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## Bringing the world to Winkler

Winkler's annual Culture Fest took over Bethel Heritage Park on Saturday, celebrating our region's multiculturalism with food samples from around the world, educational displays representing dozens of countries and manned by local immigrants, and a variety of colourful entertainment pieces beneath the park's pavilion, including this Russian gypsy dancing demonstration. For more photos, please see Pg. 4.

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At MCC's very first Fall Fest in Winkler on Saturday, visitors got the chance to enjoy music from a host of local performers all day long, including the Jess Reimer band (above), bid on several amazing prize packages in the day's closing auction (right), and check out the goods at the portable Ten Thousand Villages store (below).



# Fall Fest raises \$10K

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mennonite Central Committee's first Fall Fest took place in Winkler last Saturday, bringing in about \$10,000 for MCC's work around the world.

"As a first event, we're pleased with it. We didn't really know what to expect," says executive director Ron Janzen. "At any point during the day

we figure we had between 200-400 people there, which is a pretty good base to grow from."

The event took over the Winkler fairgrounds all day Sept. 12, providing a line-up of musical entertainment, kid's activities, food, and a portable Ten Thousand Villages store.

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# New pumper truck for Winkler FD

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler fire department bade farewell to one of its own, of sorts, this month.

The department's 20-year-old pumper truck was put out to pasture last week, replaced by a new \$490,000, state-of-the-art unit.

"It's a replacement for a fire truck that's basically timed out in age," explained Chief Richard Paetzold, noting that for insurance purposes the city must replace aging trucks regularly. "Both your first out pumps must be less than 20 years old, and so we buy one every 10 years ... it was time for it to be done."

The new truck was custom-made for the department by Fort Garry Fire Trucks out of Winnipeg.

It includes upgraded technology, including iPad docks so firefighters can plug in their GPS-enabled units and have the department's dispatch map out the best route to a call.

Additional included equipment allows firefighters to search for a make



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Representatives of the Winkler Fire Department, city council, and Fort Garry Fire Trucks gathered to welcome the new pumper truck to the department's fleet last Wednesday, replacing a 20-year-old truck.

and model of a vehicle and receive information on how to safely navigate around the airbags and batteries when extricating a crash victim.

As the department's latest and greatest, the new truck will be the first pumper on the scene going forward, Paetzold said.

"We have two front-line pumps and this one will be our first out. It goes to everything when the page or call comes in," he said. "It has our best equipment on it."

The old truck was traded in at a value of \$50,000 and will likely end up serving a smaller fire department.

"Whichever community gets that truck ... they'll definitely get a very nice vehicle. It looks pretty nice for being 20 years old," Paetzold said, noting the department's members pride themselves on taking excellent care of their equipment. "That's what we plan to do with this, too—look after it. You look after it, it looks after you."

Even as local firefighters welcome the new equipment, it's bittersweet to see the old pumper truck leave the fire hall for good.

"Your fire apparatus keeps you safe and brings you through some of the hard stuff ... it looks after you and so, yeah, there's some people sad to see the old truck go," Paetzold said.

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# Celebrating regional diversity

Winkler's Culture Fest drew hundreds of people to Bethel Heritage Park on Saturday to celebrate our region's diversity. At left and below, bottom: the park's walkways were filled with displays from dozens of cultures, each manned by a local immigrant who shared details about their home countries with passersby. Above: the Asian Lion Dance spilled out into the crowd, much to the delight of the watching kids; Below: several of the booths included demonstrations, such as this Henna artist's work.

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# Chamber announces gala winners, nominees

## Reg Braun, Morden Area Fdn. to be honoured at Oct. 8 gala

**By Lorne Stelmach**

A recent Morden volunteer of the year will have another award to add to his mantle.

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce announced last week that Reg Braun of Gallery Wealth Management will receive the 2015 Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The chamber also named the Morden Area Foundation as the recipient of the Non-Profit of the Year Award.

They are two of the annual honours which the chamber will present Oct. 8 at its annual gala at the Access Event Centre.

The chamber also announced the nominees for its business awards, which will also be handed out at the banquet.

Up for Business of the Year for companies with seven or more employees is Coffee Culture, the Morden Veterinary Clinic, and Pharmasave.

Nominated for the Business of the Year Award for companies with less than seven employees is Checker Signs, Pure Anada, and Variety Advertising.

## RECOGNITION 'HUMBLING'

Braun said it's a humbling honour to receive this kind of recognition.

"I think there's a lot of deserving people, so I'm honoured to be nominated, honoured to have been chosen," he said, adding that he "gives all the credit to my team, to my very supportive wife and to all the loyal clients."

Braun said the award comes at a time when they have been working hard to grow their business in an expanded location to always better serve their clients.

"So it certainly validates everything that we have been trying to achieve here."

Braun, who was Morden's 2011 Volunteer of the Year, began his career in the financial services industry in 1987 and has worked as an independent advisor since 1994.

He has volunteered his time in leadership positions with the Morden Corn & Apple Festival planning committee, the Morden Community Development Corporation, the Morden Marketing Team, and the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre board.

Reg Braun has been named Morden Entrepreneur of the Year.

## 'REFLECTIVE OF THE GOOD WORK'

Morden Area Foundation chairperson Avaline Widmer said they were thrilled with the honour, as well.

"I think it is reflective of the good work that the foun-

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## Five years and counting—thanks to all of you

**R**ewind the clock five years (and a few weeks) and you'd find me, the newly christened editor, sitting at my desk, brand new laptop in front of me, my very first dummy (the weekly layout) beside me awaiting the organization of far too many stories amidst too few ads ... bawling my eyes out at four in the morning and wondering what on earth I had gotten myself into.



**By Ashleigh Viveiros**

After an 18 hour day (I'm getting a flashback headache just remembering it), the deadline-to-upload was creeping up on me (so was dawn, but I was resolutely pretending it wasn't

so). I still had proofreading to do. Still had sports stories to update. Still had to figure out the technological ins and outs of getting the digital version of the paper in front of me to our production department en route to the printer, though I could no longer see straight long enough to read the instructions. Seriously, what I had gotten myself into?

Not exactly an auspicious beginning, but I swear it did get better. Layout templates got created, work loads balanced out (hiring a reporter a month later certainly helped) ... I swear, by October, November at the latest of 2010, I was actually able to come out of my office and talk to my family again (though they still steer clear of me on Mondays, our very long, weekly deadline day).

It's never easy to start something new, especially a new business. Despite all bravado to the contrary, you don't truly know if you're up to a challenge until you're in the middle of it. You don't know if the community will embrace it. You don't know if you'll still be standing a year, two years, five years later, or if you'll become the latest in a long line of "tried that, didn't work" ventures.

But here we still are. Five years later.

We've gone through a few changes over the years—bade farewell to several talented staff, welcomed on new ones—and through it all I think we've

successfully found our voice, which we hope reflects the voice of the communities we serve.

Yes, we're still standing, and that's thanks entirely to you, dear readers, and you, our steadfast advertisers. Without your support, we would have fizzled out long ago.

All this is my long-winded way of saying that it has been and remains to be an honour to serve as your local newspaper.

We try our best to paint a picture of what's happening in the Pembina Valley each week, to provide the first draft of history, as it were, of our growing region. And we hope to be able to do so for many years to come.

To all of you out there who have shared your story with us and, by doing so, let us share it with the community-at-large, thank you.

To all of you who read the *Voice* every week and have perhaps shared your thoughts and comments on how we can make it better, thank you.

To all the advertisers who took a chance on a new paper in our early days or who perhaps just recently came on board, thank you.

I better stop now before this gets too sappy ... it's deadline day, after all, and I've got a paper to put to bed (well before sunrise, thankfully).

I really hope you enjoy this week's edition—as always, we've certainly enjoyed creating it for you.

# Letters

## Liberal Party promises to address affordable housing

Today, one in four Canadian households is paying more than it can afford for housing, and one in eight cannot find affordable housing that is safe, suitable, and well-maintained. We must do better. Liberals will restore federal leadership on affordable housing.

Far too many Canadians are being priced out of home ownership, placing pressure on already crowded rental markets and on crumbling af-

fordable housing units. This harms our society and our economy: affordable housing is critical to solving many of the social challenges facing our communities and it is essential to a strong, dynamic labour force.

Yet, the Harper Conservatives are in the process of ending federal support for housing co-operatives and other social housing.

Liberals have a better plan: direct investments in affordable hous-

ing, incentives to expand affordable rental housing, and more flexibility for new home buyers. Our plan will make housing more affordable for those who need it most: seniors, persons with disabilities, lower-income families, and Canadians working hard to join the middle class.

A Liberal government will prioritize investment in affordable hous-

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## > LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

ing and seniors' facilities as part of a historic ten-year investment of nearly \$20 billion in social infrastructure. This will build new units, refurbish existing ones, renew co-operative agreements, and provide operational funding for municipalities.

We will provide \$125 million per year in tax incentives to increase—and substantially renovate—the supply of rental housing across Canada, and we will finance the construction of new affordable rental housing for middle- and lower-income Canadians. Liberals will also inventory federal lands and buildings to see which could be made available for the construction of affordable housing in communities where there is a pressing need.

Finally, we will modernize the existing Home Buyers' Plan so that it helps more Canadians finance the purchase of a home, and we will review the escalating home prices in high-priced markets—like Vancouver and Toronto—to keep home ownership within reach of Canadians living in these areas.

Safe, adequate, and affordable housing is essential to building strong families, strong communities, and a strong economy.

Instead of getting the federal government out of hous-

## > PUMPER TRUCK, FROM PG. 3

One of them is 30-year veteran Ray Doell, who is preparing to retire from the department himself this winter.

"I was here when it came, so I've been with it from day one. So, yeah, it's sad to see it go, for sure," he said. "It's been a good truck. It's only going because of age, not because it's broke down. Everything still works."

Considering the new truck comes from the same company as the old, Doell is expecting a similar longevity for it.

"We feel that Fort Garry does a great job and we really like this truck, so, 20 years later, why would we not want another one [from them]?" he said. "And there are some improvements, yes—over 20 years they have improved some stuff."

The new truck officially went into service last week Wednesday, with the old pumper leaving Winkler the next day.

## > GALA AWARDS, FROM PG. 5

dation does for our community," she said.

She sees it as recognition for the initiative and hard work of the foundation, especially in the past few years, where it has taken the initiative of creating the Women's Giving Circle as well as bringing in funding through the True Sport Foundation.

"I think it's been positive all around for the community because it's raised our profile as well as the dollars that come into our community," she said. "And ultimately it will benefit all of us in improving the quality of our work and leisure life."

That has all been part of their effort to raise awareness of the foundation and extend its reach to make a bigger impact, she noted, saying that while there may be fewer grants, they are in larger amounts that make a bigger impact.

"We would like to move in the direction where we have more impactful granting. The only way we're going to be able to do that is to increase our awareness in the community."

This year's gala features as guest speaker entrepreneur Lindy Norris. Tickets are \$100 each or \$700 for a table of eight. Reserve yours by calling 204-822-5630 or e-mailing [execdirector@mordenchamber.com](mailto:execdirector@mordenchamber.com).

ing, as has occurred under the Conservatives, change. Liberals will make it easier for Canadians to find an affordable place to call home. That's real

Ken Werbiski, Liberal candidate for Portage-Lisgar

## > MCC FALL FEST, FROM PG. 2

tion that included far more experiential packages than past MCC auctions, including stays at the A Rocha Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre guest house, airfare for an international learning tour with MCC, tickets to a Winnipeg Blue Bombers game, and so on.

The auction brought in about \$5,000, with another \$5,000 or so being donated directly to MCC throughout the day, Janzen says, noting they're still crunching the numbers as to how much the Ten Thousand Villages store raised for the cause.

All in all, it's a good start to an event MCC hopes could become its fall mainstay, something akin to the former MCC Relief Sale that wrapped up its 35 year tenure last year.

"It's something to grow from," Janzen says, adding that they plan to give the event at least three years to get its footing before making any long-term decisions on it. "We know that it will take time to build ... for now, it definitely gave us engagement in the community and the start of something new."

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Over 200 cyclists came out for this year's Head for the Hills in support of Eden Foundation last Saturday, starting out on a 36k bike ride from Colert Beach first thing in the morning. The record-setting number of participants hit Eden's goal of raising \$100,000 for local mental health programs.

# Head for the Hills raises \$100K

By Lorne Stelmach

The number 13 proved to be not the least bit unlucky for the annual Head for the Hills last weekend.

The fundraising cycling event had a goal this year to raise \$100,000 in support of the Eden Foundation and the work of Eden Health Care Services in bringing hope, healing and community to people dealing with issues of mental health.

A record 204 riders came out to the start line of the 36 kilometre ride at Lake Minnewasta on Sept. 12 to help make that goal a reality.

"I started this event 13 years ago with a few friends and supporters of the organization," said Eden CEO James Friesen. "I never imagined or dreamed it would turn into what it is today."

It's gratifying to see the continuing support, he added.

"I'm basking in the glow right now of what people have done for our organization," agreed Eden Foundation's Earl Reimer.

Reimer noted the number of cyclists far eclipsed the previous attendance record of 182. The 16 team entries was also a new benchmark for the event.

"We had hoped that we might achieve these kinds of numbers, and it was most rewarding to see that there was this level of participation," Reimer said.

Though donations were still coming in as earlier this week, Reimer is confident they will surpass their \$100,000 goal—also a new record for the day.

"That is an astonishing and absolutely humbling number ... last year was just over \$80,000," he said. "So this is a significant increase. It's gratifying, it's humbling, and it's moving to be the recipient of that sort of support."

Great weather for the event certainly didn't

hurt, but Reimer also hopes to some degree the work they do is compelling, especially when there is a need with limited public funding available.

"And I would think it is most likely people who have been here before have experienced the event and been pleased with the event, wanted to participate again and as a result have encouraged others to join," he said.

Reimer noted it is always rewarding to see some of the individual stories each year, like the five-year-old who completed the road ride this year while an older brother, aged nine or 10, did the trail ride for the first time.

Tom Wiebe, who resides near Morden, was taking part for a ninth or tenth time, and he said he always enjoys the ride itself as well as the camaraderie amongst the riders.

"And what it's for as well is the main thing," he stressed. "There's a big biking community in this area ... and you really just need to be a basic biker to do this. That's a nice thing about it."

# Hospital radiothon needs your stories Sept. 26

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation is teaming up with the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba for a day-long radiothon next week to raise funds for sick and injured kids.

The Caring for Kids Radiothon hits local airwaves on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., featuring stories of children who received care at either the BTHC or the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

The event sets up shop in the BTHC's multipurpose room that day, says the BTHC Foundation's Shannon Samatte-Folkett.

