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From left: Madison Reimer, Savana Funk, and Katelyn Loeppky, Gr. 3 students from Maple Leaf School, were among the several classes of students who cleaned up the streets and parks of Morden Friday morning. For more details, see Pg. 18.

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Cutting the ribbon on the Discovery Nature Sanctuary

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With the songs of countless birds providing the soundtrack, Winkler cut the ribbon on its Discovery Nature Sanctuary last weekend.

The volunteers behind the 32 acre sanctuary invited the community Saturday to come explore what years of hard work created.

It all started, said DNS committee chair Paul Goossen, with the vision of the Winkler Horticulture Society, which wanted to build a bird sanctuary in Winkler's increasingly urban surroundings.

That vision became a broader one as time went by, eventually becoming a sanctuary for all manner of wildlife tucked into a preserved area of grass, wood, and wetlands located on the northeast end of the city off Eastview Dr.

Volunteers have worked in earnest on the site since getting the green light from city council last summer.

"Since that time, the Discovery Nature Sanctuary committee has been



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Discovery Nature Sanctuary volunteers Margaret Klassen, Erna Giesbrecht, Paul Goossen, Art Wiebe, Marvin Dyck, Jamie Fox, and Cliff Greenfield join Mayor Martin Harder in cutting the ribbon on the site Saturday.

busy planning the development and enhancement of the sanctuary for both flora and fauna as well as for the enjoyment of the public," Goossen said.

Development of the sanctuary has included planting hundreds of trees and shrubs, creating an accessibility trail, and installing dozens of nest boxes and landing platforms for birds and bats to call home.

While smaller animals are a common sight, a visit from two yearling moose just last week showed there's no limit to what wildlife one might see at the sanctuary.

"The presence of these two large mammals is a timely reminder that as recently as 250 years ago the landscape where we are now gathered was very different," Goossen noted. "We would have seen a waving sea of prairie grasses and wildflowers, herds of bison grazing ..."

For Goossen, who grew up in Winkler, this natural oasis is a space he could have scarcely imagined existing in town as a child.

"I got interested in birds pretty quickly, right from colouring book stage ... I never would have dreamt that someday we would have actually had some kind of a sanctuary where birds were highlighted and able to nest, and for people to enjoy it, too."

"I think what's exciting for me, too, is this is such a tremendous educational opportunity," he continued. "When I was younger, there wasn't the mentorship to spur me on in my interests, which eventually took me into a career in wildlife bi-

ology, but I'm hoping that in time as elementary and high school students come out here, for those that are interested, it will be a bit of a starting point for them."

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Left: Sanctuary committee member Erna Giesbrecht manned one of the educational stations at the site's grand opening Saturday. Above: The walking path takes visitors past a variety of natural habitats.

> NATURE SANCTUARY, FROM PG. 2

use of the site is of the highest priority, agreed Cliff Greenfield, manager of the Pembina Valley Conservation District.

"We would call this an outdoor classroom," he said. "For these little people, they get a chance to learn about the environment, learn about nature and their place in it."

"If they don't know about it they won't care about it and they won't protect it. That's really important to us."

Dozens of Winkler high school students got a taste of citizen science in

action by taking part in the Discovery Nature Sanctuary's 24-hour BioBlitz, which ran from Friday through to Saturday morning.

Joined by a biologist and naturalists, the group combed over the sanctuary to record every bit of wildlife and greenery they could find.

"Preliminary estimates put the number of flora and fauna species discovered at about 200," Goossen said, thanking Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate for their participation.

Goossen also thanked the many

sponsors and volunteers who contributed to make the sanctuary a reality.

"Without their support, this site would not be what we see today."

"It's all about partnerships," echoed Mayor Martin Harder in his remarks. "It's not about city council having all the vision. It is because the people in Winkler care and they invest in community, and we are just there along-

side them.

"My efforts over the course of the last 12 years is to make sure that Winkler is a regional player, that Winkler has a regional impact. And today, when I see the people who are involved here ... I see people from the region that are investing into Winkler, and I'm so proud of that."



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'Gear Up to Build' to set out on 700 mile trek

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After spending the last couple of years in the saddle for Habitat for Humanity, cyclist Nancy Bezan finally has a chance to hit the road this summer on behalf of local projects.

Bezan has taken part in several of Habitat's Cycle of Hope marathons in locations across the country.

With the creation of the Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the Roland native is shifting gears this summer and sticking closer to home, setting out to bike 700 miles (over 1,100 kilometres) in seven days in late July.

"When I heard this was starting up, I figured I could probably raise the same amount of money I usually do ... to benefit this new chapter," Bezan said.

With that, Nancy's Gear Up to Build was born. She hopes to raise \$3,000 to help the Winkler-Morden chapter build affordable housing in the two communities.

"I'm really hoping, too, that because it is so local and in both places, Morden and Winkler, that people will be more willing to support this," Bezan said.

Bezan will spend the week cycling back roads and highways all over the Pembina Valley, sometimes tackling the hills and valleys to the west, other days sticking to the flatlands.

