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Volunteers from the Miami Hutterite Colony were at Boundary Trails Health Centre last week for their annual effort to help plant flowers at the regional hospital. See the full story on Pg. 4.

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## Moving day approaching for Tabor

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The big move into Morden's new personal care facility is approaching.

Preparations are underway for the start of the transition to the new Tabor Home, though the move may not happen until later this summer.

"By the middle of June, we should be getting the keys so we could start getting ready to move in," said board chairperson Wilf Warkentin.

"It will still take awhile because we've got to make sure everything is ready before we move anybody in," he added, suggesting the move may get underway until later in August.

"It's obviously a lot of work, and (facility manager) Sherry Hildebrand and her staff have been working very hard on it ... putting in a lot of extra hours," said Warkentin.

"We're finally getting there ... it's getting done, and we're all very excited about the fact that we're going to be moving very shortly."

Construction of the new 100 bed Tabor Home comes with a price tag in the range of \$38 million with a com-

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munity fundraising campaign having raised about 10 per cent of the cost.

The new care home will be over 77,000 square feet, putting it at more than twice the size of the existing 60-bed facility built in 1968 on Ninth Street South.

The new facility will offer larger rooms for residents as well as a variety of larger spaces for dining, recreation and larger gatherings.

Warkentin noted they are still raising some additional funds for the new home.

"There's lots of things that weren't included in the contract ... or were taken out."

As for the current facility, the for sale remains up, but Warkentin said it is getting some views.

"We've had some interest. We haven't got a deal, but we've had several people looking at it," he said.

"We're confident it's going to go," he concluded, noting the timing has to be co-ordinated with the move to the new facility. "We're looking forward to getting that settled as well so then we can just enjoy our new place."

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# Crew gets city planted in a day

### Horticultural Society now ready to dedicate butterfly garden

### By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Horticultural Society is ready to celebrate another project next week just as it completed its annual city-wide planting blitz last week.

Postponed from last Monday because of poor weather, the society got all the planting done in one day Tuesday.

"We had close to 50 volunteers who participated, and we got the entire city planted in the one day. That was very amazing. We have never done it in one day before," noted chairperson Margaret Penner.

"We put in somewhere close to 12,000 individual plants throughout the city ... that's a lot."

With that done, the society is now ready to celebrate its butterfly garden next week.

The society officially dedicates the garden next Friday, June 16 at 1:30 p.m. followed by a similar celebration at its Parkside Pioneer Patch.

The ceremonies begin at the Win-

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kler Arts and Culture centre including the unveiling of a large sculpture that will be a showpiece of the butterfly garden. The sculpture of a Monarch butterfly was made by Tim Klassen of Enviro-Tech.

"He worked on this project over the winter months. It's quite spectacular," said society chairperson Margaret Penner.

"It has an eight foot

wing span and it's five feet tall ... it's brightly painted ... so it is going to make a very big statement," she said, adding "the piece itself weighs about 2,500 pounds ... so it's going to be a permanent structure.

"The amazing thing about this is he has done this all voluntarily. He is donating everything," she added.

That kind of dedication shows how people are passionate about this project, she suggested.

"The horticulture society had never even thought about doing a butterfly



Part of the crew of 50 volunteers who fanned out across Winkler Tuesday to plant some 12,000 plants in the city.

long way with that one as well."

garden until someone in the community stepped up and asked," added Penner.

With someone willing to get the ball rolling, they established a sub-committee to oversee the project.

They worked together to do the design work and selection

of the plants, and Penner said they were surprised how well it all fell into place.

"It feels very good. We hadn't thought that it could go this fast, but we had extremely good cooperation from volunteers in the community," said Penner.

With a privacy fence installed and such features as a 16 foot concrete planter, she said there was a fair bit involved in the project.

"There's so many details ... like the sidewalk ... planting all around the building."

Following that grand opening, the celebration will then move to the Parkside Pioneer Patch north of PTH 14.

"We've done a lot of work there too," Penner said of the garden which serves as a tribute to the agricultural heritage of the community.

"It's a much bigger space, so there's a lot of details as far as getting the landscaping and all the fixtures and ideas put into place. We have come a

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# Hospital flowers a volunteer effort

#### By Lorne Stelmach

An annual volunteer effort this past week brightened things up at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Volunteers from the Miami Hutterite Colony were at the regional hospital as part of their yearly spring effort to plant flowers there.

Retired hospital employee Judy Stambuski works with the group each year and always hears how much it is appreciated by patients, visitors and staff alike.

"It's a good feeling," said Stambuski, noting how people will have great views of the flower beds from the palliative care and dialysis wards of the hospital. "Even the amount of people here even this morning ... this is a busy place ... they come out and say how good it looks ... that they always love the flowers."

The planting has been done since the hospital opened including not only the front flower beds but also in the back employee area, noted Stambuski.

There is a plant sale and barbecue each spring to raise money that then

goes toward purchasing the flowers and plants from the colony.

"They come down and they plant all the flowers ... we design it all together ... how we're going to plant them and where," said Stambuski, adding it is heartening to see the community involvement that makes it happen.

"It's great to see them come in and do their part. They love it ... it's a day out for them as well," she said.

Hospital maintenance staff also lend a hand including tilling the garden in the spring then watering through the season and doing the fall clean-up.

Otherwise, Stambuski said people in the community can lend a hand as well with weeding and maintenance.

"We look for people from the community to come and help us maintain it," she said, noting they welcome volunteers each Thursday from about 6 to 8 p.m. "You don't have to come every week. They don't even need to let me know they're coming."

It is something Stambuski looks forward to each spring because she sees it as something that matters to people and makes a difference.

"We are perhaps the only hospi-



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE** The flower planting has been done since the hospital opened.

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flowers ... being planted and maintained by volunteers," she suggested. "So many times, the people who are

coming here are coming either because they're sick, coming to emergency, have a family member upstairs or they're just a patient for whatever reason. Some of it is high stress for them, and they choose often to come out, sit on a park bench here, collect their thoughts ... walk over to Katie's Cottage.

"It's important ... it's a greeting ... it says something about our facility here."





## Initiative gives students taste of rural medicine

### Eight in first year of studies spend week in Winkler and Morden

### By Lorne Stelmach

Not all rural medicine will be as busy or especially as varied as what eight first year medical students experienced in Winkler and Morden this past week.

Wherever they are sent for the annual Rural Week initiative, however, the hope is it proves to be an eye-opening experience for them.

"We tell students that they are going to many different communities where resources are varied," noted Dr. Don Klassen, medical director of the Office of Rural and Northern Health. "We tell them when they have these experiences just to embrace whatever it is that happens in that community and try to catch the spirit of how health care is delivered."

The program began 15 years ago with the hope that exposure early on to rural health care might help lead medical students to consider practicing in rural Manitoba in the future.

All first year medical students spend a week in a variety of rural and northern locations.

"Over the years, we've had students in 55 different communities. I think in any one year, it ends up being about 45 communities," said Klassen. "It's usually in groups of two to four. We try to get them involved in both medical exposure and health care exposure more generally.

"We try to get them in schools if that is suitable, and we try to get them to enjoy the experience of the week."

"The experience was wonderful," said Pavel Yarmak, a native of Ukraine who was among four students who were based out of Winkler for the week.

"Had it not been for this experience ... I would

have never even began thinking about a rural practice," he suggested. "Now, getting exposure to it, it's such a unique experience ... getting the exposure and seeing that there are so many things that you

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**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE** Eight first year medical students who spent a week in Winkler and Morden were impressed with the local facilities including Boundary Trails Health Centre.

can do in rural medicine."

He is considering going into ophthalmology, so it was especially worthwhile that he got to spend the day with Dr. Tio Bellisario at Focal Point Comprehensive Vision Care.

"Every day, I had something different and new to experience," he noted.

"One day, I got to go to clinic in the morning, ER in the afternoon and then even sneak into the OR for a surgery at the end of the day," he said.

"I actually got to essentially everything, and everyone was very accommodating." "It's been a great week," said Nathan Wiebe who was among

Nathan Wiebe, who was among four students based out of Morden for the week.

"I had a great opportunity to check out the different resources that are available here ... had some time in the ER and anesthesia in the OR ... those were amazing experiences.

"It's really nice to see the diversity of services of-

fered in the area," added the Morris native, who noted it was worthwhile even just to spend time with doctors in regular day to day practice.

He sees appeal in coming to practice in a major centre like this where you wouldn't necessarily just be doing family medicine, and he may be interested in getting into intensive or critical care.

"I'm a rural boy, so I like the idea of working rural if you can," he said." The fact that they have so many services in this area is a draw."

Klassen noted this is one of a number of initiatives to promote rural and northern medicine, and he agreed it plays a vital role.

"It sounds like they were really engaged and really interested and really keen," said Klassen.

"If we don't put rural and northern medicine on their radar ... for choosing a career in the long haul ... many of them won't think of it," said Klassen.