"So people can certainly stop by if they want

to," she said. "We would love to have stories from families who have made use of our hospital for their children, or if they had use of the Children's Hospital."

"We're looking for feel-good stories that they can share on the radio," she said, noting anyone interested in sharing their family's story can contact her in advance at 204-331-8808 to set up a time to go on-air. "There's lots of different interview times throughout the day, and they don't have to be long interviews."

On hand at the hospital all day will be volunteers manning the radiothon's phones for donations, which you can make by calling 1-866-953-KIDS or

by going online to [goodbear.mb.ca](http://goodbear.mb.ca).

Proceeds from the day will go to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, the BTHC Foundation, and the Children's Miracle Network.

Samatte-Folkett said they're aiming high with their fundraising goal, since through CN Miracle Match, CN will match all donations from the radiothon up to \$25,000.

Whatever comes in, the BTHC Foundation already knows what it will use its share of the funds for: the purchase of a new infant stabilization unit for the hospital's obstetrics department.

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# Morden Legion to celebrate Legion Week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Legion Branch #11 joins its brothers across the nation in celebrating Legion Week Sept. 21-26.

This year marks the 89th year of the Royal Canadian Legion and of Morden's own branch, notes club president Bob Frost.

"We try to do something to mark [Legion Week] every year. This year, especially, we've got something scheduled nearly every day," he said.

"It's all about promoting the Legion," Frost said. "We're trying to promote the comradeship that the Legion originally was developed to have for the veterans, and now we're just trying to promote that for the general public, to make them aware of our past history but also that we're still here and we still are trying to help the community in whatever way we can, now and in the future."

Legion Week kicks off with a local music night Tuesday evening followed by a snooker tournament Wednesday night, both starting at 7 p.m.

Thursday is the Legion's "Thirsty Thursday" and pizza evening, which will also include a crib tournament starting at 7 p.m.

On Friday, stop by to take part in the regular meat draw starting at 5:30 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by a social. At 10 p.m., the winner of this year's raffle will be picked. First prize is a barbecue with a full propane tank, second prize is a \$500 Co-op gift card, and third prize is a \$100 Co-op gift card. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Legion.

Also on Friday, the Legion urges people to wear red for "Red Friday", an initiative started by families of military personnel to honour the men and women who are serving our

country.

Wrapping up the week on Saturday is a cribbage tournament starting at 1 p.m., another meat draw at 5:30 p.m., bingo at 6 p.m., and a Lucky Card draw at 7 p.m.

Frost stresses that these events are all open to everyone, just as the Legion's membership is.

Anyone can become an affiliate member, regardless of whether or not they or a family member has served in the military, he points out.

The Legion's membership currently sits at nearly 350 people and the organization is continually looking to grow that number to ensure the Legion is viable for another 89 years.

"We do seem to be getting more new members ... I know every month there seems to be two or three new applications for membership," Frost said. "And we are starting to get some younger members, too ... that's critical, it really is, to our future."

"We're encouraging the general public at every opportunity that if they would like to belong and serve in an executive capacity, we're certainly looking for people to help us to continue to operate the branch," he said, noting the branch's executive is slated to change later this fall, and there are a number of vacant seats available.

If you've ever wondered how the Legion operates, there's no better time to find out than to stop by at 285 North Railway St. during Legion Week to chat with a member.

"If you have any interest at all ... if you want to see what the Legion is all about, if you have any questions, somebody here would be more than happy to answer them," Frost said.

For more information, visit the Legion website at [mordenlegion11.ca](http://mordenlegion11.ca) or call 204-822-4122.

## > RADIOTHON, FROM PG. 8

"The new unit we're buying is on par with what they have in the city," Samatte-Folkett said, noting it will replace a much older model currently in use at the hospital.

The radiothon can be heard on Country 88.9 FM or The Eagle 93.5 FM.

If you'd like to sign-up to volunteer for a two-hour shift on the phones, contact the foundation at the number listed above.

## GALA SELLS OUT

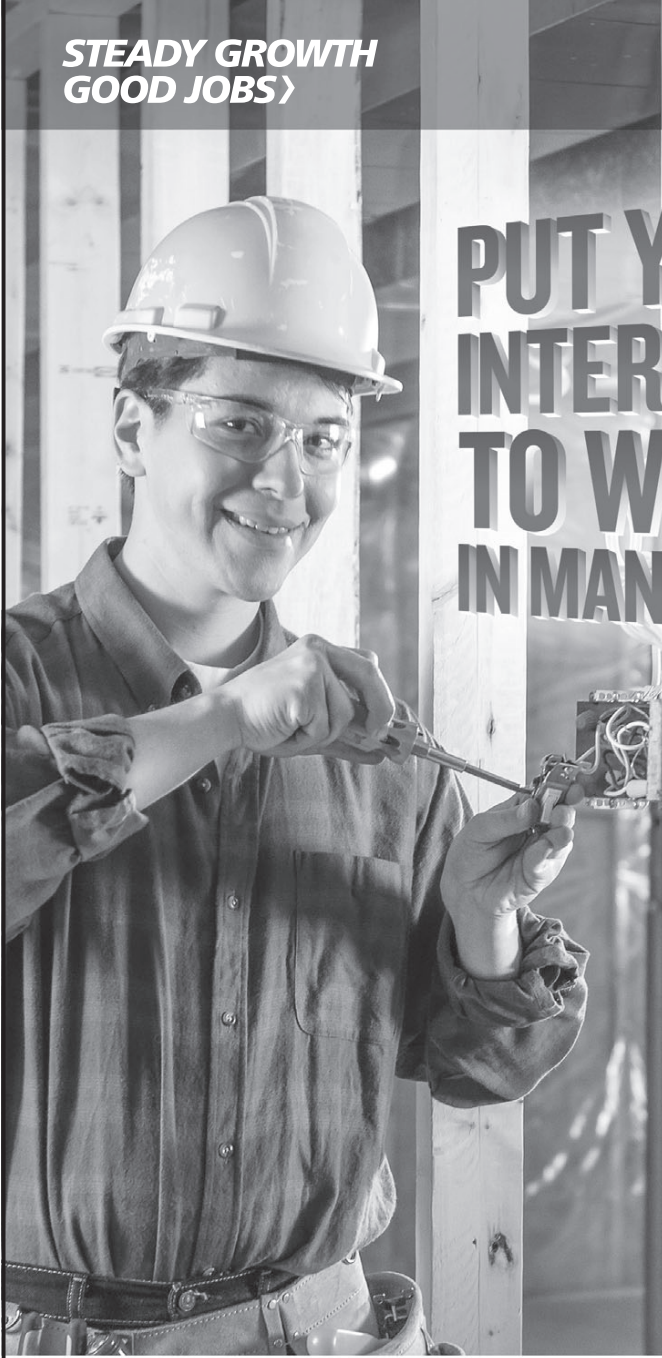
Following fast on the heels of the radiothon is the foundation's annual banquet, which takes place in Morden on Oct. 16.

The gala event, which features as its guest speaker Olympic curler Jennifer Jones, sold-out just last week, Samatte-Folkett said. Proceeds from this year's banquet are earmarked for the hospital's palliative care and spiritual care programs, as well as the purchase of four new dialysis chairs.

While the banquet is full, you can still purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win a trip for two to Las Vegas to watch the WFG Continental Curling Cup Games in January.

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# Honouring the Queen's milestone

By Lorne Stelmach

About 100 Mordenites turned out to honour the woman who now has the distinction of being the longest serving monarch.

Queen Elizabeth officially hit that milestone on Sept. 9, and the City of Morden held a brief ceremony in front of the civic centre to pay tribute to her as she surpassed the reign of her great-great grandmother Queen Victoria.

On that day, Queen Elizabeth's reign hit 63 years, seven months and three days, and Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe was among those who expressed their personal admiration for how she has persevered through all the challenges that have come her way.

"She kept her family together, she kept the empire together, she performed her royal duties," Wiebe said. "She remained staunch, vigilant, steadfast and committed to the monarchy."

Born April 21, 1926 and now 89 years of age, Elizabeth assumed the throne on Feb. 6, 1952 at the age of 25 upon death of her father, King George VI.

Noting how she to this day still gets daily briefings from Parliament and still meets regularly with the British prime minister, all while keeping up all her public commitments, Wiebe praised Queen Elizabeth for having "a lot of fortitude ... a lot of strength ... a lot of commitment."

Ceremony speaker Linda Butler praised her as a woman of faith and



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Local dignitaries, police officers, and Legion members gathered at the Morden Civic Centre last week Wednesday to celebrate Queen Elizabeth becoming the longest-serving monarch in history.

principle and worthy of our admiration.

"She sets a tone of stability ... one reinforced as we look forward in the promise of time to the reigns of her successors ... her son Prince Charles, her grandson Prince William, and her great grandson Prince George," she said.

Butler said the queen sets an example of service freely given, and she has been a trusted ally of the Canadian people.

"She's a font of honor ... recognizing Canadians for their good deeds and encouraging others to do the same," said Butler. "She defies stereotypes of age, continuing to show at age 89 that a busy schedule, interest in others, and engagement with communities is a recipe for happiness and longevity."

Butler noted the queen first came to Canada as a princess in 1951 when Vincent Massey was the governor general and Louis St. Laurent was prime minister.

She has always been here at significant times in our nation's history, Butler added, including for everything from the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959 to the final patriation of our constitution in 1982 to Canada's 125th birthday celebrations.

"She has travelled across Canada from sea to sea on 22 different occasions, visiting large cities and rural

Speaker Linda Butler praised Queen Elizabeth for setting a "tone of stability" in her more than 63 years on the throne.



hamlets ... meeting us, encouraging us, spreading happiness and a sense of common values and shared purpose wherever she has journeyed," she said.

"She has been and remains a central part of every significant occasion in our national life," Butler continued. "We sincerely hope that she'll be able to join us for the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday in 2017."

Butler finally praised the queen as a constant companion in the ups and downs our country's life, saying in her own words that she was no 'fair weather friend'.

"Many who have met her majesty have experienced the mysterious enchantment of the monarchy," she concluded. "She's a hard working, down to earth woman who is greatly admired."

## Teens struck by car at crosswalk

Two teenage pedestrians were injured in a vehicle collision on Grandeur Ave. in Winkler last week.

Just after 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 8, Winkler Police were called to a crosswalk on Grandeur in response to a collision involving a vehicle and two female youths.

The investigation determined that traffic in the eastbound lane of Grandeur Ave. was backed up from the stop sign at Park Street past the crosswalk. When the two youths at-

tempted to cross the street from the south to the north, they emerged from between the stopped vehicles and were struck by a westbound motorist operating a 2007 Nissan Altima.

The girls, both 14 years of age, were transported to Boundary Trails Health Centre by paramedics, where they were examined and released.

Speed and alcohol are not considered factors.

The accident remains under investigation.





# Garden Valley trustee steps down, by-election set for Nov.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley School Division has an empty seat to fill this fall.

At the division's first board meeting of the new school year last week, trustee June Letkeman announced her resignation from the board effective Oct. 31, citing personal reasons.

"We appreciate the time that she has given us," said board chair Laurie Dyck, noting Letkeman had completed one year of her four-year term as trustee for the division's rural Ward 2.

A by-election is planned for Nov. 18 and Dyck urges anyone interested in getting involved in our local public schools to consider putting their name forward.

"It's a great opportunity to be involved in public education," she said, adding that potential candidates who have any questions about the role of a school board trustee can contact any one of the current trustees or the division office.

All residents of GVSD are eligible to be nominated, provided they are a Canadian citizen, over the age of 18, and live within the division.

The nomination period runs from Oct. 6 to Oct. 13. Nomination papers can be picked up at the GVSD offices in Winkler.

## DYCK BACK AS CHAIR

The Sept. 8 school board meeting also included the annual board re-organization.

Back as chair and vice-chair, respectively, are Dyck and Sam Berg.

Meanwhile, the board's education committee includes chair Garry Bueckert, John Klassen, and Dyck; the finance committee includes chair Leah Klassen, Brenda Willey, and Letkeman; and on the operations committee is Berg as chair alongside Tash Olfert and David Wallace.

Dyck said she was honoured to be asked to remain as chair for another year.

"It's always honouring ... you don't take that for granted," she said. "It's very appreciative to have your colleagues around the table ask you to serve in that position again."

Dyck said the board remains committed to the division's strategic plan, which includes initiatives aimed at improving student literacy and numeracy.

The literacy programs have seen great success in improving students' reading levels, and the division hopes to make similar headway with the new numeracy programs this year, Dyck said.

"Our staff and our students have worked very hard," she said of the literacy programs. "It's been great to hear so many individual stories of success. There's lots of reason to celebrate the success being seen in the classroom."

GVSD also continues to lobby for a new elementary school in Winkler's Pine Ridge development, which Dyck says is a necessary step if the division is going to meet the province's smaller class size requirements for K-3 classes by 2017.

"That is definitely very much on our radar," she said. "When we know we need to be 20K3 compliant, we need [the province] to back us up and get us a building so we can do this."

The division remains in communication with the Public Schools Finance Board as to the need for a school, Dyck said, though no new headway has been made recently.

"We are waiting and hoping to hear that

news," she said. "We feel we have a need and we are pushing for that need."

Also at last week's meeting, GVSD presented a \$5,000 contribution to the Winkler Imagination Library early childhood literacy project.

The program provides registered pre-school age kids with free monthly books from birth until they start kindergarten.

Dyck said it's a worthy project that contributes to helping the division's future students excel in school, and the board is pleased to be able to support it.

"The power of books in the household is just amazing," she said.

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Set your thermostat back a few degrees when you are away or overnight, and then turn the temperature back up when you come home or in the morning. If you want to automate this temperature control, purchase a programmable or smart thermostat and once it is installed be sure to program it. It takes less energy to warm a cool home than to maintain a warm temperature all day long.

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# Faith Mission dedicates new home on Roblin Blvd.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After years of planning, praying, and fundraising, the Faith Mission in Winkler finally has a new home.

The ministry celebrated its new location at 425 Roblin Blvd. East with a building dedication service on Saturday.

The nearly 7,000 square foot building in the heart of the city's industrial park marks the first time the Faith Mission has had a home of its very own, having spent the last 21 years renting smaller spaces in various locations throughout Winkler.

"The Lord has been so good to us," says founder Jake Elias, who helped start up the ministry alongside wife Helena and several other community

members. "We never imagined then that it would turn into what it is today, a full mission."

The couple started collecting clothing to send to the needy overseas in the late '80s, storing the mountain of donations that poured in in their own garage and, when they kept coming in, in their neighbour's garage, as well.