"I hope to hit all the different little places," she said, adding that while most of the ride will be on her trusty road bike, she also plans to spend a few days on off-road trails with her mountain bike.

As to the 700 mile goal, Bezan admits she thought long and hard about it.

"But I thought, go big or go home," she said. "It's only 100 miles every day.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
Habitat for Humanity Winkler-Morden chapter secretary Christina Falk (left) with Nancy Bezan, who plans to bike 700 miles next month to raise funds for the agency.

"I always say to people that it's 50 miles in the morning and then you have a little lunch and do 50 miles after. It doesn't seem too bad ... it's only one week of my life."

The Winkler-Morden Habitat chap-

ter is excited to partner with Bezan on this.

"We had no idea she'd been doing this [Cycle of Hope] ... and then she approached us and said she wanted to do her own ride to raise money

for us," said secretary Christina Falk. "We were thrilled."

The organization, which helps low-income families afford their own homes, relies on community support to complete its mission.

"The way Habitat works is the community comes together to build a house together. If you don't have community support then it doesn't work," Falk said. "It's not just about the family even that gets the house. It's about everybody working together."

It's a cause that has long resonated with Bezan.

"It's a great thing to come to both communities and I think it's really needed," she said. "I think there's a lot of people out there that can really relate to how difficult the housing market can be."

If you'd like to support Nancy's Gear Up to Build, get in touch with Bezan at Rona in Winkler or head online to habitat.mb.ca, click on the Winkler-Morden chapter, and find the event page to donate.

The Winkler-Morden chapter is accepting applications for homes until July 31. Contact them at wmhabitatfs@gmail.com for more information.

'Gang colours' lead to knife threat

A case of mistaken identity saw a Morden youth threatened by another youth with a knife last week.

Police were called June 6 after a 14-year-old boy and his friend were harassed while in the Morden Park.

Police say the suspects stole a bandana from the boy and lit it on fire. One of the suspects showed the boy a knife when he demanded the ban-

dana.

The parents of the victim did not want to pursue the situation with any charges but wanted the suspects spoken with and warned.

Officers did talk with all the suspects, one of whom explained they did not like the supposed gang colours the youth was wearing.

Police, in turn, explained they were

not gang colors and warned the suspects about the potential for criminal charges for actions like these.

Other items of interest from the weekly police reports include:

- Police are investigating a hit and run involving a cyclist June 8. It happened after midnight west on Hwy. 3

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Sawatzky stepping down from Regional Connections

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After years of helping newcomers integrate into the southern Manitoba community, Regional Connections executive director Laurie Sawatzky will bid the organization she helped build a fond farewell at month's end.

"It feels surreal to me talking about it. I've been here for 16 years," says Sawatzky, who started out as a language coordinator back in 2002.

"In 2004, I was approached to apply for the settlement director job because there was no settlement director—the program didn't actually exist yet," she recalls. "There were just two people that were working as settlement workers at home and from their cars."

"From the humble beginnings of that to where we are now, I just feel like I have been privileged to be on this amazing journey to really have an organization that is so important to newcomers," says Sawatzky. "Everything from the initial settlement interviews to placing them in language classes to helping them find jobs to connecting people with schools and community."

Today, the agency has offices in Winkler, Morden, and Altona and has grown to include over 70 staff. They continue to add new programs regularly to better aid immigrant families.

It's always a challenge to find space for new services, but Sawatzky hasn't ever let that deter the agency from considering them when funding is made available.

"Are we going to take opportunities that are going to provide better supports for our clients? Absolutely. And then we'll figure out where the office space will be, where we'll put this," she says, adding that her catchphrase has become, "No is not our first answer."

Sawatzky says she's been very fortunate in her career to hear time and time again from newcomers about the positive impact the agency had on them as they navigated life in an unfamiliar country.

"That actually gives me goose bumps," she says of the many times clients have shared their stories of fear and uncertainty made a little better thanks to the welcoming atmosphere of Regional Connection.

"That's one of the reasons that brought me here and that's one of the reasons that's kept me here, was because of wanting to make a difference in people's lives," Sawatzky says. "And not just the newcomers, but also the host communities. The assistance that we provide the newcomers also benefits the greater community."

"If even one person gets success, we all celebrate that. For example, if we've had somebody who is a foreign trained nurse and they end up getting credentials and getting a job, and we have facilitated and helped them along that way, everyone is excited for this person. And this person has a chance at a better life right here for them and their family."

