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From left: Oliver and Graham Westhaver picked up their oars to give kayaking a try at the first annual Morden Paddlefest, held at Lake Minnewasta on Saturday afternoon. See story and more photos pg. 3.

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Paddlefest takes over Lake Minnewasta

By Cori Bezan

Morden's first annual Paddlefest was a great success, said city recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck. Around 120 people made their way down to Lake Minnewasta on Saturday to try out a variety of paddle sports such as canoeing and kayaking. Water-lovers could also try their hand at paddleboarding or row a massive 10-person dragon boat around the lake.

"I thought it went really well," said Dueck. "I was really happy with the turnout, and Manitoba Paddling Association came out with the boats and were excellent at helping people get into the boats and with life jackets. I thought it went really smoothly."

Dueck brought the Paddlefest to Morden to help residents develop a new love for the paddle sports and feature Lake Minnewasta in the community and the surrounding area.

"The goal of the event was to promote the lake, to promote paddle sports, and give people different options for being active in Morden," Dueck said. "Maybe it will encourage people to buy a canoe or a kayak or a stand-up paddleboard, and ultimately I would really hope that a paddle club could start up in Morden."

"People were really happy to have this opportunity," she added. "Many people said they haven't tried the paddle sports before, that they were trying this time. A lot asked me if this was going to happen again, and they would really love to see it happen again."

While the paddle sports all went over well, Dueck said that the dragon boat and the paddleboards were both very popular, likely due to the fact that they were fairly new and unique.

"Especially with the stand-up paddleboards, the hesitation is around balance because it does require balance to be on there, but it was amazing to see people on there, kind of a little wobbly at first, but by the time they get back they're really confident," she explained. "It's just amazing how quick you can learn."

Morden students also designed a mural that will be displayed at the lake, and summer program coordinator Josh Enns led some kids' activities such as a beanbag toss during the afternoon.

"The highlights was just seeing people out on the water in these boats, trying something new," Dueck said. "It was a really good event for the kids, too."

After how this year's event trans-

pired, Dueck said she hopes to see it become an annual event for the city with expanded events such as paddleboard yoga.

"I hope [attendees] took away the knowledge that yes, I can paddle, I can try a kayak, a canoe, it's not as scary as I thought," she said. "I hope to do this event again next year, maybe get some more boats out."

In the meantime, Dueck is trying to organize a team to race in this year's

Canadian Cancer Society Dragon Boat Festival in Winnipeg on Sept. 11 and 12. Anyone interested in taking part and joining the team can contact Dueck by July 3 at 204-822-5431, ext. 223, or by email at sdueck@mordenmb.com.



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Water-lovers got to try their hand at different paddle sports throughout the afternoon, such as canoeing and paddleboarding, or join a 10-person team to row a dragon boat around the lake. Samuel Loewen, 10, confidently rowed his paddleboard into shore after a quick jaunt under the sun (top).



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Charley B's celebrates one year of operation

By Cori Bezan

One of Winkler's newest restaurant establishments celebrated a year of good business, inviting residents to stop by, chow down, and enjoy an evening of music on the Charley B's patio.

"[The dream] began with my business partner," said co-owner Katelyn Letkeman. "Ever since she was 16 she's worked in restaurants, and she always had a dream of opening her own drive-in."

After becoming friends with now-partner Charlotte Guenther in 2006, the two worked together over the next decade.

"We managed the restaurant that was here previous to us, and then we just decided, let's do this, let's open a restaurant of our own, a drive-in, and we can do what we want," Letkeman explained. "The theme of our restaurant is like local foods, local production, supplying locally and using local talent...we've got so many resources here, we may as well use them."

The first year for Charley B's was fraught with challenges and celebrations alike, but it was worth every minute, Letkeman said.

"It's been so amazing," she said. "The community support is so overwhelming, it's really good. I've lived in Winkler for about six years and I've never seen half of these people, and they're coming to my restaurant. I'm getting to know them and be a part of the community, it's overwhelming in a good way. It's more than I ever thought it would be, and it's just getting better and better."

One of the biggest highlights of the past year was the restaurant's grand opening, which was also a fundraiser for Katie Cares.

"It was just so awesome to see all the

people come out and support such an awesome charity," Letkeman said. "That was a great highlight for me."

"One of my favourite times was when we first opened and people were really excited, and they were like everything is so new and so different," she added.

Having one year under her belt is an exciting feeling, Letkeman explained.

"What an accomplishment," she said. "I can see into the future with this, I really can. I just feel that this is what I am supposed to be doing, and I know my business partner, she feels the same way."

"The passion is here, and we're just trying to grow and learn every day," she added. "One year is a long time. People underestimate how long a year is."

Charley B's held an anniversary celebration on Saturday, raising money for Katie Cares with their coffee sales throughout the day, and bringing local entertainment like Lakes and Pines and Emily Watt to perform on the patio during the evening.

"Cancer touches so many people, whether directly or indirectly," Letkeman said. "I think that Katie Cares, and especially the cottage, is so important for families to be able to be there with their children as long as they can and be comfortable and safe. It means a lot to the whole community."

In the next year, Letkeman said they hope to grow the business more than ever before.

"We're always looking to learn and improve menu items, be creative and stay with it but keep it classic as well," she said. "If people want to give any ideas for burgers or poutine ideas, just come on down and give us a holler. We're up for hearing anything!"



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Charley B's held a party on the patio on Saturday as they celebrated their first anniversary of business in Winkler. With entertainment such as Lakes and Pines taking to the stage (bottom), residents could enjoy the evening weather with good food and local music while supporting Katie Cares with their coffee purchases.



Winkler Junior Rifle Club wins big at provincials

SUBMITTED BY GEORGE DOELL

The Winkler Junior Rifle Club cleaned house at the Manitoba Provincial Shoot that was held in Carberry on May 30. With 27 kids ranging from ages 9 to 17 competing in the event, the club brought home 14 trophies to add to their collections. Rifle club president George Doell said that the kids were very excited, and that he was proud of all of their hard work that paid off at the competition. He extended his thanks to the parents who brought their kids to practice each week, and to those who volunteered their time at the provincials.

Donations furnish care home kitchens

By Cori Bezan

A couple of local donations made some large-scale kitchen projects possible for two personal care homes, as Winkler's Salem Home and Morden's Tabor Home both installed new rational ovens in their facilities.

Rational ovens are gaining ground as the be-all, end-all of kitchen cooking appliances, able to cook beyond what a convection oven, electric range, or gas-powered grill can do. Using dry heat, moist heat, or a combination in between, a rational oven is able to bake, roast, steam, grill, and fry food to perfection.

"It's a combination oven," explained Salem Home director of support services Marge Berft. "It replaces seven pieces of equipment."

"It's so easy to operate," she added. "The least experienced cooks, the outcome of the food is just the same as with a more experienced cook."

Salem Home has had one electric rational oven since last September, but was in need of a second unit to cater to all of its residents and staff. Thanks to a significant anonymous donation, the care home was able to purchase and install a second natural gas rational oven, which was put right to use in mid-June.

"When we were first told that we had received this anonymous donation for the second oven, it was very humbling for us that someone else saw the need and the benefit," Berft said. "The time savings that we gain from having both of these in our kitchen just means that we can spend more time in creating extra things or giving residents the choices...the residents will benefit greatly."

The cost of both ovens for Salem Home came to around \$60,500, which was raised through donations and fundraisers.

Tabor Home was also able to outfit their kitchen with two new rational ovens, which were completely funded by a \$55,000 donation from Dave DeStoop and his sister Linda Funk. The siblings made the contribution in honour of their late mother, who had been a resident at the care home.

"We feel very honoured and proud to be here doing this today," DeStoop said at a ceremony on June 17. "This facility was home for my mother for the last 10 years of her life, and she was very well taken care of, and we felt we had to do something extremely important to this location."

DeStoop and Funk had worked together with the staff at Tabor Home to determine their largest needs. When the idea of a rational oven was presented, DeStoop said that they knew they wanted to fund that project.

"Dessert was big part of my mother's life," he said. "We always knew what was for dessert. We may not have known what was for the main course, but we at least had two or three desserts on the table every day."

Tabor Home was able to purchase two small-sized rational ovens, which have been installed into their current home on 9th Street South. Once the new care home has been built, the ovens will be moved and continue to serve the residents and staff of Tabor Home.

"It gives us so much more chances to give the residents more variety," said food and nutrition services coordinator Amanda Friesen. "Before the ovens, we were very limited to which days we could actually bake...so now, we just have the opportunity to expand our menu and just give the residents more delicious food. We're very honoured and grateful that Linda and Dave were able to do this for us and for the residents."

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Right, from left: Dave DeStoop, Tabor Home food and nutrition services coordinator Amanda Friesen, Linda Funk, and Joel Clace celebrated the installation of two new ovens for the Morden care home. The units are able to be moved to the new Tabor Home after its construction.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Above, from left: Salem Home nutrition services staff Ina Scheling, Lynn Reimer, and Darlene Dueck stood in front of the care home's new rational ovens, making kitchen services for the residents and staff much easier and quicker than ever before.



New vice-principals for Parkland, Maple Leaf

Garden Valley and Western school division both made a few more administrative announcements last week.

In Winkler, GVSD announced that Joanne Derksen has been appointed

to the 50 per cent permanent vice principal position at the Parkland Elementary School. This appointment will be effective Sept. 8.

Derksen brings 18 years of experience to this role. She is currently a

resource teacher at the school.

Meanwhile, Maple Leaf School will also welcome a new vice principal this fall, as Geoff Sutton steps into the role.

Sutton is currently teaching Grade

3 at Maple Leaf. Prior to coming to Western School Division, he spent four years teaching in multi-age classrooms at Ashern Early Years School.

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The best laid plans . . . or not

I do not like planning things. Those closest to me will recognize the irony in this.

When it comes to vacations, the less planning the better in my book. I like to be surprised—good, bad or ugly, it does not matter because it is all an adventure (assuming one survives).

Working in the tourism industry, I have come to learn that not everyone is the same in this regard.

There are those that like a rigid, structured, organized, minute-to-minute schedule. Then there are folks like me that want to throw up at the thought of such a thing. And, of course, there are all those across the spectrum between these two poles.

At the end of the day, I must admit I am a huge fan of FUD (fear, uncertainty, and doubt) because all of these things lead to surprises and often to learning, either about myself or others.

I'm not sure when this characteristic



By Peter Cantelon

emerged in myself but I do recall an early manifestation when I was 18. I used to like to take the bus to Toronto and spend the day wandering around with no plan other than simply exploring.

I invited one of my friends on one of these excursions once as he had never been to Toronto before. So we bought our tickets one Saturday morning and hit the road for a day in T.O.

As we approached the end of the day, knowing my friend was inexperienced in the ways of the big city and seeing the time for the last bus approaching, I made sure that we were just far enough away from the bus station to manage to miss that last departure at 11:30 p.m.

He had no idea (still doesn't—I really should tell him). We missed the bus by 10 minutes and ended up stuck in Toronto for the night.

Would they still take our bus tickets in the morning? I had no idea. Did we have enough money to spend the night somewhere? I hadn't thought of that? How about food? Hmm . . . all bridges to cross as we came to them.

Nearing midnight, my grumbly friend and I wandered downtown for awhile until we came to The Spadina Hotel, which was just as charming as you might imagine a run-down, downtown hotel to be. Between the

two of us we cobbled together enough money for one room.

