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**Well
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Pembina Valley Child Care Centres Inc. celebrated the start of construction of its second Morden daycare centre on Monday. Work on the site just down the road from the current daycare on Rampton St. began earlier this spring. In lieu of a sod-turning, dignitaries and supporters wrote well-wishes for the project on a section of building material. For the full story, see Pg. 4.

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Winkler Community Fdn. distributes \$93K in grants

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation presented \$93,643 to 13 organizations for a variety of projects last week.

Generated from the interest of its endowment funds, this year's total is up a fair bit thanks to a profitable year of investing, said executive director Myra Peters.

"Based on our 2017 rate of return the board approved a four per cent grant disbursement. Usually we do 3.5 per cent," she explained. "It definitely is exciting to see that we are able to meet more of the requests of the community."

More but not quite all. The foundation received over \$146,000 in grant requests and so had to make some tough choices.

"Each year the Winkler Community Foundation receives grant requests well beyond what we can grant out," noted Peters. "There's so many great



Representatives from 13 community organizations stopped by city hall last week to accept \$93,643 in grants from the Winkler Community Foundation.

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organizations that are doing these amazing things and we want to encourage all these organizations to continue their work making Winkler

a better place to live, work, and play in."

In the hopes of being able to grant out more in the future, the foundation has set its sights on having \$550,000 in its Community Fund by 2020. Peters said they're just \$40,000 away from reaching that goal.

"If we can grow that fund there's money to give back year after year to support these different charities and

organizations in the work that they're doing," she said. "And that's what we're here for—to support them."

Since the principal in the fund is never distributed, only the interest, a donation or bequest to it is the gift that keeps on giving.

"It's here for a lifetime," said Peters. "It gives back year after year forever. The impact can't be overstated."

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Winkler family's gift to pay for BTHC heliport



From left: Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation chair Grant Thiessen, Corissa Wiebe, Irene Krahn, Farrell Krahn, and Jason Johnson of STARS at the announcement of the Krahn family's \$350,000 donation for a heliport at the hospital.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

By Lorne Stelmach

A family's tribute to a husband and father means a heliport is coming to Boundary Trails Health Centre.

A sod-turning ceremony last Thursday kicked off the project with the announcement that Irene Krahn of Winkler and her son Farrell Krahn and daughter Corissa Wiebe are donating the funds to pay the estimated \$350,000 cost in its entirety. The gift comes in memory of Irene's husband Ed Krahn.

"This dream started for us as a family a few years ago after my father Ed Krahn passed away," Farrell Krahn said. "Shortly thereafter, my mom shared her and my father's hopes of donating back to the community for a project that would benefit the entire region."

One day they drove past the hospital and saw the STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society) helicopter on site.

"We all believed this was a project we wanted to pursue," Krahn said, noting discussions with STARS began last spring. "It is exciting to see this vision becoming a reality today. It is our hope this helipad will serve for many years to come."

"We had a community member who has been working very hard behind the scenes to advocate for and move the project to fruition. Irene has been

working so hard on the project," said Grant Thiessen, chairperson of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation, which is facilitating the donation. "It's awesome, and it speaks to our community and the people that are in our community and their generosity and their vision for the need."

It's a project the foundation wholeheartedly embraces, he added.

"The frequent need for the services provided by STARS to and from Boundary Trails Health Centre has been increasing over the past number of years," Thiessen said, noting they're at 200 trips and counting.

"We have all observed and many have experienced the life saving services STARS provides to expedite the required medical care in emergency situations. A permanent heliport will speed up transfers and increase safety for patients and staff."

The helicopter landing pad will be certified by Transport Canada for Canadian aviation standards with a connecting walkway to more quickly and easily transfer critically ill and injured patients. It could also reduce the need for ground ambulance transfers.

Grant Therrien, STARS provincial director, agreed it is a vital step towards ensuring they can continue landing at the hospital.

"It's exciting to be involved in providing a heliport to the region because it will help save lives for patients needing timely emergency care when every second counts."

Shandy Walls, major gifts manager for STARS, offered her praise for the Krahn family.

"The impact of what Irene and Farrell and Corissa are giving to this community ... it's huge," she said. "Be-

cause of your vision and your generosity ... we're going to have a helipad with a paved walkway ... it's going to make the journey a lot easier for all."

Some planning work still needs to be done for the project, but Thiessen expects it will be up and running before next winter.

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Hundreds chow down at Salem BBQ

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Salem Home Ladies Auxiliary's second annual barbecue fundraiser was a resounding success last week.

The sale of nearly 500 meals of burgers and fries and hundreds of silent auction tickets helped the June 12 event exceed last year's fundraising total by nearly \$5,000.

"We raised \$13,709.95," said auxiliary president Hilda Friesen, who added she and all the BBQ's volunteers were blown away by the community's support. "It was an amazing evening. More like a party than a fundraising event."

Even after expenses, the auxiliary has more than enough to purchase



Hundreds of people lined up to enjoy a burger and fries at the Salem Home Ladies Auxiliary's second annual barbecue fundraiser June 12. Right: The Quonset Brothers provided the soundtrack for the evening.



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an ABBY device for Salem Home's dementiaAbility program. ("And we'll see about a second one, too," hinted Friesen.)

The \$7,000 device features a wall-mounted display designed to engage residents living with Alzheimer's or dementia through a range of touch-screen activities and hands-on experiences.

It will be a great tool of engagement

for residents, Friesen said, and she's grateful to the community for making its purchase possible.

"I just want to say a huge thank you for the awesome support," she said. "It's the community, totally, that does it. We're just so blessed at Salem to

have a community that supports and cares.

"When people come out like this they're showing by their support that they really care about the elderly in our community. And that's heart-warming."

Second Morden daycare finally becoming a reality

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Monday was a day of celebration for Pembina Valley Child Care Centres Inc.

The daycare marked the long-awaited start of construction of its second location in Morden with a sod-turning ceremony of sorts (the ground was actually broken on the project earlier this spring) followed by a fundraising barbecue hosted by their school-age children.

"Our board, staff, and community have been eagerly anticipating this day, as licensed childcare in Morden ... is extremely hard to find," said board chair Candace Brunn. "Building a new facility like this one has taken years."

The new site, known as The Hive, is going up just a few lots down from the current Morden Community Child Care Centre on Rampton St.

It will add 90 spaces for children age 12 weeks to five years and is expected to be in operation by next March.

"This will help our current wait list, which is 160 children," said Brunn, noting the current Morden daycare offers 112 spaces for kids age 12 weeks

to 12 years.

The project would not be possible if not for funding commitments from several levels of government, she pointed out. The federal and provincial governments together are contributing \$792,000 in capital funds to the centre, while the City of Morden chipped in \$450,000 and also leased the land to the daycare for just \$1 for the next 99 years.

"The City of Morden is very excited and pleased to be able to make an investment into safe and accessible and dependable child care," said Mayor Brandon Burley. "It's an investment in the well-being of families as well as our economy."

Local businesses have also stepped up to help. Décor Cabinets is donating all the interior mill work, Winkler Co-op is gifting the centre all their appliances, Vern's Carpet is donating the area rugs, and the Morden Elks have pledged the proceeds from this weekend's Lobsterfest to the project.

"Building a facility like this would not be possible for us to do on our own," Brunn said, thanking everyone for their support.

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Community support keeps BTHC Fdn. going

By Lorne Stelmach

There are many reasons to be thankful for the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation.

From a myriad of annual equipment purchases to making both the palliative and spiritual care programs possible, the foundation plays a vital role in supporting the facility as a regional care centre.

"And we need to get that awareness out there," said chairperson Grant Thiessen as the foundation held its annual meeting on Monday.

"We have had an emphasis on getting more exposure for the foundation ... to get out in the community and to have people aware of us and to understand the needs that we are trying to fulfill."

It is an especially busy time now for the organization, which since its inception has raised over \$6 million.

In the 2018-19 fiscal year alone, the foundation made

over \$157,000 in equipment purchases at BTHC, including everything from waiting room chairs and stethoscopes to a bladder scanner, ultrasound probe, and an infant stabilization unit. The foundation also funds two part-time palliative nurses, a volunteer co-ordinator, and spiritual care staff in full at BTHC.

"It's been a very exciting year. We have been able to collect and donate a fair bit of money," Thiessen noted. "We had very successful regular fundraising activities with our golf tournament and our banquet."

The annual fundraising gala banquet last fall alone brought in over \$75,000, and Thiessen said that kind of support is what makes it possible for them to in turn support the hospital.

"We're buying a lot of equipment," he noted. "We've had individual companies from the area or organizations that have donated to us for specific pieces of equipment that we are able to have available in the hospital now."

Another new addition to their list of projects is the construction of a heliport which will better support STARS in bringing patients to and from the hospital. The foundation is facilitating the donation from the Krahn family that is making it all possible,

"We've really embraced this and want to see it through to completion," said Thiessen.

The board's long-term goal is to pursue the expansion of the hospital.

"It's a multi-year project, multi-million project for certain," Thiessen said. The foundation currently has about \$1.4 million in its Building for the Future fund for the project.

"We continue to work hard on that ... we're not there yet," said Thiessen. "We don't have government approval, but we have presented it to the government and are awaiting some response from them as to what they are going to do."

"I would love for them to tell us that yes they support it, and then we can start our fundraising campaign because our fundraising campaign is going to be monumental," he added.

"The foundation has never raised this kind of money before, so we're going to be relying on our community members and communities to support this wholeheartedly ... as we can see with a project such as the heliport, there are people out there who want to support things that are good for the communities, so we're positive we will be able to achieve it."

> WINKLER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, FROM PG. 2

Bev Wiebe, executive director of Central Station, agrees.