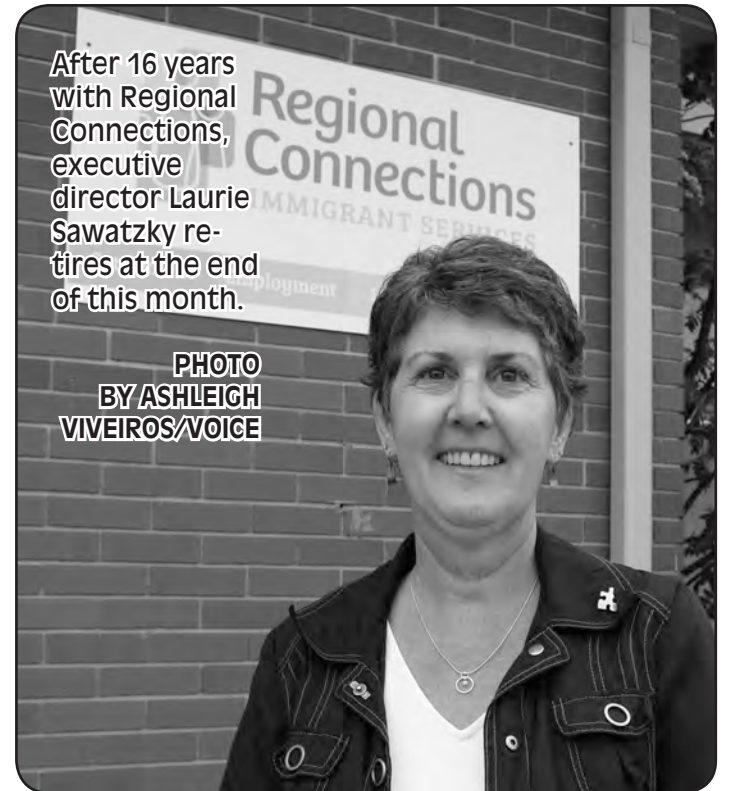
Sawatzky is quick to stress these successes are not Regional Connections' alone—it truly takes a village.

"We have not done this ourselves. We have

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After 16 years with Regional Connections, executive director Laurie Sawatzky retires at the end of this month.

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so many partnerships who have supported us along the way," she says, pointing to all levels of government, local businesses, other service agencies, and many volunteers. "Without partnerships we wouldn't be able to do the things that we can do."

Looking to the future, Sawatzky says she's looking forward to having time to travel and simply relax.

"I've been toying around with a few ideas ... but right now I think just reading for fun rather than information sounds great," she says. "So I'll take the summer off and then we'll go from there."

Sawatzky will be replaced by longtime Regional Connections staffer Steve Reynolds, who steps up into the role at the start of July.

Reynolds has worked with the agency for a decade, starting out as the English at Work program director and, more recently, as director of the entire language training program.

"I am leaving this in good hands," says Sawatzky.

Ride for Kids heads out July 7

CCI motorcycle ride expands to include Morden, Calgary

By Lorne Stelmach

Children's Camps International is expanding its efforts to bring hope to kids in the developing world through camping programs.

A motorcycle Ride for Kids that started last year out of Saskatoon is growing this summer to include events in Calgary and Morden.

"Children's Camps International and Harvest for Kids started here ... it just seemed silly not to have some type of a ride here as part of the tour," said event spokesperson Greg Wood. "It's a ride to raise money to send kids in the developing world to camp ... and it's basically just five bucks a kid to send a kid to camp ... so it can have a huge impact."

Since 2003, CCI has had over 1.8 million kids attend their Christian camps, and Wood said they clearly see how it transforms lives by giving youth a new sense of value.

Participants in the Ride for Kids are encouraged to seek sponsorships and raise donations to help send kids to CCI camps in places like India, Brazil, Cambodia, Kenya, Fiji, and Mexico.

The Morden Ride for Kids is set for Saturday, July 7 starting from the Christian Life Centre. It will make its way to Treherne for ice cream and then back to Morden for a barbecue supper.

Wood said they are really hoping to see the expanded Ride For Kids bring out 200 or more riders between the three locations.

"We're trying to create some excitement for it and get it established here," he said. "If we could get a hundred bikes out there, I think that would be pretty awesome ... between 50 and 100 bikes would be a good start ... we're trying to get it off the ground."

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Colliding with fellow travellers

Ah, letters to the editor ... like the rare and elusive diamond, one almost never sees them unless conditions are just right: a great deal of pressure, heat, and time (in the case of a diamond, between 1-3 billion years).

Time is less of a factor with letters to the editor, though pressure and heat applied to just the right points certainly can trigger their creation.

One can write columns passionately and often about injustice, poverty, war, and famine with not so much as a postcard in the mailbox ... but touch a nerve and there's not enough space in the paper to print the outrage. (Okay, I exaggerate ... a little.)

Letters to the editor are strongly influenced by regional traditions and culture. In some areas, there are so

many letters each week that the editor has no choice but to exclude most of them for reasons of duplication and space.

Our region is an example of the opposite. Getting more than one letter to the editor in a month on a topic of importance to the community is something of a rarity.

I have theories as to why this is the case.

For one, we are a very passive-aggressive region. This may rise out of a cultural tradition of pacifism but ultimately it manifests as a tendency to express outrage in an oblique fashion. Not straight-on so much as at an angle, through friends and acquaintances in the coffee shops and churches or on the street.