It was a small, dirty room with one bed that had two pillows and one white sheet. An old television was bolted to the wall by a chain with huge links. No bathroom (except the communal one down the hall). No shower. But lots of ambient noise.

In the morning, after what could not really be called sleep in the proper sense, I got up, stretched, pulled back the curtains and found myself staring at a bunch of head-kerchiefed women sitting at sewing machines three feet away in another building staring back. Cue closing of the curtains.

Eventually we scavenged a delicious \$1.50 breakfast in the grossest, greasiest little hallway restaurant we could find and made our way back to the bus station where, happily, our previous evening's tickets were accepted and we were headed home.

In the end, it was a memorable, fun, completely unplanned experience and my friend reluctantly admitted he had a great time.

Later I realized that I had forgotten to let my mum know we were stuck in Toronto overnight and that, of course, was a whole different, unplanned adventure.

> FAITH PERSPECTIVE

Helping one another see God

I t started with my daughter asking me, "But how do we know God is real, that He really exists?"

My response? Well, I used the classic, "You don't see the wind or air, but you know that the wind is real because you can feel it, right? It's kind of that way with God, we can't see him, but we know he's real because we can feel the effects of God."

We went on to talk about some of

the things we can't see but are real, and we know are real because we have evidence: gravity, love, even our thoughts!



By Terry Dueck

It made me reflect on how I either help or hurt my daughters know who God is and that He is real based on how I live my life.

Just like the people in ancient times would develop their view of God

as "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Moses," my daughters, my friends, my family will develop a sense of who God is as the God of daddy or the God of Pastor Terry.

The best chance someone may have to "see" God is to see the people who follow God. Here are a few ways that we can help each other see God—to make divine love tangible and help each other know God personally.

1. Ask God to show up: Seriously, sometimes all it takes is to ask God to

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show himself—help us, answer our prayers, heal, restore, do something miraculous so we know you are real and really do love us.

Trust me, I don't understand the sovereignty of God; He does what He does and I'll never understand why certain things happen. However, I have experienced God show up in some amazing ways because of those who simply believe in prayer and seek after him, and God revealed himself.

2. We show up: Sometimes it's easy to fall into the trap that all it takes to show love and care for others is simply through a Facebook post

or a Hallmark card, or those in the "church-world" have often flippantly said "I'll pray for you" without any follow through.

The fact that Jesus was given the title "Immanuel" which means "God with us" means that God created and demonstrated a love that is costly—it involves presence and sacrifice. Who are you investing in that makes them believe that you are for them and with them, no matter what?

We've recently experienced the crisis of having a sick child, and it is a close group of friends and family who are present with us and make sacrifices for us to tangibly demon-

strate God's love to us and make it real. God has shown up through the people of God.

3. Offering unconditional love and grace: The most damaging lie we can inadvertently reinforce particularly with our children, is that God only loves us when we're good, that we need to earn favour with God.

One of the truths I try to reinforce in my girls is that my love for them as a father will never change, no matter how they behave.

Practically, it means I don't just praise them when they've done something good, like doing well on a test or eating all their vegetables, etc.

Like God, I want to show my children that I delight in them, I love them like crazy, and I want them to smile every time they think about how much their dad loves them.

I believe God sent Jesus not only to save, but to show us that He is loving and trustworthy, self-sacrificing and forgiving, powerful and caring, and out for our good—that is the God of Jesus.

Join me in seeking to live a life that makes divine love tangible and shows God is real.

- Terry Dueck is an associate pastor at the Winkler MB Church

Arts council unveils kids' summer arts programs

By Cori Bezan

The Pembina Hills Arts Council has scheduled a slew of programs to keep kids in touch with their crafty sides this summer.

"There's a little bit more going on," said executive director Amanda Nicholls. "In addition to our typical two weeks of summer programming and art camps, we've also added in a couple of themed classes."

Many of the programs this summer will be led by Caroline Lynch, the programs and outreach coordinator for the gallery.

"The good thing about having summer programs for kids is that summer is quite long, so it's an opportunity for them to take a break on the freedom of summer and focusing on something that they're interested in," Lynch said. "Throughout the year there's so many things going on . . . that sometimes they don't have time to add art into the mix."

The popular Kids Art Studio will return for two weeks with the themes Boats and Beaches from July 27-31 and Fairies and Flowers from Aug. 3-7. The mixed-medium classes run Monday to Friday from 1-2:30 p.m., and are geared for kids ages six to nine. Registration costs \$45 per week or a \$10 drop-in fee.

Drawing Daze will run from July 28-30 from 3:30-5 p.m. for kids ages eight and up with a specific interest in drawing. Registration for the week costs \$45.

Finally, a new Science Art Camp will run from Aug. 4-6 this year for kids ages eight to 12. Running from 3:30-5 p.m., kids will get a hands-on look at how and why things move in a creative manner. Registration is \$45.

Younger kids can also get involved through the Clock Tower Corner program as they gear up for their Summer's Medley.

The program, run by Jennifer Krahn, is designed for kids ages three to six and will run from 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-3:30 p.m. from July 14-16, and again from July 21-23. Registration costs \$50 per week.

Also, Kindermusik is making a debut this year as a preschool program for the musical arts, where kids can get involved with music alongside their parents.

"It's looking at music education as a bit of a family affair, an integrated approach where the children engage with the instruments even before they can read the music or play something specifically," Nicholls explained. "They experience it, they get to learn some of the basics and just get excited about that, and they can do that with their parents."

The music program will be led by Celina Hiebert and is designed for kids ages 18 months to five years. Beach Days and Carnival of Music will be the themes from July 7-9, while the themes Up in the Sky and Wild Animal Park will run Aug. 4-6. Kids can enroll for \$35 per week in one of two time slots: from 9:30-10:15 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon.

"It's important for kids to get out and do things in the summer," Nicholls said. "I think most parents would agree with that; they want something that their kids can go to for a while and keep their brains and their bodies active and engaged."

"There's also a need for drama and art and cultural-related engagement as well," she added. "There's a lot of kids that are interested in the arts

and it's a way to keep their creativity flowing and perhaps give them some inspiration to do some of their own creative fun in the summer."

Nicholls extended her thanks to BSI Insurance, who is helping to sponsor the summer programming this year.

To register for any of the summer programs, you can contact the gallery at 204-822-6026.

Lynch added that the gallery is also still looking for tutors interested in teaching their craft or creative skill at the gallery, from photography to knitting and almost everything in between. Interested individuals can contact the gallery for more information.

MAF, WCF say 'thanks' for your Pay It Forward May support

The Morden Area Foundation and the Winkler Community Foundation would like to thank the communities of Morden and Winkler for getting involved with the Pay it Forward May campaign—making a difference and impacting our community in positive ways.

We are excited about the many wonderful Pay it Forward initiatives that took place throughout the month of May.

From buying coffee for a stranger, collecting donations for the Food Cupboard, collecting toys for Genesis House, delivering coffee break and serving coffee break, doing spring clean-up in the community, paying for an individual's groceries, charities and businesses working together on pay it forward initiatives, bringing someone fresh baking, providing lunch for various

businesses, to doing yard work for a neighbour.

These are just a few of the many great stories we heard about. All are great ways to pay it forward and make a difference in our communities.

Paying it forward is about making an impact on some else's life, inspiring them to do the same which ultimately impacts our community in positive ways.

We want to say thank-you! Thank-you to the many businesses that got involved, individuals and families that did big and small things and community groups that made a point of paying it forward. Together we make our community strong!

Myra Peters, Winkler Community Foundation, and Lynda McLean, Morden Area Foundation

Share your summer adventures with #RightInMyBackyard

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The Pembina Valley Reeves and Mayors (PVRAM) group is encouraging residents and visitors alike to share their experiences in the Pembina Valley on social media this summer.

PVRAM kicked off its #RightInMyBackyard campaign in Winkler last Thursday, urging people to share their favourite Pembina Valley attractions and events online with the hashtag #RightInMyBackyard.

"We have such a great story to tell," says Winkler Mayor Martin Harder, who notes there is a wealth of tourism activities available in the region, all within a short drive of one another. "We have so much to offer and we are so proud of our region."

RM of Rhineland Reeve Don Wiebe says the 14 municipalities that make up PVRAM think the potential for the campaign is huge.

"There are so many interesting spots in the valley," he says. "We hope this

catches on and people share their favorite spots."

To join in on the fun, simply add the hashtag #RightInMyBackyard to your online posts on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. You can also search these social media platforms to see what local treasures others are talking about.

"Every community has a hidden jewel, and we need to get that out to everybody," says RM of Pembina Reeve Glen Shiskoski, adding that social media has become one of the best ways to advertise and share an experience.

Through to the end of September, attractions throughout the Pembina Valley will promote the campaign with free Frisbees and temporary tattoo give-aways, as well as by having photo booths set up to promote sharing fun photos online.

The #RightInMyBackyard campaign was funded in part by a grant from the provincial government.



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Pembina Valley Reeves and Mayors representatives Winkler Mayor Martin Harder, RM of Pembina Reeve Glenn Shiskoski, R.M of Montcalm Reeve Derek Sabourin, and RM of Rhineland Reeve Don Wiebe at the kick-off for the #RightInMyBackyard campaign last week.



Harder family donates \$5,000 to Imagination Library

By Cori Bezan

In honour of his wife Eleanor, Martin Harder and family supported the Imagination Library with a \$5,000 donation to the local early years literacy program.

"We wanted to make something significant in Eleanor's memory," Harder said. "She was an avid reader all her life, from a young child, and this is where it came from because as a young child, she would sit in her parents' home or in her bedroom at home underneath a blanket with a flashlight reading a book, because that's how avid a reader she was. She loved books."

"She had a lifetime of books and I can't imagine how many books she's taken out of the Winkler Library out of the last 34 years we've lived in Winkler," he added.

The family decided to make the donation to help instill that same love of reading in future generations

"If you can have yourself go into an-

other world for a little while and you can live another life, what a tremendous experience," Harder said about reading. "For this opportunity to say there's going to be an investment into kids' lives, that they can in fact do that, we just wanted to do that as a family and felt it was a worthwhile cause to do it."

The money from the donation will be used to help provide books every month to over 700 pre-school readers in Winkler, Plum Coulee, and area. Imagination Library representative Joyce Sawatzky said that the donation will go a long way towards their annual goal of \$48,000 this year.

"There's kids getting books that would never be able to afford to buy them, and for them maybe not even get out to be able to read them, so it's going to be important not only for the kids who get them initially, but if there's other kids in the family, they will also be able to enjoy those books as well," Harder said. "It's a multiplier effect."

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The Harder family donates \$5,000 to Imagination Library in memory of Martin Harder's wife Eleanor, who loved to read in her spare time.

Barnswallow Quilters donate to local organizations

By Cori Bezan

The Barnswallow Quilting Guild made some community contributions on June 17, donating \$3,300 to the South Central Cancer Resource and another \$1,700 to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Obstetrics Ward. The money was raised from the profits of their annual quilt show, which was held May 1 to 3 this year. The quilters also donated seven baby blankets, which were part of their annual challenge, to the Morden Christmas Cheer Board.

President Pearl Braun-Dyck said that she felt privileged to be able to make these donations, adding that it would not have been possible without the support of the community and the work of the other quilters who all came together to make this year's show another success.

For more information on the Barnswallow Quilting Guild, you can check out their website at barnswallowquilters.wordpress.com.