"It's imperative. Local funding is really what keeps us going and I think it's what keeps the community invested in what we're doing, too," she said.

"I think it provides the opportunity, too, for the community to be engaged in a variety of ways," Wiebe added of the foundation. "Often we target one agency that we have a passion for, but this covers so many broad agencies in the community, which I think is really good for the community at large."

The community centre received \$26,051 from the Mend the Gap Fund for projects addressing poverty.

Rena Hildebrand, principal of Pine Ridge Elementary School, was on hand to accept \$2,500 to allow the soon-to-open school's band program to purchase instruments that will allow students of all economic backgrounds the chance to learn to play.

"With a new school startup our funds are limited," she said. "We're not starting off like a school that's been around for 20 years and has accumulated lots of items. This grant will allow our teachers to do more things that they're envisioning and dreaming for Pine Ridge and it will give our students a few more opportunities."

Dorothy Plett of the Winkler Festival of the Arts, which received \$500 for music scholarships, wishes more people were aware of the good work the foundation does with the donations it receives.

"I've only been recently aware of how you can contribute to a fund such as this and I think maybe a lot of our

community doesn't even realize how much we can put into the community just by donating to this kind of a fund."

Other organizations receiving support from the Community Fund this year include:

- Discovery Nature Sanctuary, \$2,500 towards an outdoor education centre.
- Pine Ridge School, \$2,000 for the physical education department to purchase heart rate monitors.
- Regional Connections, \$4,500 for renovations to the newcomers childcare space.
- Winkler Bible Camp, \$2,500 towards the purchase of a coffee maker.
- Winkler Heritage Society, \$1,000 for its Manitoba Heritage Fund.

Receiving grants from various designated and agency/donor-advised funds were:

- C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre, \$7,525 from the Dr. CW Wiebe Medical Fund for a tympanometry and reflex screener and ABI Doppler.
- South Central Cancer Resource, \$3,973 from the Darlene Peters Fund for a wellness program promoting exercise and healthy eating.
- Gateway Resources, \$35,956 from its agency fund for a roof project.
- Katie Cares Foundation, \$4,070 from its fund for operations.
- Pembina Valley Humane Society, \$555 from the Kallansky Family Fund for a cat room.

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The time of madness is upon us

It seems the filthy, rabid dog that is election campaign fever has reared its diseased head and gotten off to an early start in Canada, the United States, and Manitoba these days.

You see frustrating and frightening signs of the foul beast everywhere; evidence that it has been mauling pretty much anyone it can sink its feral, rotting teeth into.

Crazy, wild-eyed people, frothing at the mouth as they proclaim on social media and elsewhere that the time is nigh for the evil one to fall (read: Prime Minister, Premier, President, etc. here) and for the true saviour to arise—the one who will take us all from despair and lead us into the

land of milk and honey. And all they need to do it is your vote (and maybe a donation).

You cannot identify the compromised by creed or party affiliation as the evil knows no boundaries. None are immune. Sadly, since tinfoil hats are no longer in vogue there is no uniform to look for excepting the odd swastika, confederate flag, or anarchy symbol. Sometimes they may be found standing on social media street corners madly shouting “THE END IS NIGH!”

There are some things to look for, however, that will tell you if a loved one or friend has succumbed.

- An increasing number of their social media posts trend toward the ragey and zealous as they speak of the current leader or challenger as evil incarnate.

- It becomes clear that they would happily advocate for the eradication of opposing political parties in favour of a dictatorship lead by their own beloved Czar.

- Anyone who does not see things the way they do are possible traitors to their country and/or followers of Voldemort seeking to devour your soul and the souls of your children.

- They are completely incapable of finding any error in their leader's cause and campaign and generally accept all statements from the party as gospel that needs to be proselytized in wild-eyed glee to all who will listen and more so to those who will not.

Clearly a brain infection, the most dangerous aspect of it is that you don't have to be bitten to be infected...you can get it from your infected neighbour if you are not vaccinated against the disease.

Steps you can take to avoid becoming one of these walking dead include the following:

- Read everything and learn to tell the difference between articles flowing out of a teenager's computer in a basement in Croatia and something from the Globe and Mail or The Sun.

- Assume you might not be an infallible, omniscient, super-human incapable or error and accept that there are things you might not know.

- Assume the same thing of your chosen leader.

- Question everything and tattoo

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By Peter Cantelon

Letters

A heartfelt thanks to those who step up to help out youth

Living within the Pembina Valley area is indeed an awesome privilege. This area offers numerous opportunities for our youth to be actively involved in no matter what the season. Everything from soccer to recreational hockey, dance to theatre, for both boys and girls. There are simply too many to list them all.

Every Saturday morning this past winter we thoroughly enjoyed watching our grandson play and learn the skills of hockey at the Morden Rec Centre. All the players had a great time.

DanceWorks is another local program that introduces various types of

dance/choreograph skills. Our granddaughter immensely enjoyed her involvement in this activity.

At this particular time I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the organizers, leaders, coaches, etc. involved to make this happen. They truly are the unsung heroes of our communities.

Being a positive role model in the lives of our youth is a priceless investment. As a past Big Brother myself I often wonder what impact I had on my “little” brother in his development.

The leadership of such organizations deserve a lot of credit. Thank you

Mike [Penner, of Big Brothers Big Sisters] for your efforts. I would also like to thank Wolfgang [Schaefer] who heads up the local taekwondo program. Recently a number of boys from the area (including our grandson) participated at the Manitoba Open Taekwondo competition held in Winnipeg, bringing home several medals. Thank you again Wolfgang in helping to train and develop our youth.

Thanks to everyone involved in the many programs available in the area.

Harv Klassen,
Winkler

Celebrating a shared culture



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The local Filipino community gathered in Winkler Saturday to celebrate June as Filipino Heritage Month. They enjoyed traditional food and games as well as fellowship at the Winkler Arena. "We're visible now in the community," said organizer Jewel Miralles White, who suggested there may have been less than 10 Filipinos here when she came in 2008. Today there are upwards of 400 calling Morden-Winkler home. "The Morden immigration program is really helping boost the population," White said, "and there's more coming."



Morden's The Hub on the hunt for a new home

By Lorne Stelmach

The place that many people in the Morden area turn to for a helping hand may be homeless at the end of the month.

The Hub Community Centre need to be out of their current home in the strip mall on the west end of Morden by the end of June.

"Knowing that the space was still up for lease or for rent, we were kind of going on a month to month basis," said The Hub's Brian Thiessen.

"We knew that this is something that would come. This wasn't a surprise at all. There were a few times within the last eight months that we might be pushed out a little sooner. We were fortunate we were able to stay as long as we have been able to here."

Formerly called Donate Love, what

is now The Hub has been running a weekly food bank and a site for free clothing and household items for families in need in Morden, Miami, Manitou, and Darlingford for the last few years.

With the move imminent and no new location firmed up, the agency has been holding Saturday garage sales to try and liquidate as much of its donated household goods as possible. They're also using storage units to keep excess clothing.

"We're hoping to be able to liquidate as much as we can, and then after that, even if there's something temporary ... that can get us through the winter," Thiessen said.

Not having a location in place for July would mean having to suspend their operations temporarily, but he remained optimistic and sees an op-

portunity for The Hub to take a step forward.

"We're always excited for change. We are just hoping for some consistency that we can find a place that we can open at least to be able to hand out our food," Thiessen said. "If there's a large enough location that we can get the clothing back up again, that would also be very good."

He said they ideally would like a location that is a little more centrally located in Morden that would be accessible to everyone, but "we'll take pretty much anything that can be offered to us."

"It would be nice to have about 500 square feet at least so we can operate a food bank. Anything over that is a bonus. Anything bigger would allow us to bring the clothing out of storage."

Thiessen's hope is that this will lead them to a new location which could help them work towards some of their longer term dreams, but the

immediate goal is to be able to carry on with initiatives like their Morden BAG (Better Access to Groceries) program.

"That has been growing huge ... that takes a little bit of square footage and manpower, so that is something we would like to be able to build on ... to offer more than just a bag of produce but to offer a pre-made bag for a meal ... so everything that you need to make that meal is included in that bag. You just have to go home and put the ingredients together."

"There's lots of hopes and dreams and plans for us down the road. We just need a space to do it," said Thiessen. "We have dreams of more services that we could provide. Who knows where that may go, and the right building or facility may just be the missing piece that we need to launch something new."

Anyone wanting more information or to help can reach out to The Hub through its Facebook page.



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The Hub needs to be out of its Thornhill St. home by month's end.

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

"The truth is out there" on the inside of your eyelids.

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course and a new lord of darkness has been chosen.

Then you can happily emerge, blind and squinting into the sunlight of a new day for the six months to a year until the next plague is unleashed and the whole mad thing starts all over again.

Regional Connections embracing the challenges of growth

By Lorne Stelmach

The continued growth of the region poses a welcome challenge for Regional Connections.

The organization that provides settlement, employment, and language services for newcomers in south central Manitoba continues striving to better meet the increasing needs of immigrants.

"The challenge has been partly just keeping up," executive director Steve Reynolds said following the agency's annual meeting last Thursday in Winkler.

"It's very busy in this region and very unique in this region for a small centre or rural area to have so much



community growth, including immigration. I'm working [on] just having more contacts and a broader network of other communities around the province.

"Other communities would love to see this kind of growth and this kind of development. It's being recognized," he added, noting as well that many other communities are still just trying to sell their people on the benefits of immigration. "So for us the challenge is to just keep meeting needs and to keep doing our work really well and to keep up with the needs of people.

"It also presents a lot of opportunity," Reynolds added. "There's a really kind of positive mindset locally ... a lot of employers, partners, and chambers and community stakeholders are interested in participating."