Due to the fact that letters to the editor will not be published without an attached name, they are often small acts of courage in a little community where almost everyone is connected to everyone else. Better to spread disgruntlement or praise amongst friends than to attach a name to it in the paper.

Every so often, however, the unwary columnist will stumble across a sensitive trigger with about the same intent as a hiker accidentally stumbling into another hiker walking in the other direction.

Here you are, just meandering

through the woods, vaguely enjoying nature and thinking about what you will have for lunch, and then BAM! Two individuals casually going about their nature-loving business crash into each another.

You didn't mean to and neither did they. Both of you were focusing on the things that give you enjoyment and never even saw it coming. You get up, maybe bruised, dust yourself off, wish each other well, and head off again in opposite directions.

It doesn't mean you will stop hiking. It might mean extra caution for a bit, but time ultimately helps you forget about the incident and move on.

Wait ... what were we talking about? Oh right, letters to the editor and their triggers.

So, a few weeks ago I was wandering through the forest of columns, happily and obviously writing my observations, when I stumbled into a particular group of hikers coming from the other direction, enjoying creation in their way. We crashed head-on into one another.

Words were exchanged. We got up and moved on.

At any rate, I'm back in the woods hiking again, and while I am always pleased to see any other signs of life, I will doubtless be casting a wary eye for awhile so as not to collide too hard with my fellow travellers.



By Peter Cantelon

> POLICE, FROM PG. 4

at the top of the hill near Falcon Dr. in Morden when the cyclist was walking his bike west and stopped on the side to text. A vehicle drove by and hit the bike, knocking it out of his hands.

The vehicle did not stop and the victim did not get a good look at it. The cyclist was uninjured.

- Winkler police were called June 5 about a man seen spinning a butterfly knife inside a store. With a description of the man and his vehicle, officers located him nearby on Cargill Rd. standing outside the vehicle. Police confiscated the knife as a prohibited weapon.

- Morden police are investigating a June 9 incident where a youth was walking down a sidewalk on Thornhill Street to school when he was approached by a man asking if he want-

ed to play "catch up."

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her son. The suspect ran off once the boy told the man his mother was nearby.

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Businesses offer up deals at chamber 'garage sale'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The end of the week is always prime garage sale time in Winkler, and last week deal-hunters had a new venue to check out.

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce hosted what it hopes will be the first annual Winkler Business Garage Sale at the arena Thursday through Saturday.

Twenty vendors set up shop inside the rec. centre, while local vehicle dealerships filled the front lawn with deals.

"There's a lot of good deals in here," said chamber executive director Tanya

Chateauneuf Friday afternoon. "Prairie Sky has their \$1 table, \$3 table, Avon's been doing well, we have Gamer's Disco and Video Stop ... there's a lot of different businesses participating."

The idea for the event came from the business community itself, she noted, and the chamber was eager to get involved.

"We thought it would be a great opportunity to create this great community event where our businesses had a platform to maybe get rid of the things that were cluttering their back room, clear out older inventory to make room for newer stuff, or even just to sell some of their newer inventory," said Chateauneuf.



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Left: Chamber executive director Tanya Chateauneuf at the first annual Winkler Business Garage Sale, which featured 20 vendors at the Winkler arena last Thursday to Saturday.

There was a steady stream of customers stopping in to check out the deals. Chateauneuf hopes to make next year's sale even bigger.

"We're hoping to really make this a great community event as the years go by," she said.

Codemaker camp for girls in Morden this July

By Lorne Stelmach

An initiative to expose more youth to fields of study involving computer coding is expanding this summer to particularly focus on girls.

WISE Kid-Netic Energy is offering an all-girls codemaker camp for girls age 13-15 in Morden this summer alongside the returning co-ed Science & Engineering camp July 23-27.

"We're hoping it will be a good hook for them," said program administrator Jill Lautenschlager, who stressed the importance of coding as it is connected to many more parts of our life than many realize. "Even if someone doesn't necessarily end up actually going into computer science, we're hoping they will understand how important it is to

still learn some of those skills even for other areas."

An overall aim of programs like this is to get more women into science and particularly into computer science and computer engineering, Lautenschlager said.

"The number of women in those areas is extremely low compared to other sciences and engineering," she said. "The other thing we find too is that even though sometimes girls are interested, there's very limited opportunity to try to learn more about those areas ... so we're pretty happy to be able to bring that to people."

WISE Kid-Netic Energy is a non-profit STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) outreach organization based out of the University of Manitoba.

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It is part of the Actua network, which received \$10 million from the federal government's CanCode fund. WISE Kid-Netic Energy received \$400,000 from that fund to support the camps, which will run at École Morden Middle School this summer.

Lautenschlager said the funding allows them to

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Winkler students trade skills for yearbook sponsorship

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Businesses sponsoring the local high school yearbook is a tradition that goes back generations, but this year GVC and NPC set out to do a little more than usual to say thanks.