That first shipment was put together to meet an emergency need in Russia, Elias recalls, and wasn't necessarily supposed to be the first of many.

"We sent that first shipment and then there was quite a bit leftover ... so we thought, 'Let's try for another one.' And so we kept going and today we're still trying for another one, and another one," he says, laughing.

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At the dedication ceremony for their new building on Saturday, Faith Mission's Jake Elias thanked everyone who has ever donated or volunteered their time to allow the ministry to continue to grow and help people all over the world with their shipments of clothing, bedding, and bicycles.

Today, Faith Mission continues to accept used clothing donations to ship primarily to the Ukraine, but also to the Republic of Georgia, Romania, Estonia, and other countries where there is a pressing need.

"We ship mostly clothing and other things like bedding and bicycles," Elias explains, noting that they've shipped 218 containers overseas in the last two decades. "It's a lot of clothing, and it's a lot of bicycles ... in total I think we have sent approximately 4,000 bicycles, so that would be transportation for a lot of people in

the needy countries."

The new building is the beginning of a new era for Faith Mission, Elias says.

"We have some dreams and some plans to really make use of this space," he says.

The custom-made building has just over twice the space of their old location on Cargill Road, giving them much more room in which to sort, fix, and package up donations. The facility also includes a long dreamed-for loading dock to ease shipments.

Faith Mission is always looking for volunteers to help with their work. If you'd like to get involved, simply give them a call at 204-325-4086 or check them out online at [faithmission.ca](http://faithmission.ca).

Donations can also be dropped off at the new building. The donation trailer is open 24 hours a day (and emptied out daily) for drop-offs.

Volunteers hard at work fixing up used clothing donations for people in need around the world. The new, much larger facility will allow Faith Mission more room to store donations and prepare them for shipment.

## > WINKLER CITY COUNCIL

# Winkler arts centre applies for major grant

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler is hoping to land another federal government grant to help get the city's proposed arts and culture centre off the ground.

City council at its Sept. 8 meeting approved making a grant application to the Canada Cultural Spaces program.

The fund was created to help increase access for Canadians to performing arts, visual arts, media arts,

and to museum collections and heritage displays. The funding is earmarked to assist with the improvement, renovation and construction of arts and heritage facilities.

Council hopes the application, if approved, could potentially bring in another \$100,000 towards the development of the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre in the former water treatment plant building on Park St.

## CHANGES AT MSTW

Winkler will soon have a new representative on the region's key authority overseeing development.

Current city councillor and deputy mayor Henry Siemens has announced his intention to step down from the board of the MSTW (Morden Stanley Thompson and Winkler) Planning District board as of the end of 2015.

It is part of a number of changes be-

ing made on the MSTW board, with council being advised that current board members who have served four years or more "have agreed to step down over the next few years."

It comes as the MSTW board approved a number of changes to its organizational bylaw at its August meeting. The changes include limiting board members to two consecutive three year terms and terms as

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# Have a cup of joe for Alzheimer Society

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Twenty years makes for an awful lot of coffee, but the Alzheimer Society hopes you'll have room for a little more.

The society's annual Coffee Break fundraiser celebrates two decades of serving up coffee in exchange for donations this month.

The way it works, explains regional coordinator Kathy Fehr, is you simply sign up to host a private or public Coffee Break event anytime this September (which is World Alzheimer's Month) or October.

Your guests make a donation in exchange for a cup of joe, and the funds go to help the local Alzheimer office provide support for individuals and families living with Alzheimer's and related dementias.

"We have about 35 signed up al-

ready to host an event," Fehr says, noting they run the gamut from businesses to schools to groups of friends who just want to make a difference. "A Coffee Break can be done with family at home, with friends ... it can be a community event—they just need to call me and let me know when and where so I can bring them the kit."

The kit includes information brochures on the Alzheimer Society, a donation box, and even some coffee to help defray the only real cost of hosting the event.

"It's everything they need to host," Fehr says, noting that she's also available to speak at events about the services the society provides. "We're here for the support of the families and the person with dementia ... sometimes people want information, sometimes they need a listening ear. We provide whatever they need."



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Alzheimer Society of Manitoba regional coordinator Kathy Fehr invites anyone who would like to host an event for this year's Coffee Break campaign to give her a call at 204-325-5634.

The Coffee Break campaign has always had a really good response in our region, though last year no events were held as the local office was without a coordinator.

Fehr took up that role earlier this year, and she's hoping her first Coffee Break season will be a booming one.

"My goal is to have 60 or 65 events in our area," she says. "It is a hugely important event for us. Not only does it raise money to support the area that we're in, but the awareness it raises is also a big thing."

More people in our area are being diagnosed with various

forms of dementia every year.

"They're trying to adjust to a new lifestyle," Fehr says, noting that the society strives not only to help them do that, but also to help the community at large to know how to assist these individuals. "We want to educate the public as to how to support them."

To host a coffee break or find out if there's a public one planned in your community over the next few weeks, contact Fehr at 204-325-5634 or alzsc@alzheimers.mb.ca.

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chairperson to no more than two years.

### TRUE SPORTS

The City of Winkler is signing on to be a True Sport community.

Council endorsed having Winkler sign the True Sport pledge to establish a commitment to delivering programs founded in the values of good sport.

The True Sport Foundation states that it supports programs and initiatives that build on the many benefits of sport from a platform of shared values and principles. It aims to support sport experiences that are based on the values of fairness, excellence, inclusion and fun.

Its mission statement outlines that it aims to:

- Enable participants, parents,

coaches and officials to articulate and act upon their deeply held belief in the virtues of good sport.

- Enable participants, parents, coaches and officials to identify with others holding similar values.

- Create a fair, safe and open atmosphere where good sport can grow stronger through inclusive competition at all levels.

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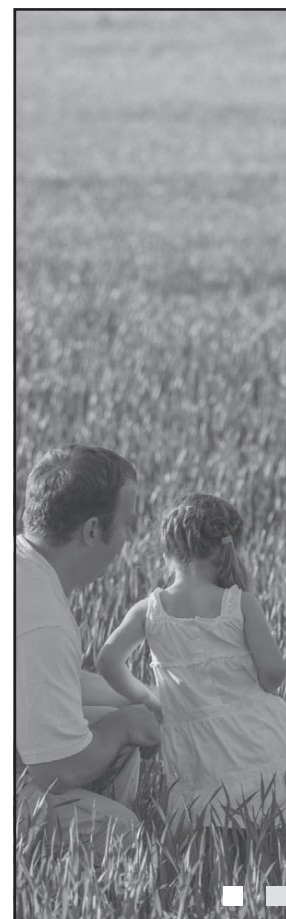
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# Rainy weather couldn't dampen PV Challenge fun

By Lorne Stelmach

A cool September long weekend may have impacted the numbers, but it didn't deter those who did turn out for the 2015 Pembina Valley Challenge.

Thirty teams took part in the annual Labour Day long weekend race that offers them a range of challenges all over our scenic region of southern Manitoba.

Rave reviews again came in from the upwards of 150 people who took part as racers, as well as from the many participating businesses that benefitted from the increased traffic.

"Total fun for me, and I wasn't racing," commented Sharon Cory of Punch Studio and Gallery in Emerson. "So wonderful to see people driving through town and getting to see all the sights ... wonderful people, too, who were really enjoying themselves."

"We really love all the different challenges that were new to this year's race ... painting nails, pulling weights, eating hamburger sundaes! Love it all," added the Angels with Attitude team from Winnipeg in their post-race comments.

In the end, the Angels came in second to the first place Winnipeg Beach Outlaws, while Team Speedy from Winkler claimed third place.

The teams came from all over south-



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The Winnipeg Beach Outlaws clinched first place in this year's Pembina Valley Challenge, winning the \$1,000 cash prize from Access Credit Union. In second place were the Angels with Attitude from Winnipeg, while Winkler's Team Speedy took third.

ern Manitoba including Manitou, Morris, Morden-Winkler, Kleefer and Winnipeg.

This year, there were over 70 challenges in 10 towns in the Pembina Valley and Central Plains region, extending as far north as St. Claude, south to Emerson, and west to the Manitou area.

Both the challenge hosts and the teams seemed to have a fantastic time,

said race director Carly Stockford.

"There were unfortunately a few teams who didn't show up because of the weather, but we did also have a few walk-ins, so that was absolutely fantastic," she said. "We also had a whole bunch of new challenges ... the teams loved the new challenges."

"There were things like the laser tag. There was go-carting, there was painting, there was sculpting ... there

was 'disgusting sundaes' but there was also really good things to eat."

"The zipline is a favorite, especially for the new teams, and so was go-carting," she added. "They liked the painting challenges. There was one where they had to use a long stick to paint a sunflower in Altona."

"And as much as they don't always like eating the weird food, they do like watching their teammates do it," she joked.

In the end, Stockford said the weekend is always a great opportunity to promote and showcase all that this region has to offer.

"Even if the business isn't a challenge, there are over a 100 people going through each town, and they see the shops, see the landmarks, talk to people ... they love it. It's a great chance to promote the community."

Over \$40,000 worth of donated prizes were given away to teams, including \$1,500 in cash awards from corporate sponsor Access Credit Union.

And now organizers can start to think about next year, including deciding who will host the event in 2016 (Morris had the honours this year).

Next year, Stockford said they hope to get started earlier on planning the race.

"And we always want more teams, no matter how many teams we have," she said.

## Shoppers Drug Mart raising funds for Katie Cares

By Lorne Stelmach

Your next trip to Shoppers Drug Mart in Winkler could also be a chance to support a worthy cause.

Now in its 14th year, Shoppers Drug Mart's Growing Women's Health program (formerly known as the Tree of Life) will collect donations over a

four week period, with all the funds headed to Katie Cares.

The campaign held under the Shoppers Love You initiative began Sept. 13 and will continue to Oct. 9.

Store associate/owner Zahid Zehri said there are many worthy causes, but they especially like to support something that can really have an im-

pact at the local level like Katie Cares.

"It is a local organization that's been active for a long time, and I've seen in the past they have been doing a tremendous job in the community," he said.

The community support will be visible on the front of the store—make a donation of a loonie and you will get a leaf to put up on the window. You can also put up a butterfly for \$5, an apple for \$10, or a bird for \$50.

And a new interactive game will be launched in the second and third weeks of the campaign with a chance to win Shoppers points and help towards a campaign goal of \$50,000. To find out more about the game, visit [shoppersloveyou.ca](http://shoppersloveyou.ca)

Zehri said their staff will be asking each and every customer to consider any donation large or small, and

there will be some friendly competition among the staff to see who can collect the most donations.

Ruth Reimer of Katie Cares said they really appreciate the leadership and support of a business like Shoppers Drug Mart.

"It's really a good feeling because Zahid and Shoppers has backed us," she said. "And then the community's backed us, so we're just encouraged by the amount of support."

"People are saying yes, this is important, Katie Cares is important to the community," she added. "The community has rallied around this, so obviously it is a great need."

Since 2002, the Growing Women's Health campaign of Shoppers Drug Mart nationally has raised over \$26 million for Canadian health charities.

Ruth Reimer of Katie Cares (front, left) with the staff of Shoppers Drug Mart in Winkler, which is collecting donations for the charity Sept. 13 to Oct. 9.

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# Sessions help seniors navigate the digital age

By Lorne Stelmach

It's not at all unusual these days at any given place and time to see lots of people with their electronic devices out.

And that was certainly the case at the Morden 55+ Activity Centre recently as some two dozen seniors got a handle on how to use their portable computers and phones.

The centre has been working with the MTS Connect store in Morden to offer some classes on a few consecutive Fridays through the month of September.

"I just wanted to learn a little bit more. I'm not very computer savvy," commented Linda Wark, one of 24 people who came to the first class on Sept. 4.

"I know enough to get by, but I just thought there would be a few other things to learn ... that would give me shortcuts, a little more understanding with my devices," she said.

The hour-long sessions came about as a result of a number of seniors coming to centre director Yvonne Kroeker asking for help with their iPads and other devices.

"That got me thinking that there's a real need for learning about technology among seniors," she said.

Kroeker then talked to Karen Woods at the Computer Remedies MTS Connect store in Morden about the idea of running a few educational sessions.

"She thought this would be a great idea ... she was very excited about it," said Kroeker, noting they came up with a team of four people willing to volunteer their time for some classes.

"We had 24 people come the first day, and it was exciting to see," Kroeker said. "I think it's going to be a great turnout."

She observed it was great seeing how keen the students were on learning to do more with their various devices.

"It's wonderful to see. It's great to see the enthusiasm among the seniors and their willingness ... they're excited," she said. "I think it's opening up a new world for them with the technology. It's so exciting to see."

For most seniors, it's primarily about using their devices to better connect with family, Kroeker suggested.

"It's about family and the connection ... because a lot of time family has gone far and wide."

Wark agreed that it was primarily about being more connected to people and to be better able to send and receive photos, for example.

She wanted to learn more about



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden 55+ Activity Centre hosted a series of computer/tablet classes for seniors last week. A similar course starts up in Winkler this week and runs sessions through the winter.

how to work with some of the apps available on her device and how to transfer photos from her iPhone to her computer.

"I use it for friends and family," Wark said. "I think it's wonderful. And the turnout today, I think, shows there's a lot of people here interested in this."

If you've missed out on the Morden-based classes, the Winkler Senior Centre has a similar program running throughout the next several months.

Rotating sessions focusing on iPad basics and Windows 10

basics are on now and run through to February. Registration details are available by calling 204-325-8964.

The Winkler Senior Centre's Internet Café also returns starting Sept. 17 and going to Dec. 3. Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon the centre hosts a computer instructor from Garden Valley Collegiate and several of his students willing to help seniors learn more about using their devices.

# RV owners gather for Leisure Travel Vans rally

By Lorne Stelmach

Jim Perry liked what he saw of a Triple E recreational vehicles while on vacation in the U.S.

It brought the San Diego resident up north last week to join over 100 other RV owners at the annual Leisure Travel Vans rally at the Winkler Bible Camp.

He has driven a wide range of RVs, and Perry settled on his new unit after having done quite a bit of research.

"We love the product. We love the company. It's a wonderful time we're having here," he said.

It is that kind of feedback that the company loves to hear, and that is part of what the annual rally is all about, said general manager Ryan Elias and territorial sales manager Dean Korol.

Elias said the rally is always a great chance for interaction with their customers and it gives

them lots of product ideas.