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Suspect flees courtroom after given warrant notice

By Cori Bezan

On June 17, Officers of the Morden Police Service were attending a traffic trial at the provincial courthouse when an individual arrived and spoke to the court clerk. The accused was there for a scheduled matter, but had missed a previously scheduled court date in regards to charges for possession of controlled drugs and substances, and had a warrant for his arrest. When the court clerk informed the accused of his warrant, he fled the courtroom, and officers pursued the individual.

The suspect ran out of the front doors of the office, down side streets, and through a back yard before he was apprehended on 7th Street. The accused was arrested and later released on a Promise to Appear in court in July.

In other local police news:

-An investigation from June 15 is ongoing after Northlands Parkway Collegiate reported vandalism to flower beds and graffiti in several areas of the school.

-Winkler Police investigated BB sized holes in a couple of houses on June 16, and determined that a neighbour had used a shotgun to kill a rabbit eating in his garden. The man took responsibility for his actions and faces charges of



Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference

Applicant: Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation

HEARING:

The Public Utilities Board (Board) anticipates holding a public hearing of an application from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) for approval of rates and premiums for compulsory vehicle and driver insurance as of March 1, 2016. The hearing would take place at the Board's Hearing Room, 4th Floor, 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB (commencing at 9:00 a.m.) on October 5, 2015. A Pre-Hearing Conference is to be convened by the Board in its offices at 9:00 a.m. on June 24, 2015.

RATE IMPACT:

The Corporation is requesting approval for Basic Autopac vehicle and drivers licence insurance rates and premiums effective March 1, 2016, which, if approved, will result in no overall change in MPI's Basic premium revenue (excluding the impact of vehicle upgrades and an increased overall driver and vehicle population).

Actual vehicle and driver premiums would vary depending on claim and driving experience, insurance use, territory and vehicle rate group. Full particulars, including the rate impact and application, can be found on the Manitoba Public Insurance website www.mpi.mb.ca.

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE:

Those seeking Intervener status should notify the Board of their intention by applying to the Board Secretary before the now scheduled Pre-Hearing Conference of June 24, 2015. Interveners may be entitled to financial assistance, and the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide the related guidelines, which can be seen at the Board's website www.pub.gov.mb.ca or obtained on request to the Board, by either emailing (publicutilities@gov.mb.ca), writing or calling the Board Secretary (204-945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698, toll free). Parties wishing to submit a brief or to express comments at the hearing should also contact the Board Secretary.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Interested parties should take note that the Board does not have jurisdiction over the MPI lines of business denoted as Extension or SRE, or as to MPI's Driver and Vehicle Licensing operation.

Persons seeking further information as to MPI's application, or with respect to the Board's process, and/or wishing to address the public hearing in French should notify the Board Secretary by August 28, 2015. As well, interested parties may examine MPI's application and supporting materials, either at the offices of the Corporation or on its website, or the Board's office.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has recently issued privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

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Abe Petkau celebrates 101 years on Father's Day



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Abe Petkau (front, second from left) celebrated his 101st birthday with his fellow residents at Morden Manor Two last Friday.

By Cori Bezan

A resident of Morden Manor Two celebrated a pretty big birthday as Abe Petkau turned 101 on Sunday. Petkau enjoyed the company of family and friends with a number of birthday party celebrations last week.

"We had a pretty big party last year already, but having another one!" said seniors activities coordinator Darlene McLeod. After chowing down on watermelon and roll kuchen last Thursday, the residents of Morden Manor Two gathered for a party on Friday complete with live music and hymns from Dave Nickel and his family members, as well as a birthday cake.

"I love it, I feel wonderful doing it," McLeod said about the celebrations. "It's very rewarding to be able to give them a little bit of a boost in life, and try to bring the outside of the world back into their lives."

Petkau originally came to Canada with his family when he was a child, and has spent most of his life in the

Pembina Valley area.

"[I lived] 11 years in the Ukraine, and then 10 years in the Winkler area, and the rest is in Morden area," he said. "I was 11 years old, and the reason they moved to Canada was because the Russian revolution. Russia had no government."

"English was a problem for the first few months, I guess," he added. "We went to school right away, and I don't know if I thought anything about Canada especially, not at 11 years."

Growing up in Canada was an amazing time for Petkau, he said. Some of his favourite memories include playing at school, as he took an interest in football and became a soccer champion.

"I liked growing up here," he explained. "I wouldn't know any better, and I don't think I want to know."

Now, with over a century of memories and experience, Petkau said that it's important to take life as it comes.

"One day at a time," he said.

Manitoba Hydro adds radon mitigation to loan program

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A change to Manitoba Hydro's loan program will help homeowners with high levels of radon gas seeping into their homes be able to fix the problem.

Earlier this month, the company an-

nounced it has expanded its Energy Finance Plan to include radon abatement projects.

Homeowners can borrow up to \$5,000 under the program, paying it back, with interest (6.75 per cent),

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From left: Canadian Cancer Society regional rep Tami Thiessen and Laura Matychuk with the new radon mitigation unit recently installed in Matychuk's basement, giving her family peace of mind.

Parkland students donate \$1,500 to Alzheimer's Society



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

After numerous fundraisers, the students at Parkland Elementary School in Winkler were able to hand over a \$1,500 cheque to Kathy Fehr, south-central regional coordinator for the Alzheimer's Society. The students raised over \$700 through a bake sale, a penny carnival, and a memory wall inside their school with photos and stories of family members who have been affected by dementia. The funds were matched by the Youth in Philanthropy group for the total donation, which will fund research and support for those living with Alzheimer's and dementia.

City of Winkler supports Cadenza



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Mayor Martin Harder granted \$3,000 to Rochelle Drudge and the music students of Winkler last Thursday, fulfilling the city's promise to support the Cadenza Summer Music Week scheduled to run from July 3 to 8 this year. Harder said that the city believes in supporting the arts in the community, and with such a large amount of talent in the region, they had no problems making the commitment. The money will go towards funding different aspects of the music camp, including teachers for the week to help lead the students' programs.

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Library summer reading clubs launch today

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The kids' reading sections in the libraries of Morden and Winkler have been decorated with treehouses, tents, colorful flags, and even a puppet theatre for this year's theme of "Play" for the annual summer reading program, which begins registration today, June 25.

"We've based our theme on a whimsical, relaxed kind of play," says Morden librarian Kim Van Vliet, "not organized, just the kind of play kids do when they go out in the summer."

To encourage reading, the Morden Library will split their participants into two teams—the Rovers and the Dodgers—who will compete until mid-August to see who can log the most reading minutes.

"Reading is personal and fun," says Vliet, explaining that counted min-

utes include different types of reading like listening to audio books, reading to a younger sibling, or even enjoying a comic book.

The program gives kids a chance to explore the library and find books that they enjoy, all while keeping up their reading level during summer vacation.

In the Winkler Library, the Birds and the Foxes will log minutes to race their tokens through an obstacle course of jumps, bridges, and climbing walls to reach a total of 5,950 hours at the treehouse at the top.

"They get 10 Play Bucks for every hour of reading," explains Winkler librarian Elaine Dyck, adding that the kids also get a book prize ticket for the weekly book draw.

Kids can spend their Play Bucks on small toys and trinkets in the Fun Shop, save up for larger prizes, or



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Winkler Library librarian Elaine Dyck (above) and the Morden Library's Kim Van Vliet (below) in front of the reading program decorations set up for the South Central Regional Library's 2015 Summer Reading Club. Registration for the program begins today, June 25.

buy tickets for draw prizes like board games or backpacks.

Participants also have the option of donating their Play Bucks to the Toys from Travis charity, which helps provide games for kids receiving treatment in the local hospital.

In their reading log booklets, the kids can determine a goal for the summer and use the included access code to find books online, write stories, draw pictures, or track their reading online.

Last year, the Winkler Library had 681 kids register and Dyck says they

are expecting just as many to return this summer.

She says every year is very rewarding. "I hear from parents who say that their child was not interested in reading, but through the program they took off and started really loving it."

Program registration will run until the end of July. Both libraries will end the summer off with a wind-up party featuring storyteller Leigh-Ann Kehler.

For more information, visit the Winkler or Morden library or their website scrl.mb.libraries.coop.



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Morden Farmers Market open for another season

By Cori Bezan

Morden's Farmers Market kicked off for the season last Thursday as numerous vendors lined the block with freshly grown veggies, canned and baked goods, crafts, and other products to browse beneath the sun. The market takes over a block of 8th Street next to the Pembina Hills Art Gallery, and runs every Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

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Minnewasta School opens snapshot in time

By Cori Bezan

The staff and students enjoyed a blast from the past on June 16 when a time capsule was opened after being sealed behind a brick in the school for the past 25 years.

"I think in 1990 when the school was built, we met as a staff and tried to think about what we could do to make the opening special," said resource teacher and guidance counselor Lorrie Wooster, who had been teaching at the school when it opened. "We talked about creating the time capsule and including it behind the brick in the building of the school."

The teachers teamed up with the students of the school to decide on what to include inside the capsule, Wooster explained.

"Each class did some writing about what it was like to be a child living at that point in time, so they talked about what games they like to play, what kinds of clothing they wore, just sort of a snapshot in time of what life was like in 1990," she said.

Other items in the time capsule included examples of handwritten report cards, newspapers, records of school events, photographs and film

negatives, and a history of the name Minnewasta and how the name was chosen for the school.

"It was really cool to be able to kind of take a walk back through time," said Principal Mike Keith. "I thought it was really interesting to see [the students]. They could relate to more of what was there than I was thinking they might be able to."

"I think just in reading some of the classroom letters out loud to students, I think they realize that kids are the same," Wooster also said. "They have similar interests, they're still skipping and playing the same recess games."

"Time has passed though," she added. "The students didn't know what a VCR was and had never seen film negatives before, but I think overall the spirit and essence of the child is much the same as it was 25 years ago."

Being able to watch the capsule be opened after a quarter century was an amazing moment for the staff and the students who assembled for the momentous event.

"It's exciting, awesome," Wooster said. "I can't believe 25 years has passed, and I'm still here. It's an awesome school and I'm so proud to be part of this school."



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From left: Minnewasta Elementary School principal Mike Keith, resource teacher and guidance counselor Lorrie Wooster, and Western School Division superintendent Stephen Ross showcased a few of the items found within the time capsule that was opened on June 16, 25 years after the school was constructed.

"This is home," she added. "This is our second home."

The items will be on display at the school for a short while before they are replaced into the time capsule

and returned to the wall, where Keith hopes it will remain until it is opened again in another 25 years.

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over the next several years instead of having to find the funds for the potentially costly fix all at once.

The announcement will come as good news to many in the Winkler-Morden area, which is seeing some of the highest rates of radon levels in the province.

"We've done a lot of radon tests in the Morden-Winkler area and I would say probably 90-95 per cent of them have come back high," says Tami Thiessen, Southern Manitoba representative for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Radon occurs naturally in the soil, so there's no known reason for why our area is hit so hard by it, Thiessen says, but the impact it can have on a family's health is very clear: radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada behind smoking.

"Right now, Health Canada is saying that if you are non-smoker and you end up with lung cancer as a primary cancer, it's pretty much guaranteed that it's connected to radon exposure," Thiessen says. "And if you are a smoker and you have high radon levels, your lung cancer risk jumps to one in three. If you're a non-smoker, it's 1 in 20."

The average cost of radon mitigation—which requires workers to seal your home's foundation against radon leaks and then to install a depressurization system to route the gas out of the house—can be upwards of \$3,000.

