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Access Credit Union officials were on hand at Boundary Trails Health Centre Aug. 16 to present a five-year, \$250,000 contribution to the STARS air ambulance. The ACU logo is now featured on the tail fin of the service's helicopter. For more on this story, see Pg. 2.

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Access CU donates \$250K to STARS

By Lorne Stelmach

When Access Credit Union announced a five year, \$250,000 contribution to the STARS air ambulance service, few people may have been as thankful as Amanda Legault.

Legault was driving to Altona in April 2009 when her SUV collided with a semi-trailer. She is alive today because STARS was readily available in the region.

"Lucky me because I wouldn't have made it if they hadn't been here," Legault said as officials gathered at Boundary Trails Health Centre last Wednesday for the funding announcement.

Having suffered a broken neck, brain trauma, and collapsed lungs, the journey she has been on since the accident—detailed in her book *In My Wake*—started with STARS, the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society.

"I had to learn to walk and talk and

eat and think again. I don't remember most of it, but what I remember is that STARS is the thing that gave me the chance to learn all those things again," Legault said.

"It's fantastic. I personally appreciate it more than I can possibly say," she said. "Hopefully you never need to experience it, but for when it needs to be there, thank goodness that it's here. Please support it."

It is that kind of testimony that helped lead Access Credit Union to making the financial commitment to STARS.

"Many of us make the choice to live in rural towns because of the benefits they provide and accept the risk that is inherent in our decision," Access CEO Larry Davey said in his remarks after landing on the hospital grounds in the STARS helicopter.

"In the event of an emergency, life is measured in minutes and seconds, and help may be hours away," he said.



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Amanda Legault, seated, enjoys a laugh with her family and Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen last Wednesday. Legault was on hand as Access Credit Union announced a \$250,000 contribution to STARS. She credits the air ambulance service with saving her life after she was involved in a serious car accident in 2009.

"Working with our local emergency responders, STARS has built a safety net across southern Manitoba that has saved lives, families, and communities as a result."

Davey noted the Winkler and Morden region is blessed to have a hospi-

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Big Hit tourney raises \$83K

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a record setting weekend for the Big Hit Slow Pitch Tournament in support of Children's Camps International.

The annual event in support of the Winkler-based organization's ministry programs around the world set new records in money raised and

home runs hit.

Berger And Flies out of Altona were the winning team from among the 14 participating teams that hit 295 home runs to smash the previous record of 257.

This 10th edition of the tournament also broke the previous fundraising record of \$48,000 with an estimated tally of over \$83,000. The tournament got an extra boost this year thanks to a donor who offered to match donations.

"Overall, it was a phenomenal

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Participants in CCI's slo-pitch tournament hit a record-breaking 295 home runs and raised over \$83,000 for the ministry.



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Morden is the place to be this weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The last big bash of the summer festival circuit comes to Morden this weekend.

The Morden Corn & Apple Festival takes over the downtown Friday through Sunday, offering a varied lineup of music, family entertainment, and plenty of great festival food to enjoy.

For organizing committee chair Jocelyne Durand, this weekend is the culmination of months of hard work.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the crowds and watching them have a good time and enjoying everything the festival has to offer," she says, noting the event's many activities require a small army to successfully pull off, including over 30 organizing sub-committee heads and countless volunteers.

"They've put in all the hours behind the scenes that nobody every sees, nobody ever realizes" says Durand. "Just to see all that hard work come

to fruition ... we couldn't do it without them."

The Corn and Apple draws thousands of people from all over southern Manitoba to Morden each year.

"It's something that you just can't explain. You have to almost experience it," says Durand of the atmosphere that permeates the city's downtown during festival weekend. "I think once people come to the festival and they get a taste of it, they can't wait for it to happen again."

Festival-goers certainly have no shortage of activities to check out, including the Wonder Shows midway, entertainers and a petting zoo in the Children's Tent on 8th St., the Saturday morning parade, outdoor bingo, the arts and crafts tent, Art Walk demonstrations, a Show & Shine in Morden Park, and more.

There's also the extensive stage schedule, which includes performances from headliners Snake Oil and Country Vegas as well as music from acts ranging from Cake cover



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Head to Morden this weekend for free corn on the cob and apple cider at the Corn & Apple Festival.

band Fake Friday to local favourites like Lakes & Pines and Bill Dowling on Saturday to gospel music from the likes of the Blue Color Harmony Boys Sunday afternoon, plus many others.

"It's amazing the talent that we do have locally as well as the talent that we're bringing in," says Durand.

The Cottonwood Stage will also be alive with music and dancing, including performances from Vince and Stacy Anderson, Northern Reflections, Hwy. 6 Band, Half a Buck, The Echo Valley Boys, Cathy Erickson

Band, and the Fugitives.

The schedule also includes a few new entries, including the Morden United Way Combine Pull on North Railway St. Saturday from 2-4 p.m. and the city's first Comic Con events throughout the weekend.

"We're trying to bring things just to freshen it up a bit," says Durand. "Not reinvent the wheel, but just kind of add something a little different every year."

For the full festival schedule, go to cornandapple.com.

Morden receives \$1.5 million in infrastructure funding

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is benefitting from \$1.5 million in provincial infrastructure funding.

It is part of over \$34 million in support announced recently for new water and wastewater upgrades for Manitoba municipalities and a new five-year Manitoba Water Services Board capital funding plan that will support 21 projects across the province.

"It is for local projects. It will be for local repairs and upgrades like water main repairs and sewer relining," explained Dave Haines, director of planning and engineering for the City of Morden.

Every year the city submits a list of proposed projects for the next five

years. Haines said the funding support is vital.

"It will go a long way for our system. This kind of work is important to the city," he said. "We're always working on plans for the operation and the maintenance and making sure the system stays safe ... so we can deliver the quality of service that citizens expect with our water and sewer systems."

"These projects will help foster sustainable, safe, healthy communities for Manitobans to live and work," Indigenous and Municipal Relations Minister Eileen Clarke said in a statement. "By partnering with municipalities to invest in strategic infrastructure, we are supporting economic growth in Manitoba."



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Keeping kids reading

SCRL branches wrap up hugely successful summer reading clubs

By Lorne Stelmach

Having more kids spending time with books in hand this summer is good news for Cathy Ching.

The director of library services for the South Central Regional Library adds particularly gratifying as well with the TD Summer Reading Club was they got older youth or young adults involved this year.

"I think the teens took to it," said Ching as the annual program held its windups last week.

The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages delivered by 2,000 public libraries across the country, including the SCRL branches in Winkler, Morden, Miami, and Altona.

It aims to inspire youth to have fun reading and help build a lifelong love of reading, with a particular emphasis on Canadian authors, illustrators, and stories.

With the addition of the new club for older teens as well as the existing one for younger kids, Ching said they had around 1,700 participants registered this summer.

"They loved it. It's very exciting to see," she said. "We're way up. We increased our registration by probably about 15 per cent."

Last Tuesday, which was the final

day for people to come in and tally their reading time, Winkler alone checked out 1,500 books and checked in 2,800 books in just one day, Ching noted.

"And we know that we have another week of books coming back yet," she said, suggesting there were a number of other factors as well that boosted the numbers. "The branches all did a great job talking to the schools and home-schoolers. That all made a difference ... just getting out there and talking it up. People don't always have a chance to get to the library."

There were prizes to be won as well, of course, but Ching suggested that wasn't necessarily a primary consideration for many of the kids.

"I think what's been happening is kids are coming in with their friends ... and really getting excited about it," she said. "It's not that they're all about the prizes ... it's about all of sudden maybe there's a challenge. They may kind of spur each other on."

The summer reading program has played an important role in our communities for decades and will continue to do so, Ching said.

"What we want to do is to encourage people to keep reading," she said. "For people who maybe think reading is a lost thing, it's not. It's huge in this area. We have probably one of the most successful summer reading



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS & LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Flatlands Theatre Company's Jeanette Hoepfner (left) and Angela Klassen took kids on an educational journey across Canada at the summer reading program windups in Winkler (above) and Morden (below) last week.

programs.

"Children who come from families that do read are successful," Ching stressed. "And with summer reading, it's reading what you want, so it kind of takes the pressure off of it."

"So the kids who weren't readers before, all of a sudden it may flip that switch ... and we hope when they go back to school, their teachers follow along and realize they've been doing something."



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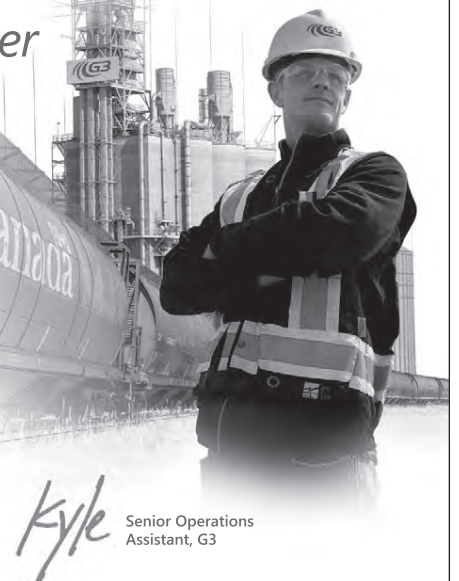
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Morden man arrested twice in two days

A local man is facing a lengthy list of charges after being arrested by police twice over a two day period.