"Some of them are from rural backgrounds and they have some experience. Many are from urban backgrounds, and this is an opportunity to get them beyond the perimeter."

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this if you have read my columns),

So my wife began hunting and

gathering awesome thank you vers-

es, which we personalized to each

guest, while I set about the onerous

(and more difficult) task of putting

the cards into envelopes and sealing

Of course, as I was doing this, I was

also taking notes for what I thought

would make a great editorial. My wife

mistook my editorial note taking for

the shirking of my duties and began

"Yeah, but you're not doing it. You

"Dear so-and-so, we used the gift

card to buy a Ninja food processor

handing me stuffed envelopes.

"Hey, that's my job!"

"I would have stopped."

and my wife is very patient.

ways ... they're all going to different people."

This was a good point.

We did, however, need to thank people for their gifts in different ways, which worked well enough for people who gave us different items. We however received a lot of two different types of gifts - money and wine (both for which we were exceptionally grateful).

This presented a problem. How many different ways can you explain how you drank something or spent something?

"Thank you for your gift. We used it to purchase matching onesies!" (We did not, but it would have been fun).

Perhaps we should have invited fewer people, I thought to myself, it would have made for an easier job.

I chastised myself immediately because wife was doing all of the hard work, and all I had to do is put the cards in envelopes and lick them closed.

In the end, the task was far more enjoyable than I am letting on.

Setting about a task in partnership with another is always a good thing because you learn about one another and you communicate ... things well worth the price of a raw tongue for sure.

## Harvest Fest introduces free app

### By Lorne Stelmach

A free mobile app can now help people keep up-to-date with the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition.

It is available through the usual channels, and it is free through the Eventbase app.

"It seemed like a really great way for people to stay in touch and be interactive with the schedule," said festival director Deb Penner.

She found out about Eventbase in February while at a conference where that event had its entire schedule and information for the three days available through the app.

"It sounded kind of cool, and I could see it being part of a big event," said Penner. "If I could provide people with the information, they could pick

their favorites, they could choose what they want to go to for the festival weekend."

At the same time, she said there could be side benefits like the festival not needing to print as many brochures, but it mostly just makes sense when people more and more rely on their devices to get what they need.

"That's where they get their information. It's at their fingertips all day long ... so why not try to

pull that in then as part of the experience of the festival," she said.

For now, the app basically provides the schedule and maps, but she sees

them being able to add more to it. "There's also opportunities for more

information on the performers ... also tieing it all in more with social media."

For Penner, who is also involved in helping coordinate and promote other events in Winkler, she sees there being even more potential.

"It was very easy to use," she said.

"If this works well, maybe we'll do the same for Canada Day ... if it

takes off and people find they are using it, and it's valuable, then definitely I'll look at using it some more."

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# Two taken to hospital in crash

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Two people were taken to hospital including one to Winnipeg by air ambulance as a result of a two car accident in Morden Saturday.

The collision happened Saturday morning on Highway 3 at the eastern entrance to Morden near Boston Pizza.

Police say a vehicle travelling west had slowed down to turn north on to La Verendrye Boulevard when a second vehicle, also travelling west in the north lane failed to see the vehicle in front slowing and ran into it at full highway speed.

The force of the impact sent the first vehicle into the north ditch and caused heavy damage to the rear of the vehicle.

The driver was taken to Boundary Trails Health Centre by ambulance with back injuries while a rear passenger was transported to Health Sciences Centre by STARS air ambulance with a leg injury.

The driver and passenger of the second vehicle received no serious injuries. Police are continuing their investigation with no further updates on the two individuals in hospital as of Monday.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports include:

• Morden police are investigating a May 30 break-in to an 11th Street home.

The homeowner left for work around 8:30 a.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m. to

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find her front garage door had been forced open. Nothing appeared to be missing or disturbed inside the home. A witness observed a male individual walking down the victim's driveway described as skinny, about 5'7" tall and wearing a brown ball cap.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

• A boat and trailer was reported missing June 2 from Lakeside Storage in Morden sometime between May 29 and this date.

The boat is described as a white 15foot aluminum Sea Nymph fishing boat with a 50 horsepower outboard Johnson motor. It contained numerous fishing rods and tackle and was covered with a blue boat cover. The trailer is a white 1996 Shorelander with license number J696P.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to call the Morden Police Service at 822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIP-MAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

• Morden police also issued four provincial offence notices for drivers using their cell phones while driving. Over and above the safety concerns, this ticket carries a penalty of \$203.80 and points against a licence.



Day care gets funding

### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Community Child Care Centre is hosting a celebration next week.

The day care recently received a \$14,500 grant from the Canada 150 Fund and the Morden Area Foundation that allowed it to put the finishing touches on its toddler playground project.

"That paid for the rubber surfacing in our toddler yard," explains executive director Shuana Richards."That's such a big amount to fundraise for and so this allowed us to get the project finally completed."

The centre will unveil the new, safer playground area at a celebration/fun-

draising barbecue on Friday, June 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local dignitaries will be on hand to say a few words about the project just after noon.

Lunch of hot dogs, watermelon, ice cream, and beverages will be available by donation, with funds going toward the work the centre hopes to do to upgrade its playground area for older kids.

"Everything we raise that day is going to the renovations in the older backyard," says Richards. "So that's to extend our playstructure's fall zone, we're going to build a hill back there, and then some lawn care ... the total for that is \$5,000, so we're hoping we can get close to it."

## **Centre hosting Teddy Bear Picnic in Morden**

### By Lorne Stelmach

It's also educational for the kids, but it is the fun that draws families to the annual Teddy Bear Picnic in Morden.

The Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre holds the event this Sunday in the Morden Park from 3 to 5 p.m.

Children are invited to bring their special stuffed toys to the park to have a full check up with a variety of health care professionals.

Director Janine North is hoping for sunny skies after the picnic was cancelled last year because of poor weather.

She said even more important than the demonstrations of care providing by professionals volunteering their time is the chance for interaction with the children.

"It gives children a chance to see the people like the doctors and clincians in a way that's welcoming, and they're having fun," said North. "It also is just another opportunity for families to be aware of the different services that are in the community for them," she added. "Our focus is very much on the health and well being of our children.

"It's also just a chance for some family fun, and it's also a bit of a fundraiser for us as well," said North."We use this money to help cover some of our program costs ... but mainly it's just for families to come together."

There will be plenty for the kids to see and do over the two hours.

There will be a wide array of medical and dental staff on hand as well as from an area pharmacy and Focal Point Comprehensive Vision Care.

The local police and fire departments will also be participating, and there will be some new features including a petting zoo, photo booth and the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in addition to an array of games and activities including an inflatable obstacle course and face painting.



**VOICE FILE PHOTO** 

Children are invited to bring their special stuffed toys to the Morden Park this Sunday afternoon to have a full check up with a variety of health care professionals.

"I think there's going to be lots to look forward to," said North, who noted it is a nice way for the centre to end its season. "It's our last event before

we take a break for the summer, so it's kind of a chance to connect again with families one more time."

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### Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Sustainable Development has received a proposal pursuant to *The Environment Act* regarding the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

#### <u>CITY OF MORDEN – MORDEN WASTEWATER TREATMENT</u> <u>FACILITY – FILE: 55.50</u>

A proposal was filed by the City of Morden for the construction and operation of a new wastewater treatment facility located on NE 9-3-5 WPM in the City of Morden. Related work includes construction of a new building to accommodate the new headworks (screening and degritting), moving bed-biofilm reactors (MBBRs) for biological nutrient reduction (BNR) processes, dissolved air floatation (DAF) units, blowers, chemical dosing, ultraviolet disinfection, sludge holding tanks, sludge stabilization equipment, offices, and a new lift station as well as an upgrade to the outfall sewer system. The primary cell of the existing wastewater treatment lagoon located at the same site will continue to operate as a multipurpose cell while the secondary cells will be used to store treated wastewater from the wastewater treatment plant of the facility during times of ice cover on the receiving stream, Deadhorse Creek. Discharge from these secondary cells would occur outside periods of ice cover on the creek. Continuous discharge directly to Deadhorse Creek from the wastewater treatment plant will occur outside periods of ice cover.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to make a representation either for or against the proposal should contact the Department, in writing or by E-mail to: (robert.boswick@gov. mb.ca), not later than JULY 10, 2017. Further information is available from the Public Registries located at Legislative Library, 200 Vaughan, Winnipeg; Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; Online Registry http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/ index.html or by contacting Robert Boswick, Environmental Engineer at 204-945-6030.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of *The Environment Act*.



## Plenty of interest in the arts

### By Lorne Stelmach

It says something about the level of interest in the arts when summer classes are already close to capacity at the galleries in both Winkler and Morden.

There are children and families looking for creative outlets, suggests Wendy Klassen, director of the Winkler Arts and Culture centre.

"There's definitely a demand for it, which is awesome," said Klassen.