The annual meeting offered highlights of what was another strong year for the organization.

There was 18 per cent growth in the past year with over 700 more clients overall, and many of the statistics reflect the demand for services:

- Over 530 unique clients attended language classes, with 827 total registrations including 433 for Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada.
- Almost 200 class placements for Canadian Language Benchmarks,

Regional Connections executive director Steve Reynolds said the challenge for the immigrant services agency is keeping up with the demand for their services as the region's population grows.

which is the national standard for describing, measuring, and recognizing the English language proficiency of adult immigrants and prospective immigrants for living and working in Canada.

- Around 2,300 settlement needs assessments.

- Just under 400 employment clients.

- Settlement Workers In Schools worked with 63 pre-school, 328 elementary, 113 secondary students, and 593 parents.

- A total of 114 registered for the Childcare for Newcomer Children program, including 55 for pre-school care.

Reynolds also highlighted a number of particular successes of the past year, including new programs ranging from online courses and an English at work program to the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership, which has as its goal finding gaps and barriers impacting newcomers.

He particularly cited the introduction of the Settlement Workers In Schools program.

"That was key to the growth for sure, and we really like that model of settlement workers in schools, in that it's proactive," he said. "A lot of the services that are available in the office here really depend on somebody realizing they have a need, knowing where they need to go.

"Hopefully it will grow ... we're set for it to continue again this next year and then we've put in a request for it to expand the year after, so we'll see."

Board chairperson Loren Braul said these kinds of initiatives all tie in to helping address the varied challenges newcomers face.

"While Regional Connections wants to be a one stop shop for all of its services, there are lots of other factors that we don't control," noted Braul, citing the examples of access to health care, transportation, and housing, and that makes their emphasis on partnership even more vital. "Those can present obstacles to continued growth of the program as well as growth in the region."

With that in mind, he also highlighted the importance of diversifying their board with reps from such areas as school divisions and local municipalities as well as the private and professional sectors. One such new addition is CPA Deepak Sani.

"He himself is a recent immigrant, so he can speak from his own experience. And he's also in the private sector," added Braul. "It's very important that our board has wide representation."

Looking forward, the board noted a key development for the year ahead will be expanding into a separate dedicated child care space. The addition of another 1,600 sq. ft. will also include a couple more office spaces.

"Right now, child care has been using a classroom and a meeting room, but the limited space has meant we can't provide infant care," said Reynolds. "With the expanded space we'll be able to provide infant care that starts at six months."

Residents voice concerns over new builds

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler city council had to decide on two planning matters last week that both brought some opposition from the community.

One saw residents oppose a conditional use to allow a duplex in a single family residential zone while the other centred around a variation for the new Valley Bowl building north of Hwy. 14 that would bring its heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment closer to a neighbouring condo development.

Residents living in the area of the proposed duplex on Bonneville Cres. maintained it wasn't a good fit for a neighbourhood that is otherwise all single family residential, and they questioned the wisdom of the city allowing varying mixed developments

throughout Winkler.

On the other side, it was suggested the duplex was well suited for what is a larger lot and noted that the design had been changed in order for it to be a better fit.

"We're not seeing a sub-standard home built there," said Mayor Martin Harder.

"What we as council looked at here is esthetically it needs to look like it belongs in the area," he said, adding they didn't want to insist on a single family dwelling on a 70 foot property. "To me, I felt they did a good job as far as design, and they changed the plans to ensure they addressed the issue that we had."

"I'm encouraged to see the work that has gone into this ... it fits the appearance of the community," suggested Coun. Henry Siemens.

In the other matter, residents to the north of the Valley Bowl development raised concerns centred around the noise level that will result from having the HVAC units close to their properties.

Council heard there were some tests done looking at the noise level of the HVAC units compared to that of traffic in the area, for example, and it was stressed other measures would be taken including fencing and enclosures around the units to restrict the noise.

Whether that would be sufficient enough was questioned by area residents, and Coun. Marvin Plett echoed their comments that not enough forethought went into the planning to avoid such an issue arising.

"I think the residents have an absolute right," said Plett, who ended

up voting against the variation along with Coun. Michael Grenier.

Other members of council felt the issue could be adequately addressed with measures including ensuring a tree line remains in place to help restrict the noise.

"There is no way that I would want to replace trees with a six foot fence ... esthetically, it doesn't look right; noise reduction doesn't work right," said Harder.

"How do you mitigate the potential? You have to come up with some standards, and you have to realize that some people don't necessarily agree with the standards, but that's what the standards are," he said. "I think the promise we can make is the noise levels will be monitored."

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“If we can do it, so can you”

Regional Connections literacy program grads ready to take on the world

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Regional Connections celebrated the accomplishments of eight hard-working students last Friday.

The agency’s literacy program equips students with the tools they need to succeed, whether that’s in their day-to-day lives or future schooling, said instructor Jaime Friesen-Pancratz.

“I think sometimes people don’t realize we have these classes at Regional Connections. They think it’s just English for newcomers, but it’s not.

“We have students who were born in Canada but who fell out of the school system somewhere and need to do some upgrading. We also have a lot of folks who had their beginning schooling in [other countries] and then they came to Regional Connections for immigration help and realize we also have this to offer.”

Friesen-Pancratz explains students enter one of the three stages of the program based on their current literacy skills and then proceed through at their own pace, meeting for classes half-days several days a week in Morden and Winkler.

When they’ve completed all three stages they’re ready, if they wish, to continue on in pursuing their mature high school diplomas at an adult education centre.

“It’s a really neat thing for people to get the skills that they need to go further,” Friesen-Pancratz said.

For the students, graduating from the program’s various stages is both bittersweet and empowering.

“When I started in school this day seemed so far away. Now it is here [and] I can’t believe that time has passed so quickly,” said Helena Knelssen, who received her Stage 1 certificate.

She thanked the group’s teachers for their dedication.

“Through your encouragement and guidance I feel I am ready for tomorrow’s challenges,” she said. “You have played a special role in my life.”

“I would never have imagined six years ago that I would be able to speak, read, and write well in English,” said Lidia Penner, who received her Stage 2 certificate and intends to return this fall to start her Stage 3 studies.

“I would recommend this program to anyone who is in need of an upgrade in English,” added Stage 3 graduate Margaretha Giesbrecht. “This is an amazing program. And the best part is it is flexible ... you go the days that you can.”

Helena Martens, a Stage 3 grad who intends to pursue her high school diploma, says she is a completely different person from when she started her studies and her classmates and instructors—once strangers—have become like family.

“Parting from these marvelous people won’t be easy. It makes me sad thinking of leaving this place, but it



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The Regional Connections literacy program celebrated the accomplishments of its students last Friday. Back row, from left: Rosella Thiessen, Lidia Penner, Margaretha Giesbrecht, and Helena Martens. Front row: Katharina Bueckert, Elsie Siemens, Anna Heide, and Helena Knelssen. Right: Helena Martens, who graduated with her Stage 3 certificate and plans to pursue her high school diploma, urges others who need to upgrade their literacy skills to come check out the program.



also brings me joy because it shows me that I’m actually capable of learning,” Martens said.

“I want to encourage everyone ... who didn’t get a chance to get an education or who has thought of up-

grading their education to take this opportunity and start at whichever level you’re at. I promise you, you can do it

“If we can do it, so can you.”

Co-op grant to build outdoor classroom at DNS

A major donation from Co-op means Winkler’s Discovery Nature Sanctuary will be able to install its outdoor education centre sooner rather than later.

The Co-op Community Spaces Program is providing \$2 million to 26 projects across Western Canada this year, including \$60,000 to the nature sanctuary for an open-air shelter.

“It is a great honour to be chosen as one of Co-op Community Spaces’ grant recipients for 2019,” said DNS committee member Margaret Klassen. “This grant will give the DNS the opportunity to build an outdoor education centre which can be used by the schools for teaching purposes as well as the public for hosting family picnics and so much more.

“It is great when local business see the potential of the Discovery Nature Sanctuary and help build it step by step,” she added. “We give special thanks to Co-op for making this project come to completion.”

“Co-op Community Spaces aims to bring people together, creating places for everyone and building a lasting legacy that benefits our community

> COUNCIL, FROM PG. 8

Afterwards, Harder acknowledged that situations like these can be difficult for council, but they aim to hear the concerns and try to find a way for everyone to be able to live with and alongside each other.

“Obviously all of us would like to

into the future,” said Winkler Co-op general manager Evan Toews. “We’re happy to be a contributing partner on projects like this. They reflect the spirit and dedication of the people within our community.”

Winkler Co-op will present DNS with the cheque for the grant on Friday, June 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the sanctuary. The celebration will include tours

be in a situation where everybody’s happy,” he said.

Meanwhile, council also approved a conditional use that will allow an apiary to be established at the Discovery Nature Sanctuary.

The permit was necessary because

and a by-donation barbecue lunch.

Since 2015, Co-op has donated \$8.5 million to 114 projects across the nation, including several big projects in southern Manitoba over the years.

Also receiving 2019 funding in southern Manitoba is the United Community Arts Community Green Space project in Pilot Mound, which received \$46,700.

beekeeping is generally restricted in the city.

“Because it’s not zoned as agriculture or as rural residential, it wasn’t really covered,” said Harder. “It was a good fit in this instance because of the educational purposes of it.”

Trooper, Charlie Major to headline Corn & Apple

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Legendary Canadian rock band Trooper returns to the Corn and Apple Festival stage this August.

Festival main stage committee head Jocelyn Durand announced on Monday that the '70s hit-makers will be the Saturday evening headliners for the Aug. 23-25 festival.

"Trooper is well-received wherever they go," she said, noting they were last in Morden several summers ago. "It's been a few years, but I know they are excited about coming back."