It began Aug. 16 when Morden officers were called at 8:30 a.m. about an accident at the corner of 7th and North Railway St., with a witness suggesting the driver was intoxicated.

Officers came upon a vehicle on the southwest sidewalk after apparently having hit a lamppost, a stop sign, a large tree, and a parked vehicle on the north side of the parking lot across the street.

The driver was known to police to have his licence suspended. They also found a partial can of beer in the centre cup holder.

Officers then learned the vehicle belonged to a friend, and the license plates were from a different vehicle.

The 18-year-old from Morden was charged with driving while disqualified, driving an unregistered vehicle, having an unauthorized licence plate and having open liquor.

The same man was arrested the next day when police were called that evening about a vehicle seen speeding and swerving as it headed west on Hwy. 3 into Morden with its four way lights on and a smashed front windshield.

Police caught up to the vehicle as it turned south on Route 100. There was a strong odor of liquor in the vehicle

and an open case of beer on the front passenger seat.

The driver is now facing further charges for impaired driving, driving while disqualified, having an unauthorized licence plate, driving without insurance, driving with an obstructed view and having open liquor.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports include:

- Winkler police responded to a domestic incident Aug. 16. Officers learned a couple had been arguing, with the boyfriend leaving the girlfriend's home and assaulting her in the process. The 22-year-old from Winkler was charged with assault.

- An incident of vandalism is being investigated by Winkler police. A man told officers his wife had been at the library Aug. 17 and came out to find the rear window of their car had been shattered but was still intact.

- An off duty police officer Aug. 16 reported seeing a man and woman walking together despite him being under an order not to have contact with her.

His problems worsened then when he admitted to having had marijuana as well as a gram of methamphetamine the day before in addition to having a folding knife on him while under order to not have any weapons.

The 39-year-old from Morden was charged with failing to comply with

a recognizance and breach of probation.

- Morden police went to a Parkwood Street home Aug. 17 around 6 a.m. after a resident awakened to someone banging on his front door. He saw a man about 6 feet tall with a black hoodie and skinny face standing near the back of his property. A second heavier set man with blonde curly hair was also near his door.

The one man said they were looking for someone named Rob, and the owner thought they just had the wrong place until he later saw a coat hanger on his deck and scratches around his door frame.

- Morden police charged a 41-year-old Morden man with disobeying a court order Aug. 17 after he had approached a woman's vehicle while she was out delivering papers with her children.

The accused knocked on the window and said he just wanted to talk, but he was under an order to have no contact with her.

- Winkler police were called Aug. 20 to an accident on Main Street. Officers learned that a car going north had tried to pass another vehicle, but the 16-year-old girl driving lost control. Her vehicle went over the curb and knocked over a light pole. Mechanical failure may have contributed to the accident.

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should an accident or a situation arise," he said. "Access saw that as a great fit. We are always looking for something that is a fit across our organization."

"The sustainability of our communities is very important to Access, and we see this as one small step in helping that sustainability. We want people to understand that we're part of the community. We're there to make sure the community is strong and that it's supported."

STARS CEO Andrea Robertson echoed Davey's comments.

"When it comes to rural living, it takes a community to save a life," she said, paying tribute to local firefighters, paramedics, and hospital staff. "When you need to get into a major centre fast, there are limited options ... what STARS provides is an opportunity to get there faster."

"The community support is actually just so reassuring," Robertson added, "because it's a community standing up and saying we actually know that this is a really needed ser-

vice."

She said the contribution from Access is a significant one for the organization, which operates around the clock with six bases across western Canada and a total budget of just under \$10 million a year.

"I think that the people from Access Credit Union, when they look up in the sky, they will know that their money is actually going directly to save a patient's life," Robertson said. "To have the community come together with Access Credit Union and be our first major donation in Manitoba is gigantic to us. Access Credit Union did something astounding today."

STARS has flown more than 36,000 missions since 1985. The number of emergency responses in Manitoba have ranged from 201 in 2011 to 619 in 2016, with 95 calls alone in July of this year.

Between January 2016 and April 2017, STARS has made 106 flight missions in the Access Credit Union's 17-branch service area.



Access CEO Larry Davey called the contribution to STARS an investment for the betterment of its members and communities.



Summer camp embraces French language skills

By Lorne Stelmach

A local group working to promote French in the Morden area continues to see growing interest from the community.

The area chapter of Canadian Parents for French held a French summer camp this past week as part of a province and nationwide initiative.

The camps are for students entering Gr. 2-5 French Immersion and are a way to reinforce French language skills.

"The camp is like any other children's summer camp except that French is used," said Sara Convery, president of the Morden chapter, which had 20 kids take part last week. "Canadian Parents for French Manitoba provides two French speaking university students to come to the communities to run the camps. The kids participate in games, crafts, field trips and sport activities all in French."

Canadian Parents for French is a national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and is dedicated to the

promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.

Among its programs are the summer camps, which this year had the Canada 150 theme.

Activities included crafts like making Canada flags and playing a variety of sports like hockey and bocce ball.

They also went on a field trip to the Agassiz Medical Centre where three French-speaking doctors led a tour of the clinic that included activities like identifying broken bones on an x-ray, using a variety of medical instruments, and even putting on casts.

Another field trip took them to the Morden Park to enjoy the playground and splash pad and tackle a scavenger hunt.

"The counsellors use French to communicate with the children and create a fun environment for the kids that encourages them to speak French," said Convery, adding they hope it just offers "an enjoyable way for the children to get used to hearing and speaking French again before they head back to their French Immersion



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About 20 local French immersion students took part in the summer camp hosted by the Morden chapter of Canadian Parents for French.

classes in the fall.

"It is also an opportunity for them to learn some new vocabulary and make some new friends."

Convery said they were pleased with the response to the camp as well as with what she sees as a growing interest in the community in general.

"There was a local Canadian Parents for French group about 10 or so years ago, but it dissolved," she said. "We restarted a chapter here in Morden in May 2016 and have had a very good response from parents."

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tournament, lots of dollars were raised," said CCI spokesperson Dave Thiessen. "It's just such a cool experience to be part of a community that just is passionate about it."

People were able to support the effort with one-time donations and also pledges per home run.

The success of the tournament means it will help CCI send 16,700 kids to Christian day camps the world over.

The tournament has continued to be a solid fundraiser for the ministry, having raised over \$280,000 since its inception.

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Lace up your shoes for SuperWalk 2017

By Lorne Stelmach

Karen Doell is part of the SuperWalk in Morden every year as much or even more so for others as for herself.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2004, the former Olympian heads up a team of walkers called Karen's Krew who raised \$14,900 in 2016 and are eager to break that record this year.

"It's a lot of hope on my part ... but when I watch other people struggling with it, it's a mutual sort of thing," said Doell, who will again be part of the walk Saturday, Sept. 16 starting out from the Morden Mennonite Church.

The annual fundraising event helps fund research, education, support and advocacy for those living with Parkinson's, which is a chronic, degenerative neurological disease characterized by a loss of dopamine in the brain. The average age of onset is 60, but it has been diagnosed in people under 20.

For Doell, who competed on the Canadian women's softball team in the 1996 Olympic Games, life threw her a major curve ball when, at the age of 36, she started having bouts of twitchiness in her hands.

"Right from the get-go I felt it was important to be involved. I went to the very first walk I could go to, and I've been going ever since," said Doell.

She holds out hope that future research might offer her and others a better quality of life or even a cure. It's this thought that inspires her to bring together Karen's Krew each year.

"For me, it's probably one of the best weekends of the entire year," said Doell, whose team has had a few members come and gone over the years. "We maintain a core group of people. You kind of make a day or a weekend of it, and it's fun.

"It's people getting together, you see people you haven't seen for a while, they come out and support you ... it's amazing to see how you're supported," she continued. "Everybody does



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Morden hosts its SuperWalk for Parkinson's on Saturday, Sept. 16. Head to superwalk.ca to register as a participant or make a donation.

the best that they can ... you're happy with the generosity."

Lenore Laverty, organizer of the SuperWalk in Morden, also has her own personal reasons for being involved: her brother Ron was diagnosed with the disease in 2002.

"I felt that starting the SuperWalk was something I could do to support my brother and other people with Parkinson's in the area," said Laverty.

The local walk makes a significant

contribution in the fight against Parkinson's each year, last year raising nearly \$37,000.

In Manitoba, there are an estimated 6,800 people diagnosed with the disease. That number is expected to double over the next 14 years, hitting 12,000 in the province and 163,700 across Canada by 2031.

To get involved or donate toward Morden's SuperWalk, head to www.superwalk.ca.

Libraries host Live History workshops Monday

By Lorne Stelmach

A theatre company that specializes in bringing local history to life will be offering unique workshops here on Monday.

Members of Live History will offer two one-hour sessions at both the Morden and Winkler libraries.

Their team researches and customizes shows built around local people and locations, and these workshops will show how they do it.

"I'm as curious as anyone else to see what comes of it," said Cathy Ching, director of library services for the South Central Regional Library. "It's a workshop, but I think it's going to be quite a fun event."

The sessions take place at the Winkler branch from 9-10 a.m. and 10-11 a.m. and then at the Morden branch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. in Confederation Park (in the case of poor weather, the sessions will move into the library's meeting room). Morden participants are encouraged to bring a lunch.