The Winkler high schools put their students to work for one of their top yearbook sponsors, Grandeur Housing, this spring.

Students from the schools' advanced photography and video production classed stopped by the modular home manufacturer earlier this month to shoot employee headshots and begin filming footage for a promotional video.

"They did something for us, we wanted to do something for them," explained Northlands Parkway Collegiate teacher Bryan Matthews, stressing that corporate sponsors are vital in keeping yearbooks affordable for students.

"We can't give much back other than what we do here, so now that we have new courses like the advanced

photography and the video classes, it was good to get a few kids out and working with people outside of their friends."

It's the first year the schools, who have separate yearbooks but solicit sponsors jointly, have offered this service to top donors, and Grandeur was the only company to take them up on it.

"THEY DID SOMETHING FOR US, WE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR THEM."

"We like to get as much community involvement in as possible, especially with the local high schools. We want to support the next generation," said Grandeur marketing coordinator Lori Giesbrecht, adding that the company felt this project was a unique way to do that. "It's such a great way for the students to get some real-

world experience ... we are just proud to be part of it."

Giesbrecht said they were quite impressed with the quality of the work they saw from the teens.

"Their futures are bright."

For Gr. 10 students Patricia Derksen and Hallie Buhler, photographing



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Patricia Derksen and Hallie Buhler, Gr. 10 photography students from Northlands Parkway Collegiate, were at Grandeur Housing recently to shoot photos of the company's staff in thanks for yearbook sponsorship.

Grandeur's administrative staff was a fun way to hone both their photography and their people skills.

"It was definitely unique. It was nothing like anything I've ever done before," said Derksen. "We were a little bit shy at first and then we got into it and could just tell them what to do, how to sit."

The stakes are a lot higher when you know a photo is going to be used in a

professional setting, added Buhler.

"You really have to make sure they're clear," she said. "It's very different than just having a photo shoot with a camera you take outside."

GVC video production teacher Darren Crane joined his NPC counterpart Jonathan Cullen and a couple of students at Grandeur to shoot some video footage, as well. Additional footage will be shot of the company's production line this fall.

GVC students will then put their editing skills to work in creating a video Grandeur can use on its website and at trade shows.

"If students can come in and they get a real-life situation where they're actually on site, that's huge," Crane said. "All the sudden you're not just shooting down the hallways of GVC. And knowing that you could be producing this video to be seen nationally? Now you have to step your game up."

Equally valuable, though, is the fact this project allowed the two high schools to work together.

"The partnership was not only with Grandeur and the community, but also with NPC," Crane said. "I think it's important the two of us work together and not against each other."

Matthews said they plan to continue offering this service to yearbook sponsors in the future.

"We're hoping more businesses will be interested," he said. "We'll push a bit harder next year and hopefully get more kids out working in the community."



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WISE Kid-Netic Energy is offering an all-girls co-demakercamp in Morden this summer alongside their usual science and engineering camp.

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The week will start off with an introduction to the field on the Monday, robotics day on Tuesday, programming and competing with Lego Mindstorms on Wednesday, a Little Bits Day on Thursday featuring a variety of cool electronics, and focusing Friday on artificial intelligence and advanced coding.

Lautenschlager noted the summer science camps previously held in Morden have often sold out, so they are confident this new initiative will go over well.

"We've definitely had a very positive response from Morden," she said. "We already have more girls registered than the total number of boys we got last year."

Learn more online at www.wisekidneticenergy.ca.



Stepping up for the humane society

The Pembina Valley Humane Society hosted its annual Steps for Pets walkathons in Morden (left) and Altona over the weekend. Over 50 people and their pooches came out to support the regional animal shelter, raising more than \$13,000 towards the care of shelter dogs and cats. In addition to the three kilometre walk and wrap-up meal, the event also filled the Morden Park bowl on Saturday with booths catering to furry friends and the people that love them—everything from local vets on hand to provide advice to free nail trims to an obstacle course and more.

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Chance to Camp BBQ raises funds for local kids

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The second annual Chance 2 Camp fundraising barbecue was a success last Friday.

Held in the parking lot of the Winkler Child and Family Services offices, the event offered up hearty lunches of burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and a dizzying variety of homemade desserts.

The funds raised help the CFS of Central Manitoba Foundation send local kids to camp, explained administrator Nancy Funk.

"Camp is expensive. It's something that some families just can't afford," she said, noting eligible children qualify for up to \$400 to help them attend an accredited camp of their choice.

Chance 2 Camp funding is available to any family who meets the financial need requirements.

"Last year we sent around 55 kids from Winkler alone to camp," Funk said, adding the foundation spends upwards of \$15,000 across the region each year.

Learn more about how you can support the program or apply for funding online at cfscmfoundation.com/chance-2-camp.



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Northland Parkway Collegiate's Dynamix singers provided the soundtrack to the second annual Chance 2 Camp fundraising barbecue in Winkler on Friday. Right: Volunteers served up meals to help send local kids to camp.



