plan must file a notice of objection, by mail or in person, with the Chief Administrative Officer, at 360 PTH # 3, Manitou, MB, no later than **Thursday, August 23rd, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.** A notice of objection must contain the name and address of the person filing the objection, identify the Local Improvement Plan in respect of which the objections made, identify the property in respect to which the objection is filed and state the grounds of the objection.

Copies of the Local Improvement Plan are available for review and may be examined by any potential taxpayer during regular office hours of the Municipality of Pembina Office, located in Manitou between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Municipality of Pembina office, in the Town of Manitou this 27th day of July, 2018.

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**NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL WASTE PRIVATIZATION**

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**NOTICES**

**Public Notice**  
**Regarding a Local Improvement Plan – By-Law No. 2216-18 for the Meridian Exhibition Centre**

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 28th day of August, 2018 at 7 p.m. to present the following local improvement plan: Local Improvement Plan No. 40:

The proposed project will include the construction of an indoor ice arena and multi-activity hall, complete with modern facilities for 10 dressing rooms, an elevated viewing area, administration offices, and meeting rooms.

The planned facility is designed to bring together the spectrum of this growing and dynamic community through a common hall, an interior avenue that celebrates community stories and invites community members and visitors to engage in the events that shaped the City of Winkler. The hall is what we are calling the "Cross Roads", the place that connects community and offers a venue that can account for the past and inform the present. The Crossroads enables grade level access to all areas and opens up opportunities for programs specifically designed for persons with disabilities. It will be the front door of social and recreational programming within the City of Winkler.

The proposed facility is planned to provide a place for all ages, abilities, socio-economic backgrounds through an inclusive approach to recreational design, as well as creating a place to gather. Each area is designed to be multi-use in nature, and public input has been provided through a series of stakeholder and user meetings.

The estimated total cost of construction of the Meridian Exhibition Centre is to a maximum of \$20,000,000.00. The City of Winkler has committed \$1,750,000.00 from the Recreation Reserves towards the Meridian Exhibition Centre. Meridian Manufacturing Ltd. has also contributed \$1,250,000.00 towards the project. The balance of up to \$17,000,000.00 is to be funded by borrowing. The term of the proposed borrowing is 20 years at an interest rate estimated for the time being up to 6.00% per year.

The annual debt payment of \$1,482,137.47 is to be raised by a local improvement tax calculated on the basis of the portioned assessed value of all taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler.

Based on the 2018 Assessment Roll of \$789,585,000 an estimated mill rate of 1.877 mills will be required. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$250,000 (portion valued of \$112,500) a \$211.16 local improvement tax will be levied annually for 20 years.

The annual operating and maintenance costs associated with the proposed Meridian Exhibition Centre will be covered under the City's annual recreation maintenance budget.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement plan.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the local improvement plan are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at [www.cityofwinkler.ca](http://www.cityofwinkler.ca).

Dated at the City of Winkler this 30th day of July, 2018, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of *The Municipal Act*.

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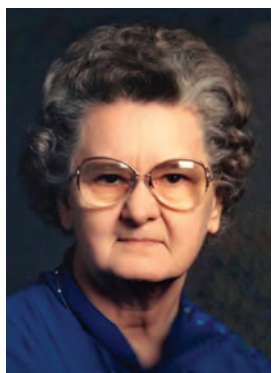


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## OBITUARY



### Susanna (Susan) Driedger (nee Giesbrecht) 1923 – 2018

On Monday, July 30, 2018 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Susan Driedger aged 94 years went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Gladys and Frank Schaak; one son Jim Driedger; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, David J Driedger in 2006; her son, Roy in 2012; two daughters-in-law, Verla (2015) and Lois (2004).

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Susan's memory to the Tabor Home Inc.

