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# Parliament flag comes to Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For decades, a Canadian flag has flown high over the Winkler home of Larry and Margaret Reimer.

"We've lived in this house for 40 years and we have almost always flown a flag," Margaret said.

"I was always taught great respect for the flag. My father was a conscientious objector in the war ... but he was always very respectful to the flag and what it represents," she said. "And my husband did 28 years with fire and ambulance, so we've always had an association there as well with respect to the flag."

"I have great respect for the politicians, for veterans. How



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Margaret Reimer enlisted the help of neighbour George Giesbrecht to show off the massive Canadian flag she received last year from the Government of Canada. The flag flew over Parliament Hill for one day in 2018. The wait list for such a flag has since topped 100 years.

many people have sacrificed their lives for this flag? It means a lot."

That's why, back in 2008, Reimer jumped at the chance to have her name added to the list to receive a Canadian flag that had flown on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

The Peace Tower flag is changed every weekday, while other flags on the Hill are replaced weekly.

Receiving such a flag is something every household in Canada has the right to request, though these days, as

the program has become increasingly more well-known, the waiting period exceeds 100 years.

Back when Reimer signed up, the list was a fair bit shorter.

"When I called, the lady warned me it was quite a wait—about 11 years," she said.

At the time, though, it seemed like a long wait, and so Reimer tucked away the letter she received acknowledging

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# '49 Normal School grads reunite one last time

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Their numbers have dwindled in recent years, but their spirits most certainly have not. Seven members of the Manitoba Normal School (MNS) 1949 class gathered in Carman last week for their 70th reunion.

It was an afternoon of catching up and reminiscing, made all the more bittersweet by the realization it will be the last time the class gathers together as a group.

"It's harder to get ahold of people, get them to come out," says organizer Marion Hodgson, a retired Roland area teacher.

While a good number of her 383 classmates showed up for the multi-day reunions held for milestone anniversaries in past decades, the now annual get-togethers have seen attendance numbers steadily drop as people pass away or become unable to travel.

"That's why we said this year would be it," says fellow organizer Belva Wilson, a Carman resident who taught for many years at the Evergreen Hutterite Colony.

"We enjoy each other's company. Most of us have been on the reunion committee since our 50th in 1999," she says. "We're going to miss it."

At the final reunion, Hodgson and Wilson along with classmates Harry Chornoboy (Winnipeg), Lawrence and Susan Giesbrecht (Altona), Pat Lewis (Carman), and Marg Taylor (Virden) all shared fond memories of their year at the Manitoba Normal School on Shaftesbury Blvd. in Winnipeg.

Used as a training site for wireless air gunners during the Second World War, the classrooms and dorms were later used to train thousands of Manitoba teachers from 1946-1965.

"The war was over. The world was beginning to get back to normal. And many of us were finishing school. ... We had to make a career or do something," Hodgson says, noting there was a severe shortage of teachers at the time.

"Nowadays it takes five or six years to be a teacher, but then it was only one year. And what a wonderful year it was," she says. "It was the best year of my life. I loved it."

"They taught us health and art ... physical education, language, classroom management, math—everything we needed to know to teach."

Some teachers-in-training entered MNS as blank slates, many still just teenagers.

"I had a lot of teachers in my family and I



Marion Hodgson and Lawrence Giesbrecht pore over old photos commemorating their time in Manitoba Normal School in 1949.

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Back row, from left; Lawrence Giesbrecht, Belva Wilson, Marion Hodgson, Harry Chornoboy. Front row, from left: Susan Giesbrecht, Pat Lewis, and Marg Taylor. The group gathered in Carman last week to mark 70 years since attending Manitoba Normal School.

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## Ignorance is not bliss

Fatty liver study gives patients a chance to get ahead of major medical issues

By Ashleigh Viveiros

"My attitude is it's better to know stuff rather than being ignorant about it. If you don't know about it, how can you do something about it?"

This from Gerry O'Keefe, a Darlingford man who is one of several hundred Winkler-Morden area residents who have stepped up to take part in a study being conducted into non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD).

As its name suggests, NAFLD is a condition where fat builds up in the liver. While most of us have some fat in our liver cells, too much can lead to serious medical problems down the road.

Finding out if he needs to start working on staving off those problems sooner rather than later is what brought O'Keefe to the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler last month.

"It doesn't hurt," he said as a doctor ran the portable ultrasound wand over his abdomen

and then followed it up with a Fibroscan, which shows in greater detail whether there is scarring on one's liver.

"Now I know," O'Keefe said. "Why wouldn't you want to know?"

Over the past several months, the University of Manitoba has been conducting ultrasound clinics at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre and several Island Lake First Nation communities up north to investigate how common and severe NAFLD is in Manitoba.

The condition has become the most common liver disease around the world, but medical researchers still know very little about it, said Banke Oketola, research coordinator with the university.

"There is nothing concrete in terms of a protocol to follow to manage this condition," she said. "That is what this research is going to bring to the table."

some steps they can take to treat their condition, including increasing physical activity, losing weight, and dietary changes.

"Most people who have fatty liver have to come to Winnipeg to see a specialist to get managed," Oketola noted. "But this study is going to bring a specialist to your community every six months."

It's a prime opportunity to get treatment close to home, avoiding fuel, parking, and other costs that come with having to drive into the city to see a doctor.

"You're not going to pay for anything—you just come in and see the specialist and get it managed for the whole five years," Oketola said.

Meanwhile, study participants who don't have NAFLD will be simply asked to return for another ultrasound exam in five years so that researchers can track any changes.

The study's leaders have been working hard to recruit 1,000 patients in both locations. Locally, though, they're still far short of their goal.

"We started data collection last year ... by the end of the year we were barely scraping 300 people," Oketola said. "But this year things have kind of picked up and I think right now we're probably closer to 500."

Oketola speculates that human nature is likely the culprit behind the low numbers.

In its early stages, NAFLD shows no symptoms, she pointed out, "and as humans we don't really pay attention to things unless you're in pain or there's an impact on functioning."

In this case, though, keeping one's head in the sand on whether or not you have NAFLD can have severely negative consequences down the line.

"As years go on there can be a progression to hepatitis to cirrhosis, sometimes to cancer," Oketola said. By the time you actually start showing symptoms, you're likely facing serious medical intervention.

"But at the stage where it's just fat in the liver, it can still be reversed, it can still be treated," Oketola stressed, urging people to "get screened, get checked, and if it's a problem you can deal with it."

It's a sentiment echoed by Winkler physician Dr. Cornie Woelk, who has spearheaded local efforts to get the word out about the study.

"The biggest painful part about this is that you have to take a bit of time out of your day," he said. "Meanwhile, the benefits to medical science could be great and the benefits to you as an individual to find out that you're one of the high risk ones might be really big too."

"Hopefully at the end of this they'll be able to say here's what you should do to try to prevent it and here's what you should do if you've got risk factors to try and mitigate those risk factors," Woelk added.

"The risks are basically none and the benefits are potentially huge. So come do it."

The next Winkler ultrasound clinic is scheduled for June 24. Contact the medical centre at 204-325-4312 or [nafld@cwiebemedical.ca](mailto:nafld@cwiebemedical.ca) to set up an appointment or indicate an interest in an appointment at a future clinic.



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# Limited wastewater system freezes Morden development

By Lorne Stelmach

New development in Morden has run into a roadblock created by the capacity of its wastewater system.

Provincial officials last week confirmed restrictions on new subdivisions in the City of Morden as a result of its lagoons being stretched to the limit.

A provincial spokesperson noted the City of Morden has had problems with the capacity of its lagoon system in two of the past three years, so environmental compliance and enforcement staff have asked that any new subdivisions be put on hold within the community until the issue is addressed.

City officials did not return requests for comment at press time.

The provincial spokesperson noted discussions are taking place around how the city could move forward.

"Provincial staff met with staff from the City of Morden to discuss the issue and asked them to provide an assessment of the hydraulic capacity of the lagoon. If it was deemed to have the necessary capacity to handle the additional wastewater created by these subdivisions, then the provincial concerns would be satisfied," the statement read.

"Provincial staff will be reaching out to city staff to determine where they are with the assessment of lagoon capacity, but until the city's assessment of their capacity is completed, the concerns remain."

A temporary freeze on development is certainly not a new challenge in our area, as the City of Winkler had a similar restriction imposed on it about five years ago.

"Our moratorium has been lifted because of what we have done," noted Mayor Martin Harder, while add-

ing this all further makes the case for the proposed regional wastewater treatment plant, which awaits commitments from both the federal and provincial governments.

"Part of the thing that we had to do was we had to do up a plan how we were going to manage it, and the wastewater treatment was one of the pieces of the puzzle," Harder explained.

At the time of the freeze, the City of Winkler had reached its maximum capacity and so had to ask for an early release from the lagoon.

"That happened to be on a wet year," added Harder, so he was "surprised

that Morden is at that level now in a dry year.

"Part of our problem was we had just built the new water treatment facility, where the reject water was greater than it should be," he said. "With some modifications in the plant, we were able to reduce that almost in half from where it was at, so that saved a lot of reject water."

"And obviously, because it's been dry, it's been better, and water conservation has helped, and so we at this point in time are able to manage, but one wet spring and we would be in the same trouble again."

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didn't know what else to do," says Wilson. "One aunt that was a teacher said, 'I'll pay your tuition to Normal School' so I thought, 'What the heck.'"

She was just 18 when she started her training, 19 when she first entered the classroom and fell in love with molding young minds.

"I never told them this, of course, but I would have taught without pay," Wilson says.

Other Normal School classmates had teaching experience under their belts, having helped to keep schools open during the war and the years following it by working as temporarily-accredited permit teachers.

Susan Giesbrecht was one of those. After spending a few of her late high school years helping out with classes when teachers were absent, her first official year of teaching was as a permit teacher for the Heabert School near Lowe Farm.

"I knew what it was to teach. I enjoyed it ... [but] I had never ever been in a one-room school in my life," she says. "I walked into there with nine grades, 28 kids, all subjects."