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Morden launches blueW refillable water initiative

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mordenites feeling the heat this summer will have a few more options to quench their thirst.

The city last week became the first municipality in Southern Health-Santé Sud to launch the blueW project.

"BlueW is a program across the country identifying locations where people can refill their water bottles for free without feeling any pressure

"WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BECOME A HABIT THAT PEOPLE TAKE THEIR REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES WHEREVER THEY GO ..."

to buy anything," explained Stephanie Dueck, Morden recreation programmer.

Participating shops, restaurants, and businesses will be identifiable via the large blueW sticker placed in their windows. Sites are also listed online at blueW.org.

Morden recreation department summer student Courtney Yeo will be visiting businesses this month to spread information about the program and ask for their participation.

In addition to encouraging the use of reusable water bottles over disposable ones, the project also supports a healthier lifestyle, said Cheryl Pearson, Healthy Living facilitator for Southern Health, which is partnering with the city and Public Health-Healthy Living on this project.

"We hope that it will become a habit that people take their refillable water bottles wherever they go because they see water as a healthier beverage choice," she said. "By providing more and easier access to water, the chance



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Water treatment operator Mike Kehler, Health Living facilitator Cheryl Pearson, and the city of Morden's Courtney Yeo, Stephanie Dueck, and Mayor Ken Wiebe at the launch of blueW last week.

es are they will drink more of it.

The program adds Morden to a ever-growing map that includes 26,000 participating sites across the country.

"We're really happy Morden came on board as the first community, along with Winkler, in our area as one of hopefully nine in Southern Health,"

Pearson said.

Winkler's participation with blueW is expected to launch within the next week or so. Other communities in the RHA rolling out the program are Portage la Prairie, Niverville, and the RM of Westlake-Gladstone.

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Serving up a taste of Indonesian cuisine

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Rasa Indo most often brings its meals to customers at special events, but last weekend the family-run food truck invited people to an open house at their pop-up restaurant tent north of Morden.

Husband-wife duo Brad and Christine Wieler have kicked off their first full season of serving up Indonesian cuisine.

"We were hoping to get our trailer going by [last] July but we didn't get it until August, so we kind of missed out on some of the festivals," said Brad Wieler, noting, however, that they did make it to both the Morden and Plum Coulee festivals in addition to setting up shop at various other locations in 2017.

"We were actually quite impressed with how well people took to it," he said.

It was Christine who spearheaded

the idea of operating a food truck dedicated to the meals of her native country.

"When you marry an Indonesian it kind of takes off," Wieler said, chuckling. "Once she got here she was telling me, 'You guys eat such plain, bland

food.' I didn't think it was that bad, but once I tasted her food, well, we didn't cook much else anymore."

The food has gotten a big thumbs up from lifelong Canadians and Asian transplants alike.

"Our chicken satay is probably the most famous

and popular menu item," Wieler said. "Our corn fritters are very big ... also our beef rendang, chicken curry, pork coriander.

"One guy we met, he was from Malaysia, and he said, 'Yes, finally, food he can eat from back home!'" he added. "We are the only Indonesian res-

"ONCE I TASTED HER [INDONESIAN] FOOD, WELL, WE DIDN'T COOK MUCH ELSE ANYMORE."



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Brad and Christine Wieler served Indonesian food from their pop-up restaurant open house north of Morden Saturday. Keep an eye out for their food truck at community events this summer.

taurant in all of Manitoba. Winnipeg has a lot of other Asian restaurants, but nothing Indonesian."

In between days and evenings spent at various community events across southern Manitoba, the Wierers open up the tent on their yard eight miles north on Hwy. 432 by reservation Tuesdays to Saturdays.

You can also check out Raso Indo on the move at Morden's Big Times in the Suncatch weekend concerts, the city's Canada Day celebrations, and the Carman, Altona, Winkler, Morden, and Manitou festivals this summer.

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No new school ... now what? WSD weighs in

By Lorne Stelmach

A public meeting Monday evening served as a recruitment night of sorts to get the community on board in pressuring the province for a new school in Morden.

A presentation laid out the need for a new school in Western School Division and led to

a question and answer session that touched on such issues as what potentially happens to programs and class sizes without the new K-8 school the community needs as it continues to grow.

"I think one of the things that stood out at this meeting is that there is great passion in this community for the need for the space that we

have in our schools," board chairperson Brian Fransen said afterwards.

"We've spent a lot of energy over the last number of years focussing on this and looking at this, working with government, but we haven't really brought it out into the public a whole lot," he said. "Now we're trying to raise the voice of the community and give them facts in terms of what the space needs are, where we're feeling the pinches, what it's looking like and what the realities are in our schools."

Fransen touched on what they see happening in the next few years without approval for a new school.

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Breaking ground on Sharptooth Adventures

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A dino-mite new attraction broke ground in Morden's Pembina Connection last week.

Work has begun on Sharptooth Adventures, a giant indoor playground located just behind Boston Pizza in east Morden.