"I think this program will be quite helpful for people," Thiessen says. "It can be much easier to pay a little bit extra on your hydro bill every month than to pay for it all outright."

The only way to know if you have high radon levels in your home is to do a radon test, which are available from the Canadian Cancer Society for \$30 by calling Thiessen at 204-822-6870.

Laura Matychuk ran the test in her home last winter and

was shocked to find the radon rates were several times over the recommended level of 200 becquerels per cubic metre.

"It was pretty high. We were at 980," she says, noting they decided to hire a licensed radon mitigation company from Winnipeg to fix the problem. "You don't want to have that nagging in the back of your head, knowing you failed the test."

Three weeks after the workers installed the necessary equipment, the house's radon levels were averaging just 13 bq/m3, Matychuk says, noting that the work, though costly, comes with peace of mind for her and her

family.

For more information about accessing Manitoba Hydro's homeowner loan program, visit www.hydro.mb.ca/loans.

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Coulee fdn. honours top citizens, distributes grants

Aron Rempel named Citizen of the Year, Erdman Hiebert Community Builder of the Past

The Plum Coulee Community Foundation honoured two town leaders past and present and handed out \$8,200 in endowment grants for the year last month.

Aron Rempel was named the 2015 Plum Coulee Citizen of the Year for his decades of work in the community.

The life-long Coulee resident, alongside wife Mary, has been an avid volunteer, working on behalf of numerous organizations, including the MS Society, the League of the Physically Handicapped, the Canadian Red Cross, Cancer Care, Intercede International, Canadian Food Grains Bank, the Plum Coulee Foundation, Kinsmen Club, the senior centre, and as a Plum Coulee firefighter, serving as fire chief for two years and deputy chief for 13 years.

Also honoured this year was the late Erdman A. Hiebert, who was named the Community Builder of the Past.

Hiebert, who passed away in 1992, was a successful Plum Coulee businessman, heading up a farm machinery business later known as Hiebert's Garage.

He and his wife Gertrude were heavily involved in the community and with their church. Hiebert served on his church's council, on town council, on the Salem Home board, and on the Bethel Hospital board.

Receiving grants from the endowment fund this year was Plum Fest 2015 (\$1,300), the Town of Plum Coulee for caboose repair (\$1,300), the Minor Sport Committee for its new backstop project (\$500), the Community Meal program (\$500), the Plum Coulee School band equipment project (\$500), the town's museum for staffing (\$1,300), the Imagination Library (\$1,000), the Plum Coulee Advisory Council for its stage lighting project (\$500), and the Plum Coulee Active Living Committee (\$1,300).



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above: Dorothy Derksen presented Aron and Mary Rempel with the Plum Coulee Community Foundation's 2015 Citizen of the Year Award last month. Right: Dorothy Penner accepted the Community Builder of the Past Award for her father, Ed Hiebert, from foundation member June Letkeman.



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-Also on June 16, a woman and her two young children sought refuge at the residence of an off-duty Winkler officer after a dispute escalated between her renters at her home across the street. Working officers were called to assist, and the situation was mediated with officers aiding in conflict resolution. No charges were laid.

-Morden Police Service Dog Chase and her handler were called to assist the Canadian Border Services Agency with a search of a vehicle for illegal substances. The search was conducted with negative results.

-On June 18, Winkler Police Service conducted Road Safety Initiatives, which resulted in 14 traffic tickets issued. Infractions included speeding and wearing seatbelts.

-Also on June 18, Morden Police received a call of a group of people drinking on the Morden Dam. Police stopped the vehicle as it traveled north on Mountain Street near Academy Road. Police noticed a case of beer in the rear seat, and detected a scent of burnt marihuana. Upon questioning the driver turned over four bags containing marihuana residue along with a pipe and other drug para-

phernalia. The 38 year old from Winnipeg was issued a warning for possession of a controlled substance.

-On June 19, Morden Police held its first MPI Roadwatch checkstop, which resulted in eight charges and one driver's suspension. Infractions included unregistered vehicles, failure to produce a license, offences under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, and impaired driving.

-Winkler Police are investigating a break, enter, and theft that occurred on June 20 at a residence on Hemlock Bay. A neighbour noticed that a screen had been removed from a window, and a small amount of liquor was stolen from the home.

-Officers stopped a car around 2 a.m. on June 20 where the driver provided a breath sample high enough for his license to be suspended for 24 hours. On June 21 around 3:17 a.m., the same driver spotted police and signaled to turn onto a driveway on 4th Street near the police station. He advised officers that he was on his way to the station to pick up his license, but officers detected an odour of alcohol on his breath. Provided breath samples revealed readings of 120 mgs/%, 40 over the legal limit. The driver was charged with Driving while Impaired, Drive over .08 and As a Driver Carry Liquor in a Vehicle Contrary to the Liquor and Gaming Control Act, and released with a promise to appear along with an undertaking.

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Misdiagnosed: the pain of life with endometriosis

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For the first time in four years, Teya Derksen has hope for her future.

The 18-year-old—who graduates from Garden Valley Collegiate this Friday—has spent the last four years living in a medical nightmare, filled with misdiagnoses, constant pain and nausea, and even a bit of self-doubt.

Today, though, a little over a month after returning home from Tijuana, Mexico where she received surgery not performed in Manitoba, a sparkle has returned to Derksen's eyes that's been missing since the pain first started four years ago.

"I started having pain in Gr. 9," Derksen recalls. "It was like I always had cramps all over. I tried to go to school and I just couldn't most days. I was sick every day of the week."

In those early days, her parents thought it might be stress and anxiety over starting high school that was causing the symptoms, but as the pain continued it became clear something more was wrong.

"I was curled up in my bed in the fetal position all day, crying, it was so bad," Derksen says, noting she lost her appetite and began to lose weight at an alarming rate. "And it just got worse from there."

Derksen sought treatment, of course, but doctors weren't sure what was wrong. She underwent countless tests, was prescribed medications that didn't work or, in some cases, made things worse, and, ultimately, was told that it may just be all in her head.

"We tried everything, pills for everything, but nothing worked. They thought I was crazy."

"Your hope is broken, it's gone. You're just being told constantly that you're crazy, it's in your head. But you're in so much pain. It's real. It was so frustrating."

Derksen ultimately underwent a mental health assessment that came back clear, reinforcing what she and her family already knew: this—whatever *this* was—was a real medical issue, but one no one seemed able to crack.

PAIN BEYOND THE PHYSICAL

When you're a teenager, you tend to think you're invincible. Life-changing medical problems are something that happens to someone else.

Derksen has never had the luxury of that illusion, but her peers struggled to understand what she was going through. It made her years in high school difficult, to say the least.

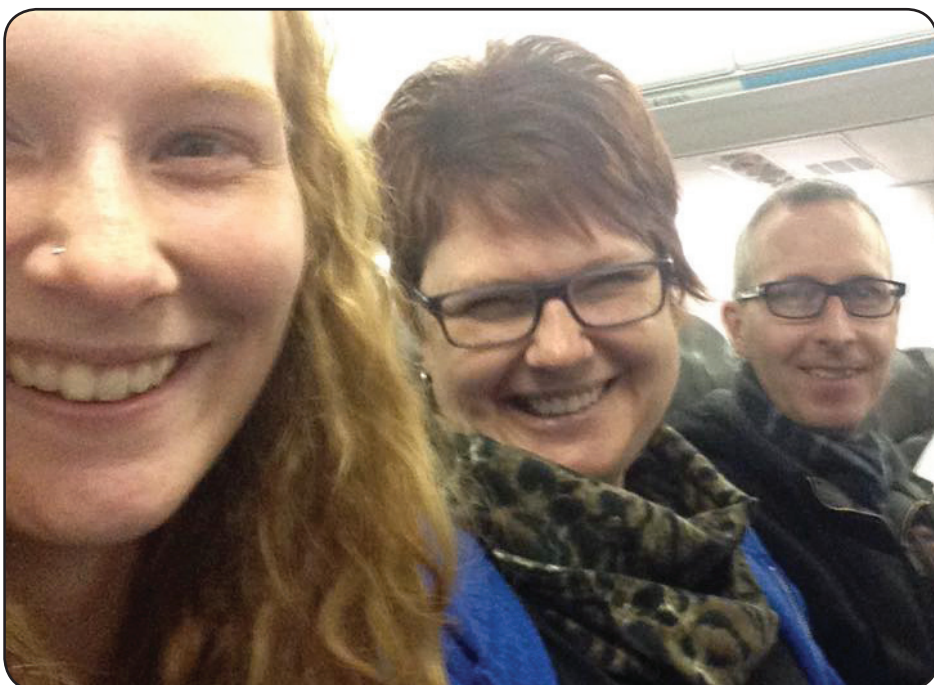
"There was a lot of bullying. They thought I was trying to get attention. They'd say, 'Just get up and try. You're not even trying.' Most teenagers don't understand severe pain, they just think it was a pity party."

"I was ready to die then, honestly," she says of the worst days of her illness. "It's a brutal life to be a teenager with so much pain. What are you living for? I had no hope for the future—just more pain."

Amidst all the social and emotional turmoil of living with a debilitating illness, Derksen was still trying to find a doctor who could fix what was wrong. She underwent more invasive tests—including a laparoscopic surgery that yielded no clues—before finally getting an abdominal MRI that led to a diagnosis of adenomyosis.

Adenomyosis is when the tissue that normally lines the uterus starts to grow into the muscular wall of the uterus, causing pain and heavy bleeding.

The symptoms seemed to fit, but the resulting treatment—medication that made her sicker than ever and then an intrauterine device that did the same—brought no relief.



Teya Derksen with parents Eveyln and Loni en route to Tijuana, Mexico for treatment not readily available here in Canada.

DERKSEN FAMILY PHOTO



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Winkler's Teya Derksen with Dr. Alberto Gamino, a Mexican doctor who performed the surgery that has Derksen living pain-free for the first time in four years.

In fact, adenomyosis would later prove to be yet another misdiagnosis, but one that finally got Derksen on the right track to finding a doctor who could help.

That doctor was Dr. Alberto Gamino. Based in Mexico, he's one of the few doctors in North America offering aggressive surgery to cut out the offending uterine tissue caused by both adenomyosis and endometriosis (a similar condition where the tissue grows outside the uterus and can affect the surrounding muscles and organs), preserving the uterus itself.

In Canada, if medication doesn't work, the next step for women living with this illness is often a hysterectomy. At 18, Derksen wasn't keen on saying goodbye to her chances of ever having children, so she reached out to Gamino.

"He said he thought he could help," Derksen recalls. "By then, I had no hope of being fixed, ever. I had this huge list of diagnoses going back years, and nothing had ever worked."

"IT'S A BRUTAL LIFE TO BE A TEENAGER WITH SO MUCH PAIN. WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR? I HAD NO HOPE FOR THE FUTURE—JUST MORE PAIN."

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Nonetheless, Derksen and her parents headed to Mexico, praying this would be the treatment that would finally make a difference.

FINALLY PAIN-FREE

Upon arrival in Tijuana, and after still more tests, Gamino suspected Derksen was suffering from deep tissue endometriosis, not adenomyosis.

He was proven right upon surgery, where he successfully removed the extra tissue that had grown all around her uterus and into the surrounding muscles, nerves, and even her bowel.

After a few days recovering in Mexico, Derksen was back home, feeling for the first time in years like herself again. The endometriosis could return one day, years from now, but her prospects for a full recovery look good.