"We're pretty much full ... there were only a few spots left ... so that's great. We probably could have added another week ... but we would be running short of resources ... and the time and people to do it."

Besides the programs offered through the two area galleries, there are limited options aside from sports and such, said Klassen.

"So this is something they've been waiting for ... kids who don't want to play baseball for example."

Winkler Arts and Culture's summer offering for kids begins with summer sketching July 4 with limited spaces available for ages 5 to 8, while the class for ages 9 to 12 is full.

It continues with the paint party July 5, and there were limited spaces left for ages 9 to 12 in this instance.

On July 6, there is creative collages with limited spaces left for ages 9 to 12, then the week concludes with the super sculpting, which was already fully booked.

For the adults, the centre is offering a regular drop-in paint in the park night starting next Thursday (June 15).

"We're also working on a night market for the



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE** Art classes for kids such as the spring break art camp offered in Morden have drawn good numbers, and registrations for summer classes were nearly full in Winkler as well.

summer ... but we're just in the final planning now," said Klassen, noting they see the July event offering vendors and food as well as live music.

You can keep up to date on classes and events at Winkler Arts and Culture through its website and Facebook page.

Meanwhile, the summer classes at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden begin with week one July 17 to 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. each day for ages six to nine then week two is July 24 to 28 also from 1 to 3 p.m. each day for ages six to nine.

The classes will be led by a new instructor Caylie Nicholson who brings not only teaching experience but some expertise in such areas as textiles and fabrics.

## Winkler walks for Alzheimer's next week

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Rural Manitoba plays an important role with the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

It is evident especially with the many communities that are again taking part in the annual Walk for Alzheimer's this month across the province.

In the south central region, last year's fundraising walks brought in around \$30,000 of the \$340,000 raised provincially, and not only did the Altona walk come out on top overall but had the largest individual fundraiser as well.

"So the rural communities are doing an awesome job for us," said events co-ordinator Allison Woodward.

Now in its 25th year, the walk over the past six years has seen both the revenue and participation increase steadily.

In three years, the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba has raised close to \$1 million through the annual walk fundraiser, and this year there are more than 60 individual Walk for Alzheimer's events in communities across Manitoba.

This year, the Morden walk will not take place, but it happens in Winkler starting at the Salem Home next Wednesday, June 14 at 10 a.m.

The society is hoping this year's walks could reach \$360,000 in fund-raising, she noted.

"The walks are the biggest fundraiser for the society every year," said Woodward.

"All of the money raised in the walks stays in Manitoba ... and it goes toward the programs and services that the society provides not only in Winnipeg but in rural communities as well."

She sees the walks as being an ideal way to engage and involve the communities and especially those most directly impacted by the disease.

"One of the great things about these walks too is a lot of them do take place at personal care homes, so a lot of people who are affected by Alzheimer's can take part in it," she said.

"We see a lot of teams coming out too ... people get all their co-workers together or their community clubs."

The support is vital for the many valuable programs and services offered for families and people with dementia, which impacts over 22,000 Manitobans living with the disease.

Three out of four Canadians know someone with dementia, so it touches many homes in every community.



**VOICE FILE PHOTO** 

The Walk for Alzheimer's takes place next Wednesday in Winkler starting from Salem Home at 10 a.m.

The Alzheimer Society provides a network of support and education for people living with dementia, their families and their caregivers. The society is also a prominent voice in advocating for change within all levels of government and is a leading funder of disease research.

"Last year, we saw so many new and familiar faces at walks across the province. The amount of support we receive throughout the year and especially at this event is so important," said Wendy Schettler, CEO of the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

"And anyone who signs up this year will notice our brand new Manitobaspecific website," she noted. "It's more user-friendly and customizable, and makes it easier for people to register and fundraise all over Manitoba.

Visit www.alzheimer.mb.ca/wfa2017 to learn more and register, and you can also contact the south central regional office in Winkler at 204-325-5634 or e-mail alzsc@alzheimer.mb.ca

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"She's coming with some new ideas ... she has lots of experience with teaching kids," said Margie Hildebrand, programs and outreach co-ordinator.

Other classes then include youth pottery July 25 to August 4 from 10 a.m. to noon for ages 10 and up with those being led by Hildebrand.

Following that will be a mosaics class August 8 to 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 10 and up under the direction of local mosaic artist Sharon Loeppky.

"During the summer, we'll also be out and about at different events," noted Hildebrand, citing examples like the June 17 Paddlefest as well as Canada Day activities and the Corn and Apple Festival.

She noted their classes get good participation as well with registration nearly full and agreed it shows there is a demand.

"It also gives you more of a chance to do some projects that maybe take a little more time."

You can keep up to date on classes and events at Pembina Hills Arts Council through its website and Facebook page.



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# Lions mark milestone in Morden

#### By Lorne Stelmach

A local service organization is leaving a lasting legacy in Morden to mark a major milestone.

The Morden and District Lions Club is planting 100 trees in the community to mark the 100th anniversary of the Lions International.

"We're happy to have the opportunity to help," club president Ron Peters said as they joined city officials in planting the first tree in Lions Park last Tuesday.

"The city was planting trees, so we thought we would pitch in ... we thought we would celebrate by planting 100 trees around Morden," said Peters.

Aside from Lions Park in the northwest corner of Morden, trees will be planted in a number of other locations.

Species of trees to be planted include Ponderosa Pine, Silver Maple, Manitoba maple, Gladiator Crab, Linden and White Spruce.

"The city is going to help us locate the balance of the trees," said Peters, who added they appreciated the support from the City of Morden community services and parks departments

He noted the funds for the trees come from a number of fundraising events including the annual toy show earlier this spring.

Lions International was started in Chicago by Melvin Jones in 1917 when he convinced a group of businessmen they should look beyond their own personal interests and consider the betterment of their community as a whole and help for others who may be in need.

The first Canadian Club was formed in Windsor, Ontario in 1920, and the



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Representatives of the local Lions Club joined city officials last Tuesday at the Lions Park in planting the first of 100 new trees for the community.

Morden club was formed in 1971 and draws members from Morden, Winkler and the RM of Stanley.

Other plans for the club this year so

far include marking the milestone in the Corn and Apple Festival parade as well as hosting the provincial annual convention in November in Winkler.



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Candlewick and Danceworks teamed up for their spring musical of Alice in Wonderland Jr. Based on the 1951 Disney film, the production last Wednesday and Thursday followed the ever-curious Alice as she chases the White Rabbit to begin her adventure. "The performers did a fantastic job, and we were very proud of all their hard work," said director Richard Klassen.

### • AN ARTIST'S LIFE Surviving a conservatory exam

s the school year draws to a close, the largest session of Royal Conservatory and Conservatory Canada examinations are about to begin, running through the month of June.

While an exam always brings with it feelings of nervousness, adequate practise and preparing non-musical aspects of the exam ahead of time can make your experience much easier.

First, be sure to log into your account and double and triple check the exam date and venue. Make sure that you are a minimum of fifteen minutes early for the exam, and take into account the time needed for parking and a few minutes to sit and focus before the exam.

Second, be sure to eat breakfast! Skipping а meal on the morning of an exam is

one of the

best

ways to bring on **By Candace** shaky hands Hamm

and to enhance nervous feelings. Protein and carbohydrates are essential! In addition, bring water along to the exam, and take time to find a washroom.

Third, make sure that you have original copies of your music. You will need two copies of each of your studies since studies are not required to be memorized. Print off your exam form from your account and fill in the required info. Prepare all of these essentials the night before so they are not forgotten.

Fourth, be sure to wear neat but comfortable clothing. While there is no dress code for an exam, a nice shirt and pants makes a better first impression than sweatpants would.

Practise performing in your exam outfit prior to the date, since itching or uncomfortable clothing can be very distracting during a performance. Check with your teacher to see what footwear is appropriate for an exam as well.

Last, take some time to relax and breathe deeply before the exam! You have prepared and done your best. Remember: the examiner is pulling for you to do well.

Good luck to all music students on their exams this year!

> Reach Candace Hamm at ibcnu@mts.net

## Morden hosts juried art show

### By Lorne Stelmach

It's a good feeling for an artist to have his or her work selected for the annual central region juried art exhibition.

Susie Nagy-Stewart has entered work a few times and been surprised to be chosen for the touring exhibit, which is featured in Morden this month.

"For a painting to get chosen to travel ... it's a huge wow. It's awesome, it's wonderful ... it's very humbling," said the Carman artist who has a piece among the 40 on tour from May to August in four galleries across the central region.

Hosted this year by the Portage and District Arts Council, which debuted the 36th annual exhibition through May, the juried art show offers artists of all skill levels to submit up to three pieces and not only have it on display but receive critiques from jurors approved by the Manitoba Arts Council.

A total of 42 artists from across the central region entered 91 works, then about 40 pieces were selected to go on tour starting off in the Portage la Prairie gallery.