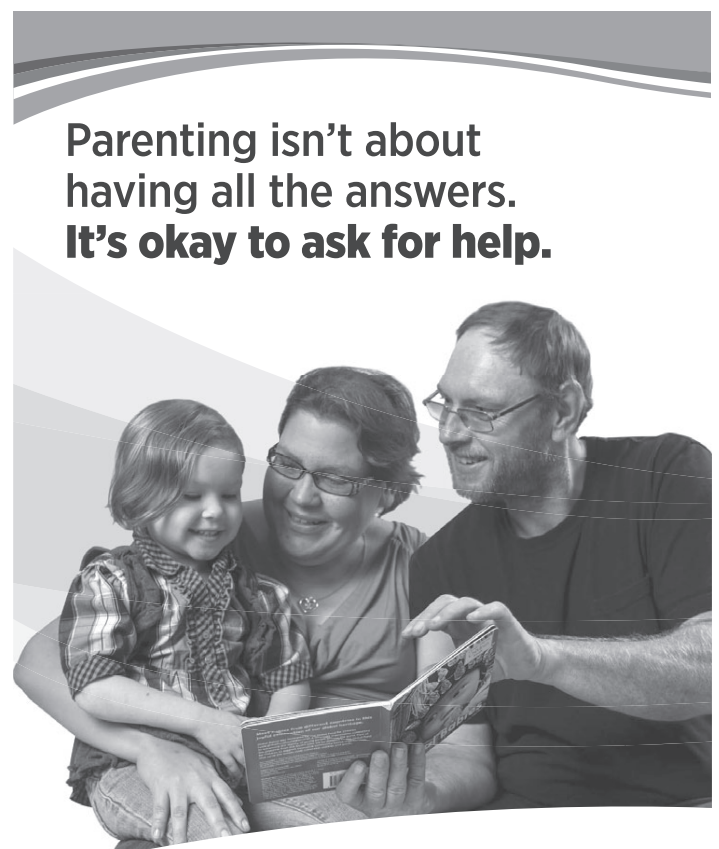
"And they're getting service work ... our service department's been busy for the last two weeks and will be for the next two weeks."

"Plus our design department and our entire team learns from them," added Korol. "Things that are good, things that aren't good ... how we can improve the product."

About 115 owners were on hand for this year's rally—an increase over previous years.

A lot of the rally is just about fun and fellowship, but there are also chances for the owners to take factory tours as well as enjoy seminars from some major suppliers for their RVs.

The rally also featured nightly entertainment, including a finale Friday night that featured Ray



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## Manitou celebrates



Manitou was a hopping place last weekend, as the community celebrated its annual Honey, Garlic, and Maple Syrup Festival. The weekend included (clock-wise from above) old tyme dancing, classic cars on display, music from count-less performers all weekend long, vendors selling all of the festival's namesake products and more, and kid's activities that included face painting, fire truck exploring, and much more.



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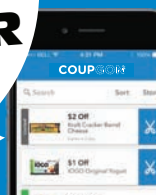
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## > RV RALLY, FROM PG. 15

St. Germain and fireworks over the camp's lake.

"And then we have great local tours ... the Threshermen's Museum, we have the fossil tour, pottery tour ... so we have lots of things for them to do," said Korol.

"This year, being our 50th anniversary, we decided to amp it up a bit and extend the festivities a bit," said Elias of the rally's line-up. "We host customers here from all across North America. So we have people from all over the southern states, all across Canada, western and eastern sides of the U.S."

In the end, the rally ultimately is about community, he stressed, as participants get a chance to meet and share their travels and experiences with one another.

"We have sub-chapters throughout North America. They come a long way," said Elias, with Korol noting the California chapter used to have about a dozen members but this year had 38 coaches come up for the rally.

Perry agreed it was a great chance for owners like himself to learn from one another.

"I want to talk to other RVers that have the same kind of vehicle," he said, saying there were a lot of "little things that we learn from each other."

Over 100 RV owners gathered at the Winkler Bible Camp last week for Leisure Travel Vans' annual owner's rally.

PHOTO BY  
LORNE STELMACH/VOICE



## get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



### Bubbly Cheddar Pesto Tomatoes

#### Ingredients

40 large cherry tomatoes  
1/4 cup prepared pesto  
3 ounces (1/4-inch cubes) aged cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup crushed herb croutons  
1 tablespoon butter, melted

#### Preparation

Heat oven to 450°F.  
Cut small piece off the bottom of each tomato to sit flat on

#### baking sheet.

With sharp knife, cut top off each tomato; remove seeds with small spoon.

Spoon pesto into tomatoes and top with cheese, dividing equally.

Combine crumbs and butter and sprinkle over tomatoes. Bake 5 minutes or until bubbly. Serve warm.

Makes 40 appetizers



### Asian Popcorn Medley

#### Ingredients

6 cups popped popcorn  
2 cups Oriental rice cracker mix  
3 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1 tablespoon soy sauce  
1/2-1 teaspoon ground ginger (may vary to taste)  
1/4-1/2 teaspoon sesame oil (may vary to taste)

#### Preparation

Preheat oven to 300°F. Mix

popcorn and rice cracker mix together in large bowl.

In small microwave-safe bowl, microwave butter on high until melted, about 20 seconds. Stir in soy sauce, ginger and oil. Drizzle over popcorn mixture; toss.

Spread mixture on baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes, stirring once.

Allow to cool, serve or store in airtight container.

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## Tribute concert celebrates Winkler musician's career

Former students, colleagues gather Saturday to pay tribute to Ben Kehler's nearly 50 years of teaching and performing

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Ben Kehler was 10 years old the first time he picked up a guitar and started strumming.

Inspired by a country school teacher who played by fingerpicking, the young Altona farm boy saved his pennies to buy a \$12 Eaton's guitar and a mail-order instruction course.

Kehler couldn't have known it then, but he was about to embark on a lifetime of music—one that, in five decades of performances and instruction, would touch the lives of countless students and music-lovers.

Now, the community he's delighted with his music for decades is saying thanks.

A tribute concert in Kehler's honour will be held in Winkler this Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church (750 15th St.) from 2-4 p.m.

An open invitation goes out to anyone Kehler's music has ever touched—friends, former students, fellow musicians. Admission is free.

The concert will include performances on a variety of instruments from some of Kehler's many students over the years, his musical peers, and several family members who have carried on the music-making tradition.

Concert organizer Larry Danielson says that Kehler's recent retirement couldn't be allowed to pass by unnoticed.

"He has recently retired as both a teacher and a performer, and so it seemed an appropriate time" to recognize the impact Kehler has had on the cultural life of the region, he says. "Over the decades, Ben has shared his musical gifts generously and this tribute concert is an opportunity for us as a community to say 'Thank you'."

For his part, Kehler is humbled by the very idea of a tribute concert in his honour.

"I feel honoured, very honoured, and I appreciate it because all these years that I've done my music here, that's it's recognized, it's very much appreciated," he says, going on to stress that it has been a true blessing to be allowed to make his living with music. "I can only say that I got this gift to use, and I used it."

He most certainly did. After teaching himself to play as a boy, Kehler went on to explore numerous types of guitar music—ragtime, country, Spanish flamenco—eventually focusing on classical guitar, which provided a wealth of challenges to both play and teach.

At first, Kehler kept his day job in the city's public works department, using music to supplement his income by performing and teaching in various after-school music programs.

As he started to take on more and more students—regularly spending his days off from work teaching throughout the Pembina Valley and in Winnipeg—Kehler started to wonder if he could make a go of music as a career.

His wife, June, a teacher herself, stood behind him as he made the risky decision to quit his job in 1969 and become a full-time musician.

"Music was his first love," she says. "But it was a huge risk. There were some concerns, of course. Could he earn enough to feed a family?"

"But she was my back-up," interjects Kehler, laughing.

"I was," says June. "I knew that if we couldn't make it work on music teaching, I could go back to work."

That wasn't necessary, though, as Kehler's teaching career quickly took off, despite some criticism from his peers due to his lack of formal training.

That spurred him to head back to school. He spent five years earning his ARCT diploma and pedagogy cer-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler's Ben Kehler may not be teaching or performing publicly anymore, but that doesn't stop him from picking up his guitar and arranging music.

tificate, studying music theory, history, form and harmony with the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto.

By the mid-70s, Kehler was teaching classes full of guitar students from his home studio, something he kept doing right up until the end of last year.

"There were years he had 70 students here at home in his heyday," recalls June, who notes he had scaled back on the number of students in recent years.

"It was an interesting time," says Kehler. "Now when I think back it would be stressful, but then I was always happy ... to take every opportunity."

Looking back, Kehler takes pride in his career and in knowing he had a hand in helping generations of children hone their skills to be better able to express their love of music.

"[Music] enriches their lives," he says firmly, adding that that is his true

legacy. "I'm thankful I was able to do this for so long."

He may no longer be teaching, but Kehler won't be sitting idle in his golden years.

"I still like to pick up my guitar and make sure that my fingers are still flexible," he says. "And I do a lot of arranging."

Kehler has always arranged music for the guitar, both for his own performances and as part of his teaching curriculum, and he has no plans to stop now.

Many of the hundreds of pieces he's had a hand in are now available for download on his

website, [www.benkehlerguitar.com](http://www.benkehlerguitar.com), along with technique guides.

Providing this material for free online is a way to keep sharing his love of music with others, Kehler says.

"It's also a kind of legacy," he says.

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Fran Richardson is the Registrar of the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario, the provincial body that regulates dental hygienists to ensure the public receives safe and effective dental hygiene care. She says, “A healthy mouth – including teeth and gums – allows us to feel confident, smile with ease, eat with enjoyment, and prevent health problems associated with poor oral hygiene, such as heart disease and stroke.”

- Seniors are just as at risk of getting cavities as children and adults. They need to concentrate on the roots of the teeth since dentures can push plaque down towards the gum line.
- Partial or complete denture wearers need to clean the mouth and have regular check-ups.
- The average life span of dentures is about 5-7 years
- Polishing of dentures by a professional is recommended once or twice per year.
- Rinse and brush dentures and natural teeth after every meal. Brush dentures inside and out (using a denture brush) using warm water and a mild soap or denture toothpaste. Pay extra attention to the spaces between ‘teeth’ and the areas that come into contact with your gums.
- Floss between natural teeth and/or stimulate your gums.
- Dentures should be removed daily and soaked for several hours or overnight.
- Those with arthritis can ask their dental hygienist about an arthritis friendly toothbrush and easier ways to floss.

## “Boomeritis” takes toll on active Boomers

Canadians are staying active longer than ever before with the goal of improving cardiovascular and psychological health. The bad news is this renewed vigor for exercise has come with a debilitating side effect: Boomeritis. A name health experts use to describe the parade of sore knees, back sprains, and other ailments associated with exercise-related injuries suffered by baby boomers.

The term was coined by Dr. Nicholas A. DiNubile, an orthopedic surgeon at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1999. He remarked that there was an explosion of bone and joint aches, pains, injuries, and ailments as the Baby Boom generation began to turn 40 and 50. The changes that occur in our bodies as we age make us vulnerable to common exercise-related injuries.

Here are some tips to help Boomers stay physical and maintain an active healthy lifestyle:

- Start with proper warm up and balancing exercises.
- Avoid running or weight training at first.
- Focus more on low-impact exercises such as stationary biking, step machines and elliptical trainers or low-impact aerobics. You can progress to running and weight training later.
- Incorporate cross-training to relieve stress by not using the same muscles repeatedly.



## Tips to get the most out of your doctor visit

Speaking with your doctor about a medical condition and treatment can be intimidating, especially if there is a stigma surrounding your condition, or if you are unclear of what treatment options are available.

But according to Dr. Norman J. Kalyniuk, MD, it’s important for patients and physicians to talk openly about treatment options and then chronicle what works and what doesn’t. Here are some tips on how to approach your doctor about treatment:

- Explore different options

Finding out about all treatments available for your diagnosis or condition can be the first step to finding the best solution. For example, after not responding well to traditional medications, parents of one of Dr. Kalyniuk’s young epilepsy patients raised the idea of trying medical cannabis. The patient suffered debilitating seizures every day and after consulting with Dr. Kalyniuk, they decided to try medical cannabis from Health Canada licensed producer, Mettrum. Medical cannabis can help individuals manage a range of medical conditions from epilepsy to chronic pain, sleep disorders, PTSD and other conditions.

- Find out about the level of care you need.
- Have an open conversation with your doctor about the seriousness and progressiveness of your condition to understand how much treatment you will require. There are several developments in technology like the ‘Mettrum Spectrum’, a tool designed by a Health Canada licensed producer to simplify the dialogue around medical cannabis by categorizing strains with a colour coding system. This can help physicians identify the most appropriate strain for their patients and monitor progress.
- Ask questions and do your homework.
- Research your condition and come up with a list of questions to ask before you visit your doctor. This will ensure that you cover your most important concerns and have a record of points to go through so that you don’t miss any. When looking into different medical treatments, Health Canada’s website has information available about the medical and legal use of cannabis, as well as the licensed producers that offer a wide variety of different product choices.

## The changing face of health care

One in three Canadians has at least one chronic health condition. For many, that means repeated trips to the emergency room. For others, however, thanks to home health monitoring, hospital visits are being reduced by more than 50 per cent.

According to a 2014 review by Canada Health Infoway, about 5,000 Canadians are enrolled in 19 remote patient monitoring (RPM) programs across seven provinces and territories. The review found that RPM – the use of technology to access health care, typically from home – is changing the face of health care, cutting down on trips to the hospital and improving patient quality of life.

Patients in Ontario with two of the most common chronic conditions – chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure – are getting help from Telehomecare, a program of the Ontario Telemedicine Network, [www.ontariotelehomecare.ca](http://www.ontariotelehomecare.ca). Patients use simple technology at home to daily send their vital signs to a nurse who monitors their condition. If the condition worsens, the nurse can take action before the patient has to call 911.

Equally important, the nurse also provides health coaching by phone to teach patients how to better manage their condition and avoid making their symptoms worse. In fact, home health monitoring has been found to improve quality of life as well as health, empowering patients and providing peace of mind.

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# A glimpse behind the artistic curtain

By Lorne Stelmach

Ruth Clare couldn't rave enough about the variety and quality of art-work she saw on the 2015 Pembina Valley Studio Tour last weekend.

The resident of St. Adolphe also couldn't wait to get home as well, though.

"I'm so happy ... and I'm so motivated to go home and do something myself," said Clare, who was with a group of artists from Winnipeg who came out for the day last Saturday.

An artist herself, she has been on similar tours in the Interlake and Winnipeg, and she wanted to make the trip here for this event after a Manitoba Society of Artists tour to Altona.

"It's like a hidden jewel, that Gallery in the Park," enthused Clare, while touring the studio home of Diana Persson near Morden.