"Was it intimidating? Terribly. Halfway to Christmas I decided, you know, I didn't marry this job; I'm going to start enjoying it. I looked at my curriculums and decided what I needed to teach these kids was reading, writing, and arithmetic and to how to think, and so I threw the books aside and went to work and I had a terrific year."

She followed it up with formal training at Normal School, which she says greatly helped her fine-tune her teaching skills.

Giebrecht's time at MNS came with an added bonus—she met her husband there.

Lawrence, who had a long teaching career in the Altona area, looks back on his time at Normal School fondly.

"So many memories. So many good things that happened along the way," he says, addressing his classmates as the reunion wound down.

"These reunions have done a marvellous thing of kind of melting a lot of the sharp corners and edges away and we see each other now as mutual friends who have a wonderful heritage behind us, looking forward to an eternity of friendship."

"I hope we still have reunions in heaven," Wilson chimes in.

"It's going to be wonderful," says Giesbrecht. "And it is with that hope that all of us depart from here. Hopefully we'll see each other again."

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# Talking treaties: focus on the future, not the past

By Lorne Stelmach

A better understanding of treaties comes with focusing more on the future than the past.

An acclaimed writer and commentator on Indigenous issues emphasized that idea June 3 as part of a presentation in Morden.

Dr. Niigaan Sinclair touched on a number of ideas and traditions around treaties in his talk organized by volunteers with the local Truth and Action Working Group.

A professor in native studies at the University of Manitoba and an Anishinaabe raised in Treaty One territory, Sinclair stressed the idea that it is not just about “how we inherit the struggles but also how we will prosper together.”

“The most important thing to understand about treaties is treaties are about the future, they’re not about the past. It’s not about who was where, when, how ... treaties are about how do we move together forward into the future.”

“But if we don’t understand how we got to know one another, then you have to start talking about the past. That’s why a lot of people think treaties are talking about a hundred years ago. Treaties are talking about tomorrow.”

Speaking as a representative of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, Sinclair touched on a few traditions including the significance and meaning of the traditional gift of tobacco.

It was more about making the connection and coming together, he said, and when one accepts the gift, you are making a contract to give of yourself and invest time into the relationship.

“Tobacco is one of those amazing, incredible gifts ... you’re being asked to offer your time.”

Sinclair also drew comparisons to

sports and the idea of getting into the other’s territory to gain an advantage, likening it to the idea of land theft through violent means.

He briefly addressed the use of sports team names and logos like Redskins, which he described as decapitated Indian heads.

“You’ve got some real issues there about respect,” he noted, countering defenders who claim that it is a form of paying honour.

Sinclair also highlighted the Indigenous Canadian word for village—Kanata—which became the origin of the name of Canada. What is most important about the idea of village, he stressed, is that the true riches are found in the people beside you.

“The riches of the village are that you’re never alone ... though for the most part, we’ve divided ourselves up.”

Sinclair made the connection again to what is most important about understanding treaties, as they were meant to create relationship but instead were “treated like a used car sale ... how have they been manipulated and also exploited to put Indigenous peoples in very different positions and how we all inherited that together.”

It has carried on throughout our history, he stressed, citing examples from the residential school system to the Indian Act, which he described as one of the most unjust of laws.

“It still controls Indigenous lives ... makes sure that people are perpetually in poverty, and they don’t have a choice.”

Sinclair also emphasized the importance of addressing these issues, especially here in southern Manitoba, which was important territory and today continues to have one of the highest Indigenous populations.

“We’re in Treaty One territory right now ...



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE**

Dr. Niigaan Sinclair was in Morden earlier this month to talk about Indigenous issues.

“This is an area profoundly affected by treaty ... so people perhaps most critically need to understand it in this area ... this is an area which Indigenous peoples have been removed from, and part of that history is understanding about how did that happen and then also understanding that Indigenous people still consider this their traditional territory as much as anything else.”

“Therefore, we all have relationships with each other ... how can we move forward as a community?”

He offered his praise to the community for being interested in this dialogue and for the Truth and Action Working Group for facilitating the kind of discussion that isn’t necessarily happening elsewhere.

“When you do the work, things change ... we’ve got lots of work to do, but we are on the way.”

# Scorching weather leads to water use reduction notices

The dog days of summer are a little early this year.

In the midst of sweltering weather last week, the City of Winkler asked residents to take care with the amount of water they’re using.

“The City of Winkler and Pembina Valley Water Cooperative are currently experiencing higher than average demand on their water treatment and distribution systems,” the city said in an alert sent out to residents June 5.

“With the hot weather in the forecast, the City is requesting voluntary participation of residents with even

house numbers to water on even days and odd house numbers to water on odd days in order to help conserve water and reduce peak water demands.”

The city’s water demand the day the alert was issued was at about 85 per cent of the combined city and PVWC water supply capabilities.

Other regional water systems were also being severely taxed throughout the week, including those in Stanley and Rhineland.

Stanley ratepayers were asked to refrain from all non-essential use

of water (no filling swimming pools or watering gardens), as the Massey Water System was running at over double capacity. Farmers were asked to fill their sprayers from the raw bulk fill stations and not from the potable water supply.

The PVWC also issued voluntary water use reduction notices for the RM of Montcalm, Emerson-Franklin, and Altona.

The water co-op’s website ([pvwc.ca](http://pvwc.ca)) includes a detailed breakdown of how your household can conserve water



# Morden's oldest church launches new roof campaign

By Lorne Stelmach

One of Morden's oldest churches is undertaking a fundraising campaign for a new roof.

The need for the project at St. Thomas Anglican Church is evident almost any time there is a heavy rain.

"We have buckets that we place in the church and the hall to catch water when it is a downpour ... so we are in desperate need for a new roof," said Claire Goertzen.

The church has long been part of Morden's history and is the oldest continuously worshipping and serving church in the community.

It was first erected at Nelsonville to the north of Morden and was then moved and rebuilt on its present site on 8th St. in 1885 using materials from the original church.

"We still have some of the original brickwork in the building," said Goertzen, noting some of those bricks are inside the east side wall.

Once the current roof is removed, it

**"WE HAVE BUCKETS THAT WE PLACE IN THE CHURCH AND THE HALL TO CATCH WATER WHEN IT IS A DOWNPOUR."**

will need to be assessed to see how much damage is underneath, but it has been estimated the entire project will cost about \$30,000.

"We are doing multiple fundraisers in the next 10-12 months to try to raise that money," said Goertzen, adding they were also applying for up to about \$12,000 - \$14,000 in funding from the Anglican Diocese of Canada.

"Because we're an older church that's trying to keep it alive, we're hoping that our grant will be ap-



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St. Thomas Anglican Church, which has stood in Morden since 1885, has launched a campaign to replace the aging structure's roof.

proved," she said, suggesting they hoped to start construction within three to four months. "We're hoping by next summer that we'll have the project completed."

Among the events being planned is a pulled pork dinner June 19 as well as the kickoff to a project called Buy a Bundle, where people can make a donation towards the shingles that

will cover the church roof and permanently record their memories of St. Thomas in a book entitled *Friends of St. Thomas*.

Tickets for the supper are available at the church and through its members for \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12.

For more information, visit [stthomasmorden.com](http://stthomasmorden.com) or call 204-823-3383.

## Letters

### Shopper grateful for the unexpected kindness of strangers

There I was, standing at the register of the Morden Co-op with my two young children and 30 minutes from closing. I awaited the total for my peaches, lettuce, and carrots.

I was carrying nothing other than my phone to pay with tap, and my reusable bag ready to hang from the bike handles for the ride home.

A line of at least five people deep has formed behind me, everyone getting their last few items before closing, and "\$10.44," my familiar cashier says. I pull out my phone debit as I proceed to tap the reader. I expected the satisfying vibrate of a successful transaction, however my phone remained unmoved. I tried again with

a similar result.

I am generally not one to hold up a line; I try several times over. Something is wrong. With no other payment methods available to me at the ready, I reboot my phone. Embarrassed by the amount of time this takes, I make no eye contact while this happens.

What feels like an eternity later, my phone is unlocked and ready to pay. The cashier prepares the terminal once again for my payment. The phone fails me still.

A profound sinking in my chest overcomes me. "Please, just cancel it," I say to put an end to my ordeal.

No sooner had I said this but I hear one of the two ladies behind me, in their 20s I assume, politely say, "I'll pay for it."

"That's really okay, thank you though" I reply.

"It's only \$10," she says as she taps her card successfully on the terminal.

Greatly humbled and still feeling quite poorly for holding up the line, I say thank you several times and wish

them a good evening. I packed my groceries and escorted my kids out.

As I biked home, I reflected on the unmerited kindness shown to me. Thank you to the two ladies for reaffirming what a generous and thoughtful community we live in. Simple peaches, lettuce, and carrots turned into an experience of enormous gratitude.

Dave Guenther,  
Morden

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# Torch Run makes its way through Morden-Winkler

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The Law Enforcement Torch Run came through Morden-Winkler Tuesday.



By Lorne Stelmach

The fifth annual local Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Special Olympics made its way through Winkler and Morden on Tuesday.

"It's become a neat event," said Morden Cst. Scott Edwards, who noted the event is all about promoting the sports program for people with intellectual disabilities.

"The goal is awareness," he said. "We're not out there to raise funds at this event. We have a number of other events geared towards raising funds."

The run kicked off Tuesday morning when it left the Morden RCMP station around 9:15 a.m. and went downtown to the Morden police station. It then continued in Winkler at 11 a.m. when the group ran from the arena to Bethel Heritage Park.

The Morden leg is the larger of the two due to the contingent of over 100 middle years students who take part each year.

"We're fortunate in Morden we have École Morden Middle School involved ... it's only a one mile run ... but we have a lot of kids out there to join us and some local officers as well as some local athletes," said Edwards. "We're fortunate we can bring an event like this close to home here."

## Young entrepreneurs set out to make a difference

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two young entrepreneurs saw a need and filled it—and Katie's Cottage reaped the benefits.

Oscar Mbabazi and Creston Warkentin set up a table one recent Saturday to sell coffee, muffins, water, and juice to the parents waiting in line to sign their children up for private swimming lessons.