After being featured at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden to June 30, the exhibit is then hosted by the Golden Prairie Arts Council in Carman from July 4 to 28 and ends in Holland with the Tiger Hills Arts Association to August 31.

As well, 10 pieces will be selected from the touring entries to participate in the 2018 Manitoba Rural and Northern Juried Art Show hosted by the Manitoba Arts Network in Winnipeg.

The strength of the exhibit is the show offers a broad spectrum of mediums, styles and subject

matter and displays the diverse talent in the region, said Margie Hildebrand, programs and outreach co-ordinator with the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

"Artists are represented from all over the region," said Hildebrand, noting there are usually some familiar names but also some new ones.

"There's always the ones who we see from year to year that are such high quality," she said.

"It's a privilege to be able to show it all here in our gallery. It's all very good quality work and quite a good variety of media and styles ... everything from fibre art to painting or photography."

For Nagy-Stewart, her selected work was an untitled piece featuring pine trees looking up to the sky.

"I usually have my pieces titled, but this time I was really baffled," she said, noting she often does trees in her work as "every time I look up at trees, I just feel like I see so much of the world.

"Nature is a huge part of my work, but there's also a lot of inner feeling in them," she added. "It's a stress relief ... if I don't paint for a while, it actually has an effect on me. It's a very spiritual thing for me too."

put one's work out there.

Sometimes, they give you ideas to go with, but most Pembina Hills Gallery. of the time it's good feedback. I take it as a positive thing," she concluded.

"You just never know what to expect when you put things in ... it's very

humbling ... but put it



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Nagy-Stewart said she is guite honoured to have Susie Nagy-Stewart, here at work in her home her work chosen and that it is an encouragement to studio, says it is a tremendous honour to have a piece chosen for the central region juried "You do get good feedback from the three judges. art exhibition on display this month in the

> happens because if you don't, you'll never know what might be possible."



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## **Pioneer** heritage celebrated

PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE The Pembina Threshermen's Museum kicked off its 49th season with its first major event being the annual Heritage Day Friday. The pioneer village museum came to life for school tours from across the region with a variety of activities including (counter clockwise from above) a petting zoo, tours of the museum buildings and a tractor parade and demonstrations of things like corn grinding. Volunteers also spent the day making soap with the end result expected to be somewhere in the range of 8,000 bars of soap for the MCC.



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## **Grasslands provide value on escarpment**

### By Leanna Fehr

Canada's grasslands once covered the entire great plains of North America from the prairie provinces to the Gulf of Mexico.

They still are diverse places that are home to many species, though today only remnants remain but with one vital landscape being the escarpment of the Pembina Valley region.

Grasslands have an important ecological role on the escarpment, according to Jamie Fox, director of the Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre of A Rocha Canada.

Even the small patches on the escarpment help provide essential food, shelter and other habitat requirements needed by birds, other wildlife, native shrubs and grasses.

"Grasslands are an important part of our ecological heritage," said Fox.

"When visiting a grassland area, we can envision how the prairies looked only 150 years ago," he added, noting this historical value is another way grasslands are an important part of our landscape.

Paul Goosen, a local expert on grassland species, notes the value of the habitat for a well-known songbird like the meadowlark.

"The Western Meadowlark is an iconic grassland bird whose melodious song is familiar to many people. Unfortunately, the meadowlark's breeding population has shown a declining trend over the past 50 years or so," said Goosen.

"The continuing loss of grasslands is a possible factor which may impact not only the meadowlark but other grassland birds as well," he added, stressing the importance of protecting remnant grassland areas on the Manitoba escarpment.

In addition to providing grassland habitat, the escarpment is a beautiful place to experience nature.

People from the region can enjoy hiking, birding and cycling through grassland areas on the escarpment along



many trails. Additionally, grasslands on the escarpment are used for agricultural production as pasture or for haying. Efforts are underway to ensure that grassland habitat will be around for future generations. One of these is the Escarpment Habitat Protection Program.

Organized through collaboration between local conservation districts, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation and Environment Canada.

The program offers conservation agreement incentives, habitat enhancement support and resource management education.

Local habitats playing an important role include the Binney Nature Preserve near Manitou as well as the A Rocha Centre near the Pembina Valley Provincial Park.



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Grasslands on the escarpment provide important habitat for songbird nesting sites, and smooth asters and big bluestem grasses are common grasslands species that add beauty to the landscape.

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## Party central in Morden



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A warm day brought the crowds downtown Saturday for the annual Morden Block Party. Now beginning its second decade, the event included a variety of events (clockwise from top): family fun in Confederation Park, interacting with a magician, large scale You Sank My Battleship, Morden mighty man and woman competition, car show, music by Paige Drobot, an inflatable play park, CWE wrestling and large scale Jenga. Also serving as a fundraiser for Youth for Christ, a total was not yet available, but it had collectively raised around \$35,000 since its inception.





## On their best behaviour



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE** Canine constable Chase, here with Cst. Scott Edwards, was the centre of attention last Thursday as the families joined the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre tour of the Morden Police Service. The field trip was part of the centre's community connections program which was also going to feature a tour of the Morden firehall.

### **Drugs stolen from pharmacy**

A thief made off with a large quantity of medications after breaking into a pharmacy in Pilot Mound.

Manitou RCMP continue to investigate the May 25 break-in and theft which saw around 4,300 pills stolen including numerous narcotics and controlled stimulants.

Officers were called around 8 a.m. to the pharmacy, where they discovered the suspect had entered the business by forcing his way through the front door.

Surveillance video from the pharmacy shows our suspect as being male, slim to average build, wearing blue jeans, a black hoody, gloves and something black covering his face.

The theft led RCMP to warn the general public of the dangers of ingesting any prescription medication without the consent of a medical professional.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Manitou RCMP at 204-242-2017 or call Manitoba Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).



## **Chamber says thanks**



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Former Mayor Neil Schmidt and current Mayor Martin Harder were among abou 170 people who took in the Winkler Chamber of Commerce member appreciation barbecue last Wednesday. The chamber served up a good lunch featuring smokies from the Winkler Co-op.



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## Back 40 in the bowl







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The Back 40 Folk Festival returned for its 28th year Sunday, offering a good day full of family fun including good music and more. Pictured clockwise from top: a performance by Dan and Laurel, the artisans village, emcee Al Simmons with his musical eye chart, a performance by Bill Dowling, a bit of dancing, kids trying on some of crazy hats of Al Simmons who then sat in briefly with Lakes and Pines, musicians in the songwriters workship and of course face painting.







### Winkler farm family honoured

#### **By Harry Siemens**

Winkler is home to the 2017 Farm Family of the Year as named by the Red River Exhibition Association.

Jack and Dianne Froese of Froese Enterprises join a list of 51 other families honoured with the award since its inception in 1966.

"I consider it an honour when you get recognized by your peers. You don't always feel worthy of the honour, but I'm very grateful for the honour," said Froese when learning of the award.

"The Froese families are innovators and leaders in Manitoba's agricultural industry, and they personify the qualities recognized by this title," said association CEO Garth Rogerson.

The award cites Froese for serving with the Manitoba Pulse and Soybean Growers for 20 years and as the chair of Pulse Canada.

He's also presented to the House of Commons and Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and participated in Team Canada trade missions to Algeria, Egypt, Iran and India.

Currently, he is a director of the Manitoba Canola Growers Association and serves as president of the Canadian Canola Growers Association.

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"The Froese family is deserving of this award as their family embodies what it means to live in rural Manitoba."

toba," said Francois Labelle, executive director of the Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers, which nominated the Froese family.

"I've been very fortunate in my lifetime, I guess, to have worked on a lot of these organizations ... where we work on a lot of different issues," said Froese. "I've really enjoyed it, and it's given me a wealth of knowledge."

Sitting in the Froese family farm office in the yard where he grew up, he reflected on how he started farming.

"Well, I have to give a lot of credit to my father [the late Jacob JM Froese a member of the Manitoba Legislature for 14 years]," he said.

"I graduated from high school and jumped right into farming. He was involved in political life and a lot of public life, and so he gave me the reins to the farm," said Froese. "I made all the decisions at 19 years old. When I think back, that's really amazing that my dad would place that kind of confidence in me to make the decisions."

Froese went on to make some changes including going from about a 900-

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acre operation to where they now farm 5,700 acres today.

"My brothers John and Alan and I own the farm. I'm the CEO of the farm, so to speak. My son Randy runs the day-to-day operations and makes the day-to-day decisions on the farm," he explained. "We have four employees, great guys working together as a team to fulfil the functions that we need to do."

Froese added that size does matter.

"There's always economies of scale. I know, initially, we went from about 1,000 to 2,000 or 2,500 acres and then moved to 3,500, 4,500, now 5,700," he said.

"With 5,700 acres, it allows us to kind of use two sets of equipment. The manpower kind of suits our operation," he continued.