"I'm completely pain-free now. I can eat properly now and not throw it up. I can't believe it," Derksen says. "Before I got sick, I was all about fitness, jogging and all that. I can't wait to get back to it. I'll finally be able to do all the normal stuff now."

That includes planning for a pain-free future; Derksen will attend Steinbach Bible College in the fall, and she hopes to pursue a career in social work, helping others.

In the meantime, the girl who used to spend most days in bed is now making up for lost time, spending the last few weeks

excitedly planning for grad and hanging out with the friends who stood by her.

"I hang out with my friends all the time now," she says. "I was so excited to show them the new me. They stuck by me through everything . . . they even tried to understand my pain and what I was going through. I'm so thankful for them."

She's also thankful for the support of her family, parents Loni and Evelyn and younger brother Reese.

"My family was so important in helping me get through this. They helped me in every way possible," Derksen says. "They have been in my service for so long, and now it's time for me to serve."

She plans to do that, in part, by reaching out to other woman who may be suffering with similar symptoms to let them know there is hope.

"I'm trying to reach as many people as I can to get my story out," she says. "I want other women to know not to give up—the answer is out there."

Derksen wants to see the aggressive excision surgery she underwent become an option for Manitoba women, who currently must pay thousands of dollars and travel to the U.S. or Mexico for this treatment.

"We waited four years, and even once we knew supposedly what it was, we didn't even get the help we really needed," she says. "I want the government to know that a specialist, an excisionist is needed in



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Today, 18-year-old Teya Derksen, shown here with younger brother Reese, is finally healthy and getting back to the business of living a normal life after years of illness. Manitoba."

"This is so much more prevalent than people realize, and no one is recognizing it," she adds. "If doctors would just start looking into it more . . . if we could get an endometriosis specialist [in Canada] it would help so, so many women."

Derksen invites anyone who would like to talk about endometriosis and her surgery in Mexico to get in touch with her at 204-325-9860 or via email at teyasami245@live.ca.

Pembina Valley athletes bring hardware home from 55+ Games

By Cori Bezan

Over 100 athletes from the Pembina Valley region competed in the 55-Plus Games this year and returned home with 32 medals across a wide array of sports. Organizer and athlete Lois Dudgeon said that this year's event was very successful, and was proud to see the number of athletes return home with the hardware after the Games.

"All the games were very well organized, and for a small town in Manitoba, Beausejour did an excellent job," she said.

Morden medalists include Basil Agnew, who received a gold in duplicate bridge; Walter Dedio, who received two gold medals in swimming and a bronze in predicted cycling; Lois Dudgeon, who brought home gold for nine-hole golf and silver in 18-hole Callaway; Kathy Forness, who snagged gold for singles Cribbage; Frank Letkeman, who received bronze in 18-hole Callaway; and Elmer Young, who brought home gold for nine-hole golf and bronze in 18-hole Callaway.

Winkler athletes were also well-represented at the Games. John and Sharon Klassen, who brought home

bronze in pickleball, while teams Bill and Dora Peters, as well as Bill and Jane Braun, all received gold in floor curling; Mary Anne Plett received silver in horseshoes.

Other PV medalists include Hellar Nakonechny from Carman, who received gold in duplicate bridge, Willie Anseeuw of Oak Bluff, who brought home five gold medals and a silver for various swimming and track events, and Jean and Linda Brisson of Notre Dame, who claimed silver in contract bridge. Carman athletes Jerry and Anne Collard, Roberta Graham, and Kathleen Rempel all received silver in carpet bowling, while Darlene Smith, Myrtle Pritchard, Calista Franzmann, and Marnie Barr seized bronze. Stuart Ganske of Cartwright brought home silver and bronze from eight and nine ball pool before teaming up with Rheal Simon to claim gold and bronze in team eight and nine ball pool. Ron Lowry of Carman got gold in 18-hole golf, Leon Martens of Baldur got gold in eight and nine ball pool, and Carman athletes Charlie McCullough and Wayne Johnson claimed gold in contract bridge.

In total, Pembina Valley athletes brought home 18 gold medals, seven



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cutline: From left: Winkler athletes Bill and Dora Peters, and Jane and Bill Braun, stood with a 55-Plus Games organizer as they celebrated their gold medals in floor curling. The Pembina Valley athletes brought home a grand total of 32 medals after the event.

silver, and seven bronze for a grand total of 32. While the count is slightly down from last year, Dudgeon said that they also had a few less athletes competing this year.

"We've always had a good showing from the Pembina Valley," Dudgeon said. "We don't just have people going from the larger centres. We've got people coming from the smaller town

areas as well...it's pretty regional-wide."

"These games are important because it keeps this older adult population active," she added. "The longer people keep themselves active and moving and going and not isolating themselves socially, the healthier overall they will be."

Orioles slip up against St. James A's

By Cori Bezan

The Pembina Valley Orioles were unable to maintain the momentum from their last win, falling to the St. James A's on June 17. Despite managing to get four runs across home plate, the Orioles couldn't stop the Winnipeg team from doubling their score, and the Pembina Valley boys returned home after the 8-4 loss.

A game that was set to take place on Saturday was postponed, and the results of the games on Tuesday and Wednesday against the Altona Bisons were unavailable at press time.

Other games around the Manitoba Junior Baseball League include a 2-1 win for the Elmwood Giants over the

Carillon Sultans, Winnipeg South toppling the St. James A's 7-4, and the Legionaires narrowly defeating St. James 6-5.

Currently sitting at fifth in the league, the Orioles trail the Elmwood Giants while maintaining their position over the Carillon Sultans. The Altona Bisons currently hold the top spot in the league.

The Orioles will take on the Elmwood Giants on Friday before they hit the road to square off against the St. Boniface Legionaires in a double-header on Sunday. The Orioles then play against Winnipeg South in a rescheduled double-header on Canada Day.



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Orioles Tim Dunn failed to get a handle on the ball for a sure out on A's Wyatt Kemball at second base.

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Morden man honoured at Darren Baker Memorial Race

By Cori Bezan

It was a busy day at the ALH Motor Speedway in Morden on Sunday as the racers geared up not only for their regular races, but also for the Darren Baker Memorial Race that takes place annually on Father's Day.

"We had a really good and huge response from everybody," said organizer Al Hildebrand.

Between 60 and 70 racers made their way to Morden for the event, and while they dealt with a few challenges on the track, the races thrilled the crowd throughout the afternoon.

"We had some challenges to try to beat the sun," Hildebrand explained. "The sun was a little dominant, which is always good, which makes for a beautiful day, but it also gives us some challenges as to try to keep the dust down so that everyone can enjoy it equally as much."

Before noon, the track had been mud, and it took a lot of work to get it all ready in time for the races, Hildebrand added.

"It was mud before lunch, and then all of a sudden right after lunch it just turned dry, and we had to work a lot harder at it," he said. "The final race, it clouded over before it was going to rain, the clouds moved in and just totally changed the whole thing. Suddenly we could sit back and watch."

"We had to do a lot of watering, but it was all good, it was just a really good day," Hildebrand added.

Minnesota racer Travis Saurer took first place in the Midwest Mods, while Dale Krailing and Jason Strand came up second and third. In the street stock feature, Shawn Teunis seized first, followed by Pete Letkemen and Jesse Teunis. Coming in first for the A-Mod

feature was Ward Imrie, with Scott Greer in second and Henry Peters in third. Brandon Rehill, Terri Burke, and Lee Moir took the top three spots respectively in the four-cylinder feature, while Kevin Smith, Derek Pollock, and Les McRae shoaled up the pure stock feature.

Darren Baker's daughter Carmelle went to greet Saurer after the Midwest Mod feature race, and Saurer autographed his winning trophy before giving it to Carmelle as a gift.

"When she walked away with the trophy, I asked, did he give you the trophy? She said yeah, and she was just in tears," Hildebrand said. "To me, that's what it all about. It's about people."

"We all figure we're going to live to be 100, but I'm not in charge of my next breath," he added. "I'm just thankful I get my next breath. Life changes really fast."

With the season well underway, Hildebrand said that the track is looking great this year, and he is looking to a great season of racing in southern Manitoba.

"It's been good," he said. "Can't complain at all. Personally myself I just sort of had an inner feeling that this was going to be a really good year and I believe it is."

Hildebrand said that they have seen the fan count rise after a dip in numbers last year, but they are also starting to see a growth in the number of new and returning racers jumping into cars to race.

"In southern Manitoba, there's quite a few new cars out there," he said. "That's really good, because everybody's sort of just catching onto it a little bit and enjoying it. There's quite a few that have said, I've been watch-



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Scott Greer drove the No. 5 Modified car to a win in the first of two races at the ALH Motor Speedway on Sunday.

ing the racing so much and I enjoy it so much that I wanted to get a car to see what it feels like inside."

The quality of racing is also on the rise, Hildebrand said, and the fans are getting entertainment that is sec-

ond to none.

"We're just getting better and better quality racing," he said. "It's as good of racing as you'll see anywhere...the quality of that has advanced a lot."

Winkler Storm fall to Scotia United

By Cori Bezan

Scotia United capitalized on their home field advantage as the Winkler Storm traveled to the Winnipeg Soccer Complex for a match on Saturday. Both teams fought hard, but Scotia United's defense proved to be invulnerable as the Storm were shut out 1-0.

The Storm currently sit at third

in the league, trailing both Bonivital United and FC Internazionale by a single point. They rest two points about Scotia United in the standings.

Soccer will return to the Winkler fields as the Storm prepare to face off against Bonivital United on Sunday before taking on the Britannia Rovers on July 5.

Mohawks slip to third in league after losses

By Cori Bezan

The Morden Mohawks had a mixed bag of games last week, starting with a close loss at home against Clearwater on June 16. Morden ended the game a single run behind for the 11-10 loss.

Hitting the road to play in Cartwright, the Mohawks faced the Twins on Friday, but stumbled on the field,

and returned home with a 8-1 loss.

The Mohawks bounced back on Sunday when they hit Buhler Field to take on the Killarney Lakers, and the home crowd cheered them on as they secured their victory 8-7.

Killarney hosted the Morden team on Tuesday, but the results were not available at press time.

The recent losses bump the Mo-

hawks down to third in the league, trailing behind the Cartwright Twins, while the Baldur Regals sit in first place.

In other games in the league last week, the Baldur Regals trounced the Pilot Mount Pilots 6-1, the Cartwright Twins downed the Killarney Lakers 8-1, and Clearwater bested the Pembina Hills Midgets 10-4.

This week, the Mohawks will host the Cartwright Twins today, June 25, before they hit the road to take on Clearwater and the Pilot Mound Pilots on Sunday. Morden will face the Pilots again on Tuesday before their next home game against Cartwright on July 10.

Agriculture

Crops vary across Western Canada

By Harry Siemens

Bruce Burnett, a weather and crop specialist with CWB, says dry conditions on the western prairies combined with a widespread frost that hit Manitoba and Saskatchewan will result in dramatically reduced yield potentials this year.

Burnett says with the exception of some green feed crops still going in the ground in middle of June in some of the wetter areas, spring planting across the Prairies is complete, about two to three weeks ahead of last year.

"Unfortunately the reason that we managed to complete the seeding as quickly as we did was the fact that we've been relatively dry across the prairie region," he says. "In some cases, crops that have emerged are only partially emerged, so there is some difficulty in terms of the emergence of the crop."

Burnett says essentially the combination of the dry conditions and an extensive frost several weeks ago forced farmers to replant a considerable amount of canola, especially in western Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan.