"Last year when Jacqui [Creston's mother] and I were standing in line at seven in the morning we thought it would be really nice to have a fresh cup of coffee or a muffin or something while we waited," says Kristen, Oscar's mom. "So we mentioned that to the boys as an idea and they were like, 'Yes! Let's totally do it!'"

As this summer's registration date neared, the enterprising Gr. 1 students got to work.

They reached out to Giant Tiger for donations and also got some help from Westside Community Church. They also got permission from Graham and Linda Corlett to set up their table at the Swim With Finn registration.

"The boys were involved in every aspect of it," says Jacqui. "From doing the planning to writing the letter to Giant Tiger for donations to setting up and doing the selling and counting the money."

"It was a lot of work," says Creston. But it paid off. The sale raised \$215.70, which the boys presented to Ruth Reimer at Katie's Cottage. They

also brought along a cart full of other items from the respite home's wish list that they had collected, including stuffed animals, snacks, and bottles of water.

Oscar says they did it all because they "wanted to help somebody."

"To help kids and people," agrees Creston, who adds they were surprised they were able to raise so much money.

Oscar and Creston thank everyone who helped make the event such a success.

### > FLAG, FROM PG. 2

her application, thinking, if nothing else, her kids would find it one day and it would be a neat keepsake all by itself.

Ten and a half years later, she got a call.

"They called to verify that I was still alive, that I still lived at the same address, and to let me know my name was coming to the top of the list," Reimer said. "I hadn't forgotten about it, but it had been quite a few years. It wasn't something that was on my mind, so it was a nice surprise."

The flag is massive—several times the size of a normal flag so that it can be properly seen from the heights of the parliament buildings.

Reimer's flag, which she received in the mail last year, flew at the East Block on Parliament Hill on June 1, 2018.

"It actually means a lot to know that," said Reimer, who explained she's always been fascinated by the pomp and circumstance observed in our nation's capital. Having a small piece of that in her home is an honour.

"It's something I'm going to pass on to my kids," she said.

Reimer also wants to get the word out that she has this flag so that community groups or schools who might want to see it or display it can contact her. She's reachable on Facebook.

"I am open to letting, especially with Canada Day coming up, the city use it or borrow it and anybody else that would have some interest in it," she said. "As long as they'll take good care of it, because it is a special thing."

The flag already made a public appearance at Winkler's Remembrance Day ceremonies last fall. Reimer hopes others in the community will have some other ideas for its use.

In the meantime, Reimer says the flag (which is far too big to fly safely on their small backyard pole) will have a place of honour in the same display cabinet that houses her husband's firefighting service awards.

"It seems like the perfect place," she said.



SUPPLIED PHOTO

Oscar Mbabazi and Creston Warkentin present Ruth Reimer of Katie's Cottage with the proceeds of a snack stand they organized.



# Discovery Nature Sanctuary hosts first water festival

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Discovery Nature Sanctuary welcomed hundreds of schoolchildren for its first water festival last month.

Gr. 3-4 students from Border Valley, Winkler Elementary, and J.R. Walkof schools headed to the nature preserve at the northeast edge of the city May 31 for a day spent learning all about the importance of water.

"The kids all had a wonderful time. It was a great success," said DNS committee chair Paul Goossen.

Goossen said they modeled the festival after a similar one held at the Binney Corner Nature Preserve near Manitou.

Both festivals have students rotate through hands-on activity stations to learn about a variety of topics. In Winkler, those stations focused on the water cycle, soil, ducks, tree growth, and monarch butterflies.

"We wanted to introduce kids to the concept of water, the importance of water, and what it means for the environment and for human health," Goossen said.

The stations were manned by a small army of knowledgeable volunteers from across Southern Manitoba, including several University of Manitoba students. Students from Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate were also on hand as support volunteers throughout the day.

"I really hope that this will be a yearly thing because I think it has such potential," Goossen said, noting the limited spaces filled up quickly as Winkler area schools jumped at the chance to take part. "It's clear there's a real need and opportunity for this kind of an event."

The festival was just one highlight of what has been a pretty busy spring for the sanctuary.

"One of the neat things is that our big bridge is now done," Goossen said. "And so our accessibility trail from the parking lot all the way to the dock, which is also in now, is totally accessible for people with mobility issues."

"This basically completes our trails," he added. "So we have grass trails, we have wood chip trails, we have a harder surface trail for folks with accessibility issues."

"Everyone can go out to the dock now and sit and watch the water and just relax."

Also in place are several nesting sites for a variety of fowl, including a recently-added barn-swallow shelter.

"The sanctuary is really looking good now," Goossen said. "It's definitely being used and I think with more awareness that will only increase."

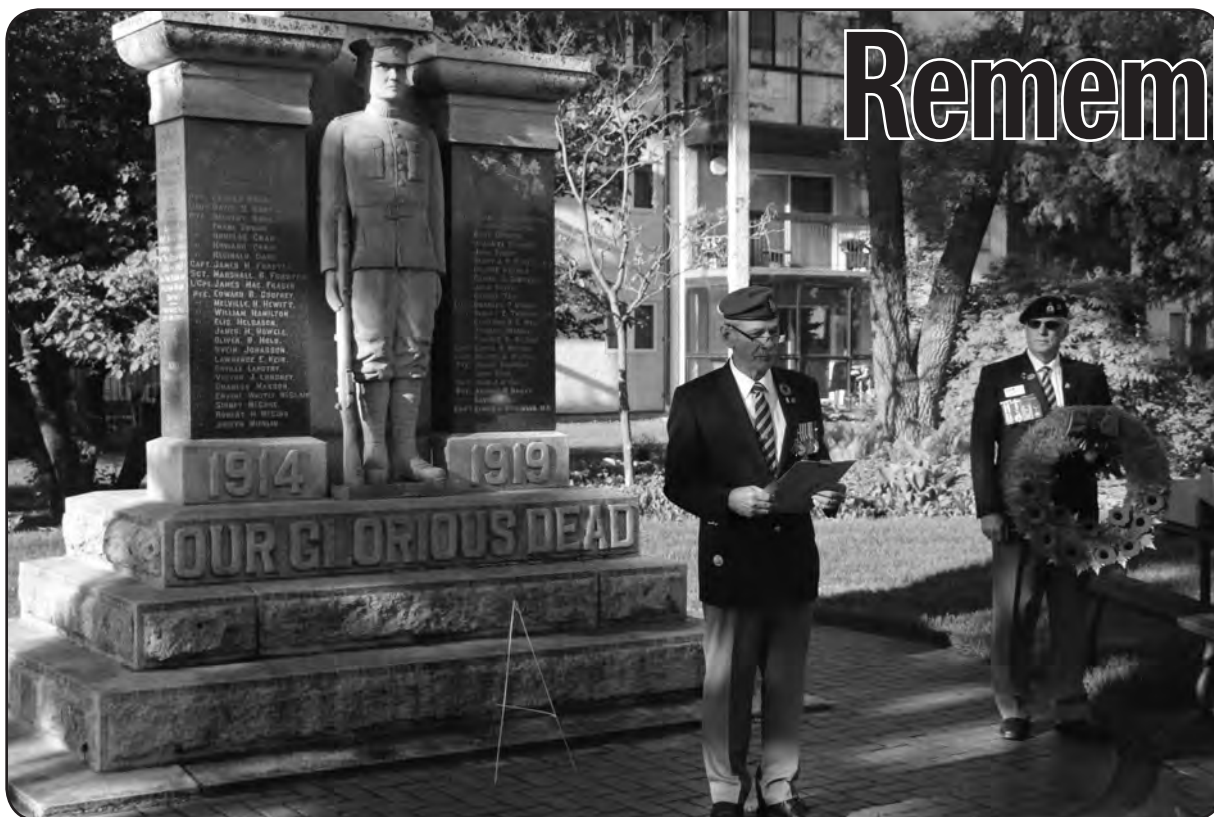
Fundraising efforts continue, as well, for an outdoor education centre to be built on the site.

Learn more about the Discovery Nature Sanctuary online at [discoverynaturesanctuary.ca](http://discoverynaturesanctuary.ca) or check them out on Facebook.



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY ART WIEBE

The Discovery Nature Sanctuary hosted its first annual water festival May 31, inviting students to come learn about the importance of water in our environment.



## Remembering D-Day

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The Morden Legion held a ceremony June 6 to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day. On June 6, 1944, 156,000 Allied troops landed on Normandy's beaches. Despite challenging weather and fierce German defences, by day's end they had established a foothold in France that led to the defeat of Nazi Germany. Above: Comrade Ken Wiebe addressed the small gathering, paying tribute to those who lost their lives while also highlighting a couple of area residents who were part of the Second World War battle. Right: Deputy Mayor Nancy Penner laid a wreath at the Confederation Park cenotaph.







## Walk for Alzheimer's

Around 50 participants gathered at Tabor Home in Morden Saturday for the annual Walk for Alzheimer's in support of the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba. A preliminary estimate had the event raising close to \$2,000. "It is the largest fundraiser that the Alzheimer Society does," noted Chrystal Landreville, regional co-ordinator for central region based out of Portage. She noted 85 per cent of its provincial budget comes from fundraising and other revenue sources, and last year the walks combined to bring in around \$330,000 province-wide. Winkler's walk was scheduled to set out from Salem Home at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

# Morden Paddlefest set for Saturday, June 22

By Lorne Stelmach

Lake Minnewasta will play host to the annual Morden Paddlefest this month.

Set for Saturday, June 22, Paddlefest has continued to grow steadily since its inception five years ago.

"It's really been picking up interest and we really hope it continues to grow and we can spark more interest in paddling," suggested Stephanie Dueck, recreation programmer for the City of Morden. "I know we're exploring our options for the paddle rentals ... the Manitoba Paddling Association is very supportive and

wants to help us."

This year, the event takes place from mid-morning to the afternoon.

"Typically it's just been an afternoon event, but we are extending it this year to give an opportunity for more people to participate," Dueck said.