Trooper's 10 studio albums have earned multiple gold and platinum awards. They're known for such chart-toppers as *Raise a Little Hell*, *We're Here for a Good Time (Not a Long Time)*, and *Two For the Show*.

"They are very much a draw for people," said Durand, noting their music not only resonates with older fans but is making a comeback of sorts with the younger generation as well. "They still have a really good following."

Opening for the legendary rockers will be Roman Clarke followed by The

Matinée.

This year's country line-up, meanwhile, moves to Friday night and includes performances from Manitoba Country Music Association's Female Artist of the Year winner Kendra Kay and up and comer Ryan Langdon in the lead-up to headliner Charlie Major.

In the early to mid-nineties, Major became the first Canadian artist in history to score six BDS #1 hits off his debut album. Nine more chart-topping hits would follow, and Major went on to perform around the world. He has sold nearly half a million records in Canada alone and won three Juno Awards and seven CCMAAs.

"He's never been here before and he's looking forward to it," said Durand, who hopes people will come have a listen to all the big acts festival weekend, while also enjoying the many other activities in the works. "We hope everybody comes out and has a good time, supports all the acts, supports the Corn and Apple."

Festival board chair Nathan Knight said planning for the community cel-



SUPPLIED PHOTOS
Canadian music legends Trooper (above) and Charlie Major (right) are the headliners for the Morden Corn and Apple Festival this summer.



bration is coming together nicely.

"We are on track," he said. "There's a nice mix of new and experienced people that are working together on the festival, so there are some new ideas."

Among the new faces with Corn and Apple this year, Knight noted, is Tim Hodge, who came on board as executive director earlier this spring.

Schoolltime memories of the merry month of June

June! What an amazing month.

It's a month of new beginnings in the plant and animal world and a month of endings in the educational world. Teachers plan fun activities for their classes, final reports are written, desks are cleaned out, classrooms are tidied and goodbyes are said.

After 60 years of either being a student, having children in school, or teaching, I still become nostalgic when June rolls around. Now I have

to be content watching my grandsons and volunteering on their special days: track and field, a Gran Fondo bike ride down the Kettle Valley Railroad trail, and other year-end adventures.

I finished Grade 1 in a small two-roomed country school in South Thames near Horndean, MB. On the last day of school in June, a Sport's Day was planned for the entire school. We ran many different kinds of races and played games with prizes awarded for first, second, and third place winners. But the best part was the concession booth with all kinds of candy, pop and ice

cream. Mom made Jeanne and I shorts for the occasion and we were teased as girls did not wear pants. The teasing stopped when we won many ribbons because we were not getting our legs tangled in the long skirts the country Mennonite girls still wore.

My first wiener roast was with Miss Reimer's Grade 3 class. On the last day of school in June, we walked the short distance to the Morden Park from the Maple Leaf School. Mom packed two wieners and two buns and a small jar of kool-aid for my lunch. Wieners were roasted carefully as the worse disaster was losing one in the ashes. No one brought extras!

Summer holidays during the fifties meant lots of free play. We were required to help with the gardening when we were younger. Most of my friends grew up under similar circumstances so we did not know we were missing out on anything.

Minnewasta Lake, one mile east of Morden, was formed when the first dam was built in 1942 across Dead Horse Creek. This prevented flooding every spring. In 1953, the dam was modified and raised, enlarging the lake. Walter Colert, a doctor in Morden for many years, donated land and ensured a beach was built on the lake. The beach was named Colert Beach and became a favourite summer place for all the Morden children.



By Florence Dyck

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The Morden Flying Club's annual Fly Day Fridays are up and running again at the Morden Airport. Pilots and aviation enthusiasts alike are invited to fly, walk, or drive to the airport every Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., rain or shine, until Aug. 30 to enjoy a barbecue supper, check out the planes, and swap hanger stories. More details at mordenflyingclub.com.

Canada Day celebrations set

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler and Morden are both prepared to celebrate the nation's birthday July 1.

Canada Day events take place that Monday at Bethel Heritage Park in Winkler and at Lake Minnewasta in Morden.

"We invite everyone to come celebrate Canada with us. It will be fun for little kids and old kids and adults and kids at heart," said organizer Wendy Klassen of Winkler Arts and Culture.

"We always aim to try to make it fun for all ages ... the carnival, I think, can be fun for all ages of kids," she said. "And obviously we always just hope for the best weather possible. There was lots of people there last year, and last year we started off with some rain, but after that, the rest of the day was beautiful."

On the line-up is the popular Winkler Co-op \$5 supper, a giant kiddie carnival from 4-8 p.m., and musical entertainment that includes kids karaoke at 3:30 p.m., country crooners Brothers Keep at 4:15 p.m., rock band The Boy and The Sea at 7 p.m., and, wrapping up the evening, Celtic and bluegrass performer Kelli Trotter.

"It kind of winds down around 8

p.m.," said Klassen. "People would have time to go to Morden for the fireworks there if they wish."

The annual Canada Day Beach Blast hosted at Lake Minnewasta in Morden will have a variety of fun activities as well, including a kids scavenger hunt, face painting, and a sand castle contest from 1-4 p.m.

There will also be multicultural performances taking the stage from 1:30-3 p.m. That was introduced last year with the support of federal funding, and it got a good response.

"And it was hard to take it away once we had done it one year," suggested Stephanie Dueck, recreation programmer for the City of Morden. "It's a nice thing to put in the middle of the day."

Total Sound will provide the tunes from 4 p.m. until band Rock the House take the stage followed by a fire show from Fun and Fire. The evening wraps up with fireworks after dark.

"It has been a successful event for us for many years, and hopefully it continues," said Dueck. "We are really fortunate. It's a beautiful place to spend some time at in the summer. It's a great day on the beach ... it's a great event that brings lots of people together."



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A rip snortin' good time

The Winkler Day Care Centre invited the community out to its annual backyard party June 14, which this year had a Western theme. The evening included a fundraising barbecue supper and fun and games for the kids, including a milking station (left) and a rubber snake tossing game (below).

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> MEMORIES OF JUNE, FROM PG. 10

I was 10, Jeanne was 11, and Jimmy was 8 when we were allowed to walk up to Colert Beach by ourselves. We lived on 1st Street and started out walking. By the time we got to the Bentonite plant close to the railway crossing to the west, we were usually picked up by other families taking their children to the beach. Many children did this and I don't remember ever feeling in danger!

Mom learned to swim as an adult when she very nearly drowned jumping in after one of her young charges. For this reason, she insisted on us taking the Red Cross swimming lessons offered every summer. We made our own way up to the beach and registered ourselves in the appropriate age categories. Thankfully there was no charge for these lessons or we would have been unable to take them. The two weeks we took lessons often meant being at the beach by 9 a.m. in the morning. We walked, whatever the weather, as those lessons were taken seriously!

After we passed all our swimming levels, Jim and I signed up for the life-saving course. Jim and his friends were big and strong compared to me and the only other girl in our class. They did their best to make it difficult for us to rescue them during lessons. After coming up sputtering a few times, I gave up while Jim went on to become a lifeguard. He spent his high school summers guarding the lake, often by himself. He told me later about the nightmares he had when he



The author enjoying a day at Colert Beach in the 1950s.

dreamt he had been unable to rescue a child in danger.

I did not get to go to camp or on family vacations. Any money I earned was used to buy books, school supplies, and clothes for the next year. The highlight of my summer was our annual trip into Winnipeg at the end of August to do some shopping.

But I don't remember ever feeling deprived or hard done by. I loved school and cried as I walked home after writing my last Grade 12 exam in June of 1960. I knew I would never again be that young, carefree girl, but I do cherish the memories of my summers and my school days in Morden.

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

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Flooded Winkler library out of commission for eight weeks

A burst pipe has put the Winkler Centennial Library out of commission.

Staff of the South Central Regional Library branch arrived at work after the weekend on June 10 to find the walls and carpeting throughout a large part of the building soaked with water.

Director of library services Cathy Ching says a pipe burst near the public washrooms sometime between closing Saturday and opening on Monday, causing extensive damage. The library's metal shelving units meant no books were damaged.

The branch will be closed for at least eight weeks for restoration, which means patrons will have to visit the Morden, Altona, Miami, or Manitou SCRL branches until sometime in August.

Patrons with books out on loan are asked to hang on to them until the library reopens. At that time, all books returned late will be back-dated and no fines will be applied.

The Winkler library still plans to go ahead with its summer reading program for kids. Details will be released on the branch's Facebook page and website.

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A burst pipe flooded the Winkler library last week. No books were damaged, but it will take until at least mid-August to make repairs to the damage done to the walls and carpets.



Fabricland Pays It Forward

Fabricland's Abe and Kathy Penner recently presented Ruth Reimer of Katie Cares (centre) with a cheque for \$510. As part of Pay It Forward May, the Winkler fabric store pledged to donate \$1 from the sale of every meter of fabric sold May 23-25. The Penners send thanks out to all their customers who came out to support this cause.

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Central Stn. launches Thrive's summer session

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Central Station's Thrive Learning Centre is doing just that: thriving.

The mental health education program wrapped up its first round of courses last month and has since kicked off its summer session.

The program (which is a partnership between the community centre, the Canadian Mental Health Association, and Eden Health Care Services) will once again be offering a series of courses focusing on mental health literacy, self-exploration, and skills development.

Topics include new sessions on anger management and financial literacy as well as the return of popular classes such as stress management and understanding anxiety.

Course facilitator Fallon Tanguay says about 50 people came out for the various free courses offered this spring.

"I was very pleased with how everything went," she said, noting the small class sizes kept things more intimate for participants when tackling some weighty subjects. "I've heard

from a number of people that this has helped their mental health, which is great. It's what we want to hear."