"So far, I am really impressed. The quality is amazing. We've been to five so far, and I love it. We'll definitely be back," she said. "There's a lot of different styles of art. I go to a lot of art shows in the city. The quality here is superior."



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Local artists welcomed art-lovers into their studios last weekend as part of the annual Pembina Valley Studio Tour. Above: Artist Suzanna Bates discusses her encaustic work, which utilizes beeswax. Below, left: Diana Persson chats with a visitor at her home gallery near Morden. Below, right: Willi Richardson led demonstrations in tile art at the studio space she shared with fellow artist Deb Peterson.

The studio tour once again offered a chance to explore the Pembina Valley through a self-guided tour that let visitors meet some of the region's many talented artists right in their own creative spaces.

The 28 artists involved were located in 22 studio or gallery spaces throughout the region that were open for viewing all day last Saturday and Sunday.

The lineup of artists is divided be-

tween two areas: those east and west of Winkler. This year, there were six new artists among the 19 in the area to the west and three new artists among

the eight from the area to the east.

The tour exhibited a broad range of artistic styles

and media—everything from photographs, stained glass and pottery to jewelry, silk painting, watercolour and drawings.

Willi Richardson was part of the tour

for the first time this year, sharing space on Oakwald Farm near Morden with Deb Peterson.

She wanted to be part of it in order to both gain and raise awareness of different media and styles of art.

"And we're doing demonstrations, so it's really nice particularly to share the demonstration of art with others," said Richardson, who had all ages trying their hands at some tile art.

She chuckled at the thought of two gentlemen who didn't want to try it, but they did in the end and really loved what they were able to do and take home with them.

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# Theatre in the park

Flatlands Theatre Company kicked off its 10th season in Winkler with three free performances of "Pith!" in Bethel Heritage Park last Friday to Sunday. The theatre troupe now turns its attention to performing *Anne of Green Gables* at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in November. For more information on upcoming FTC shows or theatre classes, check them out at [flatlandstheatre.com](http://flatlandstheatre.com).

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## Head to downtown Morden for Culture Days

By Lorne Stelmach

Think of it as a one stop shop to experience the vast array of arts and culture to be found in the Morden area.

It will all be found in downtown Morden as the "cultural corridor" offers a local showcase as part of a provincial and nation-wide celebration.

The Pembina Hills Arts Council will host the corridor as part of the Culture Days Manitoba festivities next weekend.

The events will be centred on Stephen St. in downtown Morden. Amidst that historic district there will be a variety of interactive workshops, art exhibits, performances and other cultural activities, including a fair trade market.

Stephen St. will be closed for pedestrian traffic only between 7th and

8th streets on Saturday, Sept. 26, with events running from noon to five p.m.

Pembina Hills Arts Council director Amanda Nicholls said they were approached by Manitoba Culture Days to co-ordinate a more consolidated effort because there were a number of isolated events that were going on here that weekend.

"Because we have such a rich community with a whole bunch of different, creative outlets like theatre and dance ... they asked us to co-ordinate something," she said. "The intent was to bring all of the creative industries together into one small area ... and to allow people to go to one place to see what's going on and create a celebration of culture and awareness of the rich artistic community that we live in."

One of the main events Saturday will be an exhibition of artwork at the

gallery by artists and participants of the Manitoba Arts Network 2015 Rural Arts Mentorship Program.

The Pembina Hills Arts Council will also host a fair trade market with goods ranging from clothing and beauty products to handmade instruments and local produce.

Other activities on the line-up include:

- Morden's Got Talent will feature a dance and theatre showcase of short performances by Candlewick Productions and Danceworks Dance Studio at the intersection of 7th and Stephen St. hourly from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

- The Color will perform live at Olive Tree Bookstore and Café 2-3 p.m.

- Volunteers from the Pembina Threshermen's Museum will be on hand downtown to offer some activities such as rope making and blacksmithing demonstrations, a photo booth, and games for kids. The museum also welcomes visitors to its heritage village on Hwy. 3 between Winkler and Morden.

- Furniture and jewelry making demonstrations take place with the Marni Luhu Design Studio hourly from 1-3 p.m.

- Learn painting techniques and contribute towards a large-scale Van Gogh painting at the collaborative painting party led by two experienced local artists and hosted by the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

- Stephen St. busking stations will located throughout the corridor.

- The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre will showcase fossils and replicas along with a mini fossil dig box and activity guides for children.

- Pure Anada will feature a "make and take" demonstration in their cos-

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metic lab located at 368 Stephen St. Demonstrations will take place at hourly from noon to 4 p.m. on how to make either a foot scrub or a whipped foot/body butter, customized by participants.

- The community chalk art project takes over the intersection of 8th and Stephen St.

- A Knitting Bomb party is running in the Kinsmen Suncatch behind the art gallery from noon to 4 p.m. to help knit winter clothing for the Leo Mol deer sculpture.

- Mia Mia Boutique hosts a 15-minute jewelry workshop at 1:45 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., teaching participants how to make their very own set of earrings.

Nicholls said they want people to enjoy themselves and participate and hopefully leave with more appreciation for what all is available here in the arts and culture sector.

"I'm hope that they'll come away having had a fun experience where they've enjoyed a form of art that they haven't in the past thought was for them," she said "And I hope they become aware these things are available right here, that they don't have to go to Winnipeg."

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"It's been awesome," said Richardson, who also commented on the quality and variety of art in this region. "We're all very busy out here on the prairie with all different forms of art. And we really look forward to sharing that with people."

This was Peterson's fourth year as part of the tour.

She started off with traditional stained glass but now does fused glass while dabbling in painting as well.

Peterson said the tour is an inspiring event for everyone involved.

"It's such a shot in the arm to work with so many creative people. It's a

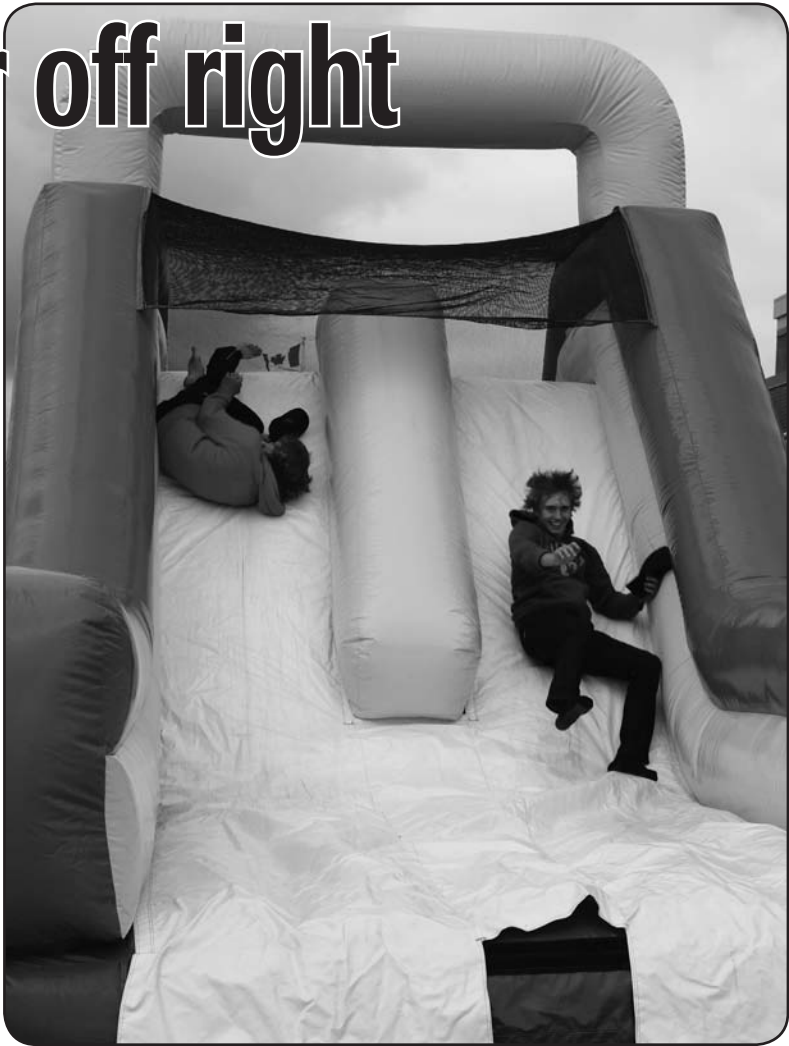
lot of support having artists working together," she said. "And everybody's so positive and appreciative. It's a great experience."

Fellow artist and studio tour participant Diana Persson agrees, noting it's great exposure for local artists.

"I think people enjoy seeing that there's local art that happens that is really wonderful quality and really such variety," she said. "This way, I can share who I am and connect with people. It's what I do, and it's what I love doing, so it's nice to share it with people."



# Starting the school year off right



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Northlands Parkway Collegiate in Winkler kicked off the school year last Thursday with an afternoon of fun and games, treating staff and students to a free hot dog lunch served up by parents (below), giant inflatables (right), face-painting (right, bottom), live music, prizes, and a chance to dunk a few teachers (above). As the first of Garden Valley School Division's monthly Celebrating Our Schools events, the public was also invited to come enjoy the festivities.



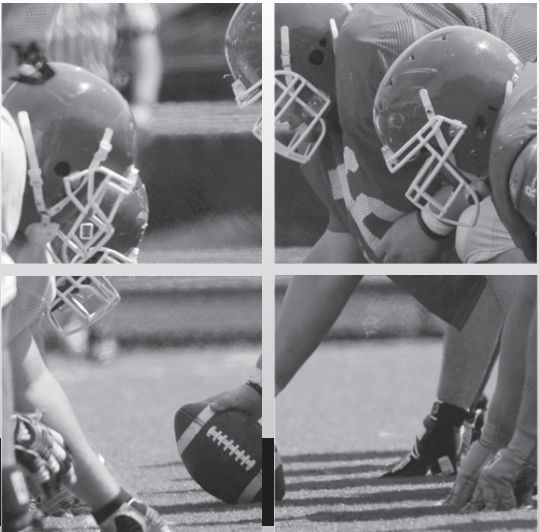
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# sports & recreation

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## Hawks hopefuls hit the ice

By Lorne Stelmach

Taking the helm of a team with a recent history of strong seasons and multiple championships could be daunting.

Dana Bell, though, is just keeping it simple heading into his first year as coach of the Pembina Valley Hawks midget AAA female team.

The former coach of the AAA female bantam Hawks from its inception in 2011 until 2014 said he "is not looking so far ahead right now ... just one day at a time, one game at a time, one period at a time."

"I have a good feeling," Bell added, though, after the Hawks' tryout camp held Sept. 4-6 in Morden. "We had really good tryouts. I'm excited about it."

"We had 34 girls out. We narrowed it down to 20 so far," he noted, adding they were "looking at making our final cuts on the weekend after a home and away against Shaftesbury."

Bell came to this new coaching job with a proven track record of winning and developing players at the AA and AAA level.

In 2014-15, he headed up the female midget AA program in Pembina Valley, guiding his team to another very successful season.

Having come from the bantam program, Bell said he recognizes the game here is going to be up another notch.

"I do see that the compete level is going to be very high this year, but I



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Hawks midget AAA female team held its tryouts in Morden earlier this month. After the first few rounds of cuts, the ladies took to the ice for their first pre-season games over the weekend, falling to the Shaftesbury Titans 1-0 and 2-0.

do believe that we will be a contending team," he said.

"With the girls that are out there, it made our job hard," he said of the tryout camp. "That's why we had some carryovers going into the next weekend. The intensity levels were up. A lot of girls showed up there and wanted to make the team."

Bell said there were about 14 players who have returned from last year, so they were looking to fill a few holes on the roster.

Rather than leaning too heavily on veterans, however, Bell wants every team member to step up.

"I think we're looking for team effort this year from everybody. I think to be successful, you need leadership from everybody on the team," he suggested. "I think what we're looking for as coaches is to be the hardest working team. I think if we are, then things will pay off for us for sure."

Joining Bell on the new coaches

bench is assistant coach Shanley Peters.

Peters has played hockey for 14 years, four of which were with the Hawks AAA midget team from 2007 to 2010, helping the Hawks win the league titles in 2008, 2009 and 2010 and going to Westerns in 2010.

She went on to play Division III hockey for four years at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, where she was named team MVP for two years and made the all-conference team for two years as well. In her sophomore year, Peters was named to the All-American team.

Most recently, she was the assistant coach of the Australian national women's hockey team.

"So she brings a wealth of knowledge from playing at the university level and also coaching at the national level with the Australian team," Bell said.

With further roster cuts expected to

be made after last weekend's games against Shaftesbury, Bell said they are then gearing up towards the Central Plains tournament set for the end of September as a good opportunity to gauge where the team will be at for the coming season.

"It gives you a chance to look at what you have there and start working on line combinations, powerplay combinations. It's nice that we are able to have a pre-season tournament."

### HAWKS FALL TO TITANS

In their first two pre-season games, the Hawks found themselves on the losing side of the scoresheet as they faced the Shaftesbury Titans at home and away last Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's away game saw the Hawks narrowly lose 1-0, while Sunday's game in Pilot Mound ended in a 2-0 loss for the home team.

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# Female wrestling tour in Morden Oct. 3

By Lorne Stelmach

Female wrestlers will be in the spotlight when Canadian Wrestling's Elite brings its latest tour to Morden next month.

CWE's Girls, Girls, Girl's tour sets up its ring at the Access Event Centre on Saturday, Oct. 3.

It's part of a nine event in nine days wrestling tour that aims to put women wrestlers centre stage, and one of those featured on the card certainly welcomes the opportunity.

"More women are taking interest in wrestling," said wrestler Bambi Hall. "I think it helps too that the girls you see on TV now are not just the pretty Barbie type. They're actually coming out there and they're showing that they can wrestle."

Hall came to the wrestling world naturally as her mother had been involved in the sport since she was 18, starting around 1991.

"So I kind of grew up with it in my family, watching my mom wrestle and of course through watching it on TV," Hall said.

After high school, Hall went to a wrestling school in B.C. for a tryout, and the range of drills and routines she learned there left her sold on it.

"I kept going back ... I loved it, so I stuck with it. And four years later, I'm still going."

Hall said part of what keeps her involved now is how her athleticism keeps evolving.

"You never stop learning. Every time you get in the ring you learn something," she said. "And there's so many different styles. There's Japanese, there's Mexican ... in England, they are so different too."

"And I can travel around the world, and I'm still going to be learning ... and seeing different places."

Hall says she likes competing in smaller centres like Morden.

"It's nice ... you get to interact with the crowd a lot more. I like being up close to the fans and seeing their reactions."