Connected to the Manitoba Paddling Association, the Manitoba Canoe and Kayak Centre is coming out with a few more boating options for people to try, including 14 kayaks for adults, eight for youth, 12 canoes, 10 paddleboards, and two dragon boats.

"They are bringing lots of equipment with them," said Dueck. "So there will be lots of opportunity for

people to try different kinds of boats."

Free paddling will be available from 10 a.m. to noon and then again from 2-4 p.m. You can book your time in advance through the City of Morden website.

New this year will be paddling races from 1-2 p.m. You can register in advance online for that as well.

"You don't have to have experience to participate ... it's just a fun way to enjoy them ... and they are not long races, so it shouldn't be intimidating for anyone," said Dueck.

In addition, the event will mark National Indigenous Peoples Day with a stage entertainment program of

dancing and drumming as well as other educational activities and displays.

Also happening that afternoon is Habitat for Humanity's second annual Beach Boat Build and Race fundraiser (see story below).

"It's another opportunity to have some fun with this challenge," said Dueck. "It was well received last year."

The boat race fits in well with Paddlefest's overall mission to promote the lake and all it has to offer.

"It's also just an opportunity to bring the community together and be active," Dueck said.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Come try your hand at maneuvering a kayak, canoe, paddleboard, or dragon boat at the fifth annual Morden Paddlefest, which takes over Lake Minnewasta on Saturday, June 22.

## Boat Build looking for teams

By Lorne Stelmach

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to build a boat out of nothing but cardboard and duct tape.

Ten teams took on that challenge last year, and organizers would love to have more this year for the second annual Beach Boat Build and Race for Habitat for Humanity.

The event in support of the Winkler-Morden Habitat chapter takes place Saturday, June 22 in conjunction with Morden Paddlefest. Organizers hope to top last year's fundraising tally of around \$3,000.

"I was happy with that response for a first time event," said fundraising co-ordinator Sue Nelson. "It was really a lot of fun last year."

Nelson noted they once again welcome teams made up of families and friends, but they'd also love to see

more corporate teams take the plunge this time around.

"We would really like to encourage this as a corporate event ... and perhaps even challenge some of the other businesses in town," she said.

Teams of all stripes can register in advance at [wmhabitatfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:wmhabitatfundraising@gmail.com) and then sign-in at Colert Beach starting that day at noon. You'll have from 1-3 p.m. to build a seaworthy vessel. The race itself will start at 3:30 p.m.

"The teams need to bring stuff to make the boat," Nelson said. "So, cutting tools, measuring tools ... they will get from us two sheets of very heavy duty cardboard, which are four feet by eight feet and two rolls of duct tape."

Teams must also bring along life jackets and at least two members of every team are required to race their boat on the lake.

Teams must have at least four people on them. Registration is \$200 per team, which can be raised through pledges.

"We are encouraging people to come down and watch, even if they are not building," Nelson noted. "People can come and watch, but we need people to come and build too."

The local Habitat for Humanity chapter is in the home stretch of fundraising toward its first build in Winkler this fall.

"We still need \$30,000 more to have the full amount to build the house, and we hope to break ground by early fall," board secretary Christina Falk said last week.

Donations can be made at the Boat Build, she said, or online at the chapter's page at [habitat.mb.ca](http://habitat.mb.ca)

"Let's get this house built!" said Falk.






# Teddy bear check up




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Children brought their special stuffed toys to Morden Park Sunday to have a full check up with a variety of health care professionals as part of the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. The event raised almost \$1,100 for the Morden Parent Child Resource Centre. "This was our best year yet, so we're excited about that," said director Janine North. "We had a great turnout, maybe a couple hundred people," she added, noting they had new vendors this year including Morden Physiotherapy and Pharmasave. "Next year we hope to have even more of the health and community organizations."



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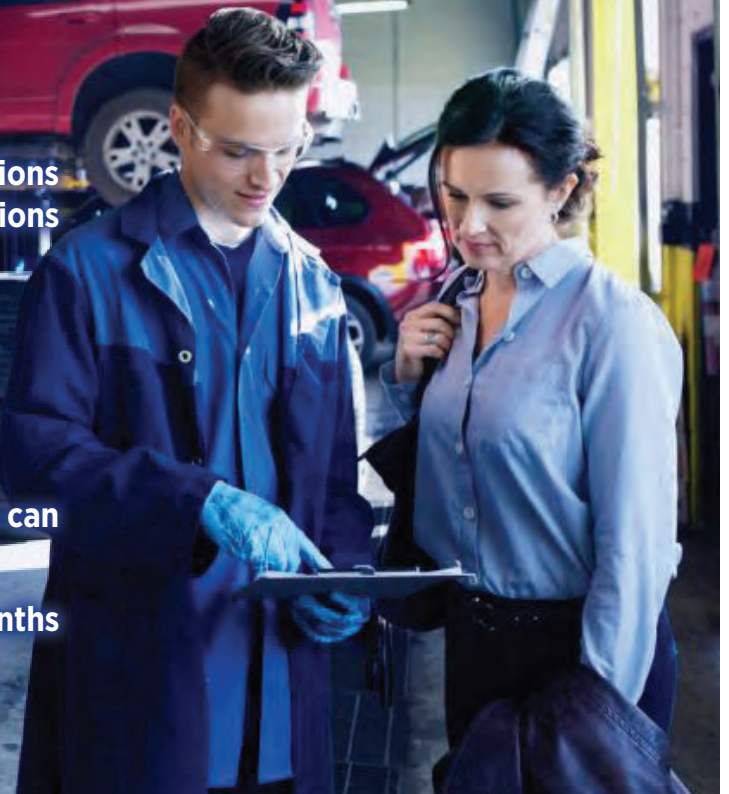
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June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and is an important time for making sure the seniors in your life are being cared for properly. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), around one in six people over the age of 60 have experienced some kind of abuse in the last year. What's more, this statistic is thought to under-represent the situation, as those who experience abuse often don't report it.

Most commonly, elder abuse occurs in medical institutions such as care homes and hospitals. Abuse in such cases can be defined as any instance in which the care worker deprives the patient of dignity and care, such as leaving them in soiled clothes, neglecting their emotional needs or intentionally withholding necessary care.

According to the WHO, two in three workers in long-term care facilities admitted to committing some form of elder abuse in the past year.

Elder abuse also happens in community settings, such as when an elderly person lives alone or with a family member. In these cases, elders have an increased risk of social isolation and mistreatment from the people around them as they lose their health and mobility. Financial abuse is also common, as friends, relatives and community members are more likely than strangers to take property or money from seniors.

Elder abuse is everyone's responsibility, and it's important to report what you see to authorities and family members. Be sure to know the risks and to check in with your elderly relatives, friends and neighbours regularly to ensure that they're getting the care and respect they deserve.

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#### Morning

Breakfast in bed is the perfect way to kick off Father's Day. Older kids can help prepare and serve the meal, and little ones can decorate the serving tray or table. Excellent service is mandatory on such an important day, so everyone will need to be on their best behaviour.



#### Afternoon

If he loves his car almost as much as he loves his kids, treat him to a car wash at home. Once the car is looking shiny and new, take a ride to the activity of Dad's choice. The whole family is sure to enjoy



whatever he picks, whether it's mini-golf, the ice cream shop or the park.

#### Night

End the day with a movie marathon at home. Let Dad decide what you watch and nosh on. If he loves Mexican food, make nachos. If he appreciates the classic movie snacks, you can't go wrong with buttery popcorn. And don't forget to pick up his favourite candy so he can satisfy his sweet tooth.



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## Improve Recovery Times With Float Therapy

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Float therapy magnifies the benefits from Epsom salt baths and meditation alike. When someone enters a float chamber or tank, their senses are deprived. Also known as sensory deprivation, because you're enclosed in a tank or isolation cham-

ber that is free from any outside distractions. This includes light and sound. This sensory deprivation makes it easier for a person to enter a meditative state.

The water used is in a float tank is filled with a thousand pounds of Epsom salt (magnesium sulfate). Only a few inches of water is used, making the salt concentration extremely high. The high salt concentration allows the body to float effortlessly.

Athletes have been soaking in Epsom salts

to ease sore muscles and stiff joints for years. Floating in an isolation chamber only works to increase the effectiveness of this well-known technique, making it effortless with more benefits.

### Recovery Benefits of Floatation Therapy

It has been established that float therapy aids in the speedy recovery of sports injuries, aches, and pains. The following are other benefits that float therapy provides for physical recovery:

- Reduces muscle fatigue
- Improves blood flow and circulation
- Reduces stress causing cortisol levels
- Reduces inflammation

Even if you're not a professional athlete, your body can benefit from floatation therapy. Have you been a car accident or suffered a work-related injury? If so, float therapy can be used to help speed up your recovery time.

## Ways to Stay Fit With Minimal Effort

While staying fit can be hard, there are little things we can do to make the process easier. Try some of these tips for maintaining your fitness level with little effort!

### Fasting

Fasting is the restriction of food for a set period of time. Fasting can be a great way to increase your fat burn and stay lean! Try intermittent fasting by skipping breakfast and eating lunch as your first meal.

### Go for a Walk

Taking a break or two during the day to go for a short walk can be a great way to burn some extra calories. This is especially important if you have a desk job!

### Cutting Carbs

Low carb diets are extremely popular for weight loss and for good reason. Studies have shown that low carb dieting can be a great way to lose weight. It can also be a great strategy if you are worried about gaining weight back.

### Play a Sport You Love

If you stop being active it will be hard to stay fit. You may not want to spend a couple of hours running on a treadmill, but picking a sport you love like basketball or ice skating can be a great way to stay active while doing an activity you love.

### Get a Standup Desk

If you are stuck at a desk all day it can

be hard to stay in good shape. If your office allows it, try a standup desk. You may be surprised at how much this can benefit your overall health just by standing and using your leg and core muscles to stay fit.

### Drink Water before Your Meal

If you are coming off a diet, hunger tends to be much higher. This can lead to overeating which will make maintaining your fitness that much harder. Try drinking a big glass of water before your meal to help you feel fuller and prevent you from overeating.