Participants will learn how to use

the environment, atmosphere, and space around them to tell stories of their town, history, and their local historical celebrities.

One workshop will be site-specific, with Ching having submitted two well known places in the area to be the subject matter.

"The workshop creators will develop a presentation incorporating the sites," she said, suggesting the workshops could be great for anyone looking to gain confidence with presentations and speaking skills. "It could be good for places like galleries and museums ... how to present their site

... they can talk about how to promote it."

The second sessions will focus on mystery building, with the group having been given two names of Winkler/Morden people. The mysteries can include lessons in math, patterns, language and visual arts and offer some hands on, interactive fun.

"They will show us how to build a mystery around these people," she said, suggesting it could be "great for older children, fans of mystery novels, museum workers and escape room fans ... people who love mysteries ... how you can work in a mystery."

Ching said one of the appealing factors for these workshops is that they can be targeted to a wide age range and the group has also had their workshops applied to corporate and professional settings.

"I think it's the history aspect," she said. "We can take away an appreciation for what's in our communities ... and it's picking somebody we know in our community or have heard of and building a history around it."

Pre-registration is not required, but you can sign up and get more information at your local branch.

Friesen remains finance minister after cabinet shuffle

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen retained his role as Minister of Finance in the wake of Premier Brian Pallister's cabinet shuffle last week.

"I'm very pleased to have been confirmed in the role of finance minister. We inherited many challenges as a

new government that we are addressing head on, and we are making progress," said Friesen. "I am humbled by the confidence that the premier has expressed in me and I'm ready to serve on behalf of all Manitobans."

Friesen also retains the roles of minister responsible for the civil service

and central services and chair of the Treasury Board.

Portfolio changes in the Pallister government included Ron Schuler (St. Paul) becoming minister of infrastructure, Cliff Cullen (Spruce

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Packed-full lineup for PTM Reunion Days

By Lorne Stelmach

There's always plenty to see and do at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, but visitors this year will enjoy a few new features and attractions when they take in the annual Reunion Days next weekend.

Added to the museum this season is a wildlife exhibit which has already been a popular attraction, suggested manager Kim Striemer.

"People are very impressed with it. It's just something that is not available everywhere," she said in advance of the pioneer museum's showcase weekend Sept. 1-2. "It's very educational. The exhibit is very well done. It's just impressive all around."

New as well is a corn maze which had not necessarily been in the plans for this year.

"It was something we were playing with for next year for our 50th anniversary," Striemer said. "It grew so well and it just looks so good that we thought we'll open it up this year. It was a trial for this year ... next year it will be bigger because it has worked out so well."

As always, all of the museum's heritage buildings will be open for touring starting at 9 a.m. both days, some with volunteers on hand to talk about the lives of settlers.

The grounds will also be filled with demonstrations ranging from flour milling (you can purchase freshly-ground flour or the bread made from it) to blacksmithing to rope making.

The antique tractor pull and wheat threshing demonstrations are also always big draws, as is the daily parade of vintage tractors at 1 p.m.

"We do have a very large working fleet of tractors," Striemer said. The weekend also includes evening musical entertainment and several different food options, including a

"THERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY."



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Demonstrations of old-fashioned living will be on tap at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's Reunion Days Sept. 1-2.

full perogy meal, chili and hot dogs, and waffles.

"And there's food all day this year. They've even added cinnamon buns," said Striemer. "There's a little something for everyone."

There will also be a number of activities for the kids, including barrel train rides, petting zoo and hands-on interactive stations like corn grinding.

"This place is just hopping ... there is a lot going on," Striemer said. "This

is our big fundraiser ... it's our last big show. The whole place comes alive. It is quite incredible actually."

Striemer noted one change in the schedule this year is the opening ceremony happens Saturday at 10 a.m. rather than 1 p.m. to allow a bit more time not only for it but for the tractor parade.

Admission is \$10, with kids 10 and under getting in for free.

For the full schedule, head to threshermuseum.com.

Harmony Tree wraps up karma yoga with potluck Aug. 30

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Harmony Tree Studio is wrapping up a successful summer of karmic yoga next week, and you're invited to help them celebrate.

The Morden studio has been hosting outdoor, by-donation yoga classes twice a week since early July, with funds raised going to support research into ovarian cancer.

The final class takes place on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Morden Research Station.

It's open to all levels, stresses owner Sheena Kilpatrick. The evening will also include a potluck and prizes.

"People who have gardens or love the farmers' market can bring a little treat to share," says Kilpatrick. "It's a chance for a bit of socialization. Sometimes in yoga you don't really talk to anyone—you come in quietly and do your thing and then leave—so this is an opportunity to get together to enjoy the beautiful weather together ... it's really a celebration of the community."

The studio hosts regular karma yoga classes throughout the year to raise funds for charity. It's their way of giving back, Kilpatrick says.

"The whole belief about yoga is always about giving it freely," she says. "So we try to pass it on to someone

else to try and change their life in a positive way."

In addition to the group yoga and pilates classes it has offered since opening in 2014, Harmony Tree Studio now also offers Japanese reiki, meditation, personal training, and

Ayurvedic counselling, including traditional Abhyanga massage.

"The expanded service menu gives clients holistic wellness treating mind and body," says Kilpatrick.

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Woods) taking over as Crown services and government house leader, Midland MLA Blain Pedersen becoming minister of growth, enterprise and trade, Cathy Cox (River East) taking on sport, culture, and heritage, and Rochelle Squires (Riel) becoming minister of sustainable development and minister responsible for francophone affairs and status of women.

The premier also announced a restructuring to create two new departments—Indigenous and Northern Relations and Municipal

Relations—out of the existing Indigenous and Municipal Relations department.

"We are dedicating full ministers to these portfolios because of the enormous importance of each to ensuring our province's full prosperity and quality of life wherever Manitobans live," Pallister said.

Jeff Wharton (Gimli) will be sworn into cabinet as the new minister of municipal relations while Eileen Clarke (Agassiz) will become minister for Indigenous and northern relations.

"This fine-tuning of our cabinet team will allow our government to focus more effectively on the priorities of Manitobans," said Pallister. "I am very satisfied with the integrity and commitment of our cabinet and caucus, and the progress we have made to fix our finances, repair our services and rebuild our economy. We are meeting the challenges we were elected to tackle. This is the right team for the next phase of our mandate."



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Mr. Mikes Steakhouse Casual opened for business in Winkler on Tuesday. Right: Franchisee Kevin Braun with manager Rebecca Guillou.



Mr. Mikes Steakhouse opens its doors in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Steak-lovers got a sneak peak at

Winkler's newest restaurant last week as Mr. Mikes Steakhouse Casual held a dry run to prepare for its

official public opening this Tuesday.

Select guests were invited to dine at the Diamond Drive location (north-west of the Hwy. 14 and 15th St. intersection) to help staff work any kinks out ahead of welcoming the general public.

Franchisee Kevin Braun, who teamed up with partners Marvin Thiessen and Abe Neufeld to bring Mr. Mikes to Winkler, says the response from the community was overwhelming even before they opened their doors.

"We've had a lot of excitement from people," he says. "It's all been very positive, so that's very encouraging."

The Winkler location marks the franchise's 35th restaurant in Western Canada and its second in Manitoba.

"Dauphin also has a Mr. Mikes," notes Braun. "We've been there a few times and really enjoyed it and just felt it would be a really great fit for Winkler."

The Winkler Mr. Mikes will employ upwards of 60 people. While Braun

and his partners are new to the restaurant business, they've surrounded themselves with experienced staffers.

"We don't have any experience in this, so we're relying on good people to run it for us," he says.

The restaurant offers a sit-down casual dining experience in both its family-friendly dining room and its lounge.

"It's a very comfortable, casual, relaxed atmosphere where you can just come, hang out with friends, and have a good time," says Braun.

Mr. Mikes also features a menu that includes everything from the franchise's signature steaks to favourites like the Mikeburger to modern twists on Canadian classics. There's something for everyone, says Braun.

"Obviously the biggest thing that's going to set us apart is going to be the steak menu," he says. "The steaks are delicious, and we've also got a great appetizer menu. Come on down and try it."



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Studio tour draws back the creative curtain

By Lorne Stelmach

Laverne Lovatt likes to be involved with the annual Pembina Valley Studio Tour, but the quandary for the Morden woodturner is how he should participate.

"Sometimes, it's nice to go on the tour yourself and see other artists as well," said Lovatt, who is among the stable of artists featured on the 2017 tour coming up Sept. 9-10. "It's nice to be on the tour, and it's nice to go on the tour. I wish there was a way to do both."

The self-guided tour features a variety of artists opening their galleries, studios, or homes to visitors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. that Sunday.

The locations are spread across the region with eight in the Morden-Thornhill area, including the Pembina Hills and Beneath the Oaks galleries, and another eight in the Altona area, including the Gallery in the Park.

The four locations in Winkler include the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre, with other stops in Emerson,

Carman, La Riviere, and, finally, Miami, where a dozen local artists will have work on display at the Miami Railway Station Museum.

Part of the appeal of the tour is seeing the region and many interesting venues that include heritage buildings, restored barns, farmyards, and private homes.