"The next step would theoretically be the 10,000 - 12,000-acre farm, but we have no desire to go there. For myself and the people that operate the farm here, we would sooner see ourselves work in an area where we can make the land become more produc-

> tive, do the draintile upgrade versus expanding our operation."

In all his travels around the world and seeing the changes at home and abroad, Fro-

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## **Teddy bear picnic a big draw for families**











PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Winkler Family Resource Centre held its annual Teddy Bear Picnic Saturday, and co-ordinator Cathy Savage was very pleased with the response. "It went amazingly well," said Savage. "We figure about 1,500 people ... we had 400 book bags to give away, and we ran out of them with a half hour to go." Some of the fun (clockwise from top left): Grady Marshall of Edmonton shows off his firefighting skills; Norah Kuhl of Winkler helps check her pet giraffe; popcorn and hotdogs with Sheriff Woody; a circle dance with Toy Story's Jesse and Autumn Klatt of Winkler gets a colorful rainbow painted on her cheek. Savage is estimating the barbecue will have brought in about \$1,000 that will go back into the centre's programs.

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ese said the change has been very dramatic.

"We see farmers in Canada, and particularly in our own area as well, have embraced technology and biotechnology to the fullest extent," he said.

"The changes that we've seen even in the last five to 10 years where you're embracing the traits, the various traits that have come along through biotechnology. The technology in the machines themselves to collect all the data and to have everything at your fingertip is quite amazing," he said.

"Really, when I represent farmers at these various meetings, that is actually happening at a national and international level where we're looking at all the various issues that could impede trade like maximum residue limits or be it a low-level presence of materials ... and that can stop trade immediately. If we are not there as an organization, together with the various industry partners that we have, to work on these various issues, it could cause disasters."

The Froese family will receive their award June 19 during the 2017 Red River Exhibition in Winnipeg.

# Fight continues with PED virus

#### **By Harry Siemens**

The count now is up to 10 cases so far of the PED virus in the Manitoba hog industry.

Dr. Glen Duizer of the Office of Manitoba's Chief Veterinary Officer said there are multiple factors in play with the recent spread of PED in the southeast.

"There are certainly linkages to things such as staff movement to transport, potential contaminations on areas such as load outs," he told a telephone town hall Friday. "We also have some external service providers that may be a link, and we're following up with some of those.

"So far, I would say that things such as feed and feed movements and deadstock have not been linked to the spread of the disease, but we're continuing to follow up. As far as the bigger areas, maybe not associated with movements particular to a given premise, we've looked at things such as drainage and weather patterns, equipment movements, manure application, shared areas such as transport scales.

"We're following up on that type of situation as well. There may be some linkages there." Duizer said the industry has some risks associated with movement of partial loads where a load is filled at one site then moved to another to complete the load.

"Transport routes themselves, because these areas are close to highrisk high traffic sites such as provincial packing plants and assembly yards, but even then the transport routes associated with those sites that we did a fair bit of work changing last year, they don't quite match up to the full pattern here either," he said.

Dr. Duizer said definitely they're looking at a spread that appears to be happening primarily within geographic areas.

"Six of those farms are in one rough geographic area in what we call roughly a five kilometre boundary from each infected farm," he said. "That five kilometre boundary encompasses 33 other premises. Of the six farms in that area, two are farrowing operations, and four are finisher operations.

"This is the same area that broke with PED ... relatively close to the same area that broke with PED in the spring of last year in 2016."

Duizer said there is a second area that has three farms break in it. Those are two farrowing operations and one finisher operation, and there are 12 other operations in that area.

"Three of them are cell operations, but I would also add that four of the 12 operations in that area are currently empty. They don't have any pigs in them. This second area is an area that broke with PED in the fall of 2014, and the fall of 2016. We have one additional premise that is outside either area but has a direct animal movement from one of the cell barns in the second area before that cell barn observed clinical signs," he said.

"We actually linked that finisher operation that's outside the two areas back to the second area. We don't consider it a third outbreak area."

Dr. Duizer said currently all sites are under biocontainment and control procedures. They are at various stages of cleanup and moving forward with taking infected animals off those sites.

In the cases of the finisher operations, the vast majority of those animals are being moved to the U.S. for slaughter to avoid contaminating packing plants here in Manitoba. As well, the weanlings from the farrowing operations are being moved directly to packing plants in the U.S. and not moving into any assembly yards here in Manitoba.

"Life would be a lot easier if we fully understood how this organism is getting into the farms," said Andrew Dickson, general manager of Manitoba Pork.

"It doesn't walk in itself. It's being brought in. It's being brought in by humans in some way, and of course, there's always this thought of rats bringing it in. Or is it getting in in bird droppings, in feed or something," said Dickson.

"The thinking right now is that it's in the environment somehow, and it's being walked into the barns.

"The producers are stepping up the whole security issue around their barns, like where employees park their cars and that sort of thing ... the whole procedures of going into a barn in terms of the various stages that you go through to get clean. Then there is the issue of how do employees in multiple farm sites move around the facilities without bringing contamination in."

The industry is setting up a disease management area that could involve 30 to 40 farmers in the area between Niverville and Steinbach.

### Siemens Says

# Aiming for the most per acre

### By Harry Siemens

Garett Veldman is a man with many jobs including farmer, seed retailer and director for the Manitoba Corn Growers while operating another business out of Carman.

AGrow360 supplies seed for grain and also corn silage and forage seeds into the dairy market in their trading area.

Veldman, while selling into the seed grain market, also has products and services for the dairy feed market.

"We have some new stuff with Horizon Seeds, new to western Canada. We're excited to bring that into Manitoba," he said at a recent dairy meeting.

"Horizon Seeds is on a different genetics platform than probably what most farmers are used to seeing. They run a syngenetic platform in the background, and they buy genetics from different suppliers, no different than the cattle guys here are buying different bulls and heifers and getting different genetics into their herd. "We're doing the same in the corn business."

Before spring seeding, Veldman said farmers were talking about increasing soybean acres but doing less wheat. Corn acres could be up as well as oat acres though canola could be down in their area.

In western Canada, he suggested soybeans are on the brink of becoming another Cinderella crop.

"I remember spraying beans. I probably would have written that crop off for a 30-bushel crop to be honest with you. We had a lot of holes out there. That crop ended up turning into over 50-bushel an acre," he said. "That's quite impressive for the nature of the plant to be able to take that water on and actually fight through it.

"We can see it. It's just been a staple crop on a lot of farms in the area."

Veldman said the challenges looking forward as a young farmer will be getting the most out of each acre.

The price of land is going up, and for a young farmer to expand, it's a little bit tougher. Rental acres are fairly tight, so doing things differently on the farm is vital.

"The one thing for us has to do with seed genetics with how we apply our fertilizer and our testing various methods. Plant populations and just getting more yield out of that acre is the way we're looking at things," he said.

"Last summer, we bought our own set of fertilizer applicators, very similar to the Y-drop system that we've seen in the marketplace. We can go fairly late, about V8 leaf stage in the corn. We're able to apply fertilizer right beside the row banding it right beside the stalk of the plant to allow for a heavy dew or a rain to wash that in."

Veldman saw about a nine bushel increase last year on putting their fertilizer on that way but will make further tests this year and try to bump those bushels up in the corn.

He applies the fertilizer with a high clearance sprayer using a tube or a pipe that drops into the canopy and then it splits into a Y. Then the hose is actually dragged right along the rows of the corn.

The advantage is to apply the fertilizer later when the crop benefits the most.

"We're getting away from front loading all our nitrogen up front, like pre-plant. We'll maybe put on a third of our nitrogen ahead of planting. Then, we'll put on another third with anhydrous," he said.

"Then, we'll come in with another third of liquid nitrogen when the corn is almost chest high.

"Especially with the heavy rain that we had in 2016, that's where we felt the advantage was. We didn't lose nitrogen up front."

In general, all crops in the area have a great start in 2017, Garett suggested.



# Curry welcomed into hall of fame

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Lane Curry ultimately hopes players would want to have him on their team again.

The Morden resident suggests it is not as much that he was competitive as that he always worked hard that in the end got him on stage Saturday to be inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

"I maybe wasn't the most skilled ... but during my years, I was quite determined, and I did work pretty hard," Curry says of the honour of being part of the 2017 class of inductees celebrated at the Access Event Centre banquet.

"I wouldn't have been the smoothest or slickest player, but I definitely worked hard to get my opportunities. I was a hustler on the field ... and I hope that my teammates felt like I gave it my all when I played with them."

Curry is cited as having been an outstanding performer on the field and a valuable contributor off the field as well to baseball in Manitoba.

Described as a dangerous hitter, Curry was an allstar in the Border League, Manitoba Junior League and Manitoba Senior League and was often picked up by other teams for westerns and national play.

He was a member of the Manitoba champion St. Boniface team in 1988 and MSBL champion Hamiota Red Sox in 1990 and Riverside Canucks in 1992.

Curry acted as playing manager and coach for senior AA teams from 1997 to 2004 in Manitou, R.M. of Lorne, Altona and Morden while winning three league championships.