### Eat a High Protein Breakfast

Studies have found that those eating a high protein and higher fat breakfast burn more fat during the day compared to those consuming carbs. Reach for some eggs rather than that banana!

### Eat More Fiber

Fiber can be another great way to make you feel fuller and prevent yourself from overeating. One of the best ways to get fiber is through vegetables or fiber supplement like Quest bars.

### Get a Good Night's Sleep

This is an often overlooked aspect of health and fitness. Not getting a good night's rest can wreak havoc on your metabolism making it much easier to gain weight.

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# PRIORITY HEALTH

## The effects of UV rays on the eyes

The sun can be both friend and foe. A warm, sunny day can improve mood and increase levels of vitamin D in the body. Exposure to sunlight during the day also can help regulate the body's natural sleep-wake cycle, known as the circadian rhythm. However, over-exposure to the sun can be dangerous as well.

Many people recognize that exposure to the sun can lead to sunburn and long-standing skin damage, but they may not realize that the eyes also are susceptible to damage caused by the sun. The eye health resource All About Vision warns that extended exposure to the sun's UV rays has been linked to significant eye problems, including cataracts, macular degeneration, pinguecula, pterygia, and photokeratitis. UV rays come in three types: A, B and C. The atmosphere's ozone layer blocks virtually all UVC rays, which are the most potent, but UVA and UVB can be dangerous when exposure to the sun is significant.

Exposure to excessive amounts of UV radiation over a short period of time can cause photokeratitis, which

is essentially a sunburn of the eye that can cause pain and redness. Prolonged exposure to UV rays without adequate protection may cause lasting damage, says the American Optometric Association. UV rays come from both the sun itself and tanning beds. Here's a look at some of the common UV-induced eye conditions.

- **Cataracts:** A clouding of the eye's natural lens, or the part of the eye that focuses the light a person sees.

- **Macular degeneration:** UV rays may lead to macular degeneration, which is a leading cause of vision loss for older people. The macula is the center portion of the retina, essential for vision.

- **Pterygium:** This is a growth that begins on the white of the eye and may involve the cornea. The growth can eventually impede vision, says the organization Prevent Blindness America.

Sunglasses and other protective lenses are essential to keeping the eyes healthy. AOA says that for sunglasses to be effective, they should:

- block out 99 to 100 percent of both

UV-A and UV-B radiation;

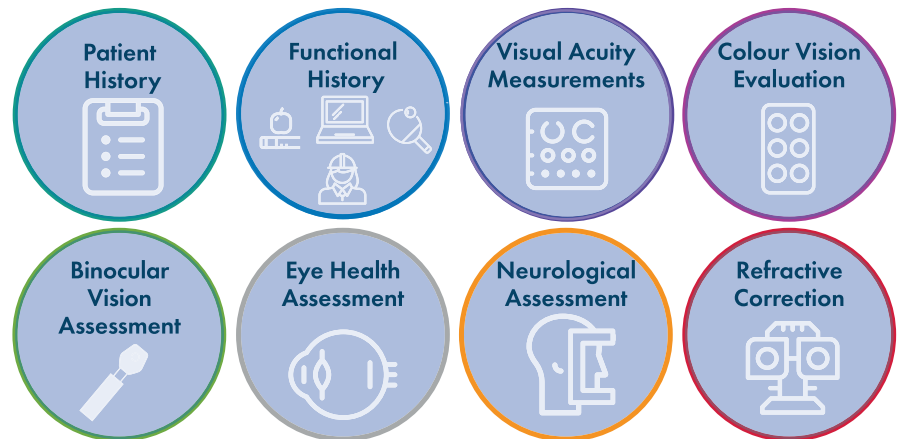
- screen out 75 to 90 percent of visible light;

- have lenses that are perfectly matched in color and free of distortion and imperfection; and

- have lenses that are gray for proper color recognition.

In addition, people can wear wide-brimmed hats to protect their eyes from the sun and harmful UV rays. This will shield the eyes and the delicate skin of the face.

### What is involved in a Comprehensive Eye Health Exam?



### Review, Diagnosis and Recommendations

The final phase of the eye exam involves the optometrist's professional knowledge and experience to diagnose any conditions, diseases or disorders of the eye and vision system and determine the best treatment plan. Treatment options may include a prescription for glasses and/or contact lenses, eye drops, ongoing monitoring, eye training exercises or even referral for highly complex issues.

### How often should you have an eye exam?\*

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- 2-5 years
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wearing of a dental prosthesis can result in many morphologic changes without you necessarily being aware of them. It's also your dentist who will instruct you in the proper care of your prosthesis as well as informing you when it should be adjusted or replaced.

Because of bone resorption (bone loss) and wear, it's preferable to replace your dental prosthesis every five years.

Your dentist will also remind you about the importance of good oral hygiene to eliminate bacteria and promote fresh breath. So when did you see your dentist last?



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## Stone Age Custom Landscaping offers a personal touch

Kevin Martens enjoys the personal touch of many of the projects that he undertakes with Stone Age Custom Landscaping.

The Morden resident especially finds it rewarding when his work can fulfill a homeowner's particular desire or need for their yard.

"It can be different every time," said Martens. "Everyone wants something a little different, so you work with the customer to get what they want and so they really like what they're getting, like more unique backyards."

Martens started out in plumbing but eventually fell in love with landscaping and decided to make a go of it by starting up his own business.

"The decorative part of it really drew me in," he said. "I like working with bricks, laying out patios or retaining walls, and finishing up people's backyards with their decorative things."

"I like my patios to be built with a great foundation, so my patios are built with a 95 per cent rock base so that they are very strong and secure," Martens stressed.

"From there, I do retaining walls to retain grades or just to build flower beds. I also do other decorative features and creative brick work, like stairs. I do circular patios and other decorative features, different accents."

"There's also things like boulders instead of trees that can help, and there's different kinds of vegetation you can plant," he said, adding those are all ways that people "can have a self-maintained yard that looks nice instead of just cutting grass."

His focus so far has been on serving the residential market.

"I have experience in commercial work, but I just don't have the manpower currently for commercial, so I do a lot of residential," Martens said, adding he sees there being a good market here in repairing or renovating existing yards and properties.

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*Kevin Martens of Stone Age Custom Landscaping is eager to help homeowners put a unique spin on their backyards.*

"I get people with older houses ... their yards aren't accessible ... it's an older house with a fence or a tree that's in the wrong spot or something like that," he said.

"I like to be able to redo existing yards to give it a new feel ... with a lot of back yards, they just go kind of dull because it gets forgotten ... or they've done something but it's kind of fallen apart," Martens said, adding that "budget is a big thing ... keeping it affordable for people is important."

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# Winkler entrepreneur represents MB on the world stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler entrepreneur's trip to Japan last month has him fired up for the future.

Kurtis Fox of Rise Athletics and Wellness was one of the Canadian delegates at the G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance (G20 YEA) Summit in Fukuoka May 14-18.

Fox was the only Manitoban chosen by Futurpreneur Canada to attend the summit, which brought business leaders from all over the world together to share ideas around the theme of creating an economy for a sustainable future.

"They just has so many great examples of outside-the-box thinking, different entrepreneurs coming up and explaining their out-of-the-box ideas," Fox said. "It was really motivating and inspiring to realize the amount of opportunities that are out there when you start to look for them and start thinking in new ways."

Fox said it was a busy four days that included the chance to tour a business start-up hub and several Japanese manufacturers, meet with Canadians doing business in Asia, hear from several accomplished corporate leaders, and, finally, get together in smaller groups with fellow delegates representing dozens of different countries and industries.

"One of the highlights for me by far was when we broke into the smaller working groups," he said, noting one group session focused on the failures



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Winkler's Kurtis Fox (right) was one of the Canadian delegates at the G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance Summit in Japan last month.

the members had encountered in business and what they learned from them.

"It was amazing. You've got all these different sizes of businesses, you've got every industry ... and it was cool to see that everybody shared the same types of failures and learning moments," Fox said. "What industry you were in or what size you are didn't really change the types of mistakes you made along the way. It was really cool to see those commonalities."

Helping small and medium-sized entrepreneurs successfully overcome the common hurdles of business became the backbone of the summit's action plan, which participants

are tasked with lobbying their home countries to support.

One section of the five-part plan really resonates with Fox.

"The one that stuck out the most to me is the last one: 'Ensure quality entrepreneurial education to enable tomorrow's society.'

"The recommendation is to promote practical entrepreneurial education," Fox said, stressing the importance of ensuring students leave secondary school armed with the basic tools to succeed in business, even if they never intend to run their own.

"Everybody should be able to successfully manage their own company or career," he said. "Having those



entrepreneurial skill sets—creative thinking, problem-solving, communication, and leadership—those types of things are useful in any career path you might find yourself on. People who start a business or have a business want to hire workers with those skills.

"We're calling on the government to constantly assess whether the school system is setting up people for success," Fox said.

## Genesis House to hire early childhood educator

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Funding from the federal and provincial governments will allow Genesis House to boost its staffing numbers this summer.

The Winkler-based women's shelter has received \$17,000 in government grants to hire an early childhood educator for a term position.

The ECE will help provide childcare while mothers are accessing the shelter's various support services, such as counselling.

They'll also be able to provide families with a wealth of insight, noted shelter executive director Ang Braun.

"One of the best things about hav-

ing an ECE around is that they've got some really strong background in child development," she said. "And so, knowing that most of our kids coming into the shelter are under five years old, it really is great to be able to help the moms understand what kind of developmental milestones their kids should be reaching. That's not a piece that we normally would have."

The ECE will also be able to provide expertise on matters such as parent-child attachment, the lack of which can help perpetuate the cycle of domestic violence.

"We've already done some specific staff training around that, because that certainly has implications down

the line," Braun said. "And so having an ECE to help with that attachment, to help understand the milestones, to help address some of the basic parenting foundations will help that mother be more successful."

Genesis House is one of 12 Manitoba agencies to receive a total of \$538,000 in funding to assist vulnerable families.