Sharpie the dinosaur joined owners Chris and Dana MacPherson and their son Jasper, Mayor Ken Wiebe, and builder Joe Klassen of Capital Building Systems at the sod-turning ceremony June 6.

The MacPhersons, who previously owned the Morden Dairy Queen, have been looking to get involved in a new business venture that would meet the needs of local families.

"I met Dana over 19 years ago and when we started dating she always said she wanted to work with kids," said Chris MacPherson, noting that dream got sidetracked as they started their own family and later both worked at the restaurant.

"Now that we sold the Dairy Queen ... we started thinking, 'How do we work with kids?'" he said. "She came up with this idea for an indoor play centre."

At 5,000 sq. ft., Sharptooth Adventures is going to include a giant dinosaur-themed play structure where kids will be able to run, climb, and slide to their heart's content. There will also be inflatable bouncing castles, birthday and event rooms, and a café so parents can enjoy a coffee or lunch while their kids play.

"Some of the services we're looking at providing would be, let's say, as a stay-at-home mom you want to get the grocery shopping done ... but your toddler isn't the most cooperative. You can book ahead and actually drop your child off for a few hours while you go do that," said MacPherson, adding they'll also offer "date night" babysitting. "It's not a day care, but a babysitting service where we'll have an employee dedicated to playing with your child."



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Sharpie the dinosaur joined owners Chris and Dana MacPherson and their son Jasper, Mayor Ken Wiebe (far right), and builder Joe Klassen (far left) of Capital Building Systems at the sod-turning ceremony for Sharptooth Adventures June 6.

Located not far from the giant Bruce the Mosasaur sculpture that greets visitors to Morden, MacPherson hopes people will stop by as well for a photo with Sharpie and to enjoy some fun inside.

"We did a little bit of surveying with people before we built it ... the excitement level is huge," he said.

"The dinosaur theme is I think important because we do have the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre here, and so we've got a bit of a dinosaur theme already going on," MacPherson added. "So we want to tie into that and try and create a touristy feel to Morden. Try to turn it into the next Drumheller."



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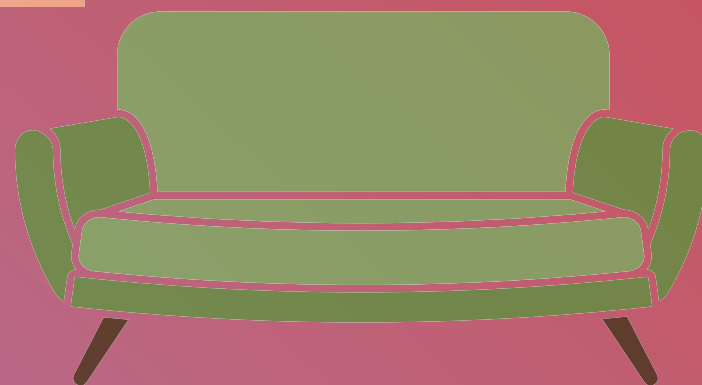
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Heart and Stroke Big Bike comes to Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites came together Monday for a fundraiser in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Three local teams took part in 25th annual Big Bike event, setting out on the oversized bicycle with 29 riders to ride around town raising

awareness and funds for the agency.

"It is an incredible accomplishment for the foundation ... and for all the riders and teams who put in the extra effort," said Stephanie Anderson, program co-ordinator for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, of the event's quarter-century milestone.

Last year, more than 70,000 riders in over 200

communities across Canada raised \$8 million for the foundation, including \$250,000 raised in Manitoba alone.

A majority of the provincial participation happens in Winnipeg, but Morden has been involved for many years now led by the Rankin Rebels in memory of Wayne Rankin. They had a fundraising goal of \$5,000 this year.

They were joined last year by the Aggie Pedal Pushers team, made up of agriculture research station staff and aiming for \$3,000 in pledges, and a third team this year made up of City of Morden employees with a \$1,000 goal.

Madeleine Friesen, who is a summer student at the research station, noted that the timing of the event worked out well for them.

"We wanted to make this a part of national public service week ... it's recognizing the kind of difference that they make in the lives of Canadians on a daily basis," she said.

Friesen said it is important to public service workers to give back to the communities where they live and work.

"It was really fun, and it's a great way to bond with colleagues ... everyone gets together, and we fundraise leading up to it," she said. "And you get to go out kind of in rush hour in Morden ... with this huge bike ... but it's about having fun and raising awareness."

"It's a really fun team building experience for people," said Anderson. "It gets people out and about in the middle of the work day ... and it raises money for a great cause."

You can still make a donation by heading online to www.bigbike.ca.



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Three Morden teams hopped on the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike Monday night to raise awareness and funds.

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Fun in the park



The Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre wrapped its programming season up for the summer with the annual Teddy Bear Picnic in Morden Park on Saturday. The day featured fun and games (left), a chance to meet celebrities such as Sparky the Fire Dog (above, left) and Morden Police dog Chase (above), and have beloved stuffed animals get a checkup from local medical professionals (top).