He is even more recognized for his effort in coaching and promoting baseball as a clinician, high school and minor baseball coach and as a Team Manitoba coach at the 1997 Summer Games.

At Mayville State University, he won the 1989 conference batting title and was inducted into their

sports hall of fame both as a baseball and football player on 1990 teams.

Curry gave credit to being encouraged to finish school and be able to play some baseball when he had"quit school and wasn't interested in too much," he recalled.

At the banquet, he enjoyed being able to share the evening with a former coach and college teammates as well, and it left him thinking about a lot of good memories such as the many great players he competed with and against over the years.

"Playing in different communities, I was able to meet a lot of great people from all over Manitoba," said Curry.

"It's the connections you have ... you went through a lot of practice and learning together. The memories come back every time you see one of your old teammates.

"I've gotten a lot out of the game," Curry concluded. "It's a good feeling ... it's good to be celebrating it all. It was a big part of my life ... though I've been away now from heavy involvement in the game.

"The great thing about baseball is everybody goes out ... baseball is a great life learning tool. You don't excel and win at everything all the time."

The 2017 class of inductees also included other outstanding players, builders and teams who have left their legacy on and off the field:

• Individuals: Shaun Cory – Wawanesa; Vince Eastman - Virden; David Nychyk - Winnipeg; Gord Paddock - Oak River; Orville Renwick - Melita; Don Schmall - Neepawa; Peter Thomson - Miami/ Winnipeg.

• Teams: major - Neepawa Farmers 1993-1997; small community - Ebb & Flow Lakers 1990-1906

• Special category: Eastern MB All-Stars 1978; Gilbert Plains Legion Bantams 1965-1968; Bob Boyce, December 14 1950 - July 2013; Pre-1950 individual



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Lane Curry with the award presented for his induction Saturday into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

- Charlie Argue, Mather.

### Manitou star excels at the plate and on the mound A Manitou student earned honours last week as the rural high school athlete of the week in Mani-

toba. Mackenzie Hutchinson of the Nellie McClung

Stingers fastpitch team led them to a zone six championship and a berth in the provincials by pitching back-to-back complete games.

The pitcher and short stop, Hutchinson in 10 innings struck out nine and did not issue a walk while giving up only one unearned run.

On the season, she led the Stingers in hits with 34 including eight doubles, six triples and three home runs while batting a .523 average. As well, she pitched 19 games and earned 13 wins and three saves with 73 strike outs and a 3.50 ERA.

"Mackenzie has had four outstanding years with the Stingers and has developed into a great leader on the field," said coach Grant Caldwell.

"She leads by example, working hard in both practices and games. Her desire to compete and her persevere no matter what the situation are probably her greatest attributes. There is nobody we would rather have at the plate or in the circle with the game on the line."

SUBMITTED PHOTO Mackenzie Hutchinson of the Nellie McClung Stingers fastpitch team.

### Pembina Valley aims for medals at 55 Plus Games

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Nearly 1,000 adults from across Manitoba will be in Killarney for the 2017 Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries 55 Plus Games June 13 to 15.

The Pembina Valley team will be sending 116 members, which pleases organizer Lois Dudgeon.

"Approximately 100 strong from the region register every year and always includes newcomers to the games," said Dudgeon.

The games are simply an opportunity for fun, fitness and friendship, said Dudgeon, and it is way of not only staying active but making new friends and renewing those from past games.

"It's the fun of going and playing against different people from different parts of the province," she said, noting that "these games have been running for 35 consecutive years since the first games in 1983."

The games are a program of the Active Living Coalition for Older Adults in Manitoba, and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries are the title sponsor for a ninth year with the province also contributing. This will be Killarney's third time hosting the games after 1996 and 2010.

Participants from across the Pembina Valley region will enjoy fierce but friendly competition in everything from cards, floor curling and pickleball to golf and slo-pitch to name a few. Four slo-pitch teams from Altona, Carman, Manitou and Morden will be vying for top spot as well as an increased number of pickleball players from the region.

The region's contingent includes:

• Altona - Bisons team with 20 members

• Carman - Cardinals with 17 members as well as Jerry and Anne Collard, Doug Fraser, Marion Hodgson, Gwen Jacobson, Jean Janick, Ron Lowry, Charlie McCullough, Lorraine Middleton and Betty Rance

• Cartwright / La Rivierre / Manitou / Pilot Mound - Manitou Rock Lakers with 15 members as well as Bernice Adams, Stuart Ganske, Morley Johansen, Jack McKay, Evelyn Sanders, Brett Vincent, Bill Waldon and Glen Wallcraft.



#### SUBMITTED PHOTO

The duplicate bridge team in place after playoffs earlier this spring will be part of this region's competitors next week.

• Morden - Bombers team with 13 members as well as Madelene Blum, Jim Connor, Walter Dedio, Lois Dudgeon, Margaret Dudgeon, Jerry Falk, Kathy Forness, Rick Friesen, Elvene Hamilton, Pat Hamm, Albert Janzen, Jerry Kelner, Paul and Cheryl Link, Len Victor, Laverne Wiebe, Vi Wiebe, Jeff Wooster and ElymerYoung • Notre Dame - Jean and Linda Brisson, Andre Dacquay, Joy Dell, Yvonne Marcon, Rheal Simon.

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• Winkler - Peter Dyck, Larry Harder, Sarah Hiebert, John H Klassen, John P Klassen, Sadie Klassen and Lori Rietz.

### **Orioles drop doubleheader**

### By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles' losing streak stands at four games after dropping their Sunday doubleheader to Interlake.

The defeats were costly in the standings, as it allowed the Blue Jays to improve to 3 & 5 and vault into sixth place past the now 7th place Orioles.

Pembina Valley had their record fall to 2 & 7, which is better than only the St. Boniface Legionaires who are last in the MJBL at 2 & 8.

Game one here Sunday in Morden was a closer affair with the Blue Jays in the end doubling up the Orioles 6-3. It was a disappointing outcome especially for Orioles starting pitcher Seth Staple, who pitched an outstanding six innings only to see the Orioles' lead disappear in the 7th.

Things got a little more unravelled in the second game.

Pembina Valley had runs in the second and third then were up 3-1 after four innings, but then Interlake tied it up with two in the top of the fifth and put the game away with five runs in each of the sixth and seventh innings.

The Orioles' roster troubles continued with Pembina Valley going though five pitchers in this affair. Tanner Bergman allowed only one run on seven hits in four innings of work, but others didn't fare as well.

Through nine games now, the Orioles have scored 34 runs, which ranks sixth in the league, while allowing a league high 67 runs against.



**PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE** Through a cloud of sand and dust, Orioles Tim Dunn safely steals second base against Bluejays second baseman Jason Peltz.

Sitting now at five and a half games back of the 8 & 2 Brandon Marlins, the Orioles host the Carillon Saints Friday then are in Winnipeg to face the Elmwood Giants Sunday evening.

### Flyers make a deal, select draft choices

The Winkler Flyers completed a couple trades this week as the junior hockey club prepared for this past weekend's draft day.

The junior hockey club acquired a top prospect in forward Jayden Mc-Carthy and a sixth round draft pick from the Dauphin Kings in exchange for forward prospect Alex Catanni and a fourth round pick

McCarthy is a 5'10", 185 lbs centre from Morris who played this past season with the Pembina Valley Hawks of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League.

He had 28 points on 12 goals and 16 assists along with 68 penalty minutes in 44 regular season games. He was taken in the first round and third overall in the 2016 MJHL bantam draft by the Kings.

"Jayden is an extremely skilled hockey player. His stick handling is top notch, and he can score goals. He has a wicked wrist shot and can stick handle in a phone booth," said Hawks coach Rylan Price. "I can see him developing into true number one centre in both the offensive and defensive zones. He is a good person as well. The Flyers are bringing in a really good character kid." The Flyers also traded forward Braden Billaney to the Virden Oil

# Storm win, Hurricanes earn tie

The Winkler Storm evened their record at .500 with their second win in a row Sunday.

The Storm defeated Dunvegan Castle 4-1 to improve to 2 & 2 in the early going of the Manitoba Major Soccer League 1st Division season. The win allowed Winkler to vault one point up on the Castle in seventh place.

The Storm next host first place FC Internazionale this Sunday at 3 p.m.

Meanwhile, the South Central Hurricanes earned a win and a tie in action this past week.

The Hurricanes first won by default Wednesday when the Fusion forfeit the game.

The Hurricanes then came from behind Sunday to earn a 2-2 tie with BA United. South Central got goals from Jen Martens and Amber Wiebe with the game tieing goal coming with just one minute to play.

The Hurricanes are now 2-1-3 for nine points and are in fourth place in division two of the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League.

The Hurricanes were visiting Tri-S United this Sunday in Selkirk then host Synergy next Wednesday in Winkler.



**PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE** Fans celebrate the Storm first goal of the game with green smoke, pompoms, and signs. The Storm's Nico Nickel goes up against a Duvengan Castle defender for the header.



# Four game run puts Whips on top

### A couple tough ones for the Mohawks

They had different weekends, and no doubt the Winkler Whips are happier with it than the Morden Mohawks.

A pair of 12-10 and 12-3 wins in a Sunday doubleheader with Killarney leaves the Whips having won four in a row and in first place in the Border West at 5 & 1.

The Morden Mohawks however fell 7-1 to Pilot Mound Friday then 4-2 to Baldur Sunday, and it saw their record fall below .500 at 2 & 3.

Two veteran hurlers squared off Friday as Anthony Friesen took the ball for the Pilots while the Mohawks sent Derek Holenski to the mound. Although the two had similar stat lines, it was walks and a few defensive errors by the Mohawks as well as some timely hitting that made the difference.

On Sunday, Jesse Mutcheson started on the hill for the Tribe and went the distance, while Travis Strain threw six innings for the Regals with Raegen Johnson coming in for the save in the 7th.

The Regals scored two runs in the first inning and added two more in the second. The Mohawks finally broke through in the fifth, pushing two runs across, but that's all the Tribe would manage.

On Sunday, Marv Quiring gave the Whips five solid innings in game one, allowing one run in five hits. Offensively, they were led by Cole Smith who had three hits and drove in five, while Chris Dymond hit a double off the wall, walked twice and scored two runs. Russ Penner, Ben Wiebe and Alex Howe also collected their first hits of the season.

In game two, the bats stayed hot with the Whips scoring another 12 runs and swatting out 16 hits. Pete Fehr hit his third homer of the season, one of three hits, and drove in three. Russ Penner hit a pair of doubles, while Bill Fehr had three hits and Marv Quiring went three for three. Chris Dymond had two more hits and Evan Fehr had his first hit of the season. John Elias had another solid outing allowing two runs on six hits through five innings, and Noah Olfert came in and locked down the last two.

Earlier last week, Winkler won

5-2 over the Baldur Regals in a well played game with some solid pitching and defense on both sides.

John Elias gave the Whips five shutout innings, allowing only four hits. Abe Friesen made his first appearance of the season getting through the 6th with the lead, setting it up for Noah Olfert to come in for the 7th and lock down the save. Offensively, Josh Ginter had a pair of doubles and drove in three and Cole Smith had three hits and drove in a run as well.

Winkler's lone game this week is Friday night when they host Clearwater, while Morden welcomed Clearwater Tuesday before visiting Pilot Mound Friday and hosting Baldur Sunday afternoon.

### Paddlefest back for 3rd year

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### Club hopes to expand on variety of boats for rental

### By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers of next weekend's Paddlefest at Lake Minnewasta in Morden are looking to expand on the event.

It's growth as well as that of the Morden Paddle Club will come with increased use and awareness, said club representative Anthony Wilson, who sees that happening as the club is able to add more boats and equipment and expand into other types of water craft as well.

"We hope to be getting some new equipment this year such as paddleboards and more kayaks, which is still a work in progress," Wilson said in advance of the third annual Paddlefest next Saturday, June 17.

The event gets underway

at noon and goes to about 4 p.m.

Equipment that will be available for use include sit on kayaks, paddle

boards, entry level kayaks, some canoes and mini-dragon boats. In support of the Paddlefest, the club will also be offering rentals at a reduced rate that day.

"We will be bringing more equipment thanks to the Manitoba Paddling Association," noted Wilson."The equipment will be free of charge, but there will be mini-classes offered for those wishing to learn more about paddling for a minimal fee."

programs

Through the summer season, the club will be offering sit on kayaks and that can be rented out for an hour

"We will be opening sooner than last year ... we hope that the positive responses we have been receiving will

Wilson sees the club also helping develop summer for youth and adults alike, and they would like to eventually get into some competitive events as well.

to paddle the lake.

reward us with a busy season," said Wilson."We did have a great turn out last season, considering we were only open for two months, so we hope it will be even better this year."

In addition, he noted the club's trailer will be getting a cosmetic update, so those wishing to participate can volunteer their time on June 17.

**VOICE FILE PHOTO** 

### **Terry Fox Run looks for local volunteers**

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Volunteers are being recruited to help spearhead Terry Fox Runs in Winkler and Morden.

An information meeting takes place next Wednesday (June 14) from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Winkler Library.

Officials say they simply want enthusiastic people who could provide some leadership and motivate and mobilize a volunteer team for local runs in the two communities.

"It's an event that many schools in Manitoba take part in and keep Terry's dreams alive," says Heather MacKenzie, provincial director of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan division of the Terry Fox Foundation.

"There are opportunities for Winkler and Morden to come together and share in the spirit of this event,"

she adds."We are excited that Manitoba is instrumental in the raising of funds for cancer research."

Materials and training are provided by the foundation.

The Terry Fox Run, an all-inclusive, family-oriented activity, has become a fall tradition in Canada. Hundreds of thousands of people across Canada are expected to participate in the 37th annual Terry Fox Run which officially takes place Sunday, September 17.

Every one of the more than 800 Terry Fox Runs in Canada reflects the spirit that compelled Terry Fox when he set out on his historic Marathon of Hope 37 years ago now.

For more information, anyone interested can contact Debbie Dunlop by e-mail at debbie.dunlop@terryfoxrun.org.

### > FLYERS, FROM PG. 21

The paddlefest got a good response in 2016, and the paddle club is

hoping to see increased use and support through this season.

Capitals to complete the deal that saw forward Tanner Lewis come to the team at the December roster deadline last season.

"Braden was a good player on the ice for us the past two seasons and played with his heart on his sleeve," said Flyers coach and general manager Ken Pearson.

### DRAFT DAY

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League bantam draft took place Sunday in Winnipeg, and the Flyers with their first pick took Calder Anderson of the Brandon Wheat Kings bantam AAA team.

The next six picks for the Flyers were Hayden Forrest, defence, Winnipeg Monarchs; Kyle Lamoureux, defence, Winnipeg Warriors; Mitch Thiessen, forward Brandon Wheat Kings; Anton Uruski, defence, Winnipeg Monarchs; Graeme Patrick, forward, Winnipeg Sharks and Nathanael Hinds, forward Winnipeg Warriors.

The Flyers local protected player choices were Rylan Thomas and Liam Friesen.

Six members of the Pembina Valley Hawks AAA bantam team were selected in the draft including centre Riley Goertzen of Homewood by Swan Valley, goalie Brock Moroz of La Salle by Virden, forward Andrew Vasko of La Salle by Winnipeg, defence Jacob Carels of Bruxelles by Portage, forward Andrew Boucher of Morden by Waywayseecappo and forward Justin Keck by Swan Valley.

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### OBITUARY

**Irma Guenther** June 25, 1921 – June 4, 2017

Irma Guenther was born on June 25, 1921 in Ohrloff/Molotschna Colony in South Russia to John Peter and Maria (Klassen) Dick. As a three year old, Irma, along with her parents, her little brother Edgar, her grandparents and other relatives, emigrated from Russia to Canada. After spending the first year with a Mennonite family in Markham, Ontario, the family moved west to a farm in Culross, Manitoba. Irma loved to tell stories of her growing up years. She remembered wonderful times of playing with cousins and being surrounded by a busy houseful of grandparents and siblings. We are grateful that she wrote so many of these memories down!

After attending school in Culross, Gretna, and Elm Creek, at age 19 Irma entered the Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Winnipeg and earned her RN degree. It was there that she met the love of her life. Henry Guenther, and they were married on September 22, 1945. They settled in Winnipeg and were delighted to begin a family.

During the next decades Irma gave herself to caring for a full house of children that she and Henry were blessed with. Even through this season of life, with Henry very busy as a family practice doctor and a growing family of little ones at home, Irma and Henry stayed deeply in love and made time for each other. They were also committed to showing their love for God by caring for others. Irma loved leading a neighborhood women's Bible study and was always busy showing special kindness to neighbors. Many a lonely person was fed at the supper table and the children could be seen delivering freshly baked bread and garden produce down the block with the wagon. Irma also took great delight in expressing

her creative spirit by re-using materials and sewing fancy little coats that she would give away. Inside these creations you could find these embroidered words: "Stitches with Jesus"

There were also heartaches during these years. Henry's diagnosis of multiple sclerosis necessitated a career change that involved going back to school in order to practice psychiatry. Those were times of learning to trust God with all the unknowns. When Henry accepted a position as psychiatrist with Eden Mental Health Center in Winkler, MB, the family moved to Morden in 1975. Very shortly after the move, a house fire destroyed many of their belongings but spared all their lives. This became an occasion to receive much help from the town and strangers became friends. In addition to caring for her family, Irma also became involved again in a home Bible study group and started volunteering at the local thrift store where she formed friendships that lasted through the next decades

After Henry's health started to fade and most of the children had left home, they moved to a smaller home in Morden. Irma delighted in the opportunity to transform what started off as a lawn into a yard full of trees and flowers. How she loved to be out in the garden, to do her daily writing in her many journals, to faithfully write letters, and to spend time reading and re-reading her Bible. And then she loved to curl up on her settee in the sun, under a blanket, and read yet another book before having a nap. After Henry died in 1994, Irma had more adjustments to make and found new routines with friends and family. She stayed in her beloved little house until 2014 when she was no longer able to live safely on her own. She moved to Homestead South for the last few years of her life and was so grateful for the good and helpful staff there. Due to declining health, Irma spent the last five months in Boundary Trails Hospital. She died peacefully in her sleep on Pentecost Sunday - June 4, 2017.