CMHA Central executive director Sean Miller is pleased at the spring session's success but hopes more people will take advantage of these courses moving forward.

"Very often people think these programs are only for people who are struggling," he says, stressing, however, that they are designed to give students the tools to help themselves or others now or in the future.

"Mental health and mental illness are two different things," Miller says. "Everybody can do something to improve their mental health."

"They're open to everyone," echoes Tanguay. "Not just people struggling with a mental illness but also those who want to understand more about mental health or who want to support someone in their lives who has a mental illness."

For details on Thrive Learning Centre courses being offered in Winkler this summer, head to central.cmha.ca/thrive or contact Central



Students give back

Katie Cares received a \$1,477.10 donation last Wednesday thanks to the efforts of Becky Williams' Grade 5 class from École Morden Middle School. The students brought in \$710 through their May 29 Taco in a Bag lunch fundraiser and another \$28.55 by selling 'slime' to their classmates. The Morden Area Foundation then matched the kids' total with \$738.55. The money goes towards Beanie Baby activity bags for Katie Cares to hand out to children receiving care in regional hospitals.

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Morden youth put building skills to work

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"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so."



The chempedak tree is found in Malaysia. It is closely related to jackfruits in the mulberry family. The chempedak tree produces edible fruits that are about a foot long.

Researchers studying the chempedak were surprised to discover that they bloom irregularly. One tree was watched by researchers for five years before it bloomed! While the flowers smell like watermelon, they offer no nectar to entice pollinating insects. Moreover, the insects that do pollinate

the chempedak tree do not eat any of the pollen. What, then, attracts the two species of gall midges that pollinate the flowers? The answer: a fungus that attacks only the male flowers of the tree. The midges like to eat the fungus, so they crawl on the male flowers as they eat the fungus, picking up pollen. Then they go to the clumps of female flowers looking for more fungus, inadvertently pollinating them. This arrangement in which the tree depends entirely on a fungus to attract pollinators is unknown in any other species. This raises the question of how such an arrangement could have evolved. Without both the midges and the fungus, the first chempedak tree would have been the last. All three elements in this interrelated system had to have come into being at the same time.

The chempedak tree bears witness to a rapid creation of the interdependent plant and insect world where living things had to wait, at most, mere days for the other creatures it depends on to come into existence, just as Genesis reports.

Prayer: Dear Father, with the creation I will bear witness that You are Creator. Amen.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Four Morden youth are not only working on their building skills but also doing some good. With some help from their parents, Cole Bernardin (in front), Chase Bernardin (middle row) Korede Babalola-Griffin (middle row), and Kiru Griffin (back) have built and sold 30 cedar garden boxes over the past several weeks. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Katie Cares. For pricing information and details about sizing and custom work, call or text 204-823-2550.

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Budding soccer stars

O's split DH with Sultans

The Pembina Valley Orioles had a balanced week of results, adding a pair of wins and a pair of losses to their record in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League.

The team shook off a three game losing streak by narrowly beating the visiting St. James A's 5-4 last Wednesday night.

They found themselves on the other side of the equation in another close game two nights later in St. Boniface, which they lost to the Legionaries 3-2.

Sunday's doubleheader against the Carillon Sultans saw both teams go home with a win, the O's taking game one 4-0 before being doubled up by the Sultans 24-12 in game two.

This week the Orioles head to the Interlake to battle the Blue Jays on Friday. On Monday they host the Altona Bisons.

South Central Youth Soccer hosted its spring tournament in Winkler over the weekend. Approximately 300 players from Winkler, Morden, Carman, Altona, Miami, Elm Creek, and Notre Dame came out to compete. Clinching the U14 gold medal was a team from Altona, who beat out Morden 2-0. The U12 gold went to Altona Yellow, who tied Winkler Blue 1-1 in the final and then won the day after a shootout. And in the U10 tournament, Winkler Black (photo at right) defeated Winkler Red 6-0 to win the gold.

Border Baseball wins for Whips, Mohawks

The Winkler Whips bolstered their record in the Border Baseball League with a pair of wins last week.

The boys in blue downed the Cardinals in Carman 8-4 June 11 and then followed it up with a 11-7 whipping of the Altona Bisons at home.

That brings the team's record for the summer so far to 5-2 for third

place behind Pilot Mound in first (6-0) and the Morden Mohawks in second (6-1).

Morden, meanwhile, crushed the Twins in Cartwright in their lone game of the week on June 11 by a score of 17-8.

This week, Morden was scheduled to host Winkler Tuesday night.

Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, the Whips host Killarney Sunday and then Carman next week Tuesday while the Mohawks travel to play the Bisons Thursday and Pilot Mound on Sunday.

Team Pembina Valley brings home 22 medals

They may have been a smaller than usual team in terms of athletes, but Team Pembina Valley more than made up for it in medals at the 37th annual Manitoba 55+ Games last week.

Twenty-three athletes travelled to compete in Swan River June 11-13. They returned with 22 medals, including eight gold, 12 silver, and two bronze.

"By all accounts, a fun time was had by all who participated in the 55+ Games," said regional Games rep Lois Dudgeon, who herself earned a gold medal in nine-hole golf.

Other medal winners included:

- Jean and Linda Brisson, Notre Dame, silver in both contract bridge and whist.
- Walter Dedio, Morden, two gold in swimming and four silver in track.
- David Dyck, Morden, bronze in five-pin bowling.

- Tammy Dyck, Roland, silvers in nine-hole and 18-hole golf.

- Stuart Ganske, Cartwright, gold in snooker.

- David Goertzen, Winkler, gold in pickleball.

- Lewis Hacault, Mariapolis, silver in snooker.

- Mel Johnston, Manitou, two gold in track and a first place finish with his team in the slo-pitch B Division.

- Hellar Nakonechny and Merv Robinson, Carman, gold in contract bridge.

- Trish Warkentine, Morden, silver in predicted cycle and bronze in predicated walk.

- Laurie Wiebe, Carman, gold in five-pin bowling.

The next 55+ Games will take place in Selkirk in 2020 and will serve as a qualifier for the 2020 Canada 55+ Games.



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Above: Team Pembina Valley banner bearers Laurie Wiebe and Bob Wilson with their teammates at the Manitoba 55+ Games last week. Below: Morden cyclists Paul and Beth Smith, Trish and Rick Warkentine, and Walter Dedio. Far left: Games rookie Trish Warkentine with one of her medals. Left, centre: Golfers Tammy and Lawrence Dyck and Lois Dudgeon.



Morden Bombers #1

The Morden Bombers beat out Charleswood 4-3 in the championship final to clinch the win at the Altona Mosquito AA tournament June 8-9.

The 11U event attracts some of the best talent in southern Manitoba each year, including teams from Portage, Brandon, Altona, Winkler, Morden, and, this year, four of the top five ranked Winnipeg AA league teams.

In the 10+ years since the tournament got started, no one can recall a local team ever winning it before.

It has certainly been the Morden

Bombers' year. The team have gone 9-1 this season, which includes placing second in the Niverville tournament on June 1.

"It was a pleasure to coach such a tight knit group of boys who just love to play ball," said coach Tony Nikkel. "I'm really proud of them, not only for their talent in baseball but for their work ethic and respect for the sport, each other, other teams and officials. It is really a treat to be involved with a team as unique and talented as this."

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The Morden Bombers include assistant coach Steve Mullin, head coach Tony Nikkel, assistant coach Pat Fehr, players Tyson Mullin, Hudson Nikkel, Kiru Griffin, Parker Henderson, Alex Wieler, Luke Swain, Ocean Fehr, Connor Olson, Carter Dyck, Vance Olson, and Cole Letkeman



Ashley Hoitink named MHSAA coach of the year

Morden Collegiate's Ashley Hoitink was presented with the 2019 Grey Cup Legacy Female High School Coach of the Year Award at the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association's annual general meeting on Monday.

Hoitink, who has been coaching the junior varsity and varsity boys basketball teams at Morden Collegiate for four years, was lauded for her dedication to helping youth players improve their game.

She has organized skills clinics at the high school for the students, invited guest instructors, and hosted Steve Nash shooting clinics for the surrounding schools and communities.

"Ashley commits to a weekly drop-in basketball program year-round and puts in countless hours that has helped change the culture of basketball at the school," the MHSAA said in a release, going on to point out Hoitink regularly attends coaching clinics herself to improve her understanding of the game.

Hoitink has coached the boys basketball teams to tournament and Zone championships. She was also a recipient of the Jim Bulloch Coaches Award for her contributions to Basketball.

MHSAA PHOTO

Morden Collegiate's Ashley Hoitink received the Female Coach of the Year Award on Monday.

Flyers add several new players

The Winkler Flyers continue to fine-tune their roster for the upcoming season.

The junior team announced Monday that it has signed defenseman Kyle Lamoureux ('02) and goaltender Dylan Meilun ('01) for the 2019-2020 season.

"We are very excited to be able to add two players of this calibre," said general manager Jeff Jeanson. "Both Kyle and Dylan are going to be important pieces for our club moving forward."

Lamoureux is a Winnipeg defenseman who recorded 25 points (four goals, 21 assists) in 33 games played with the R.H.A. Nationals Prep team last season and added four assists in four games with the R.H.A. Nationals 18U team.

Meilun is a Morden native who played AAA midget hockey last season with the Pembina Valley Hawks. He had a 13-12-1 record with a 3.39 GAA and a .914 save percentage.

On the trade front, the team has acquired forward Sullivan Shortreed ('00) and defenseman Riley Cusack ('00) from the Winnipeg Blues in exchange for forward Josh Kagan ('00) and a third round draft pick in 2020.