CWE's Girls, Girls, Girl's Tour will also have stops in Winnipeg, Steinbach, Gimli, Gladstone, Minnedosa, Virden, and Souris.

Canadian Wrestling Elite started in Winnipeg in 2009 and today tours regularly throughout Manitoba, northwestern Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

Promoter Danny Warren said he finds their events usually get a good response in the rural centres, especially.

"It's a bigger hit than it is in a lot of the bigger centres that we go to just because it's a very different entertainment option," he said. "It's something different and something fun."

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Warren suggested women's wrestling in particular has become more popular through the higher profile it has gotten through the WWE.

"There's always been a demand for women wrestlers, but unfortunately in central Canada there hasn't been any based out this way," he said.

He suggested there has been a move to "focusing and presenting women wrestlers as professional athletes as opposed to sex objects, which they've been traditionally presented as in professional wrestling. Now they're being presented as legitimate athletes. They are just as talented and just as capable as the guys."

As for the Morden event, Warren said fans who turn out can expect a great evening of wrestling, as always.

"You're getting live athletics, you're getting live entertainment. There's really no other genre like it."

The Morden wrestling night will feature eight female wrestlers and five matches, with a few male wres-



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Bambi Hall is one of several female wrestlers performing in CWE's Girls, Girls, Girl's tour coming to Morden next month.

tlers on the docket, as well.

Tickets include VIP first access for \$20 and general admission of \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door.

Advance tickets are available at Giant Tiger or online at diyobo.com.

## PV Hawks looking to retain title this season

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks will be doing some rebuilding this year after last year's run to the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League title.

Much of the core group that led the Hawks to their championship are likely not returning, but it doesn't phase coach Gerry Leiding.

Heading into the tryout weekend Sept. 11-13 in Morden, Leiding said there is a strong history of competitive teams from this region, and he expects that trend to continue.

"Pembina Valley has always had a competitive, hard working team, and I don't think this year will be any different," he said.

Last year's Hawks came up with a fifth place regular season finish on a record of 27-14-0-3 for 57 points.

They then defeated the fourth place Eastman Selects 3-1 in the

first round of playoffs and knocked off the first place Winnipeg Wild in three straight in the semi-final.

That set up a final showdown with Brandon, which had plenty of drama. The second place Wheat Kings took a stranglehold on the series in opening with two wins. The Hawks, however, fought back with 2-0 and 4-3 wins, wrapping it all up with a 4-3 overtime thriller in game five.

Coming from a title run like that, Leiding said you can't come into the new season with high expectations—you just approach it like any other season.

"Start with the tryouts, pick the best players you have available and get to work," he said. "The guys had a great season last year. They worked hard, got themselves to a place ... they likely never realized they could get there."

At this point, Leiding said it looked

like this year's squad would have a fair number of new faces on the roster.

"It's looking like we'll be a very young team," he suggested. "Right now, we have about half of the potential players who could return who are still in junior camps ... there's a good chance they could stay there."

He was taking a straightforward approach to the weekend camp and the tryouts, saying he would simply be looking for those players with "the best skills, people who are good teammates ... hard working players."

"The first step is you learn to play the triple A way," Leiding added.

"We're lucky now, with the Pembina Valley, we've had bantam program the last couple of years, so a lot of those players that are now trying out for the midget teams have had a taste of this level. So this step maybe isn't quite as drastic."

As far as what he thinks will be the winning formula for the Hawks, Leiding is emphasizing a strong team work ethic, not particularly relying on certain players to lead.

"It's going to have to be everybody. That's how we'll approach it," he said. "We probably won't be a real high scoring team. We'll have to be a hard working team. We'll be very disciplined and hard working."

The Hawks will have their first pre-season action in the Southwest Cougars tournament with games against Brandon this Friday and Eastman on Saturday.

A busy opening weekend then will see the team visit the Interlake Lightning Oct. 2 before returning home to host the Central Plains Capitals Oct. 3 and the Kenora Thistles Oct. 4.





## Zumba in the park

Zumba in the Park returned to the Morden Park on Labour Day Monday, giving participants a chance to work out and support a good cause at the same time. Organizer Carie Wiebe hosted three classes in the park this summer, with the last two raising funds for the Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund. At last week's class, Morden firefighters were on hand to talk a bit about how the Burn Fund helps people recovering from burn injuries. The event raised \$348 for the cause.

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## Flyers 2-2 in pre-season vs. Blues, Terriers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers balanced out their pre-season record to 2-2 with a win over the visiting Portage Terriers last Sunday night.

It was the second time in as many days the Flyers were up against the defending RBC Cup Champions, and they were looking for a different outcome.

They got it with a 7-5 victory that saw rookie forward Chase Fincaryk contribute two goals, while singles came from Nico Labossiere, Jordan Robertson, Cam Whyte, Nolan McGuire, and Coltyn Bates.

Winkler held the lead throughout—early in the second they were up 4-0 before Portage finally got their act together—with netminder Mason Sweryliak, who played the entire game, giving up just five goals on 33 shots in all.

The win followed on the heels of a 3-1 loss to the Terriers in Portage the night before.

Newcomer Ryan Rosich scored Winkler's lone goal, while Mackenzie Chalmers went the distance in net, making 28 saves as Portage outshot Winkler 31-27.

Meanwhile, earlier last week, Winkler's first two times out on the ice saw them split a pair of games with the Winnipeg Blues.

With only four veteran players in the Flyers' lineup, game one on Sept. 8 went to Winnipeg 4-2 as both teams gave their rookies a chance to spread their wings.

Winkler took a 2-0 lead in the first with goals from Alex Bouchard and Lawson McDonald, but the Blues managed to tie thing up at the end of the period and then surpassed Winkler with one more goal in the second and a final goal in the third.

Chalmers made 13 saves on 16 shots, while Swerdyliak made nine saves on the 10 shots he faced in Winkler's net.

Game two saw several more vet-

erans in the lineup and it showed—Scott Gall and Tristan Keck scored all five of Winkler's goals en route to a 5-4 victory over the Blues on Sept. 9

Gall got the hat-trick while in net was Ryan Larochelle and former Pembina Valley Hawks goaltender Travis

Klassen, who both allowed two goals on the seven shots they each faced.

This week the Flyers faced Selkirk on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Over the weekend the team will play at Neepawa on Friday and then

host the Natives on Saturday, followed by another away game against the Steelers on Sunday to round out the pre-season.

They then take to the ice on Sept. 25 in Steinbach for their first regular season game.

## Storm take fourth place in MMSL

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm took their final game of the season 3-0 by default on Sunday when Brandon Inspire FC failed to field a team.

A win is a win, but Storm defender Derek Giesbrecht says the team was hoping to close out the regular season with a true victory on the field.

"It's actually really disappointing that we didn't play on Sunday against Brandon because our last practice that we had before the game was one of our best practices in probably the last two months," he said.

Sunday's default win brings the Storm's record to 8-2-5 and places them firmly in fourth place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Major Senior 1st division behind Bonivital United, Pescara, and Scotia United.

That means the team will not be moving up a division next summer,

much to Giesbrecht's frustration.

"With the way we started the season, we definitely had some high hopes for finishing the way we started," he said. "In the past it's always been we start off really slow and then we finish strong to stay in the division and make playoffs, but this year it seems to be the exact opposite. It's very frustrating."

Winkler had a hold on the top of the standings for weeks earlier this summer and looked poised to be able to advance to Premier if they kept it up.

That didn't happen, as Winkler dropped its last three games and saw their spot in the standings fall week by week.

Giesbrecht attributes the late season stumble to overconfidence.

"We were winning and everybody was playing really loose, which was great ... and then it kind of turned into, well, if these teams aren't that

great, look what I can do, and then it was guys trying to do too much instead of making that easy pass," he said.

The team now turns its focus to playoffs, which get underway in Winnipeg this Sunday.

They're not sure yet who they'll be facing, but if they win this weekend's game they'll move on to the semi-finals on Sept. 27 and then the finals Oct. 3.

Giesbrecht said that with advancement hopes now off the table, the team is focusing on giving it their all in playoffs.

"A lot of the guys, they want to make up for the second half of the season ... we wanted to move up, that was kind of the goal, and once that goal got out or reach it became let's win playoffs, at least," he said. "Let's show them that the start of the season wasn't a fluke."

## Soccer Regional Festival draws hundreds

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Rainy weather didn't put a damper on the second annual Manitoba Soccer Association Regional Festival in Carman September long weekend.

Hosted by the Pembina Valley Panthers—a team made up of 12-year-olds from the Winkler, Morden, Altona, and Carman areas—the festival saw 21 teams and upwards of 300

players and hundreds more coaches and parents come out for three days of soccer.

The event excluded Winnipeg teams specifically to give rural teams a chance to showcase their skills, said organizer and Panthers coach William Hoogerdijs.

"It went marvelously well," he said last week. "It really was an excellent experience for all the kids."

For the Panthers, it was a chance to test the waters by playing against an upper-level team at the event after winning their first two games against recreational league teams 6-0 each.

Going up against the development division team, they narrowly lost 3-2, but it gave the Panthers a taste of

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# Team Morden nearly doubles fundraising goal

By Lorne Stelmach

Team Morden had a more than respectable showing in the race, but even more important was the reason for the racing.

They placed 17th out of 39 teams at the 2015 Dragon Boat Challenge in Winnipeg in support of the Canadian Cancer Society last weekend.

And they more than doubled their fundraising target of \$1,200 by coming up with \$2,544 in pledges with the help of an Aug. 27 Sud, Spud and Steak Night fundraiser at Rocks Bar and Grill, noted Stephanie Dueck, recreation programmer for the City of Morden.

Team Morden was also asked at the event to take part in a special ceremony on the river, Dueck said.

Some of the dragon boats gathered while a cancer survivor spoke briefly, followed by a moment of silence for cancer victims. Team Morden then released a flower onto the water in memory of Kaitlyn Reimer, who founded the local Katie Cares charity.

Dragon boating has gained popularity in recent years worldwide, and the Canadian Cancer Society in Manitoba has hosted its own fundraising race for the last 14 years, with racers raising over \$3.5 million for the fight against cancer.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Team Morden, made up of members from the Morden-Winkler area, placed 17th out of 39 teams at the Canadian Cancer Society's 2015 Dragon Boat Challenge. They also brought in over \$2,400 in pledges.

# Winkler Aquatic Centre wraps up busy season

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The Winkler Aquatic Centre ended their season on Labour Day after a busy summer of water fun.

"We've had a successful summer," said aquatic programmer Jalysa Rempel, who added that centre staff been kept hopping since the pool opened May 28.

"We've had full swimming lesson classes throughout June to the end of August," she said, noting they also had a great turn out with their Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor courses, as well.

Morning and evening programs also saw good attendance throughout the summer.

The Early Bird swim, for example, hosted around a dozen people on weekday mornings, noted Winkler recreation programmer Jordan Driedger.

"Turnouts to the Aquafit have been really good this year," he added. "Some of our Zumba classes were getting up to 40 people."

The pool also added weekly waterpolo, which Driedger said will probably be coming back next year.

"It grew as the summer went on but we were happy with how it started and we are hoping that it grows again next year," he said.

Outside of new programming, the pool also focused on completing several upgrades big and small, Driedger said.

A new pump was bought for the bubbler machine and a new drinking water fountain was installed, he

explained. Also, the slide tower was fixed up and new shingles installed.

"We are happy with the upgrades that we were able to get done," Driedger said.

Unpredictable weather this summer also gave swimmers and staff plenty of opportunities to practice safety procedures.

"There were a couple of times that we had to evacuate the pool and we

brought everyone into the arena," Driedger said of the various tornado warning sirens that sounded. "This was our opportunity to practice and it went pretty well. It's something that we can take back through the winter and we can tweak our policy and make it as safe as possible."

Overall, the recreation department is pleased with how the season went, Driedger said.

"It was a good summer. It's lots of fun interacting with people. I always say that recreation is a fun job because everyone always has fun."

"I've been here for six years and we have great staff and energy," added Rempel, noting they had five new lifeguards join the staff this year. "It's a friendly atmosphere with all the fun the kids are having."

# Twisters fall to Victorias, beat Knights

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Twisters fell to the St. Vital Victorias and then bested the River East Royal Knights in MMJHL pre-season action this past week.

The Twisters hosted the Victorias last Thursday and sent them home with a 4-3 overtime win.

The Twisters were up 3-1 at the top of the second period, with Remi David scoring two in each period and Bryce Dusik scoring one.

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what competition could be like for them next summer, Hoogerdijk said.

"It was a good test for the boys," he said. "The outcome of that game certainly set in my mind that this team should be looking at playing at the development level ... the plan going forward will be to explore the development or premiere level and see where that gets us next year."

St. Vital managed the tying goal in the third, sending things into the extra frame, where a shorthanded goal gave them the win.

The two teams were pretty evenly matched in shots, with St. Vital sending 44 up against netminders Morgan Wall and Chris Friesen, while the Twisters has 41 shots.

Pembina Valley shook off the loss and went onto down the Royal Knights Sunday afternoon.

That game saw goals coming from Griffen McLean in the first and Marc

Vigier in the second, while a trio of Twisters goalies—Gavin Klassen, Rocky Van de Velde, and Morgan Wall—turned away all 22 shots on goal.

The team also played the Jets in Stonewall on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

The regular season gets underway this weekend with away games against the St. Boniface Riels on Saturday and the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins on Sunday.

The weekend also included an exhibition match between the MSA Whitecaps FC Residency Prospects players and the High Performance Saskatchewan Team.

Not only did the weekend feature numerous quality matches, but it also gave the younger players a look at what they can strive for in the sport, Hoogerdijk said.

"There were definitely some games the players could watch and pick some stuff up from," he said. "I took a few of my players aside and said, 'Watch what he's doing here' ... that's definitely a growth opportunity for the players, just to see somebody in your position at a higher level, a faster speed."



# Agriculture

## Some farmers are done, others wait for sunshine

By Harry Siemens

How has the harvest gone?

Clayton Desrochers of Baldur finished his harvest late Sunday night, saying the barley crop is great while the canola is more average.

"I ended up with about 85 bushel for barley—really, really nice barley—and the canola was in the low 40s, I would say," he said. "I'm not complaining. How many years can you have 50 bushel canola, right?"

Desrochers says, all things considered, it is a great year compared to what his crop was like the last couple of years. The shape of the land is also looking good.

"I'm going to finish harrowing and get things caught up today and hopefully get a little trickle of rain on it on Wednesday and make things grow," he says. "We'll give her a shot of Roundup and get on the fertilizer, I guess."

Desrochers grows canola and barley year after year, rotating every two years on the same field.