"When you distill all of this, although we planted the crops two to three weeks earlier than normal, we really are going to see another year where we have slower than normal early season growth," he says. "This will result in a crop that farmers will harvest at a normal time or slightly later than normal, so we are now looking at mostly a September harvest for a lot of these crops."

Burnett says there is an extensive dry area in western Saskatchewan and through most of Alberta that has already impacted yield potentials, so those farmers are looking at yields that are well below normal across that entire region.

"While on the eastern side of the prairies, we're seeing yield potentials that are a little closer to average and, in parts of Manitoba, there will be some above average yields as well," he says.

Burnett says farmers across western Canada put in more barley, durum wheat, and pulse crops this year and less spring wheat and canola.

"Strong pulse prices have also re-

sulted in a significant increase in acreage of pulse crops with prices the main factors influencing the decisions this year," he says. "We've seen the price drop for many commodities and that's influenced farmers' planting decisions. Of course the pulse crops were stronger in terms of prices, so that's resulted in the increase in area and the durum prices were stronger as well so that's why you're seeing the increase in area."

For the most part, farmers don't shift a whole lot when it comes to different crops because rotation decisions play such a vital part what they plant from year to year. However, as Burnett says, when certain commodity prices move in either direction, a certain amount of acres moves along with them.

He says barley increased because of the fact that it's a relatively inexpensive crop to grow and the malting bids

especially were reasonably strong at the beginning of the year.

"So we're seeing the combination of price and some of the agronomic factors influencing farmers' decisions," he says.

On the other hand, Winter Cereals Canada expects tighter than average supplies of fall seeded cereal crops this year because farmers planted fewer acres last fall and potential losses from frost that hit some weeks ago.

Farmers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan seeded only around 200,000 acres from a peak a couple of years of 600,000 acres. Fall seeded crops in Alberta remained constant in the range of 100,000.

Jake Davidson, the executive director of Winter Cereals Canada, says the crop came through the winter really well, but the big question now is

how will the frost in Manitoba effect the crop?

"The winter wheat has traditionally been a very popular crop with hog farmers and has been very popular with the colonies and the crop for both the hogs and their poultry operations," says Davidson. "If the winter wheat takes a bit of a kicking it does make quite a difference. They will kick into spring crops and hope they get what they want, but the large colonies especially love the idea of the winter wheat because it spreads out that harvest load in the fall."

The winter wheat is an energy ingredient in the hog and poultry industry, especially the on farm mixing industry.



> HARRY SIEMENS

The COOL saga continues to evolve as the people who keep fighting for a North American livestock industry want to see the U.S. government repeal COOL legislation as it pertains to beef, pork, and chicken.

But there are those, namely the R-CALF organization in the United States, that really wants to keep COOL as it is, basically to shut the borders to Canadian and Mexican live cattle and hogs.

COOL is doing a very effective job helping R-CALF meet its objective, though it's also hindering both the cattle and hog processing industries.

The U.S. House of Representatives repealed COOL by a large margin and now it is up to the Senate to do the same.

In the meantime, the Americans have thrown another stalling tactic into the mix by requesting arbitration by the World Trade Organization (WTO) on the amount of damages caused by COOL.

The decision comes after Canada requested WTO authority to impose retaliatory tariffs of more than \$3 billion annually on U.S. exports due to damages caused by the country-of-origin labelling legislation.

"Canada is disappointed that the U.S. is attempting to prolong the WTO process by requesting arbitration," says Canadian Ag Minister Gerry Ritz. "The U.S. is out of options and retaliation cannot be avoided by drawing out this process."

"Canada is confident in our assessment that COOL is causing more than \$3 billion in annual damages to the Canadian cattle and hog industry."

"In all previous rulings, the WTO has found Canada's economic analysis regarding COOL to be robust. Our analysis was quantified by Daniel Sumner, a world-renowned specialist in agricultural economics," says International Trade Minister Ed Fast. "Our government's position remains unchanged. The only way for the United States to avoid billions in retaliation by late summer is to ensure legislation repealing COOL passes the Senate and is signed by the President."

Andrew Dickson, general manager for Manitoba Pork, says the R-CALF people are not happy campers—they lost, but won't admit it.

"They are blowing smoke. Canada filed its request for tariff authorization several days ago and the WTO will now proceed with forming an Arbitration Panel . . . USTR objected to the amount Canada submitted," says Dickson. "We will get a ruling on the amount within the next two months. There are no options for USTR to stop the process other than

Another bump in the road for M-COOL repeal

Morden math stars bring home the hardware

By Cori Bezan

Morden brothers Syed Ali Rizvi and Syed Hussein Rizvi travelled to Winnipeg at the end of March to compete in the Math Kangaroo contest, a national competition for grade 1-12 students to help inspire interest in mathematics.

The competition is old hat for Ali, who is in grade six. Last year, Ali brought home a bronze medal after competing in a new age category. After this year's event, Ali took the 30-question test and competed against 579 grade six students nationally, and brought home a silver medal.

"It felt good," Ali said. "I was nervous and excited."

Ali uses practice tests and studies

hard throughout the week to keep his math skills sharp.

"It gives you a challenge, more than what you get in school," Ali said.

Ali's younger brother Hussein took part in the competition for the first time this year, but he was very confident after all the help and guidance he received from his older brother.

Hussein's test contained 18 different math problems, and he competed against 238 other grade one students across Canada to receive a bronze medal for his skills. Hussein said that he found the test fairly easy to complete despite being a little nervous.

The boys' parents, Syed and Zahra, were very proud of their two boys, who were excited to say they plan on entering the contest again next year.



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Syed Ali Rizvi (left) and Syed Hussein Rizvi each brought home a medal from the Math Kangaroo Contest, a national competition that helps to inspire a love of mathematics in students across Canada. The brothers travelled to Winnipeg and competed against hundreds of other students at the end of March.

Manitoba crops ahead of normal and looking good

By Harry Siemens

Educated younger farmers and agronomists continue to take the ag industry forward in Western Canada, with the 30-year-olds taking over the farms from their fathers and those who choose agronomy filling those spots.

Jason Voogt, regional agronomist for Richardson Pioneer, works out of Carman. The company has three agronomists in the province like Voogt working the various regions.

"I'm providing agronomic support to the location I'm based out of with 60 percent of my time providing agronomic support, training, and expertise to the staff and the growers in the area around the Mollard location between Sperling and Brunkild," he says. "The other 40 per cent would be providing the same type of agronomic information support and training to other locations in our region, including Letellier, Killarney and Brandon."

When people come from the west, as they enter Manitoba, the crops really look good compared to the rest of western Canada where moisture is lacking.

"I agree—in our region especially considering the challenges we've had this spring already with access moisture and frost at the end of May," says Voogt. "A couple of different frost events within this region and, of course, you know how variable frost can be. Some areas got hit far worse than others."

He says even when one adds all these things together, growers are cautiously optimistic that they have a very good crop setting up. Even some of the reseeded canola and replanted soybeans that had to go into a few pockets, came out of the ground very quickly and are setting themselves up to an average or even potentially above average crop.

Voogt says in his general trading area, in the Red River Valley portion where farmers pushed the soybeans the last few years, soybeans in general are either flat or down a bit.

He sees more cereals, a little extra corn and oats, and a few more acres of sunflowers. In general, canola is also flat to slightly down a little replaced by cereal crops too.

"I think [producers] are very happy with the crop that is setting up here for most of their crop sites going for yield," says Voogt. "We've moved through the middle of June to the end

of June and the crop is advancing well ahead of schedule with the abundant heat and moisture."

When it comes to marketing and the removal of the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly, Voogt says the majority of growers feel there is more flexibility in marketing their wheat today.

"But you still hear the odd producer say that when we had the wheat board monopoly, at least they knew what they needed to grow regarding hard red spring wheat, or at least the CWB needed to find a home for it," he says. "Now that completely falls on the lap and the decision making of the grower."

Making that decision more difficult is the fact the grower farmers have the opportunity to grow other wheat varieties, especially the dark northern varieties from North Dakota that have higher yield potential and/or more bushels.

"But the challenge for them is do

they grow more bushels or better quality with higher protein, and can I achieve both?" Voogt says. "Even though I think overall it is a plus and positive, but the challenge for some is they don't always know what they need to produce."

Voogt agrees the learning curve, especially for those who really dependant on the wheat board for those kinds of things, is steeper, but the farmers who couldn't wait to make those decisions, it is full steam ahead.

Edward Cook at Oakbank says he doesn't have to now sell to that elevator company five miles down the road.

"If it works for me 100 miles away, I haul my grain a 100 miles," he says.

Voogt says producers are set up better logistically now to handle that, having better infrastructure to handle, store, and transport their own grain.

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argue about the amount."

The House is tired of the issue and started the legislative process to get the COOL clauses on beef and pork for retail cuts repealed. There will be much hooting and hollering while the Senate works out its position, and then the two bodies will come to conference and pass a final bill, hopefully this fall, he adds.

Hog commentator Jim Long says COOL has hurt Canadian swine producers financially.

Several slaughter plants in the U.S. will not take Canadian pigs due to the COOL ramifications and the others that do take Canadian hogs, do so at a discount.

"The cost to the Canadian industry according to the Canadian government is in the billions," says Long. "Since COOL implementation, the Canadian hog breeding herd has declined by over 20 per cent. Not all the decrease is attributable to COOL, but it certainly was a major factor."

He says if the Americans repeal COOL, he expects more free flow pigs from Canada.

"The Eastern Corn Belt with the new swine plant in Michigan being built will be short hogs," says Long. "We expect this will lead to market hogs from Ontario, which is short packer capacity to come to eastern states. Capacity might be a different story with most hogs staying there as long as Canadian packers stay price competitive."

Art show honours the late Marcel Debreuil July 4-5

The family of well-known area artist and teacher Marcel Debreuil will be hosting one last show of his work on the family farm before the property is sold.

Marcel Debreuil—The Last Show will fittingly take place on July 4 and July 5 in honour of Debreuil's tradition of holding an Artists' Day celebration at his home every July.

"Dad was always enthusiastic about supporting fellow artists and students. He had a great admiration for creativity and was always there to give someone a push to get started or keep going," says eldest daughter Carmel. "Even four years since he passed away, we still get emails, phone calls or people dropping in and telling us what an impact he had on their lives."

"We had an art show at his funeral celebration where everyone could hang and show their work, but we thought this time we would make it about dad," she adds. "I don't remember the last time he

had a solo show as he was always working with groups of people and helping them get going with their career. We think this will be a great show because it will be the only time people can see a real retrospective of his work. Also, everything will be for sale, so it's the only chance for people to get a piece before they are gone."

Debreuil described his work as dream realism and many of the pieces in the collection have a dreamy, spacey feel that suggest glimpses into the spirit world.

There are also many pieces that deal with the landscape, in particular the stone formation on his property.

There is also a number of pottery pieces from the many rakkuu firings that used to take place on the farm.

Debreuil's wife, Joyce, is also offering several unfinished pieces for sale.

"We just want everyone who loves his work to

have the opportunity to have some in their home," says Joyce. "There are pieces of all sizes and price ranges and we are going to show work from the seventies right up until his last piece."

"It really is going to be an amazing show and I think people will see how passionate and talented he was. I'm really looking forward to seeing the hundreds of pieces all on display."

The show will take place on the Debreuil property south of Morden in the big double-story studio that the pair shared as a creative workspace.

Those who can't make it can see images of the show and various pieces that are for sale by following the *Marcel Debreuil—The Last Show* Facebook page. Directions to the property are also available online.

The show runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 5.

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

Sudoku Answer

E	S	A	V	T	S	E	B	D	E	H
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V	A	V	B	H	S	R	A	M	S	L

Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Suns
5. Bog
10. Woodcutter hero Ali
14. Aquatic reptile (abbr.)
15. Cape Verde capital
16. Chemical compounds
17. Maple genus
18. "All _____ on deck"
19. Roman public squares
20. Leavened rum cakes
22. Quilting gathering
23. Large hero sandwich
24. Oprah's BFF
27. London radio station
30. Downwind
31. Frosty
32. Brake horsepower
35. In a way, removes
37. Bridge-building degree
38. Mother of the Titans
39. Nostrils
40. _____ choy: Chinese cabbage
41. A.K.A. rose-red spinel
42. Blue goose genus
43. Take in solid food
44. Speak incoherently
45. Chop with an axe
46. Wrapped package (abbr.)
47. Auricle
48. Former CIA
49. Highway Patrol's Crawford
52. Yemen capital
55. John _____, Br. statesman (1584-1643)
56. Expressed pleasure
60. First Chinese dynasty
61. Indian dresses
63. Swiss river
64. Teen skin disease
65. Takes dictation
66. Husk of wheat
67. Went quickly
68. Stud with jewels
69. Recess

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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52	53	54				55				56		57	58	59
60					61				62		63			
64					65						66			
67					68						69			

CLUES DOWN

1. Wound crust
2. Killer whale
3. Leopold & _____
4. Bony piece of meat
5. Speed measure (abbr.)
6. Productive land
7. Rajah's wife
8. Close companion
9. Possesses
10. Make less visible
11. Buffalo
12. Tennis player Bjorn
13. Mountain range in Kyrgyzstan
21. Gross revenue
23. Honey (abbr.)
25. Affirmative
26. Frozen water
27. Carpenter's work table
28. _____, Danish astronomer
29. 1977 AL MVP Rod
32. Italian Air Marshal Italo
33. Mends
34. Bullfighting maneuvers
36. 1/100 yen
37. Board of Trade
38. Idle talk
40. Hairless scalp
41. Hannibal's surname
43. Old Tokyo
44. Spoken in the Dali region
46. Women's undergarment
47. Weasel's winter fur
49. Blatted
50. Medieval circuit courts
51. Muslim shrine in Mecca
52. Former ruler of Iran
53. Fungal spore sacs
54. Baseball team #
57. Stringed instrument
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59. Sandy piece of seashore
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62. Drunkard

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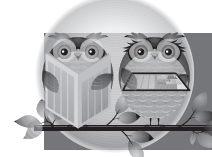
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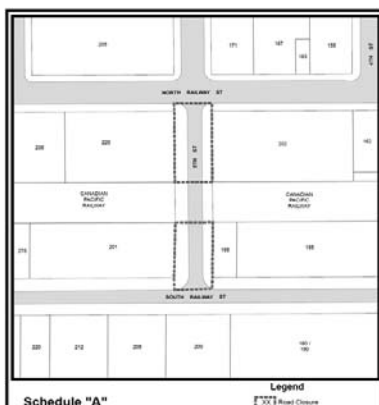
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Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 22-2008, AS AMENDED

HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB
DATE & TIME: Monday, July 13, 2015 @ 7:00pm
TO: Close 5th Street from North Railway to South Railway across the Railway
AREA: 5th Street from North Railway to South Railway across the Railway

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Haines,
P. Eng.; Planning & Engineering
133 7th Street, Morden, MB R6M 1V3
Phone: (204) 822-4434

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Being an AMENDMENT to the RM OF STANLEY ZONING BY-LAW 4-15, AS AMENDED
HEARING LOCATION: RM of Stanley Council Chambers
23111 PTH 14W, RM of Stanley
DATE & TIME: July 9, 2015 at 9:05am

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dale Toews,
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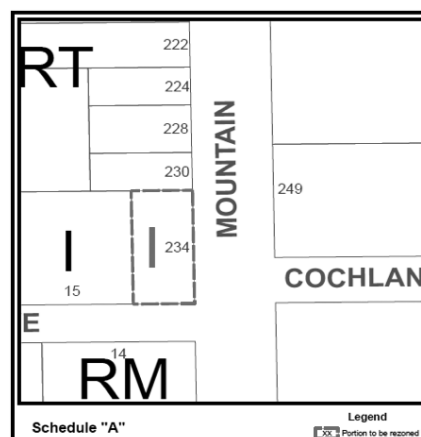
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HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB
DATE & TIME: Monday, July 13, 2015 @ 7:00pm
FROM: "RT" Residential Two Family
TO: "I" Institutional
AREA: 234 Mountain Street South
Lot 20, Block 4, Plan 856
Roll #47800

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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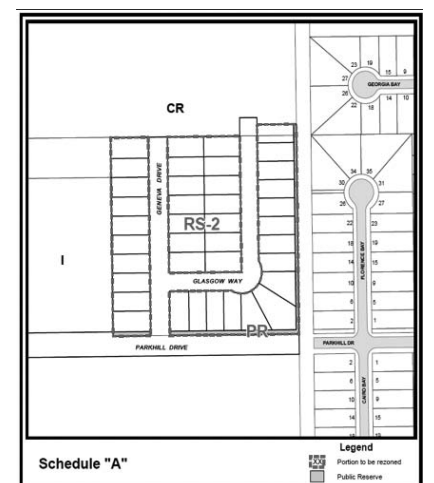
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HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB
DATE & TIME: Monday, July 13, 2015 @ 7:00pm
FROM: "CR" Community Reserve
TO: "RS-2" Residential Single Family; and partly "PR" Public Reserve
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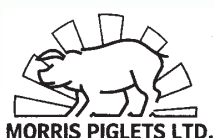
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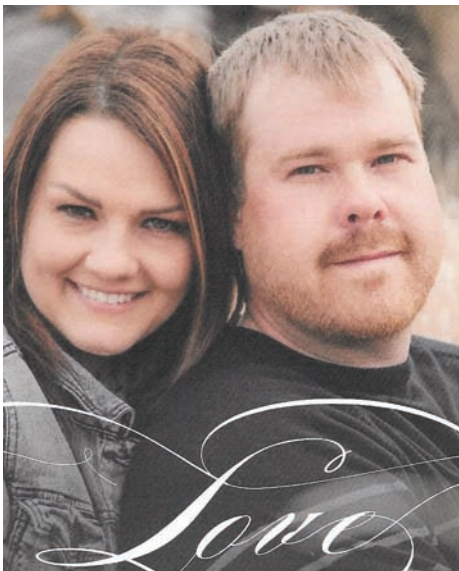
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She, along with her family, immigrated to Canada in 1926. Church
and faith in God through Jesus Christ were a very important part
of Mary's life. She was baptized by J.M. Pauls on May 23, 1937.
Despite the challenge of an interrupted education, she was able to
become a Registered Nurse and worked over several periods at
the Morden District General Hospital. She was married to George
Hoepfner on June 27, 1953.

She is survived by three children, Ed and Sharon, Cliff and
Melanie and Kathy and Kel Neufeld as well as eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren
as well as four sisters, one brother, two sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Mary was
predeceased by her parents, Johann and Helena Wiens and by her loving husband, George in
2005. She was also predeceased by two brothers, John and Henry as well as in-laws on both
sides of the family.

Funeral service was at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 16, 2015 at the Morden Mennonite Church
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You are always in our hearts.
-Love from your family

IN MEMORIAM



Anna Giesbrecht
June 2, 1983-June 26, 2005
The last 10 years have not gone by even one
day without us thinking of you. We remember
the woman you were and try to imagine the
woman you were supposed to become.
We have missed you so much and you
have missed out on so much! You have two
beautiful nephews that have stolen our hearts
and we know would have done the same to
yours! We wish you were here to enjoy them
too! It is hard not to think on the life you were
supposed to lead, the adventures you were
supposed to take, and even the children you
may have had! It is heartbreaking that these
things will never happen. The ache in our
hearts and lives is still so deep. Just know
that you are still so loved and missed!
-Love your family
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and
today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

IN MEMORIAM



Helen Klassen (nee Wall)
1945 – 2012
On Monday, June 25, 2012 at Boundary Trails
Health Centre, Helen Klassen,
67 years of age, started her next journey.
Left to remember were husband Bill Klassen;
four sons, Tony and Angela of Calgary, Mike
and Chris of Calgary, Kelly and Jackie of
Richer, MB and Robert and Shella of Winnipeg
and their families; her sisters and brother, and
very many family and friends.
Loving and kind in all her ways,
Her Faith she held true,
to the end of her days;
Sincere and pure, in her heart and in her mind,
How beautiful are the memories,
she has left behind.

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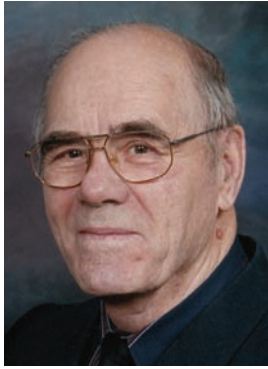


Michelle Lee Wiebe
May 24, 1970 - June 21, 2014
God saw you getting tired,
When a cure was not to be;
He wrapped His arms around you,
And whispered, "Come to Me."
You didn't deserve what you went through so,
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OBITUARY



Abram Matthies
1926 - 2015

Abram Matthies passed away peacefully on June 19th, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre at the age of 88. He was predeceased by his mother, father and daughter, Jacqueline. He leaves to mourn his passing, wife, Margaret Matthies; sons, Clifford (Gloria) and Dennis; son-in-law, Les Dyck; grandchildren, Cameron (Carmen), Jeryn, Jocelyn, Kere, Riley and Kelsey and great-grandchildren, Hayden, Corianne, Mackenzie and Reyna. He is also survived by his sister, Nina Bentley.

Abe was born to Jacob and Anna Matthies on August 7th, 1926 in Portage la Prairie, MB. He grew up and attended school in Culross, MB. As a teenager, Abe moved with his family to Sperling, MB. It was in Sperling that Abe would eventually meet his wife Marge,

who was teaching there at the time. Abe was baptized in July 1951 and became a member of the MB Church in Elm Creek, MB. Later that same year, in September, he and Marge married. Their children came shortly thereafter – Cliff was born in 1953, followed by Jackie in 1957 and Dennis in 1959. Abe and Marge moved to Lowe Farm, MB in 1964. Abe farmed land, together with his dad, around the Lowe Farm and Sperling area for several years. In the 1970's, Abe transitioned into a career as a crop adjuster and scrutineer for the Manitoba Crop Insurance Corporation. Abe and Marge moved to Winkler in 1986 and Abe retired shortly after that. Abe was very much involved in the Emmanuel Gospel Church in Lowe Farm. He was the missions treasurer for 23 years. He was also the chairman of the building committee during the construction of two church building projects. When Abe and Marge moved to Winkler, they transferred their membership to the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church. Abe enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He especially treasured times when the whole family would get together for holidays and celebrations. Although Abe had many health issues in the later part of his life, he seldom complained and always had a smile for his visitors. He enjoyed the company of others and loved a good laugh. Abe's wish was to simply fall asleep and pass on peacefully and on June 19th, 2015, God granted him that wish and he went home to be with his Heavenly Father.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2015 at the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church in Winkler, MB. Private interment took place prior to the service at the Lowe Farm Cemetery, in Lowe Farm, MB.