The move adds size, offensive punch, and some defensive responsibility to a club that was near the bottom of the MJHL in goals scored and goals allowed last season, the team said in a statement.

Shortreed, who hails from Fort Frances, Ontario, had 26 points (18, goals, 8 assists) in 45 regular season games played with the Blues last season. He added five points (four goals and assist) in six playoff games.

Cusack is a right-handed defenseman from Winnipeg. The 19-year-old had 16 points (five goals, 11 assists) and 53 penalty minutes in 57 games played with the Blues.



Jump Rope champ

École Morden Middle School teacher Kris Nicholls congratulated Grade 5 student Hallie Loutchan last Wednesday as the school's top fundraiser for Jump Rope for Heart. Having participated in the program that benefits the Heart and Stroke Foundation now for three years, Loutchan went above and beyond in raising \$1,000 this year. In thanks for her efforts, she received the grand prize of a \$200 gift certificate to Canadian Tire for the purchase of a new bike. "Our school raised a grand total of \$8,040 ... surpassing our total of \$7,700 from last year ... so that's really, really good," said Nicholls. "I'm very proud," said Loutchan. "it's for a good cause and it's fun."

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Winkler Storm bolster record with 6-1 defeat of Rovers

The local senior mens soccer teams both posted wins this past week.

On Monday, the Winkler Storm defeated the Rovers FC 6-1. Emil Rode contributed two while Tobias Morash, Antoine David, Derek Giesbrecht, and Corny Siemens all scored once.

Winkler is now 2-4-1 and continues to work to claw its way out of the bottom half of the standings.

Playing in the league's 5th Division, the SC Riot got a win by forfeit Sunday after Sinjar FC failed to field a team. That brings their record to 3-2-

2.

The Riot play at home once again this Saturday at 4 p.m. against the Interlake Impact while the Storm play at home as well that same night at 6 p.m. against Scotia United SC.

In the Winnipeg Womens Soc-

cer League, the SC Hurricanes were blanked by the St. James Legends 3-0 Monday night

The Hurricanes are 0-3-1 so far this summer.

Next week the ladies host the Titans Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Agriculture

Indian economist calls on Canada to step up pulse talks

By Harry Siemens

Chandra Shekhar, an economist and senior editor to the Hindu Business Line in Mumbai, India, appealed to Canada and the Canadian pulse industry to get back to engaging the Government of India regarding pulse sales and exports to that country.

"Canada needs to engage with India. Canada has kept off India for the last maybe one and a half years with no promotional activity happening," said Shekhar. "It is important for Canada and the Canadian ag. ministry to remain engaged with the government of India, particularly in the new dispensation. There's a new ag minister in India.

"Unless Canada lobbies India, India's not going to give anyone a market on a platter. You need to earn this market," he stressed. "That's important. But I don't find any lobbying activity at all."

Shekhar is in the U.S. holding meetings with the World Bank, U.S. Department of Agriculture undersecretary Ted McKinney, the International Food Policy Research Institute, and other like agencies.

When it comes to Canada and China, he noted, the essential agri-trade is of course pulses.

"Canada used to be the largest supplier of pulses to India. In 2016-17 and

'17-18, India harvested huge crops. There's a big rebound in India's production to about 23 million tonnes to 24 million tonnes," Shekhar said. "We also imported about six million tonnes in 2016-2017. And therefore, there was a huge inventory burden in India, which led to a price collapse in the local market. And farmers were troubled with the low prices of pulses."

Shekhar said it had taken two years for the inventory burden to lighten substantially. Today, pulses inventory are significantly less than what they used to be even until a year ago. As a result, prices have started to move upwards. For example, pigeon pea prices are now well above the minimum support price. Chickpea prices are ruling above the minimum support price.

Shekhar said those two pulses together account for about 70 per cent of the total pulse crop in India. As their prices raise, it also lifts the prices of other pulses.

"The pulses prices, I call that bot-

toming out. Pulses prices in India have bottomed out. Prices are moving northwards, which is a bizarre situation. Rising prices have brought relief to growers because growers are happy because prices are rising," said Shekhar. "The government of India is happy. Because of rising prices they don't have to put additional efforts to purchase or procure from the market. Therefore, the government

need not intervene in the market. And consumers are not upset with rising prices because they can still afford the current rates of pulses available in the market. Therefore, in pulses, we are in some comfort zone,

because of the inventory and rising prices."

He expects over the next four months—getting into the southwest monsoon season—planting for the next crop is going to start very soon, and the next harvest will be in September or October.

"I expect some weather challenges between June and September. There

is a full cast of below normal rainfall between June and September. There is also the risk of a mild El Nino which typically brings dry weather conditions and therefore, there is a risk of weather over the next four months," Shekhar said. "That can potentially negatively affect the production of the Kharif crop.

"The government of India has fixed a target of 10.5 million tonnes of Kharif pulses production. My sense is the actual production may well fall anything between 10 and 15 per cent below the target of 10.5 million tonnes.

"I expect that the government of India in September, October when the domestic crop conditions crystallize, they will review the input policy and there is a possibility of a partial rollback in the import restrictions," Shekhar said. "The possibility of a reduction in customs duty on chickpea, at 60 per cent on imported chickpeas, may be rolled back slightly. There's a 33 per cent customs duty on lentil import, that could drop. The quantitative restrictions on pigeon pea import will also get reviewed and possibly the quantities expanded. At the moment there are only 200,000 tonnes. Maybe it'll become 500,000 tonnes."

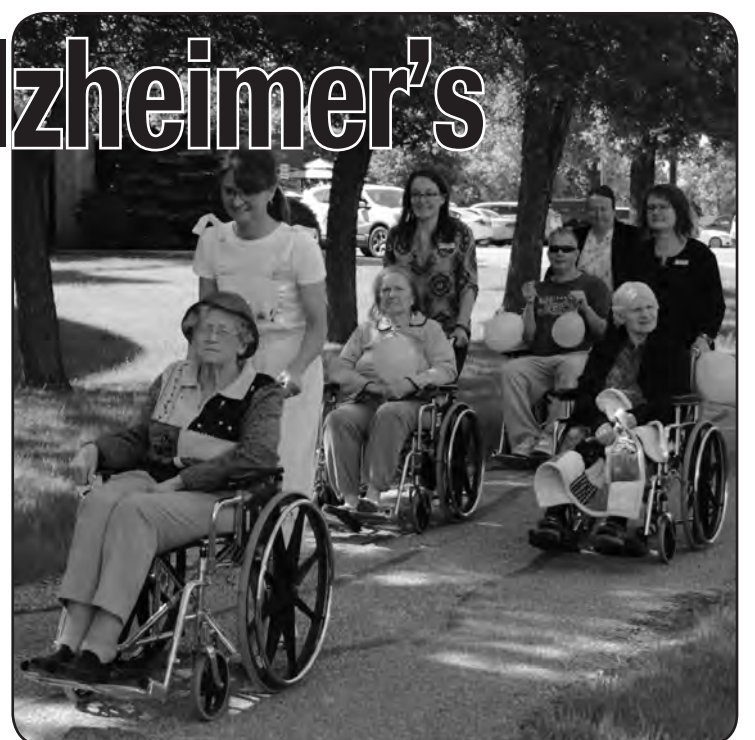
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Walking for Alzheimer's

Salem Home residents were joined by Winkler students last week Wednesday for the 2019 Walk for Alzheimer's in support of the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba. Similar walks have been held across the province in recent weeks. The annual campaign last year raised over \$330,000 for the society's programs.

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

Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Drains
5. Cleveland baseball team
10. Leans in for apples
14. Language spoken in India
15. Norwegian parish
16. Wings
17. "Family City, USA"
18. Prague
19. Tottenham footballer Alli
20. Cakes
22. A way to save for retirement
23. Good gosh!
24. HBO Dust Bowl series
27. ELO drummer Bevan
30. Kids' game
31. Computer giant
32. Luxury automaker
35. Made disappear
37. Mandela's party
38. Greek personification of Earth
39. Semitic lords
40. Where to put groceries
41. Healthy lunch
42. Greek mountain
43. Disfigure
44. Ramble on
45. Partner to carrot
46. Figure
47. Mock
48. Former CIA
49. Salts
52. Bleated
55. Never sleeps
56. Cavalry sword
60. Scottish island
61. Cyprinid fishes
63. Italian seaport
64. Fruit tree
65. Old World lizard
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Gentlemen
68. Cover with drops, as with dew
69. Don't stick it out
- CLUES DOWN
1. Broken branch

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2. A distinctive quality surrounding someone
3. Commoner
4. It can be poisonous
5. Recipe measurement
6. Eager
7. City in Finland
8. Acting appropriately
9. Pitching stat
10. Cops wear one
11. Evergreen genus
12. Lacking hair
13. Witnesses
21. Supplies to excess
23. This street produces nightmares
25. Cool!
26. Basics
27. Type of jazz
28. Remove
29. Seaport in Finland
32. Large formation of aircraft
33. You should eat three every day
34. Dips feet into
36. Patti Hearst's captors
37. Swiss river
38. Talk
40. Humorous conversation
41. Gurus
43. Actress Gretchen
44. Hitters need one
46. Offer
47. Flower cluster
49. The Navy has them
50. Palmlike plant
51. Vaccine developer
52. Guys (slang)
53. Jai __ sport
54. Assert
57. Beloved movie pig
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Gamble
61. Hit lightly
62. Carpenter's tool



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BIRTHDAY



Elisabeth Dyck

Elisabeth Dyck of Winkler/Hordean, widow
of Peter D. Dyck, celebrated her 100th
birthday on June 13th. A party with friends
and family was held on Saturday, June 15th at
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IN MEMORIAM