"You're driving through nice countryside ... and I think the reward at the end of each little drive is having all these lovely surprises of different kinds of art," said organizer Lois Braun.

"I think another part of it too is socializing. Some people make a weekend of it and actually stay overnight. I think it's an opportunity for people to get together with friends or family."

There will be a broad range of art to enjoy—from painting and photography to glass, metal, textiles, clay, tile and woodwork—and you are able to meet the artists and possibly even see them at work.

"A big part of it has to do also with engaging with the artists. To me, that would be a really important element.



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The Pembina Valley Studio Tour invites you into the homes and studios of artists across southern Manitoba Sept. 8-9.

You don't always get to do that, and you can actually engage with the artist," Braun said.

"I always tell people you don't have to even know a lot about art ... to be able to sit down with some of these people, look at their stuff and start asking some questions.

"You just make interesting connections with people that way. You may just find that you have something in common with the artist that you

hadn't expected."

There is a core group of artists who come back year after year, Braun said, "but then we've always got some new ones being added."

One of those new participants this year is Alexander Robertson, who moved to Altona about seven years ago from New Brunswick.

His background is in architecture

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Plum Coulee celebrates



Plum Coulee was the place to be last weekend as the community hosted Plum Fest. The packed-full schedule included community meals, a duck race and sand castle building contest at Sunset Beach, school reunion, old time dancing in the park (below), the Firemans' Rodeo (left), and music from the likes of Five Acres, Northern Dysfunction, Hod Rod Deville, and more. Coulee's own Rosemary Siemens got married on the main stage Sunday afternoon to fellow musician Eli Bennett. The pair were joined on stage the day before for a concert filled with music from their celebrity friends in town for the wedding (above).

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but he started painting professionally on the east coast and has picked it up here again.

Robertson decided to open up his home-based gallery to visitors this year because he sees it as a great way to make connections with people.

"It's a good opportunity for people to get out there and meet some of the artists ... and acquaint themselves with what is available," he said "People need to see art. A website is one thing, but there's nothing like seeing the actual piece of art. To see the artwork in its original form is far different than seeing it static.

"Coming to actual studios, they do get to see some work in progress even."

Returning to the tour this year is Lori Rietze of Winkler, who says she likes the personal nature of it.

"People get to see where you work. You see another side of the artist that you don't see in a gallery," she said.

"The comments you get from it are very encouraging. It's inspiring for

me," she added, noting also that it shows "there is an amazing amount of talent here. It's amazing what people do and the diversity of it all."

Lovatt, who will welcome visitors to his Morden home, certainly appreciates the variety of work and talent in the area.

"There's a lot of wonderful artists out there. It's quite interesting," he said. "You get to see all sorts. The ones I sort of have an affinity to are the potters because they do a lot of the same shapes that I do."

"I do like the sense of community ... and I like showing people what we do," said Lovatt, who added he is also usually able to make decent sales, even though that is not the priority.

"It usually means a good amount of sales ... never has it cost me more to be on the tour than what I have made," he said. "I never got into woodturning to become commercial, but it's nice to be able to let someone else have the work."

He recalled that in the past he has



"Laundry" by artist Alexander Robertson, who is one of new artists taking part in the Pembina Valley Studio Tour Sept. 8-9.

had people coming from as far away as Colorado who have connections here, and there are always some from North Dakota and Winnipeg.

"It's people from all over the place ... there's a lot of people who really enjoy it. It's a good weekend of entertainment," said Lovatt.

"I enjoy the conversations you have

on the studio tour because just talking about what I do is kind of fulfilling."

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Greenhouse effect helps dry beans mature early in AB

By Harry Siemens

The edible bean harvest is underway in Alberta almost two weeks earlier than normal, according to Alvin Klassen, president of Dry Bean World Inc.

Alberta dry beans have experienced a unique growing season, kicking off with an early seeding into warm soil.

"With the hot dry weather ... growers were able to control the water [through irrigation], giving the beans exactly what they needed," said Klassen.

While plenty of sunshine and heat in June and July, there was also an abundance of smoke from forest fires in the air, which also impacted the

growth cycle.

"The smoky air has continued throughout a good portion of the growing season and also helps to hold humidity creating a greenhouse effect," said Klassen. "Throughout the flowering period, there was little or no rainfall and growers ran the pivots when necessary, helping to advance the crop very quickly with excellent pod set."

"On Aug. 10, farmers cut some pinto beans and should be harvested early in the week of Aug. 21. If the hot dry weather continues harvest will be over by early September. Yields are estimated to run between 25 to low 30 hundredweights per acre."

Klassen also talked about an in-

teresting phenomenon in Manitoba where at least seven dry bean processors are competing for about 125,000 acres of crop.

"We have seven active companies contracting and buying beans within Manitoba where the last number of years, we've grown between 100 and 125,000 acres of beans," he explained. "For a lot of our processors, which have gotten bigger over the years, it's difficult to find enough beans to keep the plants running that exist here in Manitoba. The competition level is quite high and this is favorable for growers producing dry beans in Manitoba."

Some of Alberta's dry beans could be coming to Plum Coulee's own

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"We will see some beans from Alberta coming into Manitoba. That will probably happen that latter part of the week of Aug. 21," said Klassen, who travels extensively throughout the dry bean growing areas of Canada and the United States. "That's a really early harvest. Throughout North America right now we have beans that are currently cut and laying down and we have beans that are just at the verge of starting to produce pinto beans in some of the southern states."

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New chapter for Computer Remedies

Staff at Computer Remedies in Morden have embraced the switch to Telus from Bell-MTS.

Co-owner and manager Karen Woods said they see a couple of advantages for their customers in making the move.

"We have a network guarantee ... to have the same or much better network in Manitoba," she said, noting they're able to use both Rogers and MTS towers to achieve that promise. "We're going to have the absolute best coverage."

"The other thing is that we have this great plan that erases the border," Woods added.

"We have unlimited calling, unlimited texting in Canada," she explained. "If you have six gigs of data in Canada, you have six gigs of data in the United States."

"For this whole area, being along the border, I think that's going to be a real major thing that people are going to enjoy about it."

Computer Remedies continues to put an emphasis on providing quality customer service. Woods encourages those customers who were switched to Telus to "come in and chat with us ... we could probably even reduce the cost of your plan."

The 5th St. storefront also offers a strong retail component.

"I think we have the largest selec-



Computer Remedies owners Karen and Neil Woods are excited to have switched to Telus from Bell-MTS.

tion of cell phone cases and accessories in the Pembina Valley," said Woods, noting they provide computer repair and sales services as well.

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Challenges remain, but most sectors looking good

By Harry Siemens

Peter Manness is a business advisor in MNP's Farm Management Consulting group working throughout Manitoba delivering management consulting services and helping implement solutions on a broad range of issues for primary agricultural producers, agricultural industry organizations, and producer groups.

Manness works closely with clients to deliver solutions tailored to help them meet their business and personal goals. He takes pride in helping clients solve their operational problems so they can become stronger farm managers and stay competitive and profitable.

With Manness' experience with Elite Swine in some different roles—including as a nutrient management specialist within their hog facilities and now working with producers on a broad range of issues—he has a wealth of experience to discuss the various farming sectors.

"On the grain side, I think there's cautious optimism about what's out there. I believe that there are pockets that are doing well," he said. "There are other areas; I think if we specifically look down into the southwest of Manitoba, where they've had much more challenges with moisture than some other areas and are carrying some of those losses forward, and that's always difficult."

The beef sector—while generally in good shape coming off some years of historic high prices—are also facing some challenges, Manness said.

"Last fall wasn't great, but it's just coming to terms with the increasing cost of production. The cost of equipment to make hay, balers, tractors, it just continues to go up. I think if prices stay the way they are, there's an opportunity for profit. There are many producers in that business for a long time, and it's questionable whether those farms will continue. We're seeing some producers get out of the cattle business as well, some of those smaller cow, calf producers."

Some other challenges facing the beef industry has to do with rising land values and the attraction of turning pasture and hayland into cash cropping.

With land prices going up the way they have, and crop prices continuing to stay the same, suddenly the grain and special crops farming looks a bit more attractive than running cows.

"I think there's a significant labor component to the cattle business, whether you're providing that yourself, or whether you're trying to hire

that out," said Manness "To be frank, that's always been a challenge in the farm sector. The hog industry solved the labour problem through bringing in workers from other countries, which has worked well for them. But I think historically, on a lot of these smaller livestock farms where the owner and their family did most of that work, and whether they want to continue to do that because it is, it's just a lot of work."

Manness said there's cautious optimism in the hog sector that producers will get through 2017 in pretty good shape. That said, the industry hasn't seen significant investments in infrastructure in almost 15 years.

"I think we are going to see some new construction. The whole model is, right now we're sitting with an excess of packer capacity, and the need for finishing spaces. That's got to come from somewhere, whether it comes in Manitoba, or whether it comes in Sas-

katchewan, packers are looking for pigs, and they're going to find ways to increase that finishing capacity."

Manness said a lot of work goes into building hog barns and much of that industry is not there anymore. Even builders, while still out there, will need to see some sustained construction opportunities if they're going to invest back into the hog barn building construction. But even just the development, helping clients through the technical review process, and the conditional use process, nobody's done that to the scale done before, and so he thinks there's a lot of work that needs to happen.