"Vulnerable families often face barriers to accessing high quality child care. The Government of Canada is pleased to partner with the government of Manitoba to make child care a priority and help more families and children benefit from rich early learning experiences" said Federal Family

lies, Children, and Social Development Minister Jean-Yves Duclo last week.

"When parents need to access supports to improve their own situation and the future of their family, it's important they know their children are being cared for by someone with the right qualifications and expertise," said Manitoba Families Minister Heather Stefanson. "Our government recognizes that every family's childcare needs are different, which is why we are investing in this opportunity to expand flexible childcare supports into community organizations."

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The Pembina Threshermen's Museum hosted a record-breaking Heritage Day June 7, with almost 900 students and another 300 adults coming out to explore the pioneer village. Clockwise from above: A youth tries out a vintage printing press in the museum's Brimberly Village; class was in session at the Pomeroy School; cranking the wheel on an old-fashioned corn husker; vintage tractors and farm equipment parade down main street.



# RBC, WCF team up to empower youth

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Community Foundation is on board with a nationwide initiative that aims to empower youth.

The foundation has joined the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge, which will make up to \$15,000

available to youth-led projects in partnership with local charities.

"We are excited to hear what youth see as pressing issues in our community and the ideas they develop to meet the needs in our community as they work with local charities," said foundation executive director Myra

Peters. "We hope that some of the projects might address community needs that were presented in the 2018 Vital Signs report."

The RBC funding can be granted for one project or split between multiple projects.

In conjunction with this program, the foundation later this year will bring youth and community members together for Vital Conversations events to build a community dialogue focused on creating a better future together.

The RBC Future Launch Community Challenge initiative is a national partnership formed with Community Foundations of Canada and RBC

"RBC believes strongly in the pow-

er, vision and potential of youth, and the influence they can have in their communities," said Mark Beckles, senior director of youth strategy and innovation for RBC. "That's why we are thrilled to partner to help young people make a difference in communities across Canada while building the 21st century skills needed to prepare for the future of work."

The initiative is open to anyone between the ages of 15 and 29. Grant applications will be accepted until Sept. 18.

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# Lemonade 'N Stuff raises \$1,300



The annual Lemonade 'N Stuff for Katie Cares fundraiser Sunday afternoon brought in over \$1,300, which now brings its overall tally to well over \$5,000 since it was started six years ago by Morden youth Jaxon Forster. In addition to lemonade, there was also a silent auction and—new this year—a dunk tank where a number of volunteers took turns braving the water.

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## Artist showcases her 'Raw Edges' with PHAC exhibition

By Lorne Stelmach

Willi Richardson is never sure where her art is going to take her next.

From one show, one medium, or even one piece to the next, the Morden resident lets the work guide her, and some of that variety is on display this month at the Pembina Hills Gal-

lery.

Her featured exhibit is called *Raw Edges* because most of it is set on raw pieces of wood.

"The texture of the wood and what I see in the wood will ascribe what is on the piece," Richardson explained at the show's public reception last

Thursday.

It is very fitting with the diversity of her overall work, which has covered a wide range of mediums including graphite, ink, watercolour, and acrylics and been set on everything from canvas to stone to tile and even furniture.

"I change up my mediums a lot ... every show that I do, I change it up," Richardson said in explaining what drew her to working with wood for this exhibit.

"I really like working with natural elements a lot ... but it doesn't tie me down. I still believe, as an artist, I like to switch up every month or two and play with something totally different.

"I love to work with nature. I like to do personal things for people as well ... I'm a multimedia artist with many different avenues ... it's my journey."

She also likes to blend different media together, such as putting graphite into a liquid form.

"I'm an off-the-wall artist, so I mix my mediums. I like to take alcohol ink and actually mix it with another product to create the medium I want to work with," Richardson said.

Having a chance then to step back and see how it has all come together to make up the exhibit is satisfying for Richardson.

"It was a lot of work, but I love it. It feels good to see it finally in com-

pletion," she said, noting it is hard for her to put her art aside once she has started. "It's non-stop. When I'm working on a piece, I can't stop. I'm working, literally, through the night on a piece."

And even though many of the pieces can be deeply personal in some way, she has no qualms about letting go of them and in fact hopes people will make a connection with them.

"Each piece is meant for someone ... so I look forward to that," she said. "I know there is one piece there that reminded me a lot of my husband and [he] was the inspiration for the piece ... somebody else is maybe going through the same thing, so that's where it needs to go."

"Each piece has some sentimental value.

Each piece was meant, in my opinion, as an artist, to touch someone somewhere, to be meaningful to someone."

Ultimately her goal is always "to put on my canvas what I'm feeling at that moment or what my inspiration is ... that takes time, takes energy and takes a lot out of you," she said. "But it is my life ... I love sharing art, I love teaching art ... it's part of my journey, and I like to use that word because it's a neverending journey."

"I think it's important if we're gifted with something—it won't be a gift unless you share it."

Morden artist Willi Richardson with one of the wood pieces she has on display at the Pembina Hills Gallery this month.

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# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Orioles lose three close games in a row

By Lorne Stelmach

The bottom line is misleading right now for the Pembina Valley Orioles.

The MJBL team finds itself in last place in the seven team league with a 4-9 record that has them six games back of the league-leading Altona Bisons.

But the lopsided record doesn't reflect the fact most of those losses were by just one or two runs, including three defeats this past week.

The team's statistics also reflect that they are a better team than their record shows: 61 runs scored ranks them fourth, while 69 runs against is third best overall.

"We're at the point the guys are getting a little frustrated with losing one run games, but it can also be a good motivating factor here going forward," said assistant coach Phil Hildebrand. "We're right in games to the end. We've pushed teams right even to extra innings, and we're just not getting that key hit when we need it."

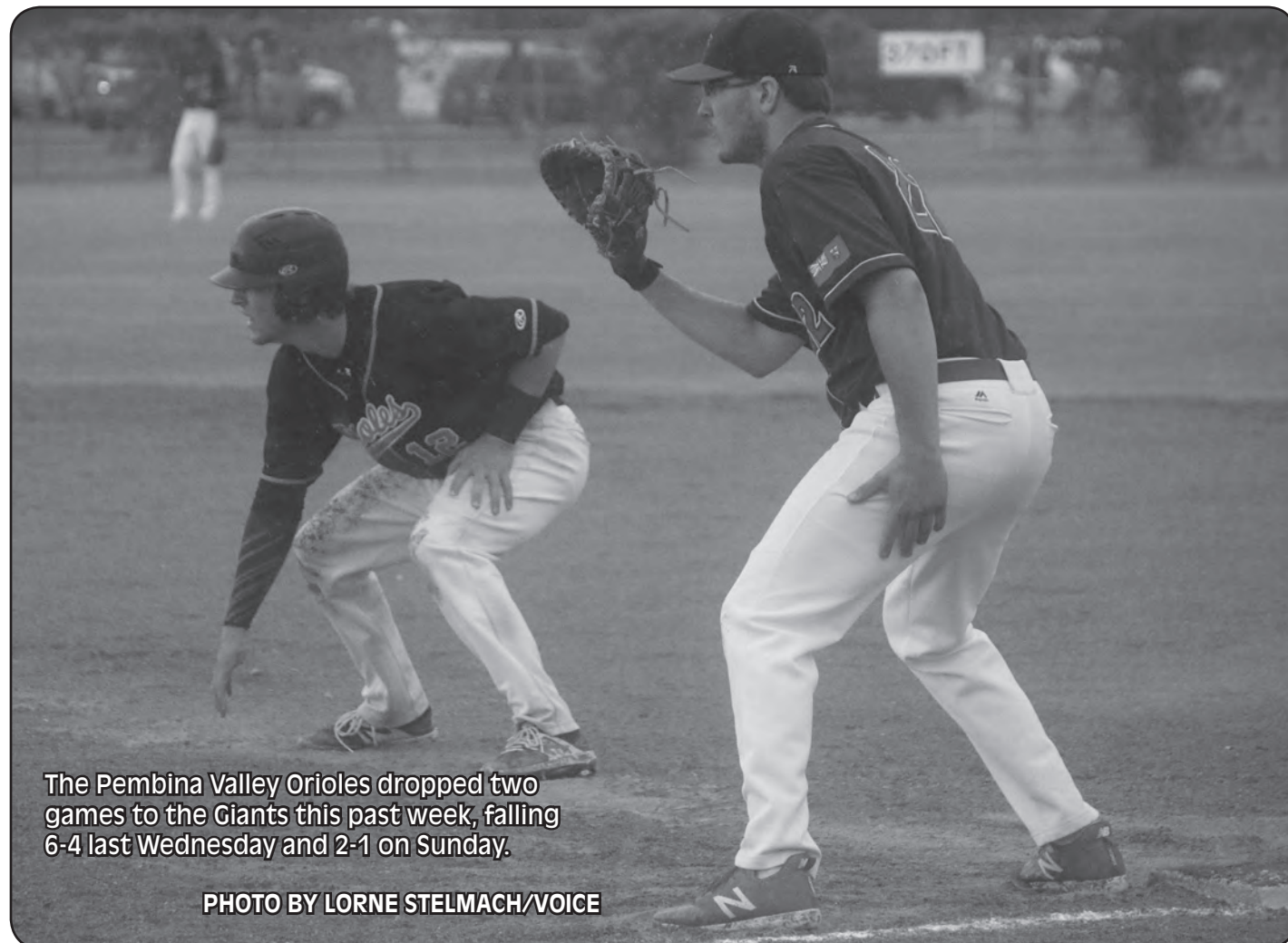
The Orioles dropped three close games in a row last week. After falling 6-4 to Elmwood last Wednesday, they were doubled up 4-2 by St. James Thursday before dropping their rematch against the Giants 2-1 on Sunday.

Pitcher Kyle Dyck certainly gave them a chance against Elmwood, giving up just four runs through six innings on the mound. The game was then decided in the final inning.

Against St. James, the game went to extra innings and the Orioles came up short in the eighth. Despite the loss, Seth Staple pitched a solid game for the Orioles, said Hildebrand.

"He did very well, had batters off balance the whole game," he said.