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

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9	7	4	1	6	8	2	3	5
1	8	5	2	4	3	7	6	9
3	2	6	5	9	7	1	8	4
2	1	8	7	3	4	5	9	6
4	9	7	9	5	1	8	2	3
5	6	3	6	8	2	4	7	1
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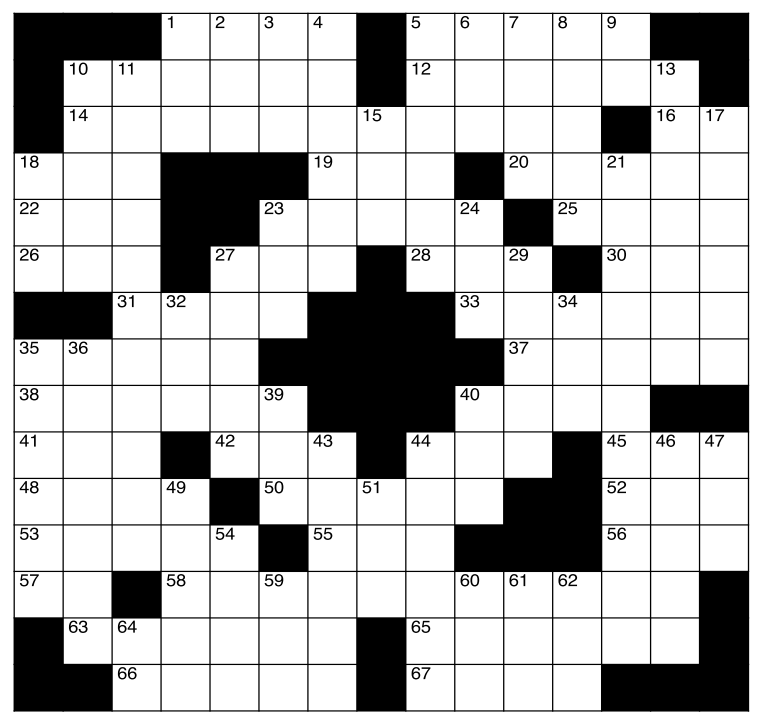
**Sudoku Answer**

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T	O	V	N	V	R	S	V	E
D	V	C	D	E	N	S	E	C
D	O	B	V	C	E	D	O	D
R	E	E	P	E	L	I	A	V
S	P	O	L	O	T	L	A	V
E	N	I	P	R	P	A	S	A
D	I	C	C	D	X	H	S	S
V	T	S	P	E	E	L	S	A
H	S	V	T	V	P	E	H	C
S	I	S	K	T	E	S	E	H
S	E	I	A	V	E	R	I	S
S	T	A	B	L	D	A	P	A

**Crossword Answer**

# X CROSSWORD

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Imitated
  5. Explosion
  10. One who writes
  12. Large nests
  14. Philly specialty
  16. A form of "to be"
  18. Automobile
  19. A way to stand
  20. Waterlogged land
  22. A way to provide
  23. We all need it
  25. Stalk of a moss capsule
  26. Promotional materials
  27. Bashful
  28. Ten
  30. He captured Valencia
  31. Quickly
  33. Violent seizure of property
  35. Fugazi bassist
  37. Baseball great Davey
  38. Large bird cage
  40. British noble
  41. They protect Americans (abbr.)
  42. Economic institution
  44. Pat lightly
  45. Not even
  48. Cools
  50. Seat belt advocate
  52. A dishonorable man
  53. Smooths over
  55. Moved quickly
  56. Part of a play
  57. South Dakota
  58. Worsen
  63. Madam Butterfly and La Boheme
  65. Removes
  66. Dull, brown fabrics
  67. Comedian Rogen
- CLUES DOWN**



1. 100 sq. meters
2. Dessert
3. One point south of due east
4. Profoundly
5. Swatted
6. Confederate general
7. Soviet composer
8. Japanese deer (pl.)
9. Tellurium
10. Burn with a hot liquid
11. Pupae
13. Famed chapel
15. Car mechanics group
17. Blocks from the sun
18. Numbers cruncher
21. Responds in kind
23. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
24. Each
27. Fitzgerald's wife Zelda
29. Tribe of Judah rep
32. Patti Hearst's captors
34. "The Raven" author
35. Bars give them their own nights
36. Essential for guacamole
39. Currency
40. Golfers hope to make it
43. Touch gently
44. Does not allow
46. Cyprinids
47. Insecticide
49. Passover feast and ceremony
51. Patriotic women
54. Protein-rich liquids
59. Type of soda
60. Necessary to extract metal
61. Inform upon
62. A type of residue
64. Palladium



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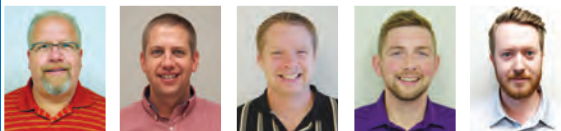
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