"It's been working great. I've had malt barley for the last six years. Mostly malt barley, except for some fields that do get rained on once in a while, sprouting but not very often."

Because his rotation is tight, he sprays the canola for every kind of disease possible, pencilled in before he plants as a cost of doing business, not risking it.

Desrochers sells most of his malt barley to Seed-Ex Inc. at Letellier, but last year he split some with the North American Food Ingredients in Winnipeg, the company that works out of the old Manitoba Sugar Beet company building in Fort Garry.

Since the old CWB left, it is much easier selling malt, Desrochers says.

"This is the only time we've made money since the board is gone. These are the best years we've ever had," he said. "Yes, since the feds removed the monopoly, I've made more money with barley than with canola."

Meanwhile, he sells his canola mostly to Bunge in Altona, although he has other options south of the border in North Dakota.

"It just depends on how it works out," says Desrochers. "While I look at other options, Bunge is treating farmers pretty darn good. With the

old facility, everybody feared going there because it was so slow. Now it's not."

While Desrochers finished his harvest last weekend, others farmers are not so fortunate.

Manitoba Ag cereal crop specialist Pam de Rocquigny says recent rains have delayed the completion of harvest in some areas and dropped the quality of crops still in the fields.

"We've seen a little bit of variability in our red spring wheat yields from the Northwest region," she says. "They're reporting anywhere from 25

bushels per acre up to towards that 70 bushels per acre and a lot of that variability has to do with the precipitation and perhaps lack of it earlier in the season that kind of impacted yields."

Canola yields are varying, too, where reports of yields as low as 10 to 15 bushels per acre but as high as 50 bushels per acre and, once again, that variability has to do with precipitation—too much of it in the case of the central region.

"The quality of most of the crop is good so far, but cereal crops still out

there, some downgrading is happening due to some of the recent precipitation events," de Rocquigny says. "We're seeing some weathering so that's resulting in some downgrading due to sprouting or staining or those kind of factors."

What farmers harvested earlier without those weather events is good quality.

De Rocquigny says farmers make really good progress when it doesn't rain, in warm temperatures, and with good drying winds, so those three things are most welcomed right now.

## Keeping ag needs an election topic

By Harry Siemens

There is an election campaign happening in Canada and various farm organizations are telling the political parties they need to "take heed—farming is important, too."

Rick Bergmann, chair of the Canadian Pork Council, for one, is encouraging the leaders of Canada's political parties and the candidates running for election to take a stand for the future of Canadian hog production.

Bergmann says CPC's Canadian

Pork Industry Platform for the 2015 federal election outlines key industry concerns to help stimulate dialogue and build awareness.

"The big umbrella is building a stronger future for our industry here in Canada," he says. "Underneath that umbrella there is a whole gambit of different priorities."

Bergmann says risk management programs to help hog producers through the challenging years, trade and biosecurity, animal health, and enabling or ensuring a strong work

force for the future are a few of the priority items within the document.

"It's critically important that producers do take this upon themselves to have a visit with those who want to be in government in their areas to ensure they hear our message at the grassroots level," he says. "We have a great relationship within Ottawa and, that said, our membership are across the country in many regions and it's great when they can have a local con-

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### > HARRY SIEMENS

The response to my articles from our recent trip to Paraguay, and more specifically Loma Plata in the Chaco and areas within the Menno Colony, is great and we're just checking and planning how we can share them with you.

We took lots of pictures, spoke to many people, interviewed a dozen or so, and have a great story to tell. So stay tuned and we will let you know our plans to share those stories in the weeks to come.

If you have a club, an event, or church or family group who would like to hear about the trip, give me a call at 204-325-5215 and we will defi-

nately try to accommodate you.

In looking back at my trip, I can say that the people in the Chaco—specifically those who live, work, farm, worship and play within the so-called imaginary boundaries of the Menno Colony—have a unique system.

When I write about the Menno Colony, I in no way want to belittle the other two smaller colonies in the Chaco, and the one in east Paraguay.

Here's hoping I can tell their stories some years later, if we get a chance to visit them.

In future article I will write up the interview I did with Gustov Sawatzky, president of the Menno Colony, about how the colony actually works.

With 1.3 million acres of land, \$750 million of business in 2014 and growing, it helps to feed many people in Paraguay.

We were told often that if it wasn't for the Mennonite Colonies combined, many of the Paraguayan people, including the Natives, would not have enough to eat.

That fact is underscored, too by the attitude of the Mennonite people because there is no industry related to natural resources other than what they can grow off the land, like crops, and hay and feed for dairy and beef animals.

Earlier I said unique because while

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## Following up on my visit to the Chaco



# Manitoba Open Farm Day is this Sunday

By Lorne Stelmach

The agriculture industry in Manitoba continues to evolve and become more diverse.

More than anything, that is what stands out for Wendy Bulloch in advance of the Manitoba Open Farm Day set for this Sunday, Sept. 20.

"I think in Manitoba one of the things we have is the very uniqueness of the diversity of the industry," commented Bulloch, spokesperson for organizers behind the annual provincial event. "There is quite a difference in the farms all across the province actually when you see the list of farms that are out there."

The sixth annual Open Farm Day will feature 37 farms and agricultural-related destinations that open their doors for visitors throughout the day.

Bulloch estimated about 8,000 people participated last year.

The event offers an opportunity to meet local farmers and learn and un-

derstand more about the agriculture industry in our province, she said.

Many farms will offer demonstrations ranging from milking cows and riding horses to making yogurt, cleaning seeds, and working with broiler chickens and active bee hives.

Additional activities include everything from taking a garden tour, navigating a corn maze, going on horse drawn wagon rides, meeting in a field of soybeans, and taking the "strain your brain grain challenge".

Bulloch said Open Farm Day is a win-win for everyone who takes part.

For the farms and producers, it is "a way of promoting their farm. And if they are into anything like agri-tourism, it's a way of promoting the different facets of their business."

"We're hoping for the consumer it provides them with a better understanding and broadens their knowledge of what agriculture is in our province," she said.

One of the local sites taking part is

the Prairie View Elevator Museum in Plum Coulee, where you can come see how the wooden elevator worked.

"We had a great response last year," noted committee member Dorothy Derksen, who added that former elevator operator Archie Heinrichs will be back to offer tours.

"And we have opened up the back to make it into an interpretive centre, so there's more they can see this time," she said. "Plus we have a farm-based cafe across the street where people can come for dessert and coffee."

Derksen said Open Farm Day is welcome publicity for the museum, set in what was "the last wooden elevator that Manitoba Pool built in the province" in 1977.

"Each year, we have more and more visitors," she said. "Last year, we had about 700 visitors ... this year we've had over a thousand visitors."

The Plum Coulee museum is certainly not the only regional stop on the tour this year.

Also taking part is the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, where you can experience what it was like living on the prairies in the early 1900s.

The Manitoba Dairy Museum in St. Claude will welcome visitors to its four museum buildings as well as offer dairy demonstrations in cream separation, making butter, yogurt and cheese at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

And at the Williment Farm and Ranch near Miami, Wayne and Collette Williment will show you their organic grain farm as well as their pastured livestock and meat processing.

You can also tour the Hilltop Meats processing plant as well as the organic seed cleaning plant and equipment demonstration and visit with the pastured cattle and free range pigs.

To plan out your Open Farm Day, go to [www.openfarmday.ca](http://www.openfarmday.ca) for detailed directions and information on all the participating sites.

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versation with their MPs and the people in leadership to ensure our message gets heard across the country in different ways."

Bergmann says the pork council has an opportunity with the membership across the county to help everybody become more aware of the industry's needs.

In Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Pork Development Board chair Florian Possberg is calling on candidates to maintain the existing commitment to trade.

Trade is one of the priority issues for pork producers not only in Saskatchewan but across Canada.

"The whole issue around trade is very important to us," Possberg says. "We've been fighting the U.S. over Country of Origin Labelling and we've had strong support from our government leaders on that issue and it's not quite resolved and it looks like it's going to go past the election so who ever the government is and people responsible for the ag portfolio, we need them onside in terms of finally getting a proper resolution to M-COOL."

Possberg says the Canadian livestock industry needs a full repeal of M-COOL because it treats the livestock industry in Canada unfairly.

"As well, there are several trade negotiations ongoing and not completed, whether it's CETA with the European common market or TPP,

Trans-Pacific," he says. "There are other agreements being negotiated with India and China and various other key markets for us and so we want the high level of interest to continue past the election no matter what government is there."

Possberg says, from a national perspective, agriculture has trouble registering on the radar screen so it's important for pork industry stakeholders to engage key players within the parties.

Back in Manitoba, delegates at a recent Keystone Agricultural Produc-

ers passed a resolution calling on the federal and provincial governments to involve KAP and other farm groups in the decisions when developing the Growing Forward 3 program.

"This is an important process, and we must be at the table," said KAP president Dan Mazier. "There is so much at stake. Business risk management programs in Growing Forward 2 are not meeting farmers' needs, and we must look at new programming that is more robust and responsive to changes on the farm—and this includes the effects of climate change."

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the Co-operativa Chortizer holds the title to the land, it processes and sells whatever the coop member farmers can grow and or produce, the farmers can buy and sell the land as if it's their own.

There are no restrictions as to how much land they own, farm, rent, or sell, and for how much or for how little, and to whom.

It is a free enterprise system within a coop, something unheard anywhere else, I think.

Within that system they fund and operate all their schools, hospitals, personal care homes, old folks homes, and a state-of-the-art mental health facility.

We found the people to be courteous, kind, loving and willing to help.

Their Christian faith, while not worn on their sleeves, it is an integral part of everything they do. Each session we started with prayer and a devotional. When it came to questions, and there were many, and ensuing discussion, sharing faith stories and how God works in their lives is clearly evident.

While definitely a good place to live, earn a living, and raise a family, there are some challenges that they face, many of the same ones we face here, and some we faced and lost as Mennonites.

There was a time we ran our own schools, our hospitals, our personal care homes, and those who built them actually could count on living there if need be.

The the Paraguayan government is

Delegates also discussed on-farm fuel storage, and called on the provincial government to consult with them on the implementation of changes to storage regulations.

KAP, as are many other farm groups, also wants answers about the new four-year limit for workers to remain in Canada under the Temporary Foreign Workers Program, something that will adversely affect the agriculture industry because it has a difficult time attracting Canadian workers.

putting on pressure raising the taxes, the Mennonites have to pay, but for which they get nothing in return, other than freedom to self-government and live at peace.

If I recall, the governments of the day here also offered the proverbial olive leaf, saying bigger is better, let us help you, and so forth.

The other challenge that I see is that as the Menno Colony, the Co-operativa Chortizer grows bigger, they add layers of staff, departments, and we know here what happens then: bureaucracy!

I want to tell their story over and over again because the Mennonite Colony had its beginning with people from Manitoba. Most of them, if not all, still have relatives here.



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# Get a Smile Cookie this week

If you haven't picked up a Smile Cookie or ten from Tim Hortons yet this week, there's still time.

The annual Smile Cookie Campaign is on until Sunday at the Tim Hortons in Winkler and Morden, with 100 per cent of the sales from the \$1 treats earmarked to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler.

Big Bros. executive director Michael Penner (in photo at far left) says the funds are integral to allowing the agency to foster the mentoring matches for the upwards of 60 kids currently enrolled in their programs.

"Without the money we wouldn't be able to do as much as we can. If we didn't have the Tim Hortons funds, we'd probably have to cut a program, because we wouldn't be able to mentor as many kids."

Big Brothers Big Sisters is always looking for volunteer mentors for its programs, which range from the traditional mentoring matches to in-school mentoring to the new Go Girls! group program.

If you'd like to get involved, call the agency at 204-325-9707 or check them out online at [www.bigbrothersbigisters.ca/mordenwinkler](http://www.bigbrothersbigisters.ca/mordenwinkler).

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## take a break > GAMES

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- Leg shank
- Small amount
- Roman emperor
- Having ears
- Innocent young woman
- No wrinkles
- Small coin (French)
- 19 hundred hours
- A way to inform
- A seal or signet
- Tobacco smoke residue
- Tai language branch
- Set afire
- Partridge Family's actress Susan
- Canadian flyers
- Faculties of perception
- A light two-wheel carriage
- Was \_\_\_\_ (looked at)
- Appear with
- Natives of Thailand
- Hill (Celtic)
- Runs PCs
- Visualizes
- Mistake
- Riding horses
- Point of purchase
- Armless Aphrodite
- Having negative qualities
- Protective visual folds
- Crystallized calcium carbonate mineral
- Beach grains
- One who presents a bond for payment
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- Small paddle boats

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- Placards
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- Finds a sum
- Thick piece of something
- River in Hesse, Germany
- Inner forearm bone
- 1 of 2 contesting groups
- Olive tree genus
- Metal container



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### WINKLER CURLING CLUB



### REGISTRATION NIGHT

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015  
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

#### Register for the following leagues:

- Mens (Mon. or Wed.)
- Ladies (Tues.)
- Mixed (Thurs.)  
(Can sign up as couples)
- Junior (Mon. or Wed & Thurs.)  
Grade 4 & up (Limited spaces avail.)  
(Bring your junior to register!)
- Little Rockers  
(Thurs. after Christmas)  
(K to Grade 3 - Max. 24)
- NEW! Adult "Learn to Curl"  
Clinic and League (Fri.)

Questions? [ckezema@mymts.net](mailto:ckezema@mymts.net)

All current members are required to register in person or email.

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## NOTICES

### CITY OF MORDEN - PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION 2016 REAL, PERSONAL AND BUSINESS ASSESSMENT ROLLS

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the 2016 assessment roll for the City of Morden has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba and is open to public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of the 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 premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- 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;
- state the grounds on which the application is based; 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
  - serving it upon the Secretary,

at least fifteen (15) days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board of indicated in the Public Notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Monday, October 19th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of the City of Morden to hear applications.

The final date on which the Secretary of the Board must receive applications is **October 5th, 2015 by 4:30 p.m. local time.**

Dated at Morden, in Manitoba, this 11th day of September, A.D. 2015.

Garry D. Hiebert, Secretary  
Board of Revision

City of Morden, 100 - 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1V3

## COMING EVENTS

Grace Valley Mennonite Academy  
Non-Government  
Funded Private School

### FUNDRAISER

**Enchilada Supper**  
With Rice, Beans, Chips  
and Pie for Dessert

Fri. Sept. 18 • 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Winkler Mennonite Church  
31 Willowdale Crescent  
School Choir - Singing at Intervals  
Admission by Freewill Donation  
Everyone is welcome. Thank you  
in advance for your support!