The family would like to thank the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre and especially Dr. Woelk for his care and concern for Abe. The family would also like to express their appreciation for the support they received from extended family, friends and the church.

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OBITUARY



Sara Giesbrecht (nee Martens)
1932 – 2015

After a long and courageous battle, Sara Giesbrecht passed away on Monday, June 15, 2015 at Rock Lake Health District Hospital in Crystal City, MB with her two daughters, Bev and Evelyn by her side.

Sara was born on September 23, 1932 in Silberfeld, MB to John J. P. and Susan Martens. She was the oldest of 11 children. She worked very hard in her years at home, looking after all of her siblings and helping her Mom with baking, gardening, canning and housework, etc. She completed Grade six but was needed more at home. She learned to crochet at age 13. She was baptized on May 25, 1954 and married Edward Giesbrecht on September 19, 1954.

They lived in Altona where they raised two sons and two daughters.

Edward and Sara owned a motel and restaurant for many years. They loved to travel and made several trips including Belize, United States, Germany and the Middle East. Sara loved to go shopping when she was still able to. She loved going on shopping trips to Grand Forks and Winnipeg. She also loved watching her grandchildren play sports and crocheting. Sara was a big sports fan and her TV was always on a sports channel watching curling, hockey or basketball. She moved to Morden in 2001 and started attending the Morden Alliance Church where she became a member. She enjoyed her church family and made many friends there. She had a special bond with her friend and prayer partner, Sylvia Dyck. She also enjoyed the activities in her senior complex and the friendships of her neighbours in the building. Sara was a very outgoing and sociable person and had a great sense of humor. She loved having company and visiting with friends and spending time with her family and cooking for them.

Sara is survived by her four children and their families: son, Lloyd and Valerie Giesbrecht of Altona, son, Ken Giesbrecht of Moosomin, SK, daughter, Evelyn and Dave Penner of Morden and daughter, Bev and Greg Rach of the 1-6 District south of Morden, her 10 grandchildren, Jennifer, Stephanie and her husband, Trevor, Aaron and his wife, Kailey, Randine, Jorjee and her husband, Travis, Holly and her husband, Ryan, Lauren, Devin, Danton and Dylan and his girlfriend, Erin, also her eight great-grandchildren, Simon, Delilah, Oscar, Serena, Caleb, Keegan, Dawson and Nate. She also leaves to mourn her passing seven brothers and three sisters and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward in 2006. Sara will be deeply missed by all but we rejoice and celebrate that she is no longer suffering and is safe in the arms of her Savior Jesus!

Funeral service was held at Morden Alliance Church on Friday, June 19, 2015 with interment at the Eigenhoff Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Sara's memory to Gospel for Asia.

The family would like to thank the staff at Boundary Trails Health Center and Rock Lake Health District Hospital for their care of our Mother. Thank you also to all the friends and family who visited and supported us through this difficult journey.

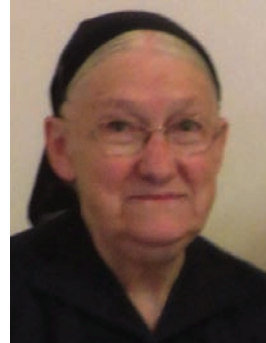
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OBITUARY



Katharina (Tina) Giesbrecht
(nee Guenther)
1933 – 2015

Peacefully on Monday, June 15, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Tina Giesbrecht aged 81 years of Plum Coulee, MB formerly of Gnadenthal went to be with her Lord and Saviour. She was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Centre on June 8th where she was put on oxygen to help with her breathing. She fought hard, especially this past week. With her labored breathing, she got so very tired. God must have looked around His garden and found an empty place. He looked down upon this earth and saw her tired face. So He put His arms around her and lifted her to rest. He knew

the pain that she was in, so He closed her tired eyes and whispered "Peace be thine."

Katharina Guenther was born October 11, 1933 to Johann and Maria (nee Wiebe) Guenther in Eichenfeld, Mexico. She was baptized in June of 1955 upon the confession of her faith and married Abram Giesbrecht on July 17, 1955. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. In July of 1967, mom and dad made a choice to move to Canada to provide a better life for their family. And for that, we will be forever grateful! For a short while they lived in Winkler and then bought their first home in Schanzenfeld. From there, they moved to Gnadenthal until 1989 and retired to Plum Coulee. Mom dedicated her life to caring and providing for her children. Her family was very important to her! She enjoyed the simpler things in life such as gardening and feeding her birds, puzzling, quilting, cooking and baking. She loved to visit, laugh and have fun. And yes, there was always food ready just in case someone would stop by. She loved to serve other rather than to be served! This last year as her health slowly deteriorated, she filled her days with needlework and crocheting afghans. With her gentle, kind spirit, she lived each day to the fullest! But most of all, she was a praying wife and mother. She taught each one of us to pray and encouraged us to keep the faith. And when we'd go to visit her famous last words were always, "Nah yo dan blieft moutig and kompt vada."

She leaves to mourn her passing her loving husband, Abram; five daughters, three sons and their families; 16 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, five brothers, one sister, four half brothers, one half sister as well as one step sister and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, one daughter in infancy, one great grandson in infancy, one son-in-law, five brothers, four sisters, one half-brother, one half-sister and five stepbrothers.

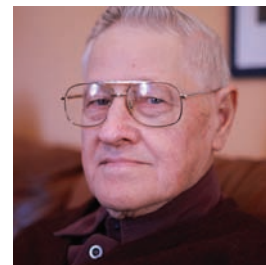
Friedensfelder funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2015 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Gnadenthal Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at BTHC for the excellent care that Katharina received. As well, thank you to Rev. Henry Dyck, Rev. Henry Wieler, the pallbearers, serving ladies, ushers, family and friends for your prayers, visits, flowers, cards and food. Thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home for their service, compassion and care in planning the funeral. Thank you all so very much! –The family

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OBITUARY



Jacob (Jake) Guenther
1929 – 2015

Jacob Guenther was born January 21, 1929 to Abram and Helen (Sawatzky) Guenther of Gretna, Manitoba. He died June 12, 2015 at Pembina Manitou Health Centre.

Jake was married to Justina "Jessie" Unrau on October 25, 1953 in the Glencross Mennonite Church. Jake and Jessie were blessed with three daughters and one son and found great joy in their eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Jake was predeceased by his wife, Jessie, on April 19 2014. Jake is

survived by all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: daughter Valerie (Rick) Ross, of Roseisle, MB and their daughter Shannon Ross (Jacques Pelletier) with children Charlotte and Lilyanna of Wakefield, Québec; daughter Linda (Tom) Kimber of Snowflake, MB and their son Clayton (Heather) Kimber with children Tory and Lola of La Riviere, MB and daughter Crystal Kimber of Winnipeg; daughter Lorna (Ernest) Unrau of Morden, MB with their children, Candace (Colin) Hamm, Corinne, Laurelle, Tyler, and Evan of Steinbach, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Morden; and son, Larry Guenther of Snowflake, MB. He is also survived by two brothers, Peter, David (Ruth) and one sister, Margaret (Dan) Giesbrecht. He was predeceased by his parents Abram and Helen Guenther, five brothers, and five sisters.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015 at the Morden EMMC with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

The family would especially like to thank the staff of the Pembina Manitou Health Centre for their exceptional care of Dad this past year. He commented often about the great people that worked there and always told of the wonderful daily care he received.

Donations in memory of Jake Guenther may be made to the Gideons International or to the Pembina Manitou Health Centre.

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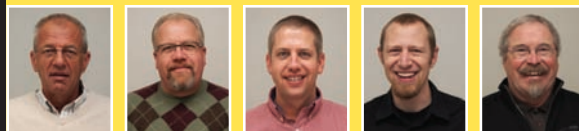


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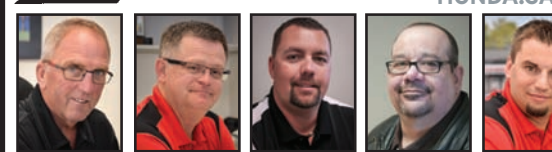


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Winkler, Morden ready to mark Canada Day in style

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler and Morden area residents have no shortage of activities to choose from when planning how to celebrate Canada Day next week.

Both cities will mark our nation's 148th birthday on July 1 with a line-up of activities to fill the afternoon and evening.

In Winkler, the celebrations are moving down the street from their traditional location on Main St. to the Bethel Heritage Park.

"We've always wanted to make use the park—it has the grass and the shade and everything we need for the celebrations," says community events planner Deb Penner.

This year they're finally making that happen, with the free family-friendly festivities running all afternoon.

From 4-8 p.m., there will be a Children's Carnival set up on the grounds offering games, crafts, and a petting zoo

Starting a little earlier is the stage entertainment, which includes performances from folk/country/bluegrass musician Jess Reimer from 3-3:45 p.m. and again from 4-4:45 p.m., pow wow dancing from the Double Patricks from 4:45-5 p.m., a brief Canada Day ceremony featuring local dignitaries at 5 p.m., Irish folk band



Thistle Irish from 5:30-6:15 p.m. and 6:30-7:15 p.m., and, wrapping up the day, classic country music from the Harvey Allan Band.

"We have such a wide diversity that we really wanted to have something for everyone," Penner said of the line-up.

Also back again this year is the Winkler Co-op \$5 supper. In a bit of a change from previous Canada Day menus, this year's meal will feature pizza, a drink, and an ice cream dessert.

In addition to the city's official Canada Day celebrations, Penner notes that Core Fitness is also holding its Lift for Kids fundraiser down the street in the Winkler Co-op parking lot.

The event is raising funds for an orphanage in Mexico and will feature a by-donation hot dog lunch from 12-2 p.m., a Strong Man competition at 3 p.m., and a car show.



Party at Colert Beach

Morden, meanwhile, takes over Colert Beach for its celebrations, which kick-off just after lunch and run through to the fireworks at dusk.

The afternoon will include the always popular Sand Castle Contest. Judging begins at 4 p.m., with prizes coming from Co-op and Giant Tiger.

"People just love making sand castles and sand creations," says Morden recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck, who notes judges will be looking for creations that impress.

From 1-4 p.m., kids can get their faces painted by students of the Pembina Hills Art Gallery's recent face painting class, or take part in the new Children's Photo Hunt.

In a new twist on the popular beach scavenger hunt, participants will be given a pho-

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“We have a bunch of prizes from our sponsors for the winners,” Dueck says.

On the music front, Total Sounds will provide the tunes all afternoon, with country rock band Brennan’s Bounty performing live at 8 p.m. until the fireworks light up the sky after dark.

Between the activities, music, and the several food trucks serving up meals on-site, there’ll be little reason to leave the watery comforts of the beach all afternoon, Dueck says.

“This year we’re hoping for great weather and a great turn-out,” she says. Dueck reminds beach-goers they will need to purchase a beach day pass at the gate, though there will be free admission to the evening festivities.

If the weather doesn’t cooperate, Morden’s Canada Day beach bash will take place on Saturday, July 4.



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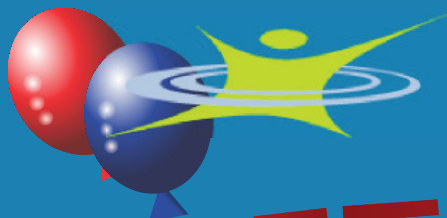
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