Irma was predeceased by her husband Henry in 1994; daughter Heather in 1992; son-in-law Jeff Urschatz in 2011; daughter Heidi in 2013; and, most recently, her son Kurt in 2017. She was also predeceased by her brothers Helmuth, Edgar and Harry and is survived by her sister Karen Mascioli. She leaves to mourn her large family of children, grandchildren, and greatarandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to join together for a time of singing and sharing stories and thanking God for Irma's life. A celebration of her life will take place on Friday, June 16 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Westside Community Church, 831 Thornhill Street, Morden, Manitoba, MB R6M 1J8.

In keeping with Irma's love for walking downtown, sitting on benches together with friends and watching people, playing her harmonica and making even more new friends, the family would welcome donations for a memorial bench to encourage others to also build community. Cheques should be made payable to "The City of Morden" and identified as "Irma Guenther Memorial" and mailed to Clare Agnew c/o Access Event Centre, 111Gilmour Street, Morden, MB R6M 1N9





OBITUARY



### Hester Elizabeth Dyck (nee Elias) 1936 - 2017 Hester Elias, the only child of George and Erna Elias, was born

Hester Elias, the only child of George and Erna Elias, was born on May 18, 1936 in Blumstein, the place where she happily lived most of her life. She was a true farm girl, spending lots of time with her dad and the animals. However, she also enjoyed school in the one room Blumstein School, together with a few of her Walkof cousins and other neighbours. Along with a love for farm life, her parents instilled in her an appreciation of good neighbours and a faith in God. After high school, Hester went to Normal School in Winnipeg where she studied to become a teacher and found many lifelong friends. She then taught school for two years in Elam school, south of Morden and two years at Burwalde.

Hester met lke Dvck in high school, but it was not until a couple of years later that they began a friendship that led to their marriage on August 22, 1959. Hester was baptized in the Mennonite Brethren Church on January 1, 1956. Shortly after marrying lke, she joined the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church, which became the home congregation for her and her family. She gave much to this church: initially through the Pioneer Girls program, the Ladies Fellowship and, in her later years, her work as a deacon. Hester was also generous with her time in the community. She volunteered for many years with the Stanley Agricultural Society, the Winkler Seniors Activity Centre and Ten Thousand Villages. Ike and Hester were blessed with three children: Bev, Brenda and Gerald. Hester was a devoted and patient mother, always working to make life go smoothly for her family. Later, Brenda married Georg Neuhofer and they had two children, Georg and Alexander. Gerald married Kim Unrau and they had three children, Griffin, Kyle and Reid. In 1972, Ike and Hester had an opportunity to buy a quarter section of land beside her parents. Hester was happy to move back to Blumstein and her children, loved living beside their grandparents. It must have felt a little like going home for Hester, even more so, five years later when they moved to the farm where she grew up. These were happy years for her and the whole family. Hester enjoyed gardening, looking after her children, having coffee with friends, and farming with Ike. It was also around this time, that she helped initiate annual Blumstein gatherings, which was always a nice social time for the neighbourhood. This sense of community continues to this day among a few Blumstein ladies. Hester really enjoyed these times together. During their farming years, Hester and Ike also really enjoyed spending time with their extended families. Walkof and Dyck gatherings were special, as well as the many evenings spent visiting and drinking coffee with friends late into the night. Hester and lke also traveled to Germany, where they were able to connect with more relatives. In 1994, Ike became ill and required a heart transplant in London, Ontario. Hester was at his side the entire time, but unfortunately he died on July 5th and Hester had to adjust to life on her own. This was a difficult time for Hester, but once again with good family and friends around her, she slowly came to enjoy life again. She loved the time spent bowling, playing cards, floor curling, doing hand work with the Barnswallow Quilters, or just visiting and drinking coffee with friends. In 1998, Hester moved to Aspen Bay, where she quickly came to feel at home with the kind neighbours around her.

She also absolutely loved spending time with her grandchildren, watching them play sports and listening to their music. She rarely missed a home game of baseball, hockey or volleyball and often traveled up to Roblin to spend a week with her grandchildren there. She made family gatherings so much fun for her grandchildren. She played all games alongside her grandchildren, whether it was a mini stick marathon, baseball in the back yard, or Pictionary and Crokinole tournaments inside. She also loved it when her grandchildren came for a quick visit at lunch or came for a sleepover. She traveled to Austria two times to visit grandchildren who were living there at the time. As part of her daily devotions, she prayed for her children and grandchildren. In 2012, Hester's son Gerald died suddenly and this was a tremendous loss for her. She especially missed the drives he took her on around the farm and the conversations they had about farming. She was proud of the fact that he was able to farm where she had grown up and where she had spent good years farming with Ike and that he, too, felt a connection to his Blumstein roots. In November 2014, Hester was diagnosed with cancer. She had surgery in January 2015 and made an amazing recovery. Her faith in God sustained her during this time along with the support of family and friends. She enjoyed two good years doing the things she had always enjoyed: gathering with her children and grandchildren and sharing coffee and games with friends. During this time, she made the decision to move to Crocus Village. In May 2017, the cancer returned and Hester was at peace with the fact that her life would soon end. She used this time to tell her family and friends how much she valued them. She died on May 28th at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, with her daughter, Bev, beside her.

She will be dearly missed by her daughter, Bev and daughter, Brenda and son-in-law, Georg, and their children, Georg and Alexander and daughter-in-law, Kim and her children, Griffin, Kyle and Reid. She will also be missed by the Dyck family, her extended Walkof and Warms families and many good friends.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Winkler Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Hester's memory to the MCC.

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### Deborah Ann Janick (nee Kolson) 1953 – 2017

Deborah Ann Janick, nee Kolson, resident of Winkler, MB, formerly of Winnipeg, passed away at home on the evening of Tuesday, May 30th, 2017 at the age of 63, with her family at her side.

Debbie was born on September 17th, 1953, daughter of Ben and Joyce Kolson of Transcona, Manitoba. She was the second oldest of six children, and was known to be a caring, and compassionate person to everyone she met. Debbie attended Murdoch MacKay High School, and went on to study two years at the U of Manitoba and the U of Winnipeg. During that time she worked at Eaton's to put herself through University. She was very athletic, an excellent swimmer and speed skater. She loved to dance and enjoyed

spending time with her friends.

Debbie accepted a position in Winkler as a Recreation Director around 1973. By the way, how many of you know she was actually Winkler's very first Recreation Director to be hired? While visiting a friend of hers in Roland, she happened to meet her future husband to be. Bob gave her a motorcycle ride, and the rest is history! They were married in 1975 and moved together to Vancouver Island where Bob was working at the time. In 1976, they moved back to Manitoba and settled in Roland where they raised their two children, Sabrina and Michael.

Debbie was a multi talented person, and her employment history spanning over 40 years proved just that. Over the years she worked as a department store clerk, a theater usher, a swimming instructor, a gymnastics instructor, a Church kid's program teacher and a teacher's assistant. Her work history also included being a Recreation Director, a Bank teller for three different banking institutions, a book keeper, a clothing store clerk, a clothing store manager, a caterer and a person who cleaned apartments.

After returning to live in Winkler in 1990, she continued to make countless friends where ever she went. Her infectious, vibrant personality was unique, along with her compassion for all people. Debbie had many hobbies and pastimes. She made clay pottery, was an excellent cook, she loved to ride on the back of a motorcycle, loved the lake and going out on the pontoon boat and let's not forget shopping! She was a committed Christian, and over the last four years, leaned on God heavily in her time of illness.

Debbie leaves to mourn her husband of 41 years, Bob; her daughter, Sabrina, of Halifax, NS; her son, Mike, of Roland, MB; her brothers, Jim and wife, Marjorie, of Winnipeg, brother, Doug and wife, Kara of Winnipeg, her sister, Brenda, of Winnipeg and her sister, Kris and husband, Glynn of Fairview, AB. Debbie was predeceased by her parents, Ben and Joyce and brother, Ben at infancy. She had many, many dear friends and relatives and we are so thankful for all of those who helped care for her in the final weeks.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church and a private graveside interment will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in Debbie's name to either BTHC Foundation (designated to Cancer Care) or Katie Cares Cottage.

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