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Beautifying Morden

Students from Morden Collegiate (right), École Morden Middle School, and Maple Leaf School fanned out across the city Friday morning to pick up as much trash as they could to help prepare for the upcoming visit of the Communities in Bloom judges. This is the second year the city has taken part in the community beautification competition, last year earning four out of five blooms. This time around, the City of Morden is providing extra motivation to residents to help spruce things up by offering a chance to win a \$100 Home Hardware gift certificate. To enter, simply use #beautifymorden and post a photo on social media of yourself doing your part to tidy up the city. The contest runs until the end of June. The Community in Bloom judges are slated to visit sometime in July.

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sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

Orioles head into back half of season in third place

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles remain in the thick of the battle near the top of the Manitoba Junior Baseball League standings.

Now past the halfway point of the 2018 season, the Orioles were sitting in third place this week at 8-5 after rebounding from a 9-7 loss to the St. Boniface Legionnaires last Wednesday with a resounding 12-2 romp over the Altona Bisons on Friday.

That put Pembina Valley just behind the Elmwood Giants in second (8-4) and the defending league champion St. James A's in first (14-2) with a few games in hand.

"We're happy with the first half," said assistant coach Sheldon Bergman. "Could we have changed things and made them better? Absolutely. But things just didn't go our way some ball games. We're looking forward to the second half now."

The game last Wednesday against the seventh place Legionnaires was one the Orioles allowed to get away from them.

"St. Boniface was a tough one. We should have won that game," said Bergman. "St. Boniface scored six runs on errors out of the nine ... there were just errors made everywhere."

"Ty Enns pitched a really strong game, but no one could really help him ... so it was one of those games you want to just forget about and go on to the next."

The team rebounded well Friday against the struggling Bisons, who sat in eighth and last place at just 2-13.

"The boys were hungry for a win and wanted to get back on track," said Bergman, who saw his Orioles come out strong with five runs in the first inning and four more in the second to take control.

"Liam Giesbrecht threw a com-



Target acquired

The Manitoba High School Rodeo Finals in Swan River last weekend had a local representative in Morden's Morgan Reimer. Reimer finished seventh out of 19 competitors in goat tying and 14th in the pole bending event. Here, she dismounts from her running horse into the soggy rodeo ring to catch her target.

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plete game ... he threw a three hitter ... and we were done in five innings," he added. "Everybody was hitting in Altona ... everyone was part of that again, just hitting the ball really well."

Pembina Valley now has three games at home this weekend before hitting

the road for an away stretch.

This week they played Elmwood on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Sunday afternoon they host Interlake for a doubleheader.

"[Elmwood] was a really important

game ... we need to come out with our best," Bergman said on Monday. "But every game is important now, and you can't take anybody lightly. Every game counts."

High school track athletes earn bronze

Two Winkler athletes are among the top in the province after the Milk Provincial High School Track & Field meet in Winnipeg last week.

Garden Valley Collegiate's Victor Keeper clinched a bronze medal in the varsity boys javelin throw 700g event with his toss of 46.61 metres.

Also coming in third was Northlands Parkway Collegiate's Henry Klassen, who ran the junior varsity boys 3,000 metre run in 9:30.80.

Riot & 'Canes win, Storm ties

The SC Riot blanked the Kings Park Rangers on Sunday.

Playing in front of a hometown crowd at the 15th St. pitch in Winkler, the Riot's Reinaldo Oliveira, Christian Dyck, and Steven Klassen all contributed goals (Oliveira had two) in the 4-0 victory.

The Winkler Storm, meanwhile, battled Bandits FC to a 2-2 tie on June 5, while the South Central Hurricanes, playing in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, defeated the visiting Winnipeg Storm 5-2 on June 6.

This week, the Storm played the Rovers Tuesday and the Hurricanes faced the Hornets Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, the Hurricanes host Frozen Water next week Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. while the Riot and Storm take a breather until later in the month.



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The Winkler Storm battled Bandits FC to a 2-2 tie last Tuesday in front of a hometown crowd.

Morden Mohawks best Clearwater, Killarney

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In Border League Baseball action last week, the Morden Mohawks kept both of their opponents to just four runs each.

Playing in Clearwater on June 5, the senior team bolstered their record with a 10-4 win.

Morden scored seven runs in a dominating second inning, while lim-

iting Clearwater's runs to two each in the first and fifth.

Matt Mutchison and Tanner Bergman split time on the mound. Mutchison faced 19 batters in four innings, giving up four hits and two runs, while Bergman pitched three innings, allowing four hits and two runs off of

15 batters.

The Mohawks were victorious once again just a few nights later, this time defeating the Lakers in Killarney 7-4 Friday night. Game stats were not available at press time.

The Winkler Whips, meanwhile, faltered coming up against the Baldur

Regals Friday night. Winkler fell 12-4.

This week, Winkler hosted Clearwater on Tuesday and travels to play in Killarney and Cartwright on Sunday. