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Lynette Froese and daughter Erin were all smiles as they tried out the paddleboards Saturday afternoon at Morden's Paddlefest on Lake Minnewasta. Cool weather didn't make for an ideal beach day, but there was still an eager crowd of people trying out a variety of watercraft, including canoes, kayaks, and even dragon boats. See Pg. 14 for a few more photos.

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Horticulture Soc. unveils latest beautification projects

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Horticulture Society celebrated the grand opening of two major beautification projects Friday afternoon.

First up, society members, volunteers, and supporters gathered on the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre's front lawn to unveil a giant Monarch butterfly sculpture amidst the society's in-the-works butterfly garden.

"This butterfly garden is a gift of labour and love to our city," said society chair Margaret Penner, lauding the many volunteers who helped make it a reality, both in planning and site preparation.

Penner also said her thanks to local artist Tim Klassen, who spent the winter building the sculpture to serve as the garden's centerpiece.

"We literally do not have words to express our deep thank-you to you, Tim, for your generosity in sharing your talents to design, create, and

Winkler Horticulture Society members were joined by artist Tim Klassen Friday in unveiling his sculpture at the grand opening of the new Park St. butterfly gardens.

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build this," she said. "We feel that this piece of artwork is perfect for this site."

For Klassen, the undertaking was simply a way to do his part for a worthy community project.

"I own a business here in town and have been here 17 years and this is kind of my way of giving back to the community," he said.

Klassen, who runs EnviroTech, donated both the supplies and his time to the project and he was gratified to see how impressed people were with

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Red River College Winkler graduates 83

By Lorne Stelmach

Speakers celebrated more than the 83 graduates of the Red River College Winkler campus on Monday.

The support and commitment not just behind the individual students but the greater good of the community was also honoured at the ceremony at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

"This is a campus where there really is a tremendous sense of community and individual support to each of the students," said Paul Vogt, president and CEO of Red River College.

Students received their certificates or diplomas in eight programs, including adult education, administrative assistant, business administration, dental assisting, educational assistant, health care aide, and human resource management as well as the mature student high school diploma course.

Vogt said it was great to see the suc-

cess of the students in their education and in launching into their careers.

"You'll feel, when you cross the stage, a tremendous sense of pride in what you've accomplished," he told grads, also pointing out the role of the students' loved ones "who've had your back through the process, through all of the ups and downs.

"This is a day of celebration. It's a day to make a bit of a fuss over people who have set themselves a goal," Vogt continued.

"For many of our graduates, this is just one step in goals that have been set along the pathway ... in many cases, involving broader ideas of service to community ... the ability to provide for yourselves and others.

"You've established yourselves now with the skills you've acquired as people who will be able to help manage businesses, people who can contribute to health care, to education ... people who are going to be able to be completely part of the life of this



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On Monday, RRC graduated 83 students from eight certificate and diploma programs offered at its Winkler campus this year.

community," he concluded.

"We sometimes do take these things for granted, but I think when we reflect on them, we realize that a community like this ... and all of the opportunities that it provides for all of us ... is only possible because all around us every day, people who have acquired skills to help and assist other people are hard at work."

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder reflected on looking at this graduation "as another chapter completed in our book of life. There's another chapter to begin as you walk out of here to invest into the community, invest into your careers and invest into jobs."

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The Parkside Pioneer Patch north of Hwy. 14 draws on Winkler's agricultural roots to create a beautiful roadside rest stop. The site was developed by the Winkler Horticulture Society.

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Parkside Pioneer Patch city's newest photo hot spot

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the final product.

"The wingspan is about eight feet, it's about six, seven feet tall, and weighs about 500 pounds," he said. "It's a lot of steel there."

The butterfly towers over a colourful floral display depicting a butterfly that welcomes passersby to the garden. Behind it will soon be beds full of flowers and natural prairie plants designed to both attract and sustain butterfly populations in summers to come.

"The plants may be small right now, but they will fulfill a huge role in establishing a small area of natural habitat right in the middle of Winkler," said Tanya Wainio, who spearheaded the garden's creation alongside Martha Bergman.

The project has been a longtime dream of Bergman's.

The reality exceeded her expectations.

"I had no idea where my dream would go, and it is phenomenal," she said. "I am overwhelmed at how it has turned out."

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Next up, the society headed north of Hwy. 14 for the official ribbon cutting (or, rather, watermelon cutting) of the Parkside Pioneer Patch (located just south of the city's water treatment plant).

The project was inspired by similar community gardens on the west coast. The site is filled with antique farm equipment and vehicles, all overflowing with flowers. It also includes a covered picnic shelter.

"Our discussions began by wanting to recognize the roots of this community," noted Penner. "We began with agriculture. We don't see a lot of honouring our past and that was one thing that we were all excited about, to bring the agriculture displays together and make it look attractive."

Penner stressed that the entire project was made possible through the generosity of many local sponsors and volunteers.

"Everything here, except for the plants, is here because of donations," she said.

Project leader Margaret Klassen hopes the site will become a welcoming place of rest and reflection for locals and travellers alike.

It's also sure to be a hot spot for special occasion photography, she added, including graduation and wedding photos. (Saturday, in fact, already saw the latter, as Morden's Thomas and Anna Loewen stopped by the gardens for their wedding shots, Penner shared over the weekend.)

"I think you'll see an awful lot of people utilizing it because there's the beauty that the old machinery and the flowers just come together and create," said Klassen.

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Mayor Martin Harder joined the Winkler Horticulture Society's Margaret Klassen (left) and Margaret Penner in cutting the watermelon (instead of a ribbon) to open the Parkside Pioneer Patch.

Stopping elder abuse

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre shone a spotlight on a troubling occurrence in our society last week.

On June 15, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Services to Seniors program specialist for Southern Health's Cailin Gagnon spoke about identifying elder abuse in our community and how we can assist seniors who may be experiencing such abuse.

"This is an issue that isn't necessarily talked about as much as other issues of abuse," she said. "By having this day, it's providing relevance to the topic and encouraging people to ask for support and help if they need it. And

also to build that awareness for community members, have them empowered to help others in the community."

Gagnon's presentation highlighted the fact that elder abuse can take many forms.

"Abuse is not just physical violence—it can also be verbal, emotional, financial, sexual, spiritual, or neglect," she said.

"It's harm caused to older adults by someone who limits or controls their rights and freedoms," Gagnon ex-

plained. "The older adults are unable to freely make choices because they are afraid of being hurt, humiliated, left alone, or of the relationship ending."

Elder abuse can take the form of a family member financially taking advantage of a senior, or of a caregiver neglecting their charge.

"Abuse is not just impolite and rude behaviour," Gagnon stressed, noting, however, that ageist attitudes can definitely play a role in abusive relationships. "It is abuse when one person uses power ... or influence to take advantage of or to control an older adult. The neglect of older adults who cannot manage on their own is also considered abuse."

These forms of abuse are very much happening in our own community, though many people don't realize it.

"We know that it's prevalent but we don't know the exact numbers because oftentimes people aren't comfortable enough to report the abuse," Gagnon said, pointing out that an estimated four to 10 per cent of older adults experience one or more forms of abuse or neglect at some point in their later years.

Community members can do their

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Services for Seniors program specialist Cailin Gagnon spoke at the Winkler Senior Centre on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

part by keeping an eye out for potential signs that something is wrong.

"If they're seeing that someone is not participating in activities as much anymore, is removed, is showing signs of physical abuse, looking like they've

lost quite a bit of weight ... [ask] them if they're okay, open that door to see if they are maybe in fact suffering from abuse and if they're comfortable talk-

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Starting a new chapter

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"It's exciting to see that chapter take shape," Harder said. "Know that as you go forward you will be able to turn that page again for another chapter in your life."

"It's exciting where you've been ... it's even more exciting where you're going."

Fred Thiessen, representing the Red River College alumni, told the graduates that "great things are in store for you" and encouraged them to "share the fantastic experience you had at Red River College with others."

"I know what it took for you to be here today ... all your hard work was worth it," added Lauren Slegers, president of the Red River College students' association. "Don't forget the memories and the experiences that you had here. You've been given the skills and the knowledge that you need to succeed."

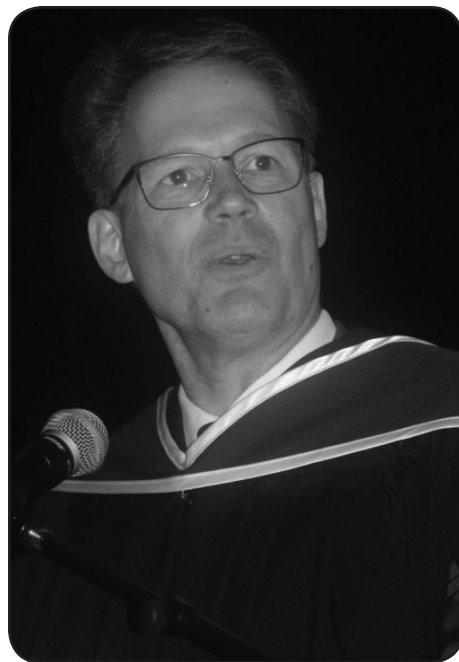


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RRC president Paul Vogt addressed the Winkler campus graduation ceremony Monday.

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Action and communication breed success

Willpower is not enough to make things happen; vision is not enough to start something.

No amount of sitting around a table talking about the amazing things that could happen does anything.

Nevertheless, have you noticed how often people seem to know exactly what should or should not be done about a given subject or problem? How often have you and I pontificated about issues and how to solve them only to see the conversation erode into something different while the subject is quickly forgotten?

As a communicator I am going to say something that rubs me the wrong way: communication without action accomplishes nothing. The phrase "all talk and no action" fits here.

On the flip side, however, it is equally true (and more often forgotten) that action without communication is a waste of time.

I have seen both scenarios play out over and over again over the years. Families, cities, provinces, businesses ... they are all guilty of these sins. Sometimes they will talk for decades about a project they would like to see accomplished. They will plan and strategize and at the end of the day what do you have? Nothing.

In other instances I have seen spectacular accomplishments that have taken great sums of money become just as spectacular failures due to the belief that "people will just show up" and there is no need to communicate or market an initiative.

Talking without action accomplishes nothing.

For how many years have you talked about going on vacation in Europe? You know who you are. Maybe Europe is really South America or maybe Europe is a ski trip in British Columbia,

but you know what I mean. How long have you been talking about your dream?

The difference between people and businesses that talk about their goals and those that accomplish them? Action. Talking becomes planning, planning becomes acting, and acting becomes achieving.

On the flip side, achieving is nothing without communicating. Very few people realize this. Often once the goal is achieved we sit back, heave a sigh of relief, and falsely believe the work is now done when really it has only just begun. This is truer for organizations than people. What does this mean?

I have been in a number of organizations that believe strongly in themselves and their product or offering. This is a good thing. Sometimes, however, that belief rises to an unhealthy level where a strong sense of entitlement arises. When this happens we say they have "drank their own Kool-Aid."

When the thing you have created becomes a goal unto itself you can become puzzled when others do not naturally see what you see. Why aren't tens of thousands of people flocking to my product/event/attraction/city?

Maybe you spent so much time

building your product that you forgot about the importance of actually communicating. Maybe you had a "field of dreams" mentality that caused you to believe that "if we build it they will come." But there's a reason it's called a field of "dreams."

If you don't communicate (market) what you believe in no one is going to know anything about it, nor will they care. How could they?

In this sense, action without communication is a complete waste of time and resources.

If I was forced to choose the lesser of these two evils I would have to pick talking without acting. While dreaming does not accomplish much, there is at least a creative value to it.

On the other hand, building a product or service without communicating can have devastating effects. You run the risk of pouring huge amounts of effort and capital into something that sees little to no return. When this happens you frighten people away from ever wanting to even consider such a project again when all that might have been needed for success was simple communication.

If you find yourself talking about something, stop talking and go out and do it. And once you've done it, let others know so they have a reason to care.

> ELDER ABUSE, FROM PG. 5

ing about it," Gagnon advised, further warning people to tread carefully when it comes to approaching someone on this topic, especially if the abuser in question is a loved one. "The goal is to open the door for support, not to close it.

"Lots of people are in abusive relationships and they don't really see it," she added. "So that's why this is an important topic to be discussing because we want to build the awareness of abusive relationships, so even if that person doesn't think that they're being abused, community members, neighbours, friends, family, they can maybe point out some of those signs kindly and cautiously."

Gagnon also urged victims not to be afraid or embarrassed to reach

out for help.

"[I want them] just to be aware that there's services available," she said, pointing, in example, to Manitoba's 24-hour abuse support line. "The people on the other end of the line aren't telling the victim what to do, but they are giving them different options."

The support line is available, as well, for friends or family members who fear a loved one is being victimized.

You can reach the Senior's Abuse Support Line toll-free at 1-888-896-7183 or head online to www.seniorsabusesupport.ca.

You can also speak with the seniors resource coordinators at the senior centre for help accessing local supports.



Students, seniors walk for Alzheimer's

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
Rainy weather moved the Walk for Alzheimer's indoors at Salem Home in Winkler June 14. Residents of the personal care home were joined by local students and Alzheimer Society of Manitoba supporters in a stroll through the halls in support of a cure for the disease. Similar walks are being held across Manitoba this month.

Winkler gets go-ahead for new elementary school

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After nearly a decade of planning, lobbying, and hoping for a new elementary school in Winkler, Garden Valley School Division has finally received the green light from the province.

Education Minister Ian Wishart announced Friday that the school divisions in Winkler and Niverville have issued requests for proposals from architectural consulting teams to finalize the design and tender for an elementary school in Winkler and a high school in Niverville.

"These new schools are priorities for our government based on the greatest need due to higher enrolment pressures two of Manitoba's fastest-growing communities," said Wishart. "We are working expeditiously to ensure there can be shovels in the ground in spring 2018 and students in the classroom in September 2019."

It's welcome news that has been a very long time in coming, said GVSD board chair Laurie Dyck.

"There's a light at the end of the tunnel," she said, noting Winkler's three other elementary schools have been bursting at the seams for years, their school grounds dotted with countless portable classrooms to accommodate growing student populations. "So this

is very exciting news for us."

The division purchased land for a school back in 2009 in the Pine Ridge development on the northwestern edge of town.

"That was two prior [school] boards ago," noted Dyck. "Obviously the need was there even before they bought the land."

The property has sat empty ever since while the city's newest residential development was built up around it, but now that the province has given the division and the Public Schools Finance Board the go-ahead for an expedited schedule, work on the site should get underway sometime next year.

The government has committed to fund a K-8 school for 675 students. The project also leaves room for a future eight classroom expansion that would bump up the student population to 875 kids.

The 84,000 square foot elementary school will have kindergarten classrooms, regular classrooms, science labs, and an art room, in addition to other specialized spaces such as a large library, computer room, resource teaching space, life-skills suite, multipurpose room, band room, home economics and industrial arts areas, and a large gymnasium.

The facility will also feature an in-

tegrated childcare centre that will accommodate 20 infants and 54 pre-school children as well as a large space to be used for nursery and be-

fore- and after-school programming. Dyck said a lot of discussion now

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Online campaign raising funds to help Morden man see

By Lorne Stelmach

It's an invisible disability for Evan Wood.

Born with a number of congenital eye conditions, the Morden resident long ago came to accept being visually impaired.

"I've lived with it for 27 years, so it's my normal. I don't know any other way," said Wood, whose conditions are linked to each other in one way or another, but the biggest issue is a condition called Nystagmus.

People who suffer with Nystagmus are subject to varying degrees of impairment. Wood does have a somewhat functional level of vision, but is still classified as legally blind.

For Wood, it's meant everyday activities that people take for granted are made much more difficult. Everything from reading food packages and medicine bottles to working on a computer, navigating unfamiliar areas, reading street signs or even reading a restaurant menu are very challenging.

"I can walk down the street and you would never know it. To look at me, probably I don't strike you as blind," he said. "It's not that I'm incapable of functioning ... I'm actually very lucky that way ... I'm high functioning as legally blind people go."

Thanks to newer technology, however, there is quite literally light at the end of the tunnel for Wood.

His hope is found in electronic glasses called eSight, which will enable him to see like a unimpaired person. They could do what traditional corrective lenses cannot really do for him.

"More or less, my eyes are not responsive to traditional lenses," Wood explained. "There's really been nothing before this that helps a condition like mine."

The \$15,000 price tag for a pair of eSights is a barrier Wood and his wife, Christine, are hoping the community will help them overcome.

The couple have launched an online crowdfunding campaign in conjunction with a long-distance bike ride they're undertaking next month.

Their adventure, planned for the first week of July, will see them cycle across Manitoba from west to east.

In addition to raising funds, the cou-

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ple hope the ride will raise awareness for legally blind people like Wood.

"It kind of started off we were talking about doing a bike tour anyway, and it kind of came up at the same time as this opportunity," he said. "Kind of hand-in-hand with that, it is also important to raise awareness."

The Wood's GoFundMe campaign (www.gofundme.com/help-evan-see-with-esight) had already hit \$4,000 as of last week.

"We've done some traditional fundraising ... but with the Go Fund Me campaign the reach obviously is unlimited," said Wood, who appreciates the support that has come his way thus far, including from some local business sponsors for their bike ride such as Winkler Co-op, Cornerstone Construction, Canadian Tire, and Kroeker Farms.

Wood now looks forward to the day when he will have the gift of full sight in his life for the first time.

"It's a little bit hard to wrap your mind around the impact that it will



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Evan Wood, who is legally blind, and wife Christine are hitting the road for a cross-Manitoba bike ride next month to raise awareness about the challenges of life with a visual impairment.

have until you have it," he said.

"The one thing that I said to my wife was, 'I can hardly wait to be able to watch TV without leaning forward,'" he added. "That's kind of the most exciting thing to me is not so much that I'll see normally but that everything around me will normalize."

"Even working on a computer, I have to fight constant posture issues because I'm constantly leaning forward," said Wood. "Even socially,

it will kind of free me up because I won't have to rely on someone else."

His wife values how it will give Wood a greater sense of independence in his life.

"It will really, really normalize his life where he can just be like a normal person," Christine said. "So just to see how he will react to that ... he's never seen like a normal person."

> NEW SCHOOL, FROM PG. 7

needs to be had to figure out the new catchment areas for this and the existing Winkler Elementary, Parkland, and J.R. Walkof schools

"That's the next step for the board is to realign what catchments are going to look like, bus routes, what makes the most sense, who's within walking distance, who's not," she said, stressing the community will be involved in those discussions.

However the nuts and bolts of it all play out, one thing is certain: the effect of this new school will ripple throughout the division.

"We're running out of green space to put those portables on," Dyck said, pointing specifically to J.R. Walkof School, which will have 17 portables as of this fall.

When they do find space for the temporary classrooms, it still puts a strain on the facility as a whole.

"Then we run tight on everywhere else: the library's not big enough, the gym's not big enough, there's not enough bathrooms, not enough staff room," Dyck said. "This is going to just relieve the pressure so that we can operate in a more normal

public education fashion."

The total cost of the school has not yet been hashed out, but Dyck noted the division has been socking money away for years in preparation for this announcement.

"Our reserve after next school year ... we will be at \$500,000 in that new school fund," she said. "We're comfortable to start there ... at the end of the day, there's always going to be taxpayers' money going into a new build, but we think we're already pretty close to being right where we need to be, short of any surprises."

Literacy grads take first steps toward their dreams

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Regional Connection celebrated the achievements of its literacy students last week.

On June 16, the agency wrapped up another year of English language training by recognizing graduates of the various stages of the Literacy and Learning Program.

"The stages literacy program is a Province of Manitoba adult learning program," explained coordinator Steve Reynolds. "The three stages cover all the needs—from ABCs up to a Gr. 9 level English.

"Of course, students come in at different levels of ability ... it picks up wherever they're working and they can continue for whatever their goals are," he added, "whether it's a G.E.D. or high school diploma."

Classes are held in Winkler, Morden, and Altona days and evenings throughout the week, with students working at their own pace to complete their portfolios for each stage.

"It's really up to the students and their schedules," Reynolds said, pointing out that many juggle full-time jobs and family responsibilities with their studies. "It's got a lot of flexibility for them to come and go ... if they have the time to put into it they could complete [a stage] in a year. It could take two, three, four years, too."

This past school year saw 83 students in the program, which is about average, he noted.

For newcomers to Canada, this program can make all the difference when it comes to successfully integrating into their new home.

"From simple things that it's easy to take for granted, like being able to write a cheque or a birthday card or a letter," Reynolds said. "Quite a few of the parents will talk about being able to read to their kids, to be able to help their kids as they're learning to read and learning English."

It can also help a person advance in their career or gain access to new em-



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Hugs and smiles were the order of the day for the six students, shown above with their instructors, celebrating completing a stage in Regional Connections' Literacy and Learning program last week.

ployment options, he added.

At last week's graduation ceremony, six students celebrated completing one of the stages.

Stage one graduates included Eva Bergen, Abe Wall, and Lydia Penner.

"I'm thankful that I had the chance to learn," said Penner in accepting her certificate, noting she was attracted to the course because she knew she needed to learn to better "speak and understand English."

Completing work on stage two was Priscilla Bergen, Lena Martens, and Margaretha Giesbrecht.

"For me this is a big day," said Martens, noting this certificate is her first step toward one day receiving her high school diploma. "I have learned more than I ever thought would be possible ... now when I look back I can hardly believe how far I have come."

"I feel so happy to see the fruit of my hard work," said Giesbrecht. "I've learned so much ... I will recommend this program highly to anyone who wants learn English."

The ceremony also included the distribution of several special class awards, including Courage awards to Tina Nelson and Helena

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Neufeld, the Class Leader Award to Eva Bergen, the Determination Award to Peter Friesen, the Computer Award to Margaret Friesen, a Class Act Award to Susana Harms, the Live Wire Award to Margaretha Giesbrecht, and the Community Caretaker Award to Lena Martens.

To learn more about the learning programs available at Regional Connections, check them out online at regionalconnections.ca or contact them in Winkler at 204-325-4059 or Morden at 204-822-4387.

Winkler working on breaking down barriers

The City of Winkler announced Monday a \$30,000 funding grant through the Rick Hansen Foundation's Access4All Program, a Canada 150 Signature Initiative aimed at breaking down barriers for people living with disabilities.

With the participation of the Government of Canada, this grant will

support the city's Barrier Buster Project, which will provide accessible ice-surface seating in the arena as well as updates to automatic hand-washing and drying fixtures in the facility's washrooms.

"With support from the Government of Canada and the Rick Hansen Foundation, the City of Winkler

wants to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to realize their full potential, and it begins with creating inclusive and accessible communities," said Mayor Martin Harder. "We are proud to be part of the Canada 150 Access4All program, and our arena upgrades will play an important role in building a world without

barriers."

The project will begin at month's end and is intended to be wrapped up by Aug. 11 to coincide with the Winkler Harvest Festival & Exhibition, where a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at the arena will take place.

PTM putting finishing touches on Braun House

By Lorne Stelmach

The future of an important part of the Pembina Threshermen's Museum is secure thanks to a restoration effort.

There are still some finishing touches to be done, but the Braun Log House is ready to fully be part of the museum again.

"It took about two and a half years all together," estimated museum president Howard Thiessen, who spearheaded the project to restore the home built in 1885.

One of two log houses at the museum—the other being the Reimer house built in 1878 and moved from the village of Hochfeld—the Braun House is a vital part of the museum's historic pioneer village collection.

"We have the two log houses ... and they're both local houses, they come from local places ... so we were kind of compelled to maintain this as good as we can," said Thiessen.

Constructed in the Burwalde area by Gerhard Braun, the Braun House was moved to the Pembina Threshermen's Museum in 1976.

It features a dovetail construction and engraved numbers on the outside corners, which allows the house to be disassembled and reassembled easily.

There is a lot of history inside the home, which saw Jakob Braun of Osterwick carve the wooden bench using only a jackknife and wooden dowels used in its construction instead of

metal pieces.

Furnishings include a painting above the bench showing the house and barn when in use and illustrating how the north door in the kitchen would have led right into the barn.

Thiessen said the key concern with the home became that the logs had started to age and rot to a point where it was getting unsafe for visitors.

"There's a lot of history in that building that shows how people lived in those days ... so we thought it was worthwhile to go through the effort to restore it the best we could," he said.

Restoring the building involved a fair bit of specialized work, and so it became a challenge to find someone who had the knowledge and equipment to tackle the project.

Even finding the right kind of logs took a bit of time, Thiessen noted.

"We found a source in Ontario that actually had the right kind of logs ... they had the hardness that was needed," he said.

The building's heritage status also meant every single restorative step had to be done in a way that preserved the historical integrity of the building.

"It's a lot of work ... it just takes time," said Thiessen, noting the initial step was to make a better foundation. "Some work we did ourselves. We put a floor in it ... with the right kind of material which, again, was recommended by the heritage staff."

Once the core work was completed,



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Pembina Threshermen's Museum president Howard Thiessen hard at work getting the newly restored Braun House ready for visitors once again this summer.

volunteers were able to move all the furniture and artifacts back into place so that the displays look much the same as they always have.

"We made it look as it was before ... I took pictures of various rooms ... where the beds were at, where the pictures were at ... the inside is pretty much the way I found it when I started getting involved with the museum," said Thiessen.

The entire project cost upwards

of \$35,000, with the Save the Braun House campaign (which allowed people to leave their mark on the museum by sponsoring logs, windows, doors, and other aspects of the renovations) bringing in just over \$20,000.

Donations are still more than welcome. Stop by the Hwy. 3 museum or check them out online at threshermensmuseum.com for more information.

City battling tree fungal infection, insect damage

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is already seeing the benefits of its initiative to develop a tree inventory.

The city-wide inventory done last fall is proving to be a useful tool for the city as it takes steps this year to address a problem with a specific tree species in the community.

"It's fantastic. There are over 5,000 trees inventoried," noted parks manager Shawn Dias. "We've collected information on species, height, diameter, condition ... whether they need any action like pruning or stump removal ... and we're able to develop work orders from that ... so it's proving to be very, very useful."

The wealth of information is coming in handy as Morden works to address an issue with its Manchurian Ash trees related to a fungal infection and insect damage.

It is suspected Manchurian Ash trees originally suffering from frost crack damage were further exposed to a fungal infection. Stress caused by the fungus has then been furthered by allowing the tree to become more attractive to insects.

In this case, the insect feeding on the leaves causes them to curl along the edges and twist. Under the twisted leaf, the insect matures and leaves a white cottony residue.

To date, the City of Morden has 360 Manchurian Ash trees in its inventory. Dias said they treated over 220 trees earlier this month with an insecticidal soap. A second round of treatment will be done in the beginning of July.

Unfortunately, about 100 trees are too far gone and will need to be removed.

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Judy Thiessen and other volunteers have put the artifacts in the Braun House back just as they were. The restoration work on the pioneer cabin ensures the building will stand for many years to come.

New prez for Morden chamber

By Lorne Stelmach

The new head of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce brings perhaps the most important quality to the role of chairperson.

Michelle Sawatzky is an unequivocal Morden booster who believes in its potential and what it has to offer.

"I love local business, and I love Morden," said Sawatzky, who steps up from the role of vice-chairperson and takes over from outgoing president Chad Sheldon.

The human resources manager with Co-op has been on the chamber board for three years now. She will serve two years as its chair.

"I want to be part of a business community that helps grow this really wonderful community," said Sawatzky.

"I'm looking forward to a really great future in Morden. There's a lot of partnerships that are happening on the local level that are making things happen here in Morden, and it's an exciting time," she said.

"It's also a strong board, so it's a great team to be part of ... and we have a great staff, so I'm looking forward to it."

Sawatzky suggested among their priorities will be working on and further developing the chamber's strategic plan. She also believes it's im-

portant to bring more awareness to the benefits of chamber membership such as its credit card services and group insurance.

"It's affordable and it's a nice option to offer to your employees," said Sawatzky, pointing out, as well, that the chamber plays a number of other important roles in the community.

"Definitely a priority for the chamber is to connect the business community, so networking is key ... also the chamber provides education and development opportunities to business owners and their staff," she said. "We're also a strong voice to local governments."



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Former vice-president Michelle Sawatzky has stepped up into the chamber's president role.

Public meeting on nature sanctuary taking place June 22

By Lorne Stelmach

The community is invited to learn more about plans for a nature sanctuary in Winkler.

An information meeting takes place this Thursday, June 22, for the project, which got the blessing of city council last week.

"We got really good, positive feedback from the council," said Paul Goossen, chairperson of the nature sanctuary committee. "I think they're looking forward to seeing this project move forward. I was quite pleased with their support."

The meeting gets underway at 7 p.m. at city hall to introduce the concept of the project and receive feedback on it from the public at large.

There is already some sense of support from the community in general, but this week's meeting will help those unfamiliar with the concept get a better handle on just what the plans are, Goossen said.

"Probably a lot of people aren't aware of the project ... but I think those that are aware are interested in it," he said.

The nature sanctuary will be right within the city limits in the northeast corner of Winkler, just south of Hwy. 14.

Goossen said they see this becoming a tourist attraction as well as a place for local residents to enjoy the great outdoors. It is also expected to provide educational opportunities for local schools.

Trails will enable visitors to explore the marsh, woodlands, and wetlands for plants and animals. Portions of the trails will be accessible to people

using mobility aids.

Unique features of the sanctuary include a pollinator garden as well as an opportunity to fish for Rainbow Trout.

Plans are still being finalized, but Goossen noted they are looking to finance the project independently from the City of Winkler.

"Our intent and our objective is to get our finances through grants and donations," he said. "We're not asking

the City of Winkler for funding support. We do anticipate—and there has been already—some in-kind support for the project."

Community involvement will be vital to the project, he stressed, adding that they hope people will come forward at this week's meeting who are interested in volunteering their time or financial support.

They are also looking to the community for a name for the sanctu-

ary. Those attending the information meeting will have an opportunity to pitch some ideas, with the winning choice announced at a later date.

The project's timeline is somewhat uncertain, but Goossen expects work could start on it as early as this year.

"We anticipate things will get going this summer, this fall," he said. "We're definitely going to be moving forward on this."

La Riviere Turkey Fest and Duck Race takes place this Saturday

By Lorne Stelmach

The event itself is mainly about having a day of family fun, but the La Riviere Turkey Fest and Duck Race also plays an important role in the Pembina Valley community.

Now approaching its second decade, Turkey Fest fills a void by raising much-needed funds for the small town.

"It's essential to our community," said organizing committee member Evelyn Janzen.

The festival, which takes place this Saturday, usually raises up to around \$3,000, with half or more of that coming from races where rubber ducks are released into the Pembina River.

This year, the funds will offset expenses from the community taking over the annual fish fry that was done in the past by area Shriners. In past years the money has gone towards work at the community hall, including making it more accessible.

"Next year I think we'll probably continue with the handicapped project and get our bathrooms done ... then we should be completely accessible. That is our ultimate goal," said Janzen.

"It's absolutely important to us," she added. "The recreation centre is the hub of our community, and without that we would be totally lost. We wouldn't have a meeting place ... or any kind of social activity as well."

The Turkey Fest and Duck Race runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the La Riviere Centennial Campground. The official duck race gets started at 5 p.m. at the river.

The La Riviere volunteer fire department will have demonstrations and displays among the variety of activities on tap for the day.

There will also be face-painting as well as the craft station and other family-friendly games and activities, including a bike decorating contest with prizes for three age categories.

Supporting the fundraising effort will be a rainbow auction. Visitors can also enjoy the food and beverages available for purchase throughout the day.

Eden Health Care Services hires new CEO



Analyn Einarson has been hired to fill the CEO role at Eden Health Care Services. She started her new job on Monday.

By Lorne Stelmach

The new CEO of Eden Health Care Services welcomes the challenge of the role.

Analyn Einarson also sees her new job as offering a tremendous opportunity as she joins a strong, well established organization now in its 50th anniversary year.

"I'm very excited to be part of that legacy that they started 50 years ago," said Einarson, who started work Monday in the job vacated earlier this year by longtime Eden leader James Friesen.

"They've laid a great foundation in terms of partnership with the community, which is what it's all about," said Einarson, who also stressed their task of "empowering persons with mental health needs ... is something I believe that we all need."

Einarson added that she is looking

forward to being a part of a faith-based organization that is rooted in Christian values.

She brings a broad range of experience to the office which she believes will be a benefit to the agency.

"I've had a number of experiences in social services, so I hope to bring more support in terms of what is already existing here," said Einarson.

"I have a number of experiences and years in mental health services, so I hope that I can bring in maybe some new ideas. I also have experiences working with non-governmental organizations and partnering with different funders."

Einarson has worked extensively in the mental health and social services fields in the areas of counseling, child protection, and adoptions with both adults and youth.

She has lived and worked in both rural and urban settings, including

"I'M VERY EXCITED TO BE PART OF THAT LEGACY THAT THEY STARTED 50 YEARS AGO."

with First Nations, and worked extensively with the government in child and family services as well as with other non-governmental partners.

Most recently she served as clinical director at Marymount in Winnipeg where, among other duties, she was involved in program development and implementation and in co-ordinating the clinical team's responsibilities.

Winkler Police make arrests in theft cases

Winkler Police wrapped up a two-week theft investigation with a pair of arrests last week.

On June 8, the department received a complaint of a break and enter into an attached garage where a power tool was stolen.

Through the use of video surveillance installed at the victim's residence, officers were able to determine that the break-in was committed by two suspects, one of which was identified as 28-year-old David Larrance Penner of Winnipeg.

Over the next two days, police received several complaints of higher end bicycles being stolen around the community. In each of the thefts, the bicycles had been locked and the suspect had cut the lock in order to steal the bike.

On June 14, the Morden Police Service located David Penner and a female who was later identified as the

second suspect from the break-in surveillance video.

Morden Police also determined that Penner and the female had been operating a 2006 Ford F150 that had been reported stolen in the Rural Municipality of Macdonald.

Winkler officers attended the Morden police station, recovered the F150, and arrested both suspects.

The subsequent investigation revealed that Penner and the female suspect had been involved in several recent bicycle thefts in Winkler.

In addition to this, a search of the recovered truck resulted in the seizure of a counterfeit \$20 bill as well as a substantial quantity of methamphetamine and methamphetamine trafficking paraphernalia.

Police were unable to recover the stolen bicycles, estimated to be worth a combined value of approximately

\$3,000.

Penner has been charged with Break, Enter and Commit Theft, Possess Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000, five counts of Possess Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000, Possess Counterfeit Money, Possess Methamphetamine for the Purpose of Trafficking, and three counts of Breach Probation.

A 27-year-old female resident of Winnipeg will be charged with Break, Enter and Commit Theft, Possess Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000, five counts of Possess Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000, Possess Counterfeit Money, Possess Methamphetamine for the Purpose of Trafficking, and two counts of Breach Probation.

As she has not yet been formally charged, police have not released the woman's name.

Police investigating Morden Park robbery, assault

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Police are investigating a robbery and assault that took place in Morden Park in the early morning hours of June 17.

They were called at 2:30 a.m. after three people sitting in the park shelter were approached by another group of males. The victim was ordered to give them his phone and was punched in the face several times, leaving him with a large bump on his forehead. A second victim had his neck chain stolen.

The suspects were described as be-

ing native in appearance and wearing black hoodies. One was carrying a knife described as a wooden handled machete.

The suspects made off with some money and the victim's LG cell phone.

Other items of note in the weekly police report include:

- Police charged a 35-year-old Morden man with forcible confinement, assault, and failing to comply with a probation order following an incident June 14.

They were called around 11 a.m. to an apartment where a woman had

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Dias said they encourage residents in general to inspect all of their trees on a regular basis.

In addition to watering trees during dry conditions, avoid causing any trunk or root damage and avoid using any herbicides or salts in the soil near the tree, he said.

"Healthy trees are less susceptible to the insects ... and a lot of the

insect activity that we've seen has happened on trees that already had a fungus," Dias said.

"Insects are usually secondary ... they come in usually after the tree has already been stressed," he added. "What the public in general can do is try to keep their trees in good health."

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Former Mordenite accepted into Russian ballet academy

By Lorne Stelmach

A former Mordenite is following in his mother's footsteps and moving up in the dance world.

Jonah Schroeder in fact might be moving across the world after having been accepted into the Vaganova Academy of Russian Ballet in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Considered one of the best ballet schools in the world, it receives upwards of 3,000 applicants a year and only invites 100 to train there.

"I'm excited and nervous ... I hope it all works out ... but it still doesn't seem real. I'm still wondering what they saw in me," said the 19-year-old, who said he hadn't held out much hope of being accepted. "It was a big surprise to me. I sent my video there just hoping maybe I would hear a little bit of feedback."

"It is scary to see him travel so far away, but through much love and years of guidance from many loving hands, he has a good head on his shoulders," his mother Marilee said in an interview by e-mail.

The big move follows Jonah's recent graduation performance and convocation where he received his diploma with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet professional division.

It may seem only natural that Jonah would be making a career for himself in the dance world—his mother is a

graduate of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet teacher training program after having also been a student in the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School professional division from the age of 10 to 17.

For Jonah, though, early on it wasn't necessarily a case of him having inherited his mother's passion for dance. He started at age six but didn't continue after that first year because he actually didn't like it much at first.

"I remember I went and watched one of her recitals then a couple years later, and I felt bad about quitting, so I started again when I was nine," he recalled.

By age 12 he got more involved in helping with his mother's classes here, and he sees that as having had the most impact, recalling helping a young student when she was having difficulties.

"Those little moments like that are some of my

most memorable and favorite memories from my time dancing there. That's when I really started to appreciate the technique and just watching other people grow," said Jonah.

"I think that's what separates my mom and I," he continued. "When she got into dancing, she knew that's what she wanted to do, whereas for me it was something that I started to enjoy more and more each year that I had done it."

It was an interesting experience for Marilee during her time teaching in the Morden area to have her son be-

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jonah Schroeder got his start in the dance world in Morden under the guidance of his mother Marilee Schroeder, a teacher trained by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and he now has the chance to continue his dance career by studying at a prestigious Russian academy.

come one of her students.

"When Jonah danced with his classmates, I tried to never single him out as being different or special because, as the teacher, they were and are all special," said Marilee, who taught dance here for over 10 years until an injury in 2013 led her to make the move to Winnipeg to take on new teaching opportunities there.

"Each student has dreams and goals. My job is to help them attain these goals and gently push the students to get past hurdles," she continued. "My goal in class was to inspire each, teach with solid technique, develop self discipline and foster a love of classical dance."

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Learning the ropes



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Lake Minnewasta was abuzz Saturday with Morden's third annual Paddlefest, which gave people the chance to try their hand at a variety of different types of watercraft. The day included instruction from experienced members of the Morden Paddle Cub, children's activities on the beach, food vendors, free beach yoga from Harmony Tree Studio, and the creation of a themed mural for the club's storage trailer. Below: City recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck picks up a paint brush to help out with the mural.

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Marilee noted there were challenges that came with teaching in rural Manitoba, as students were generally not exposed as easily to the world of ballet.

She would often bring the students to Winnipeg for field trips including workshops or to attend RWB performances, and it was during one of those excursions when she feels Jonah realized his passion for ballet.

"This seemed to spark a fire inside of Jonah and he began taking as many classes as possible with me," she said. "He also showed an interest in teaching. We had loads of fun and really bonded when he began assisting in my classes in the Morden area."

That lasted until 2012 when he joined the RWB, but even that was a big step for him to audition because he had issues with his confidence and performance anxiety.

He recalled his mother's teacher at RWB convinced him to tryout, but because the auditions had just passed, a private audition was arranged.

"For somebody who is too scared to go to a regular audition, you can imagine how terrified I was to do one by myself with two teachers watching me," he

noted.

His gift, though, obviously emerged, and he went on to win a number of awards and scholarships and be involved in a range of RWB productions, including the Ballet In The Park. He also entered his own choreography into the Royal Winnipeg Ballet annual competition First Steps, and his piece *Élégie* won the Jacqueline Weber Award for Classical Choreography.

Jonah now entertains thoughts of a performance career perhaps in Europe, though longer term he remains most interested in teaching.

"I believe he has a great sense of fulfillment watching the little dancers grasp new skills. He has a good eye for technique and choreography," noted Marilee, who is a very proud mother, especially knowing the level of commitment that is needed.

"For Jonah and I, dance is not something we do casually. It is a lifestyle and a discipline. This in turn spills into all aspects of our lives. It is like breathing, you just do it," she said.

"I know the hard long days and effort put into training. We are very proud of Jonah."



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Morden daycare receives funds for playground



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The Pembina Valley Child Care Centre held its annual fundraising barbecue Friday with extra cause for celebration as it received two grants in support of improvements at its Morden daycare facility. A partnership with the Community Foundations of Canada and the Morden Area Foundation saw each contribute \$7,455 for a total Canada 150 grant of \$14,910 for the resurfacing of the infants and toddlers part of the daycare's playground. In addition, the local Morden Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy partnered with École Morden Middle School's Gr. 5 Pay It Forward Club in providing \$2,375 for a new balance beam. The ÉMMS students held a Taco in a Bag fundraiser and the YIP students raised funds through a garage sale, bake sale, and popcorn sales.

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Police ask for tips in vehicle hit and run

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been trying to move out some of her belongings when her boyfriend became upset, locked the door, and refused to let her leave. She was then assaulted and physically held from attempting to leave.

Police arrived and were able to gain entry into the apartment and arrest the accused, who was remanded into custody to Winnipeg where he awaits his next court appearance.

Police also located a stolen truck nearby which was related to a break and enter incident in Winkler. The vehicle was turned over to the Winkler Police Service for further investigation.

• Officers on patrol around 11 a.m. June 17 saw a vehicle driving around the Blue Rock storage units on Willcocks Road. They then saw the vehicle stop and the driver try to enter a door to one of the units. Police recognized the driver, who was known to be a prohibited driver, and he was arrested.

There was also a warrant for his arrest from the Winnipeg Police Service, and the 35-year-old Lowe Farm resident now faces charges including driving while prohibited and failing to comply with his recognizance. His vehicle was impounded for a minimum of 30 days.

• Police are investigating a hit and run accident that occurred June 11 between 2-4 p.m. in the parking lot of Shoppers Drug Mart.

The owner returned to her vehicle and noticed damage to the driver's side front bumper of her 2015 red Ford Focus.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact police at 204-822-4900.

• A bike was stolen June 10 sometime between 4-5 p.m. from an apartment complex on 9th Street in Morden. The bike was locked up at the time, but the lock was cut. The bike is described as a black Avalanche GT men's mountain bike.

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As you know, carbon dioxide is now mistakenly considered to be a pollutant. Environmentalists are saying that the carbon dioxide being produced by mankind is putting our planet in jeopardy, so they've concentrated their efforts on reducing carbon emissions.

But now, scientists in Iceland have discovered a way to quickly turn carbon emissions quite literally into stone. According to Science News, researchers have found that "95 percent of the carbon dioxide injected into basaltic lava rocks mineralized into solid rock within two years." One of the study's co-authors noted, "It's working, it's feasible and it's fast enough to be a permanent solution for storing CO2 emissions." He also said, "We have enough basalt globally to take care of all anthropogenic CO2 emissions, theoretically."

How ironic that volcanoes – which add so much carbon dioxide to our atmosphere with each eruption – might just turn out to provide the solution to so-called carbon pollution! Today's "Creation Moment" is one of almost 300 you'll find in "Letting God Create Your Day, Volume 8" – the biggest collection of scripts we've ever published.

Prayer: Oh Lord, I know I can rest assured that the planet You placed me on will not be destroyed until the day that You create new heavens and a new earth! Amen.

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Homestead South celebrates five years

The Homestead South assisted living facility celebrated its fifth anniversary Saturday with a lunch barbecue that also featured musical entertainment and a display of vintage cars. Proceeds from the hot dog lunch were earmarked for Katie's Cottage, though a final tally was not available at press time.

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Shaved Brussels Sprouts and Kale Salad



Recipe courtesy of Ayesha Curry on behalf of Glad

Dressing:

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- 1 teaspoon maple syrup
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- small GladWare container
- kosher salt, to taste
- ground black pepper, to taste

Salad:

3/4 pound Brussels sprouts, ends trimmed, outer leaves removed and sliced thin

1 head Lacinato kale, tough ribs removed and sliced thin

3/4 cup coarsely chopped, roasted, salted almonds

1/2 cup dried cherries

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To make dressing: Place lemon juice, mustard, syrup and olive oil in small container or jar and shake vigorously. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper, and shake again.

To make salad: In mixing bowl, toss Brussels sprouts, kale, almonds and cherries together. Mix in dressing and toss to coat evenly. Serve immediately.

If making ahead, store dressed salad in sealed container for up to 24 hours.

Six-Mile High Burger



Recipe courtesy of ALDI Test Kitchen

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- 8 slices Happy Farms Pepper Jack Cheese
- 1 cup Burman's Mayonnaise
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- 1/2 cup Burman's Mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon Stonemill Iodized Salt

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1 tomato, sliced

2 romaine lettuce leaves, cut in half width-wise

Heat grill to medium-high.

In saute pan, heat vegetable oil and saute mushrooms 2-3 minutes.

Set aside. Fry bacon to desired doneness, about 5 minutes on each side. Set aside. Bake onion rings according to packaging instructions. Set aside.

Grill burgers 5-7 minutes on each side until they reach desired doneness. Place two slices cheese on each burger and continue to grill until melted. Remove from heat.

Mix together mayonnaise, hot sauce, mustard, salt and pepper, and spread on both sides of buns, to taste.

To assemble burger: layer bottom bun with patty with cheese, tomato, lettuce, mushrooms, two onion rings, two pieces of bacon and top half of bun.



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Team Pembina Valley wins big at 55+ Games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Team Pembina Valley did our region proud at the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries 55 Plus Games last week.

The 116 local athletes came home from the June 13-15 Games in Killarney with 53 medals, including 20 gold, 18 silver, and 15 bronze. "We always have fun, and the med-

Team Pembina Valley brought back 53 medals from the Manitoba 55+ Games last week. Left: Card players did especially well, including Bernice Adams, Evelyn Sanders, Cheryl Link, and Albert Janzen, who won silver and bronze in cribbage—just two of 14 card game medals.

als look pretty good, too," says team leader Lois Dudgeon, who noted the team especially cleaned up in cards, winning 14 medals, including five of a possible six in the contract and duplicate bridge events.

Team Pembina Valley also brought home their very first pickleball gold medal courtesy of Dudgeon and Len Victor.

The list of medal winners also includes:

- Bernice Adams and Evelyn Sanders, Manitou, silver in cribbage.
- Willie Anseeuw, Oak Bluff, three silver medals in track.
- Madelene Blum and Elvene Hamilton, Morden, silver and gold in duplicate bridge and contract bridge.
- Jerry and Anne Collard and Vic and Betty Rance, Carman, silver in carpet bowling.

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Berry Pickins Time

Get your baskets ready! It's Berry Season!

What is red, juicy, sweet and lots of fun to pick? Local strawberries, of course. So what are you waiting for? Now's the time to stock up on this mouth-watering and nutritious summer fruit. Now, which is going to fill up first, your basket or your stomach?

When it's harvested at just the right moment, there's nothing tastier than freshly picked fruit. So what does a strawberry that's ready to be picked look like? It should be firm and brightly coloured, so avoid strawberries that are dull or have greenish or whitish flesh near the stem. And don't pick a strawberry thinking that it will ripen later, at home, because strawberries don't continue ripening after they're picked.

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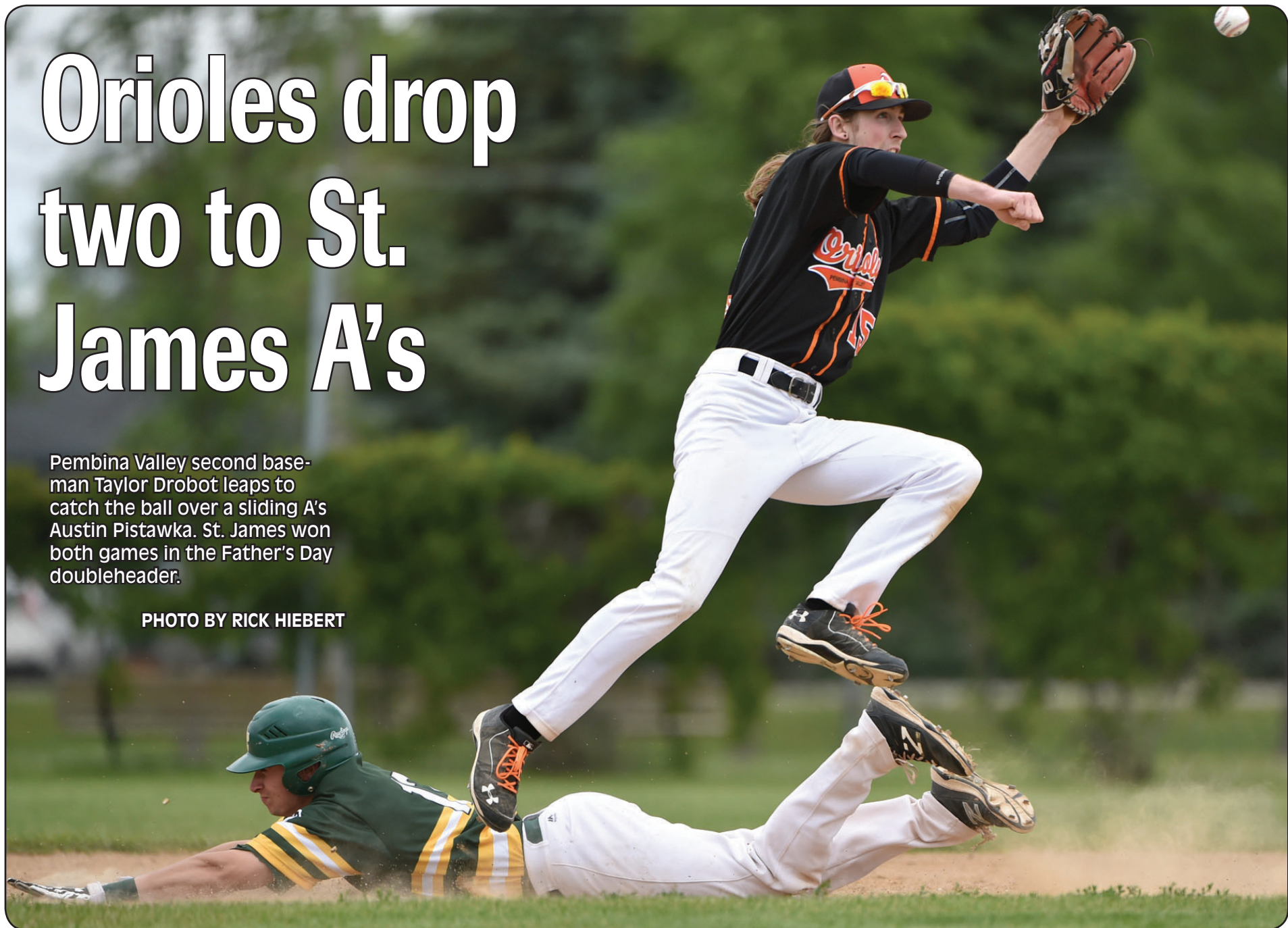
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Orioles drop two to St. James A's

Pembina Valley second baseman Taylor Drobot leaps to catch the ball over a sliding A's Austin Pistawka. St. James won both games in the Father's Day doubleheader.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT



By Lorne Stelmach

Key mistakes cost the Pembina Valley Orioles last weekend as they dropped both ends of a doubleheader.

The Orioles slipped to seventh place in the eight-team Manitoba Junior Baseball League as they fell 8-4 and 2-1 to the St. James As, who took over first place with the victories.

Pembina Valley coach Joe Wiwchar

lamented the team's miscommunication in taking signals as one key factor in the defeats.

"They guys have got to understand and read the signals," he said.

"My signs are pretty simple, so we should be able to get it ... and they should realize, 'Hey, I'm not the fastest runner ... so I'm not going to be stealing,'" he added.

Wiwchar also said they were giving St. James too many opportunities.

"The other thing is it would be nice if we could get the first out, first batter out in each inning, rather than having them on base," he said.

"That creates a lot of problems ... you get a guy on first with the first batter up and they could do a lot of things from there. You get the first guy out, it's a different situation."

The pair of losses were costly for the Orioles, who had a chance to get back into the race after having won their

previous two games.

Instead, they slipped to 4-9, which puts them five and a half games back of the 10-4 A's with only the 3-10 St. Boniface Legionnaires below them in the standings.

This week, Pembina Valley headed east to Altona for a make-up game against the Bisons Wednesday. They also host Carillon Friday evening and then follow that up with a make-up game Monday against the Sultans.

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Hurricanes win one, lose one; Storm fall

The South Central Hurricanes split their pair of games this past week.

The ladies lost to Synergy 3-0 in front of a hometown crowd on June 14 but then bounced back to defeat the California Raisins in Winnipeg 3-1 on Monday. Goals came in from Colleen Penner, Melanie Warkentine, and Lauren Hildebrandt.

The team remains at the top of the pack in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's Second Division standings with a 5-2-3 record.

Coming up, the 'Canes host BA United on Wednesday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Winkler's male team, meanwhile, lost their match Friday, falling to Scotia United 5-2.

The Storm are currently in eighth place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's First Division with a record of 2-4.

This weekend the team travels to play Pescara on Saturday.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Whips best Morden Mohawks 3-1

Both the Winkler Whips and the Morden Mohawks had a mixed go of it in Border West Baseball League action last week.

The week started off promising for the Whips as they bested Morden 3-1 on June 13.

They fared less well against the league frontrunners, the Baldur Regals, who handed Winkler losses of 5-3 and 7-6 Sunday afternoon.

After falling to Winkler, Morden went to crush the Pilot Mound Pilots 9-1 Friday night and then split a double-header with Killarney on Sunday,

taking game one 11-3 but then narrowly losing game two 3-2.

That puts the Whips in second place with a 6-3 record behind the first place Regals. Morden, meanwhile, is in sixth and second-last place at 5-6,

besting only the 2-7 Clearwater.

This week, Winkler hit the road to play the Pilots on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

The Whips are slated to host the Mohawks on Friday at 7 p.m. They

also play a pair of road games against Cartwright and Clearwater Sunday afternoon.

Also on Sunday, Morden hosts Killarney at 2 p.m. at Buhler Field.

Speedway results

The ALH Motor Speedway near Morden held its Darren Baker Memorial on June 18.

Top finishers included:

- Street stocks: James Wall in first place, Jesse Teunis in second, and Taylor Jacobson in third.

- Modifieds: Ward Imrie, Justin Bronk, and Shawn Teunis.

- Pure stocks: Kevin Smith, Pat Smith, and Brian Kentner.

- Midwest modifieds: Austin Hunter, Cody Wall, Zach Dockter.

- Four-cylinder: Ian Cabernel, Madison Brown, and Ryan Higgins.

- Slingshots: Dexter Saxon, Ryder Raynard, and Ty Saxon.

Next race day is this Sunday, June 25.

Winkler team tops at playdowns



The Winkler U10 girls softball team #3 won the Tiger Hills Minor Softball League championship in Bruxelles June 11. The ladies bested Winkler #2 15-1 and then went on to decimate Manitou 12-3, Swan Lake 14-2, and Bruxelles 20-5 to clinch the title. The team is led by coaches Jen Derksen (missing from photo above), Melissa Friesen, and Jason Peters. Players include Heidi Wiebe, Heidi Reimer, Alyssa Klassen, Adelia Hamm, Chelsea Hildebrand, Raegan Peters, Kara Buhler, Brooklyn Friesen, and (missing) Lily Hildebrandt.

Local players finding success with Wpg. Rifles

By Lorne Stelmach

The legacy of the now defunct Pembina Valley Cornhuskers minor football program carries on with three Mordenites who are now teammates in the Canadian Junior Football League.

Gabe Grenier and Cam Klassen signed on for their rookie seasons this year with the Winnipeg Rifles, who are led by fellow Mordenite and quarterback Jonathan Remple.

"It doesn't matter where you come from ... at the end of the day, all that we really care about is that you can play," said Rifles coach Geordie Wilson, who took over on the Rifles' sidelines last season. "The vast majority of our kids come from Winnipeg ... but we want to be Manitoba's team."

"It's really cool that the Cornhuskers program helped develop several good young football players," said Klassen, who will aim to crack the lineup as a linebacker.

"I made a bunch of really great friends ... and it opened up the opportunity to play in Winnipeg," noted Grenier, a receiver who spent one year with the Cornhuskers in Winkler before they disbanded and was then invited to join a team in Winnipeg.

For Grenier, he sees this as a great opportunity, especially with having not had as much opportunity in football at home as what is available for kids in the city.

"Me and my buddy Cam had been driving to Winnipeg for four years

now playing football," he said. "To have something come out of it is really sweet."

"It's a big step," Grenier added, noting the Canadian Junior Football League offers a high level of football.

It could be intimidating coming in as a rookie, but he is going to make the most of the opportunity offered him.

"I'll be working hard ... and you've just got to be patient," said Grenier, who aims to land a starting role as a receiver.

Klassen gives credit to the Cornhuskers program, which gave him two years at the peewee level and then one at bantam before he joined Grenier in playing in Winnipeg the last few years.

"This is really exciting ... we get to keep playing football and at a high level," he said.

"We get to keep progressing as players," Klassen added, stressing the need to keep working hard and make the best of your chances. "It's a pretty high step up as far as the skill level of the players."

As for Remple, who could not be reached for comment for this story, he is now in his fifth and final year of junior football and is in the role of starting quarterback for the Rifles.

"He's a super hard worker ... he's not a big guy ... but he's very athletic. He's flat out fast ... has good football instincts," said Wilson.

The coach said he wants to try to make better use of Remple this sea-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cam Klassen had the backdrop of Investors Group Field in Winnipeg as he signed on the dotted line to join the Winnipeg Rifles football club this spring. He joins fellow former Pembina Valley Cornhusker Gabe Grenier as a rookie on the roster.

son and looks to him to be a leader.

"He has that threat to run, and we'll certainly use his legs to benefit our team," he said. "Our offence hasn't been conducive to his skill sets. We're going to try to get him moving a bit more because that's really where his forte is ... and he can put a lot of pressure on defences."

Grenier, meanwhile, first came to the attention of Wilson at a midget level all-star game.

"He's a pretty upbeat, high energy kid ... he's got a pretty bright future in the league," suggested Wilson.

"I certainly believe that Gabe will be a strong part of our future ... we expect some big things from him in the next few years for sure."

Wilson described Klassen as a work in progress with a lot of potential, but

he will be in tough going up against guys who are bigger, strong and a bit older.

"As a lineman, it's difficult to compete early on ... Cam's going to get his strength up ... he's going to put some more muscle on him and work on his agility."

"Cam's got a good future," said Wilson, offering praise to the rookie for working with a trainer. "Year two or year three, then he can probably start stepping up."

Both are good examples of what Wilson said they want in their players.

"The biggest thing we look for now is character. We want players that are good, but they have to have those other intangibles."

Countdown is on to Morden Triathlon

By Lorne Stelmach

Final preparations are underway for the annual Morden Triathlon.

The 3rd Wave Triathlon Club hosts the 34th edition of the event July 8-9.

One of Manitoba's longest-running races features one key change this year with the half ironman and foilman distances being shortened to a standard Olympic and sprint distances for both the triathlon (swim, bike and run) and duathlon (run and bike).

Those are common distances for most races, but 3rd Wave club president Tom Wiebe said there were also a number of other considerations in the change, including safety for the

racers and easing the workload for volunteers.

"With the change in distances, it allows us to move the schedule up for the start to be not as early ... so it may encourage people want to come out and watch," Wiebe said, suggesting it might also draw more people to participate in the triathlon.

Wiebe expects they could see between 120-140 athletes sign-up by the June 30 registration deadline.

A few other changes on the docket this go around is that the Try-a-Tri event is moving from Sunday to Saturday. Try-a-Tri is designed to give athletes a taste of the sport, offering shorter distances of a 300m swim, 10 km bike, and 3 km run.

The Olympic triathlon, meanwhile, features a 1,500 metre swim, 40 km bike and 10 km run, while the sprint distances include 750 metre swims, 20 km bike and 5 km runs.

Kids are also invited to get in on the fun with the Kids of Steel competition on the Sunday, which offers a variety of distances for youth ages four through 15.

Swimmers take to the water in Lake Minnewasta at Colert Beach before tackling the cycling portion on the highway west of town. The run portion of the events wind their way through Morden back to the beach.

As always, the public is encouraged to attend the race and cheer on the competitors. The best location for

watching the full range of the race is at the beach, but good vantage points for the running leg of the competition can be enjoyed from the golf course as well as the western part of Alvey Street and Connor Hill from Pembina Drive to Mint Street.

The triathlon weekend also requires volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved or want more information, head online to mordentriathlon.com or e-mail mordentriathlon@gmail.com

Proceeds from this year's races will go toward South Central Cancer Resource, Morden Caring and Sharing and the Many Hands Resource Centre.

High schools hand out athletic awards



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The Winkler and Morden high schools honoured their top athletes at the sports awards ceremonies last week. In the major award categories at GVC (above, from left), Cali Penner took home the Coach's Award and was also co-winner of the Varsity Female Athlete of the Year Award with Talia Peters, while Varsity Male Athlete of the Year went to Bobby Matuszewski and James Dyck. Win-



ning the junior varsity awards were Peter Enns and Anna Gruen (not pictured). Right, top: NPC Athlete of the Year Varsity Awards went to Caitlyn Haney and Andrew Lane. Right, bottom: JV awards went to Farah Thiessen and Dawson Friesen. Left, top: Morden Collegiate Male Athletes of the Year were Keane Boucher and Jordan Blatz. Left, bottom: Morden Female Athletes of the Year were Erin Doherty and Madison Wood.



Hawks make the cut

Three Hawks are flying high with word they've been selected to the Top 27 U18 and U16 Program of Excellence.

The Pembina Valley Hawks Female AAA team announced last week that forward Makenzie McCallum and goalie Halle Oswald (U18) as well as defencewoman Cora Fijala (U16) have been selected to take part in the program to vie for a spot on Team

Manitoba.

The Female POE Prep Camps will take place in Winnipeg July 5-9.

This is the third phase of the Program of Excellence, which leads towards the selection of the U18 and the U16 Team Manitoba.

The U18 team will participate in the 2017 Women's National Championships in Quebec City this November.

55+ athletes bring home the hardware



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Gold winners at the provincial Games last week included (clockwise from above) the Morden 55+ Slo-Pitch team, Joy Dell and Yvonne Marcon in duplicate bridge, and Len Victor and Lois Dudgeon in pickleball, to name just a few.

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- Joy Dell and Yvonne Marcon, Notre Dame, gold in duplicate bridge.
- Margaret Dudgeon, Morden, three gold and three silver in swimming.
- Lois Dudgeon, Morden, gold in 18-hole golf.
- Doug Fraser, Carman, two gold medals in track.
- Stuart Ganske, Cartwright, bronze in eight-ball.
- Stuart Ganske and Rheal Simon, Cartwright, gold in snooker.
- Albert Janzen & Cheryl Link, Morden, bronze in cribbage.
- Morley Johansen, Jack McKay, Wayne Miliken, Shirley Bennett, and Raymond Green, Pilot Mound, bronze in five-pin bowling.

- Ron Lowry, Carman, bronze in nine-hole golf.
- Charlie McCullough, Carman, silver in 18-hole golf.
- Morden 55+ Slo-Pitch team, gold.
- Hellar Nakonechny and Bill Learmond, Carman, bronze in both duplicate bridge and contract bridge.
- Lori Reitz, Winkler, five gold medals in swimming.
- Rheal Simon, Notre Dame, bronze in snooker.
- Brett Vincent and Guy Jolicoeur, Cartwright, silver in snooker.
- Bill Waldon, Cartwright, bronze in eight-ball.
- Elymer Young, Morden, silver in nine-hole golf.



Morden Lions support Tabor

The Morden and District Lions Club recently presented \$1,000 in proceeds from the 2017 Toy Show toward landscaping at the new Tabor Home as well as \$200 for recreational programming. Don Holenski made the presentation to facility manager Sherry Hildebrand along with Ron Peters.

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Agriculture

High water at Lake Manitoba causing damage

By Harry Siemens

Langruth cattle ranger Tom Teichroeb recently tweeted a picture depicting the damage done to the shoreline by 10 consecutive years of high water levels in Lake Manitoba, showing how an old fence is fast disappearing.

"That picture is a project that we did with Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation. To fence off the lake-front we had gone right along the shore the full distance of a mile," explained Teichroeb. "So with that shift one fence pole is buried where it would have been about three feet less sand and beach in a particular spot and then, of course, other spots are exactly the opposite where we now have openings that leak back into the land and where there is no proper shoreline anymore."

The picture shows the impact of the lake level is so high for so long and in some places like in that spot it builds up and builds up, and that's not necessarily always a bad thing as it repairs the shore.

"It buries the fence line, but the other extreme ... it takes away that shoreline," Teichroeb said. "The damage and the inability for the shorelines to function or the marshes around them has been a paramount situation for the last ten years."

Teichroeb noted that this spring it wasn't an issue because they need the rain to grow the crops and green the pastures.

"It creates problems because the lake is high and so when you have downpours where the water which would drain through your low spots and down the ditch is now hung up and bleeds back into your grain and hay fields further and further," he said. "It's the fact that the lake is so high and we just can't handle what we used to be able to."

There is progress in getting it fixed, with negotiating points between the landowners where the Manitoba government is proposing the channel and even to the point of raising the issue of land expropriations for this channel.

"Obviously there's been some negotiating with the First Nations that are impacted by this channel too and

beyond," Teichroeb said. "My understanding is that there is progress in that regard and that they're looking to start work on some the winter roads and some of the infrastructure needed to do some work this coming winter."

"I don't think the completion date has changed too much, still around anywhere from '19 to 2021 that they're looking at."

Under the new administration, things have changed to where there is more water flowing from Lake Manitoba than in the past.

"Where before under the previous government they had restricted the movement through the winter and this winter it appeared to be a priority for this government to make sure that the Fairford Dam was wide open to create as much of a buffer for the spring as they possibly could," said

Langruth cattle ranger Tom Teichroeb shared this photo depicting the damage done to the shoreline by 10 consecutive years of high water levels in Lake Manitoba.

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By Harry Siemens

The House of Commons Agriculture and Agri-Food Committee held an emergency meeting last week to discuss the outbreak of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus in southeast Manitoba.

There have been at least 22 on-farm confirmed cases since the start of May.

Those represented at the meeting included Manitoba Pork, Steve's Livestock Transport, Maple Leaf Foods, Hylife, and P. Quintaine and Son Ltd. with a briefing by representatives from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, including Chief Veterinary Officer Harpreet Kochar.

In his opening remarks, Manitoba Pork general manager Andrew Dickson explained that PEDv causes severe dehydration and diarrhea in pigs. The virus is fatal in very young animals, with over 80 per cent mortality rates, though older animals can recover.

PEDv is a reportable disease in

Hog farmers take PEDv to Ottawa

Manitoba, so producers must contact their veterinarian immediately if animals show any signs of illness. It is not a federally reportable disease.

The virus is not transmitted to humans or other animals and is not a food safety risk.

The reason I keep raising this in my articles is the fact that while people may think 22 infected premises may not be a lot, it is devastating and is causing some hog farmers to lose hope and wondering maybe what is the use of keeping everything clean and running biosecurity protocols at the highest levels ever?

It doesn't only affect the producers' livelihood but the entire food chain, including the issue of whether the packers are getting enough pigs to slaughter for their demand.

Provencher MP Ted Falk, once a hog producer himself, fully understands the pain the industry is going through.

"To have the government on side with some of the things that need

to be addressed to make sure that this industry survives and that we can mitigate the damage that this disease is doing," said Falk. "It is evident from the chief veterinarian officer this is not a food safety or a public health issue but affects only the health of the animal insofar as that it's a virus like the flu, which creates diarrhea. Piglets under the age of about seven days that contract the disease aren't able to eat, and so they starve to death. And so there are whole barns of pigs affected now, and what you're seeing is tremendous losses in piglet production."

Processors like Maple Leaf and Hylife Foods are also facing challenges thanks to this illness, Falk noted. Six months from now they're expecting that there will be fewer hogs to process, disrupting the supply chain and affecting the many people they employ.

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Buckingham Ag opens doors in Steinbach

By Harry Siemens

Buckingham Ag held its grand opening in Steinbach last week Friday.

The owners are father and son team Rick and Luke Bergmann, who have worked in the agricultural industry all their lives.

"We like to view ourselves as an ag wholesaler. So we do our best to buy the product as best as we can so that we make sure that the producer gets the best deal possible and gets us the most bang for our buck," explained Luke. "We sell everything from vaccines to catheters to cleaning and disinfecting, everything for hog, poultry production, and a bit more."

Luke said to enhance their effectiveness and reach they're working on getting certain products made under their own brand.

"So we received a big container of product from China this past week of our brand of water nipples and catheters as well as some sample stuff that we'll probably pursue shortly," he noted.

Working with his father in this business and being a young businessman in a competitive world, Luke sees great opportunity.

"Well, I grew up in it right? So you know, I remember being on the farm with my dad from a young age growing up, so I think that there's lots of opportunity in agriculture and we're going to continue to see it grow," he said. "We were in Des Moines, IA at the World Pork Congress this past week and you look at the number of booths there compared to recent years, and it seems like there's growth in the industry, which is good. Just looking forward to what the future brings."

In the Steinbach area, the company deals with producers of a range of ages, some older, some younger.

"Some of our customers are my neighbors, guys that are my age who have taken over the primary roles on the farm and it's fun watching the next generation get involved," Luke said.

Rick, meanwhile, is quite happy to have his son involved in the day-to-day management of the business, especially given that he has another big role on his plate as president of the Canadian Pork Council.

"My son and I started talking about the opportunity of having a family business and I consider it a pretty good privilege when your son wants to work with you," Rick said. "So that's

how it all started, and from there it came to fruition where we have a business here in Steinbach, and we're very pleased that we made it happen."

He said Buckingham Ag is a spot where livestock producers can look

for the right supplies they may need now or in the future.

"So when you think of all the needs that producers have to keep their livestock healthy, and also for the producer, he's a stockman as well, for

the supplies that they need. That will be all-encompassing here at Buckingham," he said. "Many producers encouraged us to do this we're looking forward to the rest of 2017."

> LAKE MANITOBA, FROM PG. 25

Teichroeb. "From what I can understand that there is no adverse effects of having that water flow out there like that, and thank goodness it did."

He questions why the Portage Diversion flowed for as long and as hard as it did again this year.

"From different reports and differ-

ent people, it appeared as though there was more room along the Assiniboine River for water to flow that direction and it just seemed like we saw way too much water coming way too long into Lake Manitoba again.

"That was about the only question mark for me this year regarding the

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 25

"I know that I have full confidence that they're going to make sure that the impact is mitigated, and that they're going to make sure that they meet this challenge head on as they've always done," Falk said.

Manitoba Pork, meanwhile, wants the government to step up and help.

"We appreciate that this is not a 'federal disease' but producers would appreciate some assistance to deal with the financial and emotional challenges caused by this terrible disease," he said at the meeting in Ottawa.

Dickson outlined the areas the feds can help:

- Staffing assistance for the CVO to provide more analysis and technical advice, especially on the operation of the Disease Management Area project.

ect.

- Assist with offsetting laboratory costs, additional veterinary services and drug costs, euthanization equipment.

- Assist Manitoba Pork financially to acquire equipment and labour to develop an emergency unit to deal with washing diseased barns and infected manure storage and field application; existing commercial applicators are reluctant to serve diseased sites because of concerns from their existing customers.

- Assist producers financially with offsetting the extra costs of cleaning and disinfecting their sites.

- Support the proposed Trusted Trucker Program to eliminate the costly and unnecessary washing of

trailers.

- Allow individual to make special application for financial support from AgriStability and AgriRecovery programs to ensure financial viability.
- Develop an insurance program for animal disease outbreaks to restore producers to their previous financial status.
- Potential relocation costs of assembly yards to minimize potential for disease transfer.
- Have CFIA expedite as quickly as possible the licensing of the new VIDO vaccine so that it can move forward for commercial production.
- Provide more flexibility on the communicable disease waiting period for issuance of isowean export health certificates.



Open for the season

Eager shoppers were out last Thursday in downtown Morden for the first farmers' market day of the season. The number of vendors and variety of produce and goods for sale will increase in the coming weeks for the event, which runs from 4 to 6 p.m. every Thursday on Eighth Street between North Railway and Stephen Street.

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Monday June 26, 2017
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In the Multi-Purpose Rooms
At the Boundary Trails Health Centre
Refreshments to follow

Financial Year-End Statements
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INVITATION TO TENDER

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We invite TENDERS for the purchase of approximately 25.7 acres of land in the Municipality of Rhineland described as follows:

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The property consists of approximately 10 acres of yard with pasture and approximately 15.7 acres of cultivated acres. Includes old buildings and flat bottom bins in as is condition. No hopper bins included. A cheque for \$10,000.00 must accompany the tender as a deposit. Written tenders must be received by 2:00 p.m. on July 21, 2017. Deposit will be returned if tender not accepted.

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Only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

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On the date, time and location shown below, a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held to receive representations from any person who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

Application for conditional use order under **THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON ZONING BY-LAW NO. 3 - 08.**

HEARING: RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
530 NORTON AVENUE MIAMI, MB

DATE & TIME: Thursday July 13, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

APPLICATION: Conditional Use Order No. 1 - 2017

OWNERS/ APPLICANT: BIRKLAND FARMS,
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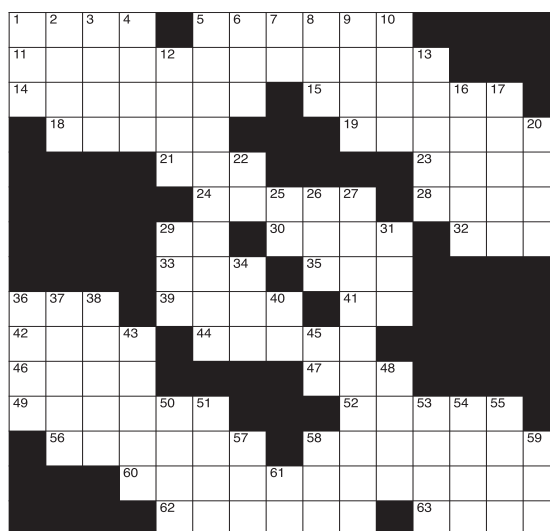
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5. Supernatural
11. Shortening
14. More firm
15. Other side
18. Philippine island
19. More unnatural
21. Microsoft Surface Book
23. Ice T's wife
24. Domesticates
28. Only one time
29. In absentia
30. Crustlike surface of a healing skin lesion
32. Distress signal
33. Engine additive
35. 1990s female R&B trio
36. Very fast airplane
39. A reward (archaic)
41. Anno Domini
42. Golf supplies
44. Indian term of respect
46. French river
47. Turn down the lights
49. Blood-sucking African fly
52. Provides info
56. Procrastinates
58. Tower with balconies
60. Where researchers work
62. Religious office
63. Must-have for office workers

1. In possession of
2. Aborigines
3. Early Syrian kingdom
4. Clip
5. Misleads
6. Cosmetic Ingredient Review
7. Calcium
8. United Talent Agency
27. Able to be sold
29. Suffix
31. Binary coded decimal
34. Goes well with a carrot
36. A way to measure performance
37. Doctor __, children's book author



9. Hair problem
10. Took down
12. Round Dutch cheese
13. Bicycle manufacturer
16. Suffix plural
17. Painting technique
20. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
22. Mr. T's character "___
Baracus"
25. Progressive nerve disease
26. Shock therapy
27. Able to be sold
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31. Binary coded decimal
34. Goes well with a carrot
36. A way to measure
performance
37. Doctor ___, children's book
author
38. Jewish calendar month
40. Designated hitter
43. Polish village
45. Part of the mind
48. Hand (Spanish)
50. Hit with the open hand
51. Italian island
53. Shakespeare was one
54. Lake ___, one of the Great
55. Oswald and Marvin were two
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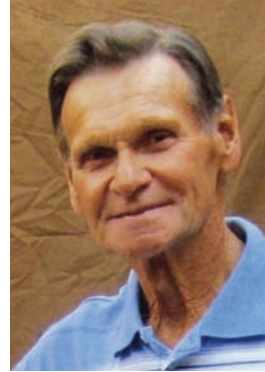
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OBITUARY

Frank Zacharias 1936 - 2017



On Thursday, June 8, 2017 Frank Zacharias went to his heavenly home at the age of 81.