## FOR RENT

**LaRiviere Lodge Inc.**  
**416 Christie St.**  
**LaRiviere, Mb.**

1 (one) bedroom Suite  
Available: Immediately  
Rental on Month to  
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Rent: \$437.00/month  
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Not included in rent:  
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**Contact: Gloria Wiklund**  
**204-242-2469**  
(leave message)  
**Maurice Deamel**  
**204-242-2011**

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at 204-822-3582.

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3582.

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an employer-trusted  
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at-home career today!

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Accepting students for  
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to play chords, strum-  
ming, notes, finger  
picking. Family dis-  
count available. Call  
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ative Chording Guitar  
& Piano Studio, Win-  
kler 204-325-0824.

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for women struggling  
with relationships. A  
study on boundar-  
ies. Meet on Tuesday  
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## CAREERS

**Greenhouse Assistant**  
(Part-time, Permanent)  
Canola Breeding Program



Under the supervision of the Sr. Greenhouse Tech-  
nician, the successful candidate will be responsible  
for assisting in the canola breeding greenhouse  
programs. **Responsibilities include, but are not  
limited to, the following:**

- Planting, transplanting and maintaining  
canola plants
- Maintaining seed inventories
- Data collection
- Assisting in crossing programs
- Hand harvesting and threshing of  
greenhouse plants
- Integrated pest management
- Assisting with field activities as needed

#### To be considered for this position, you should:

- Have excellent attention to detail and  
organizational skills
- Be able to work independently as well as  
part of a team
- Some knowledge of plant biology and  
experience with Canola would be an asset
- Experience working in a greenhouse  
environment would be an asset
- Possess valid Class 5 driver's license
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada

#### Location and Transportation:

DL Seeds Inc. is located at 25028 Road 17, Off  
Highway #3 near Morden and Winkler. There is no  
public transportation to the site. Hours of opera-  
tion are 8:00am-4:30pm.

Salary will be competitive, based on education, and  
experience.

#### Closing Date: September 25, 2015

DL Seeds thanks all applicants, however, only  
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[kim.brooks@dlseeds.ca](mailto:kim.brooks@dlseeds.ca)

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  - Availability to accommodate regularly scheduled school days
  - Monday to Friday, throughout the 2015-2016 school term

Contact Dawn Marie or Jan for additional information &  
immediate consideration

Tel.: 204-943-7124 or Toll free 1.866.227.3435 Fax: 204-943-7136  
Email: [djohnston@bayshore.ca](mailto:djohnston@bayshore.ca)

Or

[jjohnston@bayshore.ca](mailto:jjohnston@bayshore.ca)

\*Email: should state "School Resume" in subject line



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## NOTICES

Tell the people that if Sundays are ever to be turned into days of play and amusement, they will soon become days of labour and work. Tell them if they lose their Sabbath, they will have lost their best friend. J.C. Ryle Canadian Lords Day Association [www.clda.ca](http://www.clda.ca)

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## AUCTION

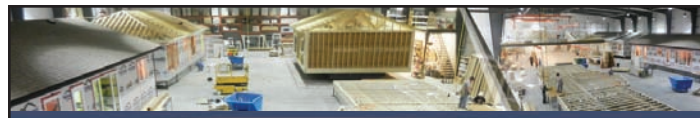
### Estate Auction For the late Dave Reimer Saturday Sept 19th at 1:00 PM 78 Klondike Ave., Roland, MB

1971 MG - needs assembly, runs, all pieces,  
1981 Camaro Z28 - rebuilt; 67,500 KM  
1992 GMC Sierra half ton; diesel - 368,000 KM  
2014 yard works 42" riding lawn mower; 16.5 HP  
Yardworks 42" Riding Mower; 16.5 HP, Kitchen and dining room table and chairs, 3 sofa and chair sets, bedroom suite, old Singer treadle sewing machine and piedmont electric machine, old record, radio cabinet, wooden rocker, entertainment centres, TV stands, TV, Lowrey organ, grandfather clock, and other interesting clocks, 5' freezer and fridge, shop and garden tools, fishing equipment.  
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Attn: Trevor Siemens  
PO Box 2260, 401 Pembina Ave East  
Winkler MB R6W 4B9  
Fax: 204.325.5048



We thank all those who apply; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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## AUCTION

### SURPLUS AUCTION FOR JACOB GOERTZEN AND FAMILY SATURDAY, OCT. 3 • 10 AM

at #23 Reinfeld St. in Reinfeld, MB.



Very large amount of tools and shop equip. including Atlas metal lathe, wood turning lathe. Air compressors, Welders, Cutting torch, Spot welder, Tools. saws, disc grinders, trailer loads of shop equipment. Tractors: Ferguson with 3 pth, Mitsubishi model D 2000 II diesel with rear tiller sells as a unit. Some household etc. This is a large auction, lunch available.

Check our website for listing and pictures.



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## AUCTION

### GUNS GUNS GUNS SELLING AT AUCTION FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

at the 115 Pineview Drive Bill and Helen Braun Yard and Household Auction.

Notice: All Buyers need to bring the PAL. 22 cal semi automatic Squirrel Gun 303 British with scope. 3030 Savage pump. Competier 177 cal Browning air rifle w/ scope 1200 fps. Quite a bit of ammo. This will sell approx 6:30 pm after the Braun's merchandise.

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## AUCTION

### FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION FOR HIGH RIDGE FEEDERS, ED & GLORI DALKE SAT., SEPT. 19 • 11 AM

One owner 2008 Chev Impala LTZ  
3900, V6 engine, 145,092 kms. Safetied. Nice condition. 3/4 mile north of Morden on First St.



Check [www.billklassen.com](http://www.billklassen.com) for pictures and listing



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## AUCTION

### AUCTION SALE

for Heinrich & Lydia Abrams, Sat., Sept. 19, 2015.  
10:00 am. 116 Railway Street, Altona, MB.

318 John Deere Riding Tractor with Cultivator, Tiller, Mower, Bagger, Blade. Champion 6500W Generator. JD Self Prop. Mower. Wind Mill. Antique Dresser. China Cabinets. Furniture. JD Collectible Tractors. Air Compressor. Craftsman 4 1/8" Jointer Planer. Mastercraft 3/8" Sheet Sander. Mastercraft Compound Mitre Saw. Mastercraft Socket Sets (7/8 - 2" Drive). Router Table  
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## AUCTION

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Craftsman push mower  
6.7 HP with bagger  
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Cub Cadet push lawn mower 6.7 HP with bagger, like new 1/2" floor model Drill Press.  
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Partial short version listing.

See our website [www.billklassen.com](http://www.billklassen.com) for full list and info on internet bidding etc.

John Deere Tractors, 8870, 8440, 4440, 4430, 3020, Gator TS 4x2, Z30A Mower, 950B CAT Payloader, 2005 Peterbilt truck with Roto Mix 620 feed mixer, IH 1982 Grain truck 466 DT Automatic.



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## CARD OF THANKS

The Miami Railroad Station Museum and the Miami Museum wish to thank all the volunteers who helped at the "Miami Show and Shine" on August 8th 2015. From the wonderful band "Terry and the Amigos" to the people in charge of the road accesses (too numerous to list). Your services helped to make the event a great success!

Thank you all entrants in the show...you made our town LOOK GOOD! To all the merchants in the Pembina Valley who were able to support the "Show and Shine" a BIG thank you. Your efforts are helping to preserve the history of the Pembina Valley! Your contribution amounted to \$4600!

Thank you to The Canada Trail Group and the RM of Thompson; you donated a total of \$250. A big thank you to the public who supported the Show and Shine. Your efforts added \$2732.50 to the total money raised. After expenses of \$1295.00 each Museum will receive over \$3100 for much needed repairs.

## IN MEMORIAM



In memory of  
Helen Kehler

October 14, 1945 - September 20, 2014  
We miss you so much and  
will always love you!

God's Garden  
God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest,  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

-Love,

Ernie, Kevin, Keri, Jessica, Keith,  
Ryan, Shayna, Cole, Ken, Vika, Leala,  
Marlon, Brooke, Nolan and Keira

## OBITUARY

### Clara Ruth Mitchell 1949 – 2015

On Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Victoria General Hospital in Winnipeg, MB Ruth Mitchell, aged 66 years of Morden went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing one brother, Jim (Pat) Mitchell and their family as well as her boyfriend, Eric Sherk. She was predeceased by her parents, Ronald and Hazel Mitchell and her brother, Don.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday September 15, 2015 at the St. Thomas Anglican Church in Morden with interment at Manitou Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ruth's memory to Eden Mental Health.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden  
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## NOTICE OF TENDER

### The Manitoba Water Services Board

Sealed tenders, marked as follows will be received by the undersigned at The Manitoba Water Services Board, Imperial Square, 2010 Currie Blvd., Box 22080, Brandon, Manitoba, R7A 6Y9, no later than 11:00 a.m., prevailing Brandon time on:

**September 25, 2015**

for the following works:

The installation of approximately 665m of 250mm diameter FPVC DR25 Gravity Sewer by means of directional drilling. Tie-In to 3 existing manholes, re-connection of services and installation of 4 new manholes.

**MARKED**

**M.W.S.B. No. 1248**

**City of Morden - Gilmour Street Gravity Sewer**

Tenders will be publicly opened and read at the location, time and date specified above.

Each tender must be accompanied by a fully executed BID BOND on the form provided and in favor of the Minister of Finance for the amount shown on the Tender. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will a certified cheque be accepted in lieu of a Bid Bond.

Tender documents may be obtained by provincially registered companies on or after September 14, 2015 at 2010 Currie Blvd., Brandon, MB. Contact us at (204) 726-6076 to request the documents in PDF digital or hard copy format.

The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.



## OBITUARY

### Maria (Mary) Thiessen (nee Wall) 1932 – 2015

On Sunday, September 6, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Mary Thiessen aged 82 years of the Heritage Apartments in Winkler, MB passed away peacefully.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Anne (Laurance) Klassen, Kathy (Albert John) Peters, Lynne (Harry) Penner; three sons, Pete (Trudy), Ron (Geraldine), Harry (Ally); numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters; two brothers and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Jacob J Thiessen in 2000; daughter, Carol Fehr in 2011 and grandson, Christopher Thiessen in 1986.

The celebration of Mary's life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the Zion Mennonite Church, Schanzenfeld with interment at the Church Cemetery.

Many thanks to the caring staff at BTHC for making mom comfortable and accommodating us as a family as we surrounded mom with visits during her short stay at the hospital.

Donations may be made in Mary's memory to Children's Camps International or The Bunker Ministries.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler  
In care of arrangements,  
[wiebefuneralhomes.com](http://wiebefuneralhomes.com)



## OBITUARY

### Elida Theresa Marie Novosel (nee LeBlanc) 1925 – 2015

On Sunday, September 6, 2015 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Elida Novosel aged 90 years, formerly of Flin Flon passed away.

Elida is survived by her daughter, Nancy (George) Fieber; one son, George Novosel (Cathy Poulin) as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren, one sister and four brothers. She was predeceased by her husband, William Novosel in 1990; her parents, Lucien and Blanche LeBlanc; one sister and four brothers.

Elida spent most of her life in Flin Flon, MB but Morden was her home for the past 20 years. Her greatest love was spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her hobby was cross stitching. She made over 100 pieces, three of which are hanging at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Swan Lake Hospital and Tabor Home. Tabor was her home for the past two years. She loved all the staff and they loved to spend time visiting and puzzling with her.

As per Elida's wishes, cremation has taken place and no service will be held.

We wish to thank everyone that was a part of Mom's life. A special thank you to Dr. Jackson and all the staff at Swan Lake and Tabor Home. You are all so many that I cannot name you all but you know how important you were to mom and to our family. Our deepest appreciation; we'll never forget you.

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## OBITUARY



### Margaret Froese (nee Elias)

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Margaret Froese (nee Elias).

Margaret went to be with her Lord and Savior at the age of 64 on August 26, 2015 at Kelowna General Hospital after a 10 month struggle with cancer.

She is predeceased by her husband John (July 2011); her parents, Peter and Susie Elias and one brother, Jake.

She will be missed by her three children (Chris and Lia Froese, Mike and Jenn Froese and Jen and Steve VanStrein) and their families as well as five sisters (Mary and Richard Klassen, Susan and Waldo Sawatzky, Sarah and David Dyck, Tena and Ike Fehr, Helen and Larry Nickel), three brothers (John and Evelyn Elias, Peter and Cindy Elias, Abe and Beth Elias) and their families and many other family and friends.

A memorial service was held at Kelowna Gospel Fellowship Church on Monday, August 31st.

## OBITUARY



### Judith (Ida) Klassen (nee Wiebe)

1925 - 2015

Ida Klassen went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on September 7, 2015 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre at the age of 90.

She leaves to mourn her husband of 67 years, George D. Klassen of Winkler; three sons, John and Vi Klassen, George and Shirl Klassen, Peter and Eileen Klassen all of Winkler; two daughters, Kathy and Robert Krahn of Winkler, Ruth and Dave Greene of Wilmington, Delaware; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren as well as one sister. Even though we miss her already, we are thankful for all the memories that will live on in our hearts. Knowing that there is no more pain and suffering we celebrate that mom is safe in the arms of Jesus. "Well done my good and faithful

servant."

Ida was the strength of our home. All she did was for the glory of God. She enjoyed reading her Bible before her eyesight was almost gone, enjoyed gardening, cooking, puzzling and playing Chinese checkers. Flowers were her passion and she loved the outdoors.

Funeral service was held September 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church in Winkler with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

A very big thank you to the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Glenda Fehr and the Homecare staff as well as Wiebe Funeral Home for all the excellent care.

If you so desire, donations may be made in Ida's memory to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler,  
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## OBITUARY



### Aaron Guenther

1966 - 2015

On Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Aaron Guenther aged 48 years of Plum Coulee, MB went to his eternal rest.

He is survived by his wife, Margarita (nee Thiessen); his son, Jamie; eight sisters, two brothers and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Johan and Katharina Guenther and one brother.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to Dr. Woelk, Dr. Menzies and the rest of the staff at BTHC for their

compassionate care during their difficult time.

If friends so desire, donations may be made towards the family to assist with expenses.

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## OBITUARY



### Isaac (Ike) F Enns

1936 - 2015

On Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Ike Enns aged 79 years of Winkler, MB went to his eternal rest.

He is survived by his wife, Tina (nee Friesen); three sons, Albert Enns, Dennis and Cindy Enns, Jason and Katherine Enns as well as seven grandchildren; two sisters; one brother and their families. He was predeceased by four sisters and two brothers.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at the Winkler EMMC with a private family interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Ike's memory to MCC.

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