"I think there will be construction. I don't believe that we're going to see it to the pace that we saw if we go back all the way into the late '90s and early 2000s. Even some of these larger facilities are close to 20 years old," said Manness. "I think there still is a lot of work and community con-

sultation that still needs to take place. There will be, as we get back into this construction phase, good sites for hog barns, and bad sites. I think the producers interested in, and communities surrounding them, still need a lot of work and due diligence to ensure they select the proper sites."

Manness said farmers need to know the cost of the product they produce.

"I think there certainly are more producers are doing that. Obviously, I have a bias, because it's what I do for a living, but I believe that it's becoming more and more important because the economics are getting more and more critical," he said. "When land sold for \$100 an acre, it was too expensive back then. But I think, with the price of land, the cost of equipment, it is becoming more and more important to understand that, and the implications of your decisions, and how they're going to impact you in the short term and the long term."



By Harry Siemens

When I stepped on the diamond to umpire yet another ball game last Friday, I felt a tingle thinking of how many children, otherwise unable, would go to Bible camps around the world after another weekend of competitive ball, camaraderie, and slugging for the fence.

The mission of the Big Hit Tournament is to raise awareness and funds for the Children's Camps International ministry.

The 10th annual tournament last weekend raised \$83,475—enough to send 16,700 kids to camp and to hand out 20,000 Bibles.

Hats off to all the sponsors, the ball teams, organizers, and all those who cranked the bat and put the ball out of the park 295 times.

Dave Thiessen of Saskatoon is the national director to Harvest for Kids, the farming component to what CCI does, and he's also working on getting farmers to step up to the plate, so to speak.

"I work alongside a couple of other gentlemen in the farming community to raise funds to send kids to camps in developing countries around the world," said Dave who was in Winkler to help run the slo-pitch tournament. "We do it multi-

ple different ways. In the Saskatoon area, we have five crops this year that farmers grew with the intent that the revenue and the funds from those fields go to send kids to camp.

"Farmers incorporate into their farm a quarter section, and we've rented land and partnered with other ministries in generating revenue by planting and harvesting crops."

Thiessen would like to see the same thing happen in southern Manitoba in addition to the big Harvest for Kids events that raised lots of money in 2006 and 2010.

"It all started back in 2011 when a group of farmers got together and saw the big harvest that took place in Winkler," he said. "Even in farming, you do have competitiveness, so a group of farmers got together and decided to put 200 plus combines on the same field and beat the record that farmers in Winkler held. But they did it with a purpose, wanting to make a difference, ending up planting a field and in 2012, they harvested the 240 acres of the crop with 249 combines."

So they hold the Guinness World Record and have challenged farmers in the Winkler area to set up another Big Harvest, which could happen sooner than later.

While excited to hold the new re-

cord, Thiessen said the farmers are more excited about what that did to the farming community in that area.

"Where farmers that are great entrepreneurs doing a lot of stuff on their own, and now, they're doing things working together," he said.

"Every farming plot of land that we do is unique to itself," Thiessen noted of the process. "So we have people that will lead the entire planning of organizing from the first steps of seeding to getting the group of individuals together to where we will help them lead it and get involved with the central leadership. So it varies depending on involvement levels that the farmer wants to get into."

Thiessen said they have land in the Boissevain area, 320 acres planted into oats this year.

"A group of farmers there are harvesting it for one country that we're involved with, which is Fiji."

As to the next Big Harvest in Winkler, organizers are working at it with an eye to seeing it happen within the next few years.

"We are diligently working on that now," said Thiessen. "I know that, after Saskatchewan had taken the record back, we have been working here in Manitoba at potentially doing an abundant harvest here."

Farmers support Children's Camps

Giesbrecht and Soul Revue kick off Manitou festival

By Lorne Stelmach

Headlining the Honey Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival in Manitou is something special for Jayme Giesbrecht.

The local rising music star loves playing at these kinds of community events, especially close to home.

"Every Manitoba festival is really special," said Giesbrecht, who will perform with the Soul Revue Band at the Manitou Opera House Sept. 8 to kick off the weekend's festivities.

"It's an opportunity for the community to showcase their way of life to the visitors that come, and for community members to come together to have a good time," she said. "To be a part of that by playing music is a real joy for me and my band. We really enjoy getting to know different stages, communities, and people in Manitoba."

The Friday night concert will also feature the Manitou Coffee House Musicians and Manitou-based group On The Edge as opening acts.

As for Giesbrecht and the Soul Revue Band, she said they will take the audience back to 1960s and '70s with classic soul and Motown music from the likes of Etta James, Aretha Frank-

lin, Ray Charles, Ike and Tina Turner, the Staples Singers, and more.

It further adds to what has been a busy season for the group, including recent performances at the Winkler Harvest Festival and one at the Corn and Apple Festival this weekend.

"Summer is always a busy time for musicians," said Giesbrecht. "There are so many opportunities to play in southern Manitoba. I have been very fortunate to have had an 18 year career in music already, with seemingly endless opportunities right here in the Pembina Valley."

"There are still places I have not played and would love to," she added. "Having different musical genres that I sing and musicians I play with really opens that door to be able to adjust according to what each particular audience would like to hear. It's a real joy."

Giesbrecht has been sharing her voice on stages across southern Manitoba since she was 11, singing southern gospel music in churches, fundraisers, and anywhere else she could.

After studying for three years at Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg focusing on vocal performance, she began a career in radio broadcasting where, besides co-hosting a



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Jayme Giesbrecht and the Soul Revue Band perform at the Manitou Opera House Sept. 8.

local morning show, she interviews and promotes Manitoba musicians for a Saturday afternoon program called *Made in Manitoba*.

Her passion for music and willingness to encourage and support other musicians has opened many doors for her, and she recently released her first full-length album of spirituals called *To Keep You From Falling*.

"I knew that even if my career takes me in a soul direction or jazz or somewhere else, I wanted to start with gospel because that's where my

roots are," Giesbrecht said.

The Soul Revue Band brings together a talented group of musicians, including blues guitarist JP Lepage, drummer Gil Dudgeon, bassist Dave Hildebrand, keyboardist Scott Bell, Ryan Aubry on trumpet, Doug Wilson on sax, and back-up vocals from Karen Doell and Jeannie Nickel.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for the Manitou show. Tickets are available at Sam's Foods in Manitou, by calling 204-242-2794, or at the door for \$20. Kids 12 and under are free.

Art Academy starts Sept. 12

By Lorne Stelmach

Art classes for kids that will go a little more in-depth are back again this fall at the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

The Art Academy program at the gallery in downtown Morden aims to give kids the tools they need to develop their skills further.

"It's like learning a sport or an instrument," said Margie Hildebrand, PHAC program and outreach co-ordinator. "We're trying to do more of a curriculum and trying to develop their skills."

The arts council switched to the academy program a few years ago to go a bit more in-depth than what is possible through a one-time workshop approach to art education.

It offers six week sessions in two age groups. Classes run every Tuesday night starting with a drawing session Sept. 12 and painting starting Oct. 24.

The drawing course will have students using pencils, markers, and pastels as they learn and explore line, pattern and shape while creating both imaginative and realistic drawings. The session will also go into the

principles of perspective and figure drawing.

In the painting course, students will explore the use of colour using watercolor and acrylic paints. The work of famous artists will be highlighted as well to show how they used paint in different ways to express themes and emotions.

The class for ages six to nine will run from 4-5:15 p.m. Ages 10 and up follows from 5:45-7 p.m. Registration, which is limited, is \$75.

Hildebrand is eager to see kids learning the building blocks of art.

"It's more of a systematic approach ... starting with line and working into perspective. We want the, to be learning the actual skills of art versus just having fun ... we hope it's fun ... but it's a curriculum that's guided in a systematic, progressive way," she said.

"We're hoping we can add something supplemental in the community ... where kids who have an interest in learning more about art that they will get the skills they need to continue in that direction."



Music night at the gallery

It was a full evening of music last Thursday at the Pembina Hills Gallery in downtown Morden featuring Patrick Simoens of local group Lakes and Pines performing along with Jenny Berkel and Ryan Boldt (at right), singer from The Deep Dark Woods.

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Mohawks reclaim Border West title

The Morden Mohawks reclaimed the Border West Baseball League title from the Pilot Mound Pilots over the weekend.

Morden, who were reigning league champs for three straight seasons before the Pilots won it in 2016, took the best-of-five championship series in four games with a 8-7 win Sunday afternoon.

The Mohawks started off the series strong, dominating the Pilots in game one to get the win 6-1 and then blanking them 9-0 in game two.

Pilot Mound rallied in front of a hometown crowd in game three on Saturday, taking that one 9-3 to force Sunday's match.



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

The Morden Mohawks dominated the best-of-five championship series against the Pilot Mound Pilots last week, earning the title three games to one.

'Canes fall to Reunited, Storm opponents a no-show

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Hurricanes fell to SE Reunited on Aug. 16.

The league's number team made short work of the third-place 'Canes (who were playing shorthanded and without their main netminder, to boot) blanking them 7-0.

That brings the Hurricanes' record to 9-4-4, keeping them in third behind Reunited in first and Synergy in second place.

The ladies played their last game of the regular season this Wednesday when they hosted the California Raisins. Results were not available at press time.

The Winkler Storm, meanwhile, were at their field Sunday to face

Scotia United SC, who never showed up.

At press time, the league had yet to decide whether the game would be considered a forfeit or be rescheduled.

Winkler's record sits at 6-5 for the

summer, putting them in the middle of the standings in the 10 team league.

The Storm play their final scheduled game of the summer Sunday at 4 p.m. against Germania SC at the 15th St. field.

Sunday at the race track

Winners at the ALH Motor Speedway last Sunday included:

- A-Modifieds: Scott Greer in first place, Ward Imrie in second, and Ryan Cousins in third.

- B-Modifieds: Ted Doell, Austin Hunter, Brandon Wieler.

- Junior Slingshots: Tyler Doell, Amy Doell, and Sierra Staff.

- Pure Stock: Brian Kentner, Jamie

Smith, and Raymond Smith.

- Sports Compact: Shane Rehill, Denis Seguin, and Ian Cabernel.

- Street Stocks: James Wall, Adam Burrows, and Jesse Teunis.

The race track wraps up its season with two days of competition this weekend. The Corn and Apple Special runs Aug. 26-27.

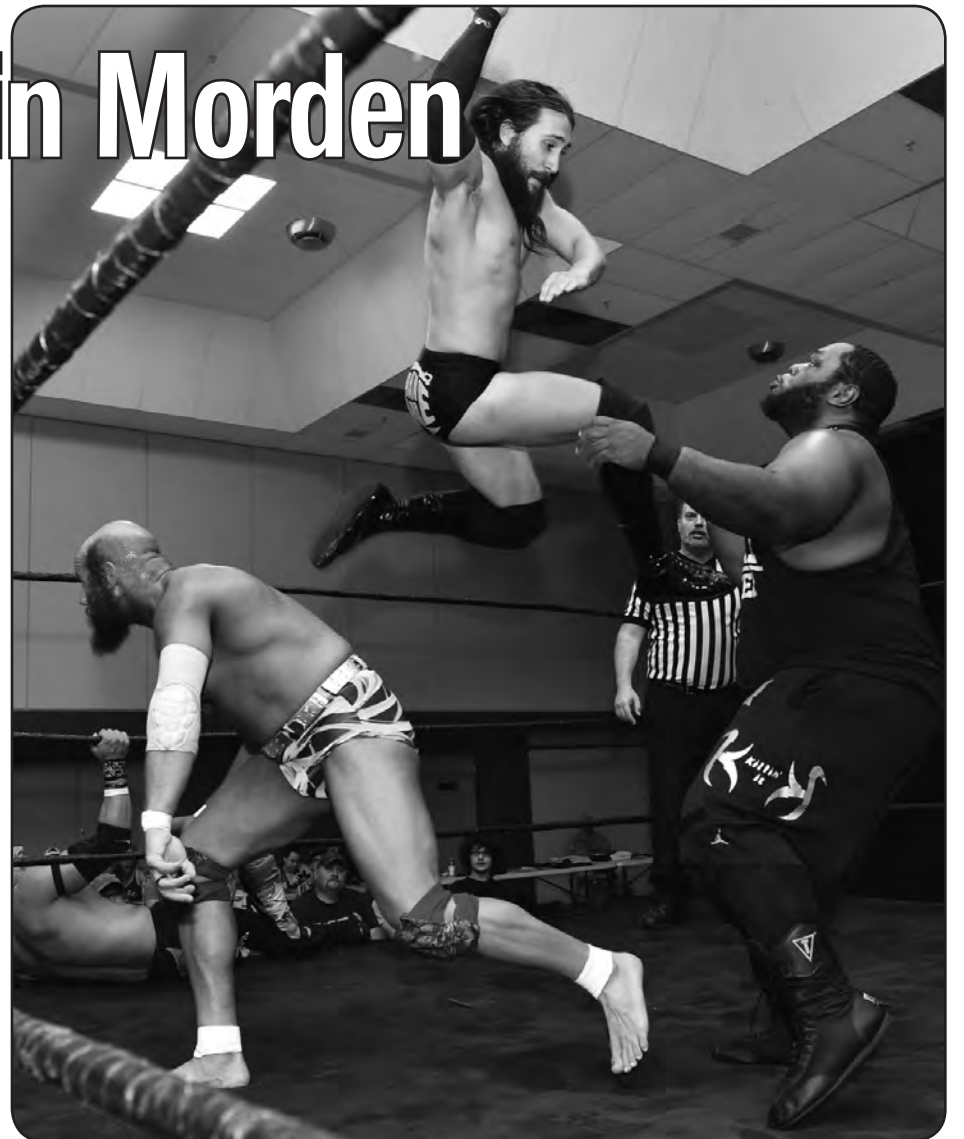




Rumble in Morden

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Canadian Wrestling Elite returned to Morden with its Nightmare on Elite Street Tour Aug. 17. Above: Canadian Unified Jr. Heavyweight champion "Tornado" Tony Kozina successfully defends against The Mercenary. Right: WWE Tag Team champions Shane Sabre and Phil Atlas defeats "Killa" Kaz Karter & K-Dos. WWE returns with its next cross-Canada tour in January.



Former Pilot Mound student a Donaghey Scholar

By Lorne Stelmach

A student originally from Pilot Mound landed major scholarships to help continue her academic and athletic careers at a university in the United States.



Avery McLean

Not only did Avery McLean in February win a \$32,000 U.S. Chancellor's Corps Scholarship, but then in April she was also named a Donaghey Scholar, which comes with an award valued at \$150,000 U.S.

"When they first tell you, it doesn't really sink in," said McLean, who was awarded an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, where she will be part of the swimming and diving team.

McLean said it is a little overwhelming to be "seeing how much money that I'm actually going to be able to save ... the fact that I don't have to pay for school for four years.

"To not have any student loans after eight years in university ... everyone kind of doesn't believe me when I say it," she added.

McLean is the second University of Arkansas Little Rock swimmer to be named a Donaghey scholar.

The Donaghey program includes full tuition, a very generous yearly stipend, housing fees, a laptop computer as well as financial assistance to travel abroad to study.

The program requires you to learn a second language, of which McLean

has chosen French. At some point, the program will send her to study in France to gain an increased understanding of other cultures and global perspectives.

More than two-thirds of past Donaghey scholars have gone on to Ivy League schools and to win numerous graduate scholarships.

The award came on the heels of the Chancellor's Corps award, which McLean earned after numerous essays and interviews.

"It was a long process," she says, noting one challenge was to use just 140 characters to describe who you are as a person. "Mine was all about the balance of how I'm just a little bit rural, a little bit urban ... a cross in-between."

These awards are the latest among many honours that have come McLean's way over the years.

Having moved to Winnipeg in her Gr. 10 year to be a competitive swimmer for the Winnipeg swim team Manta, she graduated from Vincent Massey Collegiate with Magna Cum Laude honours.

She then received one of the first 20 UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Orga-

nization) school diplomas to ever be presented worldwide.

McLean also received the Certificate of Merit for her graduating class in Global Issues as well as the Brian Pallister Fort Whyte scholarship and the Winnipeg Foundation Scholars Award in addition to also being a Loran Scholar finalist.

With plans now for law school, McLean said she was drawn to Little Rock because it has a good swim team competing at the highest level.

"It's just something that we don't have at home," she said of the program and facilities.

She sees her roots in rural Manitoba as being a blessing to her and helping her make connections there because "it is more of a rural state."

"I have that understanding of things like where my food's coming from ... and the people involved in the communities that support those people," she said, noting as well she would eventually like to get into politics.

"It leads to a lot of interesting discussions, and that's what I like ... sitting down and talking to people."

Students run through a drama exercise at Candlewick Production's Triple Threat Camp, which ran the past two weeks at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden. Focusing on drama, singing, and dancing, the camp culminates with a student-led production of *Corneo and Juliette* Saturday afternoon at the youth stage at the Morden Corn and Apple Festival. "We keep building it year after year ... taking it one step further," said director Richard Klassen. "We've got a great group of performers here."

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1. One-time Moroccan kingdom
4. One who entertains
8. Not in favor of
10. Couture
11. Nonflowering plant
12. Of Christian fasting season
13. Of birds
15. Dealt with
16. Duplicate
17. More liquid
18. Inconsequential
21. Doctor of Education
22. Electroencephalograph
23. Partner to the carrot
24. Not young
25. Discontinued Apple advertising platform
26. Car mechanics group
27. Treats allergies
34. Rather
35. African nation (alt. sp.)
36. Suffering
37. A way to raise
38. Hairstyle
39. Vehicle part
40. Subject matters
41. One who can see the future
42. German courtesy title
43. Female sibling

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24. Organization of American States
25. Lacking contact with other people
26. Sex Pistols bassist Vicious
27. One who uses a rod and line to fish
28. Expression of surprise
29. Get older
30. Rooney and Kate are two
31. Wild goats
32. Cores
33. Walks into
34. A way to accustom
36. Wet nurse

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BUS # 13 CITY BUS

A.M. PICKUP

	Grade 5-12 students ---Bus #13	Pickup #
Route A	Minnewasta School 8:05 A.M.	PU# 90
	Conner Hill at Mint St. 8:07	PU# 79
	Conner Hill Dr. at Hillcrest St. 8:09	PU# 88
	Pembina Dr. at Elks Park 8:11	PU# 89
	Maple Leaf School 8:15	PU# 91
	École Morden Middle School / MCI 8:17	PU# 92
Route B	Northwood at People Path (#900) 8:22	PU# 94
	Wardrop at Westwood 8:23	PU# 96
	EMMS / Morden Collegiate Inst. 8:28	PU# 92

Kindergarten to Grade 4 students --Bus #13

Route C	Northwood at People Path (#900) 8:35	PU# 94
	Wardrop at Westwood 8:36	PU# 96
	Maple Leaf School 8:40	PU# 91
	Minnewasta 8:46	PU# 90

P.M. DROPOFF

	All Students --Bus #13	
Route A	Maple Leaf School 3:50 P.M.	PU# 91
	Northwood at People Path (#900) 3:53	PU# 94
	Wardrop at Westwood 3:55	PU# 96
Route B	EMMS / MCI 4:00	PU# 92
	Northwood at People Path (#900) 4:10	PU# 94
	Wardrop at Westwood 4:11	PU# 96
Route C	EMMS / MCI 4:14	PU# 92
	Pembina Dr. at Elks Park 4:21	PU# 89
	Conner Hill Dr. at Hillcrest St. 4:26	PU# 88
	Conner Hill Dr. at Mint St. 4:28	PU# 79
	Minnewasta School 4:29	PU# 90

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	Pickup A.M.	P.M. DropOff
Falcon Dr. North-West	PU# 77 8:27 Bus 8	4:10 Bus 8
Meadowbrook @ Buhler Dr.	PU# 78 8:25 Bus 8	4:12 Bus 8
Meadowbrook @ Beachside Lane	PU# 80 8:25 Bus 8	4:12 Bus 8
Fairway Dr. (approx. house #47 to 51)	PU# 81 8:34 Bus 7	4:05 Bus 7
Eagle Dr. near Falcon Dr.	PU# 82 8:30 Bus 8	4:05 Bus 8
Sunset Dr @ Sunray (Kqtn to Gr.4)	PU# 83 8:25 Bus 11	4:09 Bus 11
Sunset Dr @ Sunray (Gr.5-12)	PU# 83 8:09 Bus 15	4:21 Bus 15
Northwood @ People Path (Gr.5-12)	PU# 84 8:15 Bus 15	4:16 Bus 15
Parkhill west of Mountain (Kqtn-4)	PU# 85 8:29 Bus 11	4:08 Bus 11
Parkhill west of Mountain (Gr.5-12)	PU# 85 8:12 Bus 15	4:19 Bus 15
Parkhill at Livingston Park	PU# 86 8:25 Bus 15	4:06 Bus 15
River Rd east of 12th Street	PU# 87 8:27 Bus 15	4:04 Bus 15
Pembina Dr. at Elk's Park	PU# 89 8:37 Bus 6	4:04 Bus 6
Minnewasta School to Maple Leaf	PU# 90 8:35 Bus 6	4:05 Bus 6
Minnewasta School to Emms	PU# 90 8:35 Bus 6	4:05 Bus 6
Elam at Rampton	PU# 93 8:33 Bus 1	4:03 Bus 1
Cochlan Dr @ Trailer Pk	PU# 95 8:35 Bus 2	4:07 Bus 2
Grant St. near Southpark	PU# 97 8:32 Bus 2	4:10 Bus 2
9th St. South near South Railway	PU# 98 8:33 Bus 2	4:08 Bus 2
EMMS to Maple Leaf & Minnewasta	PU# 92 8:36 Bus 1	
Maple Leaf to Minnewasta	PU# 91 8:38 Bus 1	
EMMS to Maple Leaf PM transfer	PU# 91.....	4:05 Bus 5 Emms, MCI
Minnewasta to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 90.....	3:55 Bus 3 - city & rural buses 1, 2, 3, & bus 8 (for pickups #77, 78, 80 only)
Minnewasta to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 90.....	3:55 Bus 5 - city & rural buses 5, 6
Minnewasta to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 90.....	3:55 Bus 4 - rural buses 4, 8, 9 & 12
Minnewasta to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 90.....	3:55 Bus 7 - rural buses 7, 10, 11 & 15
Minnewasta to Northwood at People Path	PU# 94.....	3:50 Bus 5
Minnewasta to Wardrop at Westwood	PU# 96.....	3:52 Bus 5
Minnewasta to Cochlan Dr	PU# 95.....	3:48 Bus 3
Minnewasta to Grant near Southpark	PU# 97.....	3:50 Bus 3
Minnewasta to 9th St. South	PU# 98.....	3:52 Bus 3
Maple Leaf to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 92.....	3:55 Bus 2 - city & rural buses 1 to 5 & 15
Maple Leaf to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 92.....	3:55 Bus 6 - rural buses 6 to 12

RRTVA – Red River Technical Vocational Area

(Bus 8 is Western SD bus, Bus 2670 is Garden Valley SD bus.)

- AM:** PU#102 Bus 8 MCI to Welding Shop & Piping Trades 8:50-8:55,
PU#103 Bus 8 MCI to Plum Coulee transfer (Altona) 8:50-9:10,
PU#300 Bus 8 Plum Coulee to Welding & Piping 9:11-9:30,
PU#200 Bus 2670 Winkler to Morden –NPC 8:43, PU#201 GVC 8:38, return to Morden Welding/Piping shops 8:55.
PU#103 Bus 2670 MCI to Winkler 9:00, -NPC 9:13, GVCtec 9:20, GVC 9:25
- PM:** PU#102 Bus 8 Morden to Winkler-Welding 2:25, Piping 2:28, MCI 2:30
PU#103 Bus 8 MCI 2:30 to NPC(Wklr) 2:45, to Plum Coulee transfer (Altona) 3:05,
PU#300 Bus 8 Plum Coulee to Morden 3:05, returns to MCI 3:25
PU#201 Bus 2670 Winkler to Morden – GVC 2:30,
PU#202 GVCtec 2:35, PU#200 NPC 2:40, to MCI 2:45, to MCI 2:55

Early Closings: Classes dismissed at Minnewasta & Maple Leaf at 2:10, Emms & MCI at 2:20, buses leave Morden at 2:30 pm.

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from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Winkler Arena (in the Royal
Hall). Shiny registration at this time as well.

New registrants please bring a copy of
birth certificate to in-person registration.
Initiation (4-6 year old) registration fee is \$99.

For more information, contact Dave Schellenberg
WMHA Registrar at winklerregistrar@gmail.com

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CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of Dave Hiebert, would like to
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expressions of sympathy, cards, food, flowers,
donations to UGM, prayers, phone calls and
visits we received after the sudden passing of
Dave. Your kindness has been a great
comfort to our family and is appreciated more
than words can say. Thank you to Rev. Morris
Vincent, Pastor Michael Fehr and Glorybound
Quartet for a very meaningful Celebration
of Life Service and EMM Church ladies for
serving. Thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home
for the care they provided during this difficult
time. Also, thank you to Bill Klassen Auctions,
Altona EMS and Altona Hospital.

-Beverly Hiebert
Ike and Lawanda Friesen and family
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NOTICES

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2018 assessment roll
for the Rural Municipality of Thompson will be delivered to
the Municipal Office at 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, Manitoba
and is open for public inspection during regular business
hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance
with sections 42 & 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

42 (1) A person in whose name property has been assessed,
a mortgagee in possession of property under section
114 (1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of prem-
ises who is required under the terms of lease to pay
the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make
application for the revision of an assessment roll with
respect to the following matters:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property;
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll
under subsection 13 (2)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 43 (1) An application for revision must:
- be made in writing;
 - set out the roll number and legal description of the
assessable property for which a revision is sought;
 - set out which of the matters referred to in subsection
42 (1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those
matters; and
 - be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the
office indicated in the public notice given under
subsection 41 (2), or
 - servicing it upon the secretary, at least 15 days
before the scheduled sitting date of the Board.

The Board of Revision will sit on **October 12, 2017 at 10:00
a.m.** in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of
Thompson to hear applications.

Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board
on or before **September 26, 2017**

Secretary, Board of Revision
The Rural Municipality of Thompson
530 Norton Avenue, P.O. Box 190, Miami, MB R0G 1H0

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The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hear-
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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2188-17, is to zone the land described below,
Namely: **Lot 25, Plan No. 577 MLTO in the NE ¼ 33-2-4 WPM**

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and
forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE
TO: "RMA" RESIDENTIAL RESTRICTED MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2188-17, and supporting material may
be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM,
Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 28th day of July, 2017.

Designated Officer
City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A"
To By-Law 2188-17



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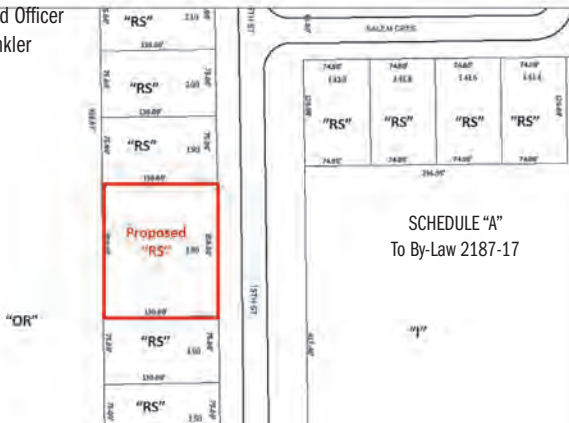
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OBITUARY



Raymond Jacques April 9, 1947-August 9, 2017

After enduring the effects of a stroke suffered at camp on July 9, Raymond Jacques passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Wednesday August 9, 2017.

Raymond was fostered and cared for by the family of Brian and Marlene Perrin of Morden and lived with them for 18 years. He was born in Winnipeg to Hilda and Jack Jacques in April of 1947, an only child. He was placed in St. Amant Centre until the age of 7, then moved to Portage, to the Manitoba Development Centre. He lived at MDC for about 32 years, when he moved to Pelican Lake Training Centre in Ninette (formerly the sanatorium for treatment of tuberculosis) at the age of 39. This is where Brian met Raymond in 1986, when he was working at the Centre. In 1999,

government plans to shut Pelican Lake down and move the residents into the community were made. Raymond came to live with Brian and Marlene temporarily in their home in Darlingford, until Brian's plans to open a group home were completed. Temporarily turned out to be 18 years.

Life in Darlingford was good for Raymond, with random horse rides when local people drove by on the streets with their horses and wagons, trips to the playground, and many wonderful neighbors and community members. Raymond attended Gateway in Winkler for a short time. When we moved to Morden in 2004, he began getting on a van early every morning to attend Blue Sky Opportunities in Altona. There, he was able to take things at a bit of a slower pace, with music and many other activities he enjoyed. He stayed at Blue Sky for over 10 years, when the days became too long for him. At that time, he began the daily ritual of being picked up in Abe Friesen's little green car every morning, and would spend the day with who we consider his second family, Abe and Anna Friesen and their son Nico, as well as their many clients who have come and gone over the years.

Brian and Raymond had many opportunities to travel over the years and they did so all over Canada and the United States, including the Grand Canyon, Disneyworld, Disneyland, Universal Studios, Nashville, Branson, Graceland, Columbia Ice Falls, Mount Rushmore, kayaking on the Colorado River, sailing off of Texas, California, plus many more. Raymond also enjoyed attending many musical concerts, including Anne Murray, Kenny Rogers, B.B. King, and Tony Joe White.

At home in Morden, Raymond enjoyed swinging on his lawn glider or in Elks Park, going to movies, listening endlessly to music and biking on his three wheeler on the golf course.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Winnipeg. Ash interment at a later date at the Waverly Cemetery in Winnipeg.

Thanks to the congregation of Pembina Fellowship, whose members always made Raymond feel welcome, as well as the fantastic staff at Camps with Meaning, where Raymond joyfully attended camp each and every summer. Thanks also to the excellent staff at HSC and the palliative unit at Boundary Trails Health Centre, where he received such compassionate care.

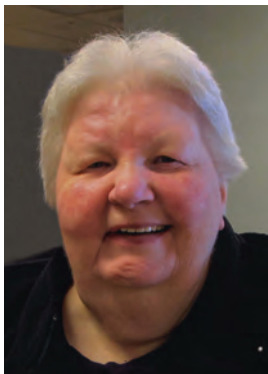
He will be missed by Brian, Marlene, Matt, Noah, Will and his many friends and neighbors in Morden, Winkler, Altona and Darlingford, who were always so welcoming to Raymond in their neighborhoods and communities. We have appreciated your generosity of spirit towards him!

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Raymond's memory to Blue Sky Opportunities.

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OBITUARY



Jessie Letkeman 1948 - 2017

Jessie Letkeman, age 68 passed away peacefully at Salem Home in Winkler, MB on Sunday, August 13, 2017.

She is survived by two sisters and one brother: Katy Wheeler of Red Deer, AB, Betty Wolfe of Winkler, MB, Jake and Olga Letkeman of La Riviere, MB and sister-in-law, Susan Letkeman of Winkler, MB and their families.

She was predeceased by her parents, Herman E and Justina Letkeman and two brothers, David and Herman, two brothers-in-law, Pete Wheeler and John R Wolfe as well as two nephews, Brad Letkeman and Bob Wheeler.

Jessie was born at the Bethel Hospital in Winkler, MB on November 30, 1948, the youngest of six to Herman and Justina Letkeman of Wakeham. She was baptized upon her confession of faith on June 1, 1969 in the Winkler Sommerfelder Church. She was then accepted into membership. At an early age, she began babysitting and continued to do so while living at home. Later, after Dad passed away in 1974, she was a great companion and help to Mom. After Mom passed away in 1995, she moved into her own apartment and lived independently for many years until it became obvious to the supporting family that she could no longer cope with the physical aspects of daily living. She was then admitted into personal care; first to Swan Lake, then to Pembina-Manitou and then to Salem for her remaining years. She developed Bells Palsy and during the last year, it became increasingly severe. Those visiting her regularly noticed her physical health waning. We thank the Lord that He allowed her intellectual abilities to be strong to the end and that she could go to be with the Lord peacefully.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior at Winkler Cemetery.

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

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OBITUARY



Tina Reimer (nee Braun) 1925 - 2017

On Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Tina Reimer slipped from this earthly life into her heavenly home at the age of 92 years.

Mom was born on February 6, 1925 in the Bloomfield school district to Frank and Maria Braun. It was there that she also attended school and helped on the family farm. She often spoke of the summer she travelled to southern Ontario to work in a fruit cannery. She was baptized as a young woman and quietly strived to always serve the Lord. She married Bill Reimer on September 18, 1949 and together they farmed in the Neu Kronstal school district. They also lived in Winnipeg for a few winters and worked at Eatons. Mom worked hard on the farm choring the animals,

helping dad with the fieldwork, gardening and canning for the winter. In particular, she loved her flower garden and was delighted when she found a new or rare color of gladioli. She had a special gift for flower arranging and most Sundays in summer would find one of her bouquets in church. Mom loved to bake, cook and sew. She even sewed her own wedding dress. The buns she baked were always a big hit and a bagful often found their way home with a niece or nephew. She worked seasonal jobs like working on the beet loader, potato digger and painting schools with her sister. In later years, she worked for Home Care and also at Peter's Machine shop in Plum Coulee. Mom and dad also enjoyed travel to Hawaii, Pennsylvania and both coasts. In 1990, they retired to Winkler where they enjoyed making new friends and mom volunteered at the MCC store. After dad's sudden passing in 1997 mom found it difficult living life on her own. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1998 and in 2000 moved to Lion's Manor. In March of 2013 mom moved to Salem Home where she received excellent care by staff who became like family. She suffered a severe stroke just two weeks prior to her death.

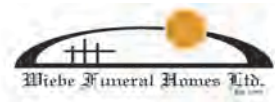
She is survived by her daughter, Barb of Winnipeg; son, Ernie of Plum Coulee and much treasured granddaughter, Tracy, her husband, Chomby and two great-grandsons, Sean and Ayden of Tepic, Mexico. Also surviving are brother Jim (Anne) of Winkler; sister Gertrude of Winnipeg and the Reimer family. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Bill, five brothers and four sisters.

We are blessed with many memories mom worked so hard to create for us. Rest In Peace mom.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the Plum Coulee Berghthaler Mennonite Church with interment at the Grossweide Cemetery.

Donations in Tina's memory may be made to either the Salem Foundation Inc. or the Alzheimer Society of MB.

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OBITUARY



John Bernard Elias 1947 - 2017

John B. Elias, 69, of Winkler, MB passed away peacefully Friday, August 11, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre after a three year battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (nee Peters); a daughter, Jackie and her husband, Gregory and their son, Zachariah; a son, Timothy and his wife, Kara and their four children, Micah, Torasia, Kate, Josiah; a brother, George Elias and a sister, Irene Krahn. He was predeceased by his parents, George W. and Katharina Elias and his sister, Maryanne Klassen and five brothers-in-law.

John was born at the Bethel Hospital in Winkler on October 3, 1947. He spent his early years with his parents and siblings on a small mixed farm in the Edenburg School District, where he

attended the local school. John received his high school education at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna. He was baptized on May 14, 1967 by Bishop Jake F. Pauls, and accepted as a member of the Winkler Berghthaler Mennonite Church. John was actively involved in the church throughout his life, first as an usher, and later as a deacon. He really enjoyed singing in the church's choirs, and went on to sing in choirs throughout southern Manitoba. Singing in choirs with his son and other family members were mountaintop experiences for him. John loved his immediate and extended families. He valued family and organized gatherings for his many aunts, uncles, and cousins. John enjoyed volunteer work, serving at Salem Home, and throughout the community. He felt the need to help the less fortunate and thought it important to guide the less privileged.

John always had a passion for agriculture. He enjoyed working the fields, especially watching the implement move the soil. Memorial donations can be made to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday August 15, 2017 at Winkler Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens. A sincere thank you to Dr. Duff, Dr. Menzies, Dr. Kotb and all of the nurses at the Boundary Trails CancerCare Unit for your care and encouragement over the last three years. Thank you also to the Boundary Trails Palliative Care staff.

John was loved dearly and will be sadly missed by family and friends. We that remain are sad, but not as those without hope. We know that we will see John again in heaven and that knowledge gives us the grace to say, "This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

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