Frank was born in the village of Schoenwiese, MB to Jacob and Elizabeth (nee Thiessen) Zacharias and grew up in there along with his 12 siblings. He was baptized upon his confession of faith in 1958. Frank married the love of his life, Helen Dueck on October 23, 1960. They made their home on the family farm in Schoenwiese where they raised two daughters and one son. They were blessed with the addition of one son-in-law and four grandchildren.

Frank enjoyed rural life and the community that surrounds it. He loved spending time farming with his son, watching his grandchildren play sports and going for ice cream and coffee.

Frank will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Patricia; son, Wayne; daughter, Connie and her husband, Scott; his granddaughter, Shaelyn; grandsons, Markus, Reece and Cody and his wife, Kelsey. He is survived by two brothers, two sisters, three sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, many nieces and nephews as well as Helen's side of the family. He was predeceased by Helen in 2014.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Blumenort Mennonite Church in Rosetown, MB with a private family interment at the Schoenwiese Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the many friends and family for their support and thoughtfulness during this difficult time. Thank you to the Blumenort Mennonite Church family, Pastor Randy Smart and Wiebe Funeral Home for the arrangements.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Frank's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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OBITUARY

Agatha Giesbrecht (nee Harder) 1928 - 2017



On Monday, June 12, 2017, at Boundary Trails Health Center, Agatha Giesbrecht of Cedar Estates, Winkler, MB formerly of Plum Coulee, passed away peacefully to be with her Lord and Saviour in heaven. She enjoyed her life here for 89 years and 51 days.

She will be missed by her husband, John of Winkler; and her three children - Edward (Grace) Giesbrecht of Plum Coulee, Carolyn (Ron) Wiebe of Plum Coulee, and Ray (Deb) Giesbrecht of Plum Coulee. Also cherishing her memory are nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Jacob J. and Agatha (nee Neufeld) Harder, five brothers (one in infancy), and three sisters.

Agatha was born on April 22, 1928 in the Reinthal area south of Plum Coulee, to Jacob J. and Agatha Harder. She was baptized upon the confession of her faith in 1948 in the Sommerfelder Church. It is in this baptism class that she met her lifelong love, John W. Giesbrecht. On September 19, 1948, she and John were married. They were married 68+ years. They lived and farmed just south of Plum Coulee up until 1983 when they moved into town. Then, in 2002, they moved and enjoyed life together for almost 15 years at Cedar Estates in Winkler until Mom's passing.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Plum Coulee Berghaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

Thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home for the kind and considerate service they provided as well as to Dr. Basson and the nursing staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre. Thank you also for all the prayers, cards, visits, food, and loving words shown to the family during this difficult time.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Agatha's memory to the Plum Coulee Thrift Shoppe.

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OBITUARY

Francis Henry (Harry) Wood 1915 - 2017



Two tired eyes are resting, two willing hands are still, the one who always worked so hard is resting in God's will.

On Friday, June 9, 2017 Francis Henry (Harry) Wood died peacefully at Pembina Manitou Health Centre, eight days short of his 102nd birthday. He is survived by his children: Muriel (John) Blair, Fern (Bob) Brick and Dennis (Andrea) Wood and grandchildren: Gordon Blair, Kathy McLeod, Nancy (Darren) Nowakowski, Michelle (Robin) Wallace, Darren (Rhonda) Brick and eight great-grandchildren.

Harry was born on June 17, 1915 and raised on the family farm south of Darlingford. Due to an injury to Harry's father, Harry and his older brother, Jim took over operation of the farm at an early

age and continued this partnership until they retired. Harry was active in Zion, Zion-Calvin and St. Paul's United Churches throughout his life. Harry met Theresa (Tres) Gall at a pie social in 1939 and on December 6, 1941, they were married. Harry and Tres enjoyed an active social life. In his younger days, Harry enjoyed baseball and curling. They liked visiting with friends including playing card games and jam sessions with Harry playing fiddle, harmonica or drums. Harry always had a joke or a pun to liven up any occasion. They spent their lives running the farm, raising their children and enjoying life in the community. After retirement, Harry and Tres lived on the farm for a while then moved to a house in Morden. After some years on 13th Street, they moved to Elk's Park Place apartments. During their retirement years they enjoyed gardening, travelling and visiting family. As the years passed Tres's health declined and Harry became her caregiver until her move to Tabor Home. After nearly 65 years of marriage Tres passed in 2006. Harry remained at Elk's until his move to Manitou in 2015.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017 at Darlingford's Zion-Calvin United Church with a reception at the Darlingford Hall.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Pembina Manitou Health Centre for the excellent care given to Harry in his final years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Harry's memory to Pembina Manitou Health Centre, 232 Carrie Street, Manitou or to the charity of your choice.

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Helena Wiebe (nee Heide) 1925 - 2017

It has been the will of our Heavenly Father, to take to her eternal rest our mother and grandmother, Helena Wiebe on Friday June 2, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

She was born to her parents, Jacob and Susanna Heide (nee Dueck) on February 22, 1925 in the Blumstein district. In her first year, the family moved to the Village of Hochfeld, where she grew up and attended school. Upon her confession of faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour, she was baptized by Bishop Jacob Froese and accepted as a member in the Old Colony Mennonite Church on May 30th, 1944. On December 17, 1944 she entered into holy matrimony with John P Wiebe with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of marriage for 69 years. They were blessed with

three daughters and one son.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bishop John P Wiebe in 2014; daughter, Lena and son-in-law, John Froese; two brothers and one sister. She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters and one son: Susie and John Friesen of the Blumenfeld area, Tina and John Elias of Winkler, John (Jay) and Jessie Wiebe of the Glencross district; 15 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; five brothers and three sisters with their families.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Hochfeld Cemetery.

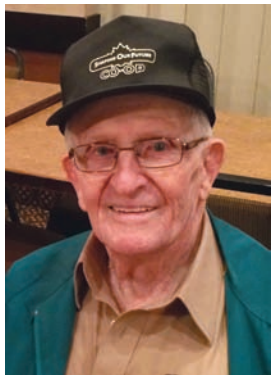
We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope, but firmly believe that through her faith in the mercy and grace of God, she will be in His presence forever!

We wish to express our thanks to the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre for the excellent care that they gave to Mom, also to Wiebe Funeral Home for their kind and compassionate service.

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OBITUARY



Ernest Boehlig 1920 - 2017

Ernest Boehlig, age 96, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 10, 2017 with his wife and daughter beside him. Art (Friede) had visited earlier, when Ernie had mentioned that he would be going home. Ernie is leaving behind his loving wife, Anne (nee Fehr) after 72 years together. His children, Edna Letkeman, Art (Elfriede) and his grandchildren, Pauline (Rob) Knockaert, Chris Letkeman, Matt (Danielle), Daryl, Michelle and his great-grandchildren, Naomi, Jenaya and Amenita. He was predeceased by son-in-law, John Letkeman and grandson, Kenneth. Ernie is survived by one sister, Helen Blatz and predeceased by eight sisters and two brothers and their spouses.

Ernie was born in Osterwick, MB on December 9, 1920 to Ernest Emil and Anna Boehlig at the homestead and was the first son born after eight girls. Ernie met Anne at an evening service at the Osterwick school. He started his courtship with Anne, riding his bike, polished with oil by his brother Henry for two miles on a dirt road. They got married November 3, 1944 and lived at the in-laws' house. Because he could not take her to the monastery when he was a CO, he had to sneak her in.

Later with Ann, they started the family farm. While farming, he was an agent with Manitoba Mennonite Mutual Insurance, which he took over from his father. Ernest was involved in many organizations such as being on the board of ARC (an early organization for mentally challenged people), a school trustee, the Manco board and Stanley AG society. Also, his love for music and faith lead him to being in different positions in his church, song leader, leading bible studies, etc.

His tenacity showed up even when things got tough, through illnesses and through seeing his grandchildren, even when they were far away. He delighted in his grandchildren by enjoying their interests and great-grandchildren as he watched them play. There was nothing he enjoyed more than teasing them and seeing them laugh. Because of this strong faith and love, we saw in him this dedication to his wife. He showed it to the very end by making sure to pray with Anne the day before he passed away, getting up to see her even though he was in extreme pain. He showed us this by joking and teasing mom. They were always together, never going anywhere without each other, even for coffee.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at Winkler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

We, the family would like to thank the staff at Boundary Trails, Crystal City and Salem Home for their excellent care for dad in his last days, as he still joked with and teased them.

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OBITUARY



Gladys Stobbe (nee Klassen) 1924 - 2017

On Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Gladys Stobbe aged 93 years of Winkler, MB went to her eternal rest.

She is survived by two daughters, one son and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, John and her son, Ken.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017 at Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gladys' memory to the Winkler MCC Thrift Store 325 4th St. Winkler, MB R6W 1J8.

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OBITUARY



Patricia Pearson

Patricia Gail Pearson (nee Rumak), resident of Miami, Manitoba, passed away suddenly and peacefully on the evening of June 13, 2017 at the age of 73, with her family at her bedside.

Patricia (Pat) was born on February 3, 1944 in Winnipeg. She was predeceased by her parents, Michael and Angela Rumak, at a very young age. As a result of this tragedy she spent five years in La Broquerie living with an aunt and uncle. After graduation, Pat moved back to Winnipeg and was employed at MTS. Pat met Dale at a dance in Miami in 1963 and they were married that December.

She is survived by her loving spouse of 53 years and their children; Steven and Tracey, Keith and Julie, Darrin and Wendy and her five grandchildren; Jordan and Ashley, Austin, Jessica, Charlize, and Nyomi. She also leaves to mourn her brother Jim and Rene, sister Dianne (Richard) as well as a special aunt, Kay.

Pat had many special talents including cooking, sewing, and painting. She was also an avid reader and enjoyed her crosswords. Pat was an active member in the community and will be missed by all.

Special thanks to the first responders, Boundary Trails Hospital ICU staff, STARS Ambulance, and Victoria General Hospital ICU staff.

If so desired, donations can be made in Pat's memory to STARS Ambulance, 155A West Hangar Road Wpg, MB, R3J 3Z1 or Arthritis Society 105-386 Broadway, Wpg MB R3C 3R6.

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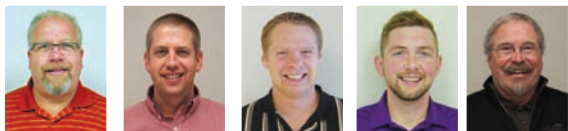
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