Helen Klassen
June 25, 2012

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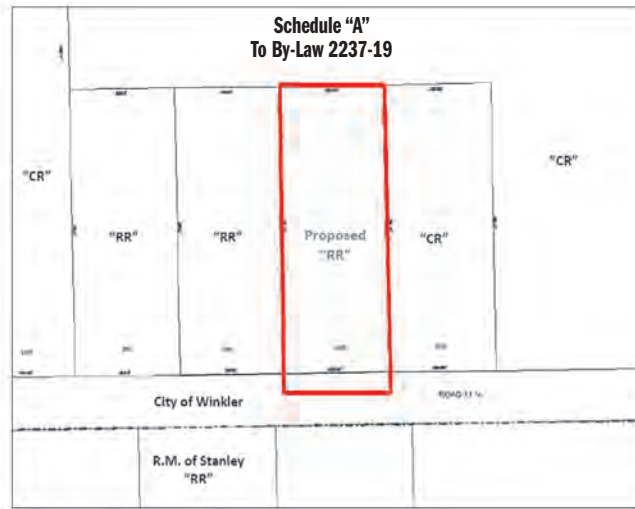
The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, July 9th, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2237-19, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2237-19, is to zone the land described below, Namely: **1635 Road 11 N, legally described as Lot 1, Plan 34668 MLTO in the SE-32-02-04-WPM** as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned
FROM: "CR" Community Reserve Zone
TO: "RR" Rural Residential Zone

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2237-19, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 5th day of June, 2019.

Designated Officer
City of Winkler



PUBLIC NOTICE

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter: THE MSTW BY-LAW NO. 3-2019 BEING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MSTW PLANNING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW NO. 1-2014, as amended.

HEARING: R.M. of Stanley
LOCATION: Council Chamber
1-23111 PTH 14
DATE & TIME: July 18, 2019
at 7:00pp
GENERAL INTENT: To re-designate the portion of land highlighted on the attached map:
From: Agricultural Policy Area
To: Rural Clusters
AREA: R.M. of Stanley
Lots 1-4, Plan 48109
SE¼ 20-2-4W

FOR INFO. Glen Wieler, MSTW General Manager
CONTACT: 180 5th Street, Unit D, Morden MB R6M 1C9
Phone (204) 822-6223 (ext. 222)
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A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

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OBITUARY



Allen Robert Titchkosky 1938 – 2019

On Monday, June 10, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Allen Titchkosky of Morden, MB passed away.

Allen grew up, lived and farmed in the 1-6 area of the RM of Stanley until he and his family moved to Morden in 1979. Allen was very active in curling, hunting, camping and fishing with friends and family most of his life. He was employed with Wiebe's Trenching, Esso and finally, Centennial Supply until he retired. He found new interest in rescuing stray and unwanted animals and was part of the beginning of the Pembina Valley Humane Society. He served as Board President and then Past President for many years, working to make sure the animals in care were exercised and well-loved while waiting for homes.

Allen was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Minnie Titchkosky and two sisters, Florence and Evelyn. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Thora; daughters, Jennifer (Anthony) and Tracie; son, Jeffrey and his grandchildren, Nathan (Kandice), Kelsey, Nicholas, Malina and Carolyn. He also leaves his brother, Arthur (Elizabeth) and many nieces, nephews and extended family as well as special friends, Arlo, Toby, Flake and Sugar, who feel his loss.

As per Allen's wishes, a come and go luncheon, open to all who knew and loved him was held from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 16, 2019 at the Morden 55+ Activity Centre.

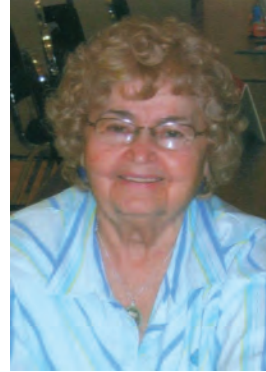
We wish to thank the medical staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre for making Allen's end of life care compassionate and caring for him as well as for us, his family and friends.

As Allen was so passionate about his time with the shelter and rescuing animals, the family wishes that in lieu of flowers, card or gifts that donations be made in his name to the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

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OBITUARY



Mary (Midge) Margaret Bergman (nee Mosurinjohn) 1928 – 2019

On Sunday afternoon of June 9, 2019, our dearest mother and grandmother, Midge Bergman, was carried gently in her magnificent Savior's arms to her last and heavenly home. We celebrate her overwhelming joy as she now worships Him in His glorious presence forever. Now reunited with her most beloved husband of 57 years, Harry (Henry) Bergman and her precious son, Wayne Bergman and her cherished daughter, Patricia Plett as well as so very many loving family members and friends gone on before her. Praise the Lord for His most merciful love and grace as He rescued her from relentless pain and loss now and forever to be healthy and joyfully praising Him with her whole heart. To God be the glory!

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Peggy Bergman, Kathy and Brian Broughton, Wendy and George Penner and two grandchildren, Jeff and Shawn.

Midge Bergman's celebration of her "life well lived" was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at her dearly loved Christ Lutheran Church in Morden with interment at Southside Cemetery. Donations may be made in Midge's memory to the Christ Lutheran Church.

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OBITUARY



Katharina (Tina) Peters (nee Warkentin) 1920 – 2019

Tina Peters was born on August 17, 1920, in the village of Gruenfeld, in South Russia to Heinrich and Sarah Warkentin. At the age of three, Tina emigrated to Canada with her parents and two older siblings. They settled in the village of Hochfeld, south of Winkler, where Tina attended school. In 1934, the family moved to St. Elizabeth. She attended the Lichtenauer Mennonite Church (which now stands at the Mennonite Heritage Village) and was baptised there in 1938. In 1939, she met a farmer named Peter Peters and they were married in 1940. Tina worked on her husband's family farm for a number of years. Later, the couple farmed together and raised their three children in the Lowe Farm community. She was a farmer who had exceptional skills, but she had to work very hard to accomplish all the chores, both indoors in the house, and outside in the barn, garden and fields. With retirement to Winkler in 1992, her workload was lighter, but by then her mobility was limited due to osteoarthritis. When Peter died in 2007, Tina continued to live on her own for six years until she was less able to manage daily tasks. In 2013, she moved to Salem Home in Winkler where she became increasingly wheelchair bound. Her mind and spirit remained strong until June of 2019, when both cancer and congestive heart failure took away her will to live. She died peacefully on Monday, June 10th, 2019, surrounded by her family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Peter, two sons in infancy and four siblings. She is survived by one son, two daughters and their families, which include eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Tina's memory to the MCC.

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OBITUARY



Douglas Hartley Phillips July 1, 1942 – June 7, 2019

On Friday, June 7, 2019 at his home, Douglas Phillips, aged 76 years went to his eternal rest. It is with heavy hearts that we lay Doug to rest with his loving wife, Barbara. We will forever cherish the time we had and the memories we made with Doug. Along with his wife Barbara, their daughter Kim and her two boys, Ryan and Derek were his whole world.

Doug was born and raised on the family farm in Roland where he continued to live and farm his entire life. Doug met his loving wife and they married on July 30, 1977. Doug worked very hard on the farm and particularly enjoyed working with his cattle. Never afraid of a hard day's work, Doug worked till the wee hours many days to provide for his family. When it was time to take a break, it was off to

the cottage on Twin Lakes Beach for some family time. As family and friends were very important to Doug everyone was always welcome to join. Doug never disappointed to entertain with his stories and jokes and even playing the banjo. His sense of humour kept everyone laughing and wondering what was coming next. Doug's passion was his two grandsons, and seldom would he miss a hockey or baseball game. Taking Ryan and Derek fishing and camping was always a favourite time for Doug. A great supporter of his community Doug was always quick to lend a hand wherever he could. Doug could call himself a close friend to five generations of families around the community of Roland. His presence was felt by all and everyone was better for having known Doug. After the passing of his beloved Barbara, Doug did his best to keep all the family traditions going, though he never found it the same without her. He kept Barbara's cookbooks on the counter and continued to bake and can as she used to do.

He leaves to mourn his passing his daughter, Kim Wiebe and Harvey Friesen of Morden, two very special grandsons, Ryan and Derek; his brother, Blake Phillips of Carman and Cam, Rick and their families; brothers-in-law, Russ (Nancy) Rach, Gerald (Deb) Rach; sister-in-law, Joyce (Vic) Fehr and many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews as well as his special friends and neighbours, Dean (Penny) McClaren and their sons. He was predeceased by his father, Hartley and mother, Audrey Phillips of Roland and wife, Barbara Phillips, brother-in-law, Howard Rach (Claudette) and sister-in-law, Peg Phillips (Blake).

Private graveside service was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Fairview Cemetery in Roland with a memorial reception at the Roland Hall.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Doug's memory to STARS.

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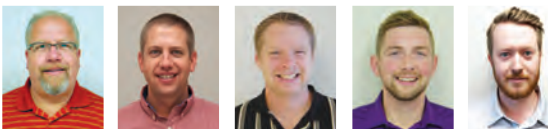
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6 things you probably didn't know were invented in Canada

Canadian people and their ideas have made a great impact on the world. These are just six of the many things that were invented right here at home.

1. Peanut butter. Originally invented as a source of protein and calories for people with no teeth, peanut butter was first patented in 1884 by a Montreal pharmacist.

2. Snowblower. You can thank Montreal's Arthur Sicard the next time you clear your driveway with a snowblower. He was inspired by agricultural equipment when he invented this back-saving alternative to shovelling.

3. Instant replay. In 1955, Hockey Night in Canada changed forever when a CBC producer used a kinescope to replay parts of an NHL game a few minutes after they occurred.

4. Insulin. This hormone was discovered in 1922 by Canadians Frederick Banting and Charles H. Best. They found that insulin lowered a diabetic dog's blood glucose

to normal levels. Within a year, they invented a way to purify insulin, and used it to successfully treat a boy suffering from severe diabetes.

5. Garbage bags. They may not be glamorous, but it's hard to imagine a time before plastic disposable bags were readily available. They've come a long way since their invention in 1950. Garbage bags have become more environmentally friendly over the years, with recyclable and biodegradable versions now widely available.

6. The Caesar. Invented in Calgary in 1969, the Caesar has been a staple of the Canadian brunch scene ever since. This savoury mix of clam juice, tomato juice and vodka can be garnished with a stalk of celery, a pickled bean or a wedge of lime and is served over 350 million times a year.

The next time you enjoy a PB&J, watch a replay of a great hockey play or take your garbage to the curb, know that you have a fellow Canadian to thank for it.

Unique ways to celebrate Canada Day inspired by our national icons

There are many ways to celebrate Canada Day and fireworks, community events and backyard barbecues are all commonly enjoyed on July 1. But if you're looking to do something a little more unique, consider incorporating these national icons into your festivities.

The maple leaf

While the red leaf on our flag is that of the sugar maple, there are in fact 10 species of maple that grow across the country. This Canada Day, why not plant one of these trees in your yard? Alternatively, you could simply slather some pancakes with maple syrup and call it Canadian pride. Bonus points if you serve them with Canadian bacon.

Hockey

While its exact origins are hotly debated, hockey as we know it today is firmly rooted in Canadian history and culture. Since your neighbourhood rink is likely closed for the season, consider playing a game of street hockey to work up an appetite for your Canada Day barbecue.

The beaver

While a number of animals serve as Canadian symbols, it's the beaver that's most recognized as a national icon. This isn't surprising given that our country was largely founded on trading beaver pelts. Since you probably won't see a real beaver on Canada Day, why not indulge in a Beaver Tail pastry instead? This quintessential Canadian treat is a delicious way to celebrate our country.

Happy Canada Day!



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By Linda Hancock

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As I drove, I was able to enjoy the countryside that had not been ravaged by war or weather disturbances. In fact, the natural beauty was enhanced by the sight of farmers who were diligently planting the spring crops with hope for a fall harvest.

At various times I could use my iPhone to communicate with my sister who was eagerly anticipating the arrival.

There weren't any border crossings or questioning soldiers to stop me on the highway. I hadn't been required to obtain or present a Passport to anyone in order to travel.

I could choose where I would stop to shop or eat along the way. Never was there any sign of discrimination or favouritism in the venues. In fact, the service was accompanied by smiles and good wishes.

As I journeyed down the number one highway I took the opportunity to drive

through my hometown to relive memories of my youth. I passed through a neighbouring town and by the house where my grandparents had welcomed me for visits as a child and thought about the values they had demonstrated through their life choices.

I took advantages of a map which I had been given to me without charge and even considered the best route to my destination with my GPS.

Clean bathroom facilities which were accessed as needed along the way were all provided without charge.

We had three days of visiting and sharing an abundance of good food. Farm neighbours drove over for visits and the laughter would make any listener believe that we did have a care in the world.

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We live in an amazing country!

As we approach Canada Day we need to consider our blessings. We don't have to worry about hurricanes, tsunamis, typhoons or damaging oil spills. Our earth has been protected from wars and riots. We have an economy that provides work opportunities and governments at different levels that invest in infrastruc-

ture which makes our lives easier. Most of all, however, we enjoy the beauty associated with living in a free country where we can make individual choices about how we will live.

It's time to celebrate, give thanks and honour our country. Remember to hold the words of our national anthem in your heart as a prayer not just on July 1st but every day of the year.

God keep our land glorious and free.

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What makes you proud to be a Canadian?

July 1 is a big day, even beyond the picnics and parades. It's an occasion to meet up with the people in your family and in your town and celebrate what it is that makes us uniquely Canadian. What makes you so proud of your home and native land (or adopted land)?

Perhaps it's your cultural background. Are you and your family recent arrivals to Canada? Then let's celebrate new beginnings. Are you from an Empire Loyalist family, or a French-Canadian Métis family or a First Nations clan? We can all be so proud of what makes us who we are today.

Is it where you live? In a land so geographically diverse, maybe it's the landscape that defines you. Tundra, prairie, maritime, Great Lakes, and all the forests and farm land in between are home to over 35.5 million people.

Your favourite sport? Hockey crazy: that's what we are in Canada. A 2010 study by Heritage Canada showed that some 22 per cent of Canadian children that participated in sports played hockey. You might be surprised to learn that soccer is the leader in youth sports, with 42 per cent participation. Is soccer part of Canada's new look? Maybe!

Is it the celebrities you love? The list is a long one, but we're betting you know these Canadian-born stars: Céline Dion, Ryan Gosling, Ryan Reynolds, Rachel McAdams, Jim Carey and Justin Bieber, for a start. As they say, there must be something in our water to nourish all that talent.

Have a good Canada Day, eh?

Canada Day your way!

This year, Canada Day falls on Monday, July 1. There are plenty of ways you can join in, whether you're alone or with your family. Here are a few of our favourite Canada Day activities:

Go to the park. Has your town planned a day-long event around the park bandstand with live entertainment and funfair games? Round up your sun hat, lawn chair and a cooler of drinks and go join the festivities. If there's nothing official happening, the next town over most likely has something going on. Why not take a drive over and see?

Join a parade. Ah, the hottest days of summer. You can finally put on those white summer slacks and red t-shirt and wave the maple leaf flag. See if your town's putting on a kids' red-and-white bicycle-decorating contest and offer to help out. If not, maybe you're just the person to start the tradition.

Host a supper. After a lively day down at the park who wants to end things at home alone? Invite a few friends or neighbours over to keep the celebration going. You may want to offer the hotdogs or hamburgers and invite your guests to bring the salads and red-and-white desserts. It'll be a sweet Canada Day that everyone remembers.

Set up a fireworks viewing. You can all make your way back to the park for the fireworks, or why not hold on to your guests right up until fireworks time by tempting them with hot drinks and cozy blankets for their legs. Sit back and watch from where you are. What a spectacular end to a great day.

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Looking back on the origins of Canadian sports

Canada has had many flags over the years, evidence of its evolving identity and the origins of those who helped build this country. These symbols can teach us a great deal about our country and what it means to be Canadian.

English explorer John Cabot first declared our land British territory in 1497 by posting the cross of St. George—the British flag at the time. It was depicted by a red cross on a white background.

Then Canada's First Nations saw the Fleur-de-lis flag flown over their land, as Jacques Cartier declared Canada to now be under French rule. Later, in 1763, Canada returned to the British fold after England won the Seven Years' War. The Union Jack now flew high over our lands. This new British flag combined the red from England's cross of St. George, the white from Scotland's St. Andrew's cross and the diagonal red of Ireland's St. Patrick's cross.

Following its Confederation in 1867, Canada natu-

rally wanted to have its own identity, but still continue to pay allegiance to England. As a result, a new flag was created, bearing the Union Jack along with the coat of arms of Canada's founding provinces (Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick). The coat of arms of Canada's remaining provinces were gradually added over time. This flag was called the Canadian Red Ensign.

Our current Canadian flag with its prominent red maple leaf was only created in 1965. The bountiful maple tree has held important meaning for Canada's Aboriginal people for generations—even long before the first white men arrived on these shores. The two vertical bands represent the two coasts that flank our country. The red and white colours represent France and England, a symbol to unify our nation's origins.

People from around the world look upon the Canadian flag with respect and friendship. That is something we can all be proud of.

Lacrosse

This is the big one. Most historians agree that Canada's national summer sport was first played by First Nations people, perhaps as a way to keep men (namely warriors) strong and fit. It was also used to teach children the merits of teamwork and community. One of the first European accounts of the game comes from French missionary Jean de Brébeuf, who, in 1637, witnessed Huron tribesmen in present-day Ontario playing what he called la crosse, a name which some historians believe was imparted due to the lacrosse stick's resemblance to a bishop's crosier.



Tobogganing

Toboggans were originally used by the Innu and Cree of Northern Canada to transport people and goods across the snowy tundra with ease. This traditional form of transportation has since evolved into the fun downhill activity we enjoy today.



Snowshoeing

Before the 20th century, the most advanced snowshoe designs came from various indigenous groups in Canada and the northern United States. The Inuit, for example, sought to travel across the snow rather than clear it from their land. Snowshoes allowed them to do so in harmony with the surrounding environment.



Celebrating Canadian values

July 1 is a day of celebration across the country, as Canada Day parties take over backyards and city parks. This date corresponds with the creation of the Canadian confederation through the British North America Act, which took effect on July 1, 1867. It is a moment in time stamped with the values we hold dear.

We often hear that Canadians believe strongly in the importance of defending their values on the international scene. But what are Canadian values, exactly? Let's zoom in on a few of those that seem to be embodied in the works of our artists, scientists, athletes, governments, and great minds.

The main value we see reflected there is respect of universal human rights. Since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was issued, and right up to the more recent Convention on the Rights of the Child, Canada has been on the

front lines in the fight to win an international consensus on the freedom and dignity of the individual. It follows that Canadians are seen as staunch supporters of women's and children's rights.

Democratic traditions are also very important to Canadians. The development of a pluralist and participative civil society is strongly encouraged in Canada—that means we are serious about allowing the expression of diverse opinions and offering all citizens the possibility and means of participating in the life of their community and their country.

In economics, Canada is among the great defenders of the rule of law. Canadians want their governments and corporations to play by the rules in the business world, and generally support clear and transparent regulations along with both fiscal and environmental responsibility.

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