Finally, on Sunday, it was a well-played game overall with strong pitching for both teams, noted Hil-



The Pembina Valley Orioles dropped two games to the Giants this past week, falling 6-4 last Wednesday and 2-1 on Sunday.

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debrand, but the Orioles missed a key opportunity right at the end.

"We had bases loaded in the seventh and nobody out ... we were only

able to put one run across, so it was kind of disappointing there. We had a really good chance."

This week the O's hosted St. James

Wednesday and head into Winnipeg Friday to take on St. Boniface. On Sunday they host the Carillon Sultans for a doubleheader.

## Mohawks have winning week

The Morden Mohawks had a winning week of home games in the Border Baseball League.

They kicked things off with a 5-3 win over the Carman Cardinals June 4 and then went on to crush the Baldur Regals 12-5 Friday and

the Killarney Lakers 14-3 Sunday.

Killarney didn't fare much better against the Winkler Whips Friday night. Winkler got the road win 5-2.

This week, the Mohawks were scheduled to play in Cartwright Tuesday night while the Whips head

to Carman. On Friday, Winkler hosts Altona.

Winkler and Morden then face each other for the first time this season in Morden next Tuesday night.

## ALH Motor Speedway June 9 results

Racing across the finish line in the top three spots in the ALH Motor Speedway's June 9 races were:

- Street stocks: James Wall in first, Nick Linert in second, and Bradon Miller in third place.
- Modifieds: Ward Imrie, Scott

Greer, and James Wall.

- Pure stocks: Michael Copp, Devon Gable, Marv Klaassen.

- Midwest modifieds: Brandon Rehill, Austin Hunter, and Murray Kozie.

- Four-cylinder: Lee Moir, Jeremy

Wall, and Anita Bellew.

- Slingshots: Keenan Glasser, Sierra Staff, and Brooke Cousins.

Up next, the track hosts its annual Darren Baker Memorial Midwest Mod Special on Sunday. Racing starts at 4 p.m.



# Zodiac selected for U16 basketball team

By Lorne Stelmach

A Garden Valley Collegiate basketball star is getting a chance to be part of a provincial team.

Gr. 10 student Brody Janzen has been chosen to be part of the Manitoba 16U provincial team that will compete at a number of tournaments as well as the Western Canada Summer Games in Saskatchewan this summer.

"It's a big accomplishment, especially for someone from outside of Winnipeg," suggested Walter Giesbrecht, who has coached Janzen. "We're just very excited for him. It's something that doesn't happen very often."

"It's really exciting ... the experience will be great," said Janzen.

He sees himself gaining a lot from the experience including just "getting a lot stronger, getting better at everything. The experience of playing with great players is going pretty awesome, pretty sweet."

Janzen played a big role with the Zodiacs team that went undefeated and advanced to provincials before coming up short there in the first round.

"Hopefully we get farther next year," said Janzen, while Giesbrecht noted he also liked their chances.

"It was the best team we've ever had by far ... we were really competitive with top Winnipeg teams," he said.

Giesbrecht noted he first took notice of Janzen's skill when he was in Gr. 6.

"I knew then already he was really smooth and had a really good look-

ing shot," he said. "He's been taking the game seriously for sure since Gr. 8. He's in the gym practising whenever he can. Whenever there's an open gym, he's shooting, and I know last summer it felt like he was at the courts daily. He was there daily, getting better, playing against older guys or playing by himself.

"He's put a lot of dedication into it," said Giesbrecht. "He's an outstanding shooter. He's one of the better shooters in the province of any age. To be

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GVC's Brody Janzen has been named to the Manitoba 16U team.

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# Winkler Flyers add eight new prospects at bantam draft

The Winkler Flyers added eight new prospects at the Manitoba Junior Hockey League Bantam Draft on Sunday.

The team's first pick was forward Brody Beauchemin ('04) from the Eastman Selects. He had 43 points (18 goals, 25 assists) in 36 games with the Selects last season.

Winkler's second pick was Nicholas McKee. The Treherne native had 55 points (29 goals, 26 assists) in 36 games with the Pembina Valley Hawks AAA Bantams in 2018-2019.

Round three saw the Flyers take Winnipeg AAA Monarchs forward Michael Cicek ('04), who had 25 goals and 19 assists in 31 games with the team.

Next up, Winkler picked left-winger Zachary Nicholas ('04), also from the Monarchs. He had 33 points last season.

In round four, the Flyers selected defenseman Dobie Unrau ('04) from the Winnipeg Sharks. Unrau had four goals and 12 assists for the Sharks, who were city finalists last year.

Forwards Liam Russell ('04) from the Winnipeg Hawks and Jesiah Bennett ('04) from RHA Nationals Bantam Prep were selected in the next two rounds. Russell had 32 points and 68 penalty minutes in 32 games with the Hawks while Bennett contributed 31 points to the Nationals.

Winkler's final pick in round six was forward Joshua Fast ('04) from the Churchill H.S. Bulldogs. Fast had 14 points in 16 games for Churchill last season.

## PRE-DRAFT SIGNINGS

In the days before the draft, the Flyers announced the signings of forward Grady Lane ('03), forward Matty Harrold ('01), and defenseman Campbell Ens ('01) for the 2019-2020 season.

After missing the start of the 2018-2019 season due to injury, Lane recorded 12 points (five goals and seven assists) and 67 penalty minutes in 32 regular season games played with the Southwest Cougars of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League. He

then added seven points (one goal, six assists) in seven playoff games with the Cougars.

Harrold played last season with the Pilot Mound Hockey Academy Buffaloes, contributing 28 goals and 21 assists in the regular season and another eight points in four playoff games. He also had one goal in six games played with the Flyers last season.

Ens was a member of the Pembina Valley Hawks AAA midget team who had two goals and 16 assists in 44 games last season and another four

points in three playoff games.

Also announced last week was an off-season trade with the Waywayseecappo Wolverines that sees the Orange and Black acquire forward Bryce Krauter ('00) in exchange for prospect Graeme Patrick ('02).

The Winnipegger had eight goals and 13 assists in 35 games with Wayway last year. He was acquired by the Wolverines midway through the season from the SJHL's Weyburn Red Wings.

# Storm fall short against Brandon

The Winkler Storm came up just short against Brandon Inspire over the weekend.

Playing in Brandon Sunday night, the Storm fell 4-3. Roberto Kort contributed two goals while Phil Unruh scored once.

With that, Winkler are 1-4-1 for their MMSL season thus far, keeping them in the bottom five of the 10-team 1st Division.

Meanwhile, playing in the league's 5th Division, the South Central Riot battled Kucame FC to a 2-2 draw Sunday evening in Winkler.

Scoring for the home team was Shepherd Chiwandire and Arni Schott.

The Riot are 2-2-2 for the summer so far.

In the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League Monday night, the South

Central Hurricanes tied the SE Shooters 1-1, with Winkler's goal coming from Lauren Hildebrandt.

The ladies are 0-2-1 right now in the league's 1st Division.

Coming up, the Riot host Sinjar FC Saturday at 4 p.m. while the Storm and the Hurricanes hit the road to play the Rovers FC and the St. James Legends, respectively, on Monday.

# Bringing home the hardware

Morden-Winkler high school track and field athletes gave it their all at the provincial championship meet in Winnipeg last week.

Many cracked the top ten and two

made it all the way to the podium:

- Morden Collegiate's Denni Levvy brought home a silver medal in boys junior varsity high jump for his jump of 1.73 metres.

- Garden Valley Collegiate's Holly Martin came in third in the girls junior varsity long jump with a jump of 4.75 metres.



# Agriculture

## Crops are dry in the west, wet in the east

By Harry Siemens

While the adage “you never lose a crop in April, May, or June” still stands, some crops across the nation are not looking so good right now, according to farmers polled on Twitter.

It isn't only dry in Manitoba but also across Saskatchewan and parts of Alberta, too.

“A lot of ‘rain clouds’ but a lot of the farmers we’ve talked to around Brandon didn’t get as much rain as you’d think. Heard a lot in the range of 2/10ths of an inch,” said one area producer.

On the other hand, Gerry Demare at Somerset said they got three welcome tenths lately and the crops there look

dandy.

Günter Jochum at Fanystelle said they received about three-quarters of an inch of rain, while Gerry Ritz northeast of Lloydminster received about one-tenth and strong winds.

Meanwhile, looking east, Philip Shaw, Farms Inc. farmer and agricultural economist, said rain and planting delays in Ontario present a historic moment for the province’s farmers.

“The rain has inundated the eastern corn belt of the U.S. this spring, and it’s just kept on,” said Shaw. “There are about 30 million acres left to be planted down there in the eastern corn belt, and whether farmers will seed that or not, I don’t know. Here in

Ontario, we’re in a very similar boat.”

Shaw said Statistics Canada has projected Ontario corn acres this year of about 2.2 million acres.

“As of right now, I’d estimate that farmers have planted about 43 per cent of projected corn acreage Ontario. If you do simple math, half of 2.2 is 1.1 so that would mean that maybe we have a million acres of corn planted in Ontario and compared to the normal. That’s a huge deficit that we’re looking at,” he said.

“The worst part is in the deep southwest where we grow most of the corn. If you look at in terms of bushels, we produce about 350 million bushels a year. If we don’t even have half of that in yet, that’s a deficit. I just took back my seed corn today and of course producers in Ontario will switch to soybeans. We’re about June 9, and there’s really no ground in the deep southwest that’s ready to plant here for into next week, and then you get into the mid-June—it makes corn not as viable as it is typically.”

Shaw said farmers in Ontario could plant soybeans until the end of June. It’s not optimum, but that’s the crop

**“IT’S BEEN CONSTANTLY RAINING SINCE APRIL HERE ... YOU COULD IMAGINE HOW DIFFICULT THAT IS.”**

insurance deadline for soybeans in the province. They just extended the deadline for corn to June 17.

“It’s something that has certainly been a challenging, frustrating time, especially for people that don’t have anything in. I happen to have 80 per cent of my corn in simply because I was planting on some lighter ground. But even that was very difficult,” Shaw said. “My heavier ground, the more clay-based ground, it’s game over concerning corn. We’ll have to move onto soybeans and hope the weather turns us a favour.

“It’s been constantly raining since April here ... it rains almost every day. You could imagine how difficult it is.

### > JANZEN, FROM PG. 23

able to become that good of a shooter, there’s just a lot of hours that get put into it, a lot dedication to the craft.”

He’s excited to see what next year might bring for Janzen after the expe-

rience of playing for Team Manitoba.

“Brody will be practising every day basically for the month of July with the best players in the province.”

## Steps for Pets raises \$11K



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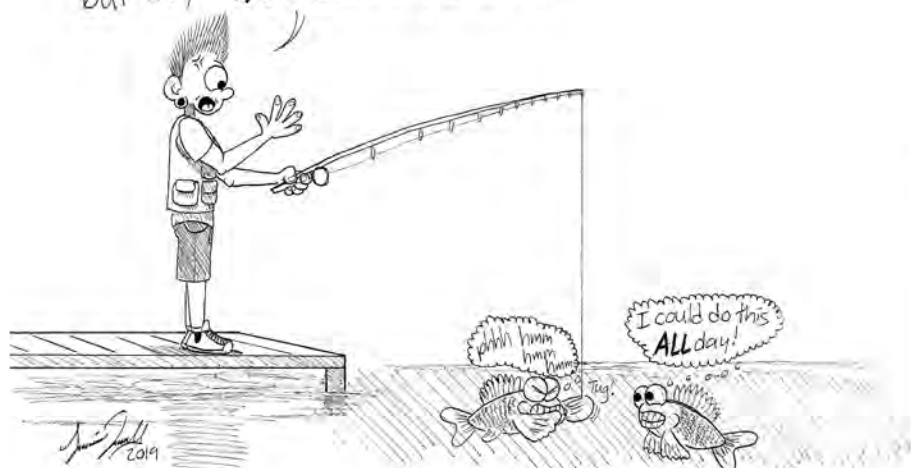
Canines of all shapes and sizes gathered in the Morden Park Sunday afternoon for the annual Steps for Pets in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society. Organizers estimated the walks held in Altona Saturday and Morden Sunday combined to bring in over \$11,500 for the humane society in what is an important annual fundraiser for the organization. A portion of the proceeds from Altona also supported the Furever Friends Cat Rescue.

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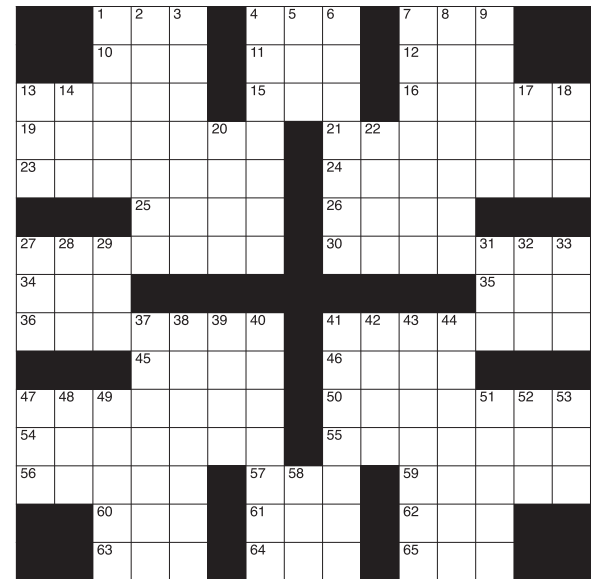
## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Mathematical term (abbr.)
4. Seaport (abbr.)
7. "Unforgettable" singer
10. The GOAT
11. Used to harvest agave cactus
12. Luke's mentor - Wan
13. Muses
15. IBM operating system
16. Hungarian village
19. Popular conversation topic
21. N. Atlantic island
23. Fail to discern correctly
24. The President has one
25. Irish Gaelic language
26. Gasteyer and Ivanovic are two
27. Garnished
30. National capital
34. Basics
35. Initial public offering
36. Winged horse
41. English synthpop duo
45. Mars crater
46. A lot
47. Small organelles
50. By reason of
54. "Growing Pains" actor Kirk
55. Free from contamination
56. Genus in the mahogany family
57. Body part
59. A belief in a supreme being
60. Talk a lot
61. Actors' group
62. Unit of measurement
63. Slick
64. No seats available
65. A way to change color

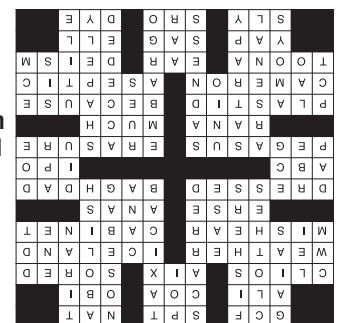
### CLUES DOWN

1. Belongs to the daughter of Chaos
2. Wardrobe
3. Derek and Jeff are two
4. Disfigured
5. Hawaiian dish
6. What a hack drives
7. Horse gear
8. Do away with
9. Narrow straits between Sinai and Arabian peninsulas



13. Corrie
14. Hawaiian flower necklace
17. Midway between northeast and east
18. Insecticide
20. Comfort
22. Town in Galilee
27. Informal greeting
28. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
29. Used to check the heart
31. Western India island
32. Credit card term
33. Female deer
37. British football team
38. Persian jurisdiction
39. Freshwater mussel genus
40. Opposite of happiness
41. Ban on trade
42. Bitterly regrets
43. Assented
44. Well-proportioned

47. Part of (abbr.)
48. Indigenous people of Thailand
49. A man of your stature (abbr.)
51. Advantageous
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June 14, 1959 - June 14, 2019

## IN MEMORIAM



Jennifer Marlene Derksen  
1971 - 2017

I miss you so much,  
But I know you are safe in the arms of Jesus.  
Praise the name of Jesus.  
The Lord gave me what I had,  
And the Lord has taken it away. Job 1:21  
Even so, Lord Jesus come.

-Love Mom

## OBITUARY



Isaac Braun  
1933 - 2019

On Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, formerly of Plum Coulee Isaac Braun 85 went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his siblings and their families: John and Louise Braun, Ann Kehler, Mary and Bob Schroeder, Willie Braun, Margaret and Edgar Loepky, Peter and Betty Braun, Katherine Dueck, Harry Braun. He was predeceased by his parents, John L and Anna Braun; one sister in infancy; two brothers-in-law, Ben Kehler and Henry Dueck and two sisters-in-law, Marie Braun and Ella Braun.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2019 at the Plum Coulee Berghaler Mennonite Church with interment at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Isaac's memory to Salem Home Inc.

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## OBITUARY



Abram Wiebe  
1925 - 2019

Abram Wiebe, 94 of Winkler, MB formerly of Reinfeld, passed away Monday, June 3, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Center after a courageous battle with lung cancer and kidney failure.

He was a loving father to Lena (John) Reimer, Elizabeth (Jake) Krahn, Tina (Alvin) Friesen, Abe (Edna) Wiebe, Margaret (Randy) Froese, Elmer Wiebe and son-in-law, Jake (Gloria) Thiessen; grandfather to 25 grandchildren and their spouses and great-grandfather to 35 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by brother, Frank Wiebe; two sisters, Katharina Kroeker, Helena Barch (John) and brother-in-law, Jake B (Margaret) Friesen. Our Dad was predeceased by our Mom, Helena Wiebe in December 2018; daughter, Anne in 2010 and three children in infancy. He was

also predeceased by his parents Diedrich and Anna Wiebe, eight brothers and four sisters.

Dad was born in Blumenort, Manitoba on May 27, 1925. His family moved to Mexico when he was about a year. He was baptized on June 10, 1946 and married our mom, Helena Friesen on February 9, 1947. They were married for 71 years, 10 months and 18 days. In July of 1958, our parents with three children moved to Manitoba. Their first home was in Steinbach. Our Dad was employed at Friesen Machine Shop for eight years. Then he made the decision to have his own blacksmith shop. In 1970 our parents moved to the village of Reinfeld. Dad opened up his own blacksmith business in Winkler. In 1973, Dad and another partner decided to open a concrete business known as Winkler Concrete. In 1984, Dad and Mom moved to Winkler to several different homes. Crocus Village became their home in 1998. Working and being busy was most enjoyable to Dad! He had a passion for gardening and planting trees. With much enthusiasm he planted an orchard. He continued to work well into his senior years. He spent countless hours in his shop doing hobbies like restoring old John Deere tractors. He had a positive experience getting into the loader in his nineties. Dad also enjoyed travelling. Going to Israel two times was definitely a highlight. Other interests he had were reading and recording weather. He also had a keen interest in the lives of his children and grandchildren. He would ask questions: have you planted your crop yet, what are you busy with and is the business going well? He was also interested in what the grandchildren were doing. The Word of God, Church Services and his faith were very important to him. It was definitely a blessing for Dad to have a long and full life. When Mom passed away in December his enthusiasm waned. He was very lonely, and his health issues increased. We as a family are most blessed to have had a Father like him but are indeed grateful that he is in heaven healed of his illnesses and again with Mom. Rest well Dad!

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Reinfeld Cemetery.

The family wishes to express gratitude and appreciation for the kind care offered to Dad by Dr. Brett and the doctors and nursing staff at Boundary Trails Health Center. And also, a special thank you to Dr. Lisa Miller at HSC who was Dad's kidney specialist and who treated him with such kindness and caring. The family is also grateful for: Home Care staff and Katie Funk (care giver), Bishop Peter Elias, Rev. John Wiebe and Rev. Isaac Elias, the serving group, ushers, pallbearers and Wiebe Funeral Home for their compassionate professional care.

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## IN MEMORIAM



Helen Dyck  
1925 - 2018

A year has gone by since our Lord took you to heaven. We still feel you near us everyday as if you haven't left us. Many times we want to call to tell you something or see how you are and then realize you're not there. We miss your smile and your laughter and silly antics, Mom, but we know that you are with our Lord in Heaven. We love you Mom!

P.S. "Time with you was a real knee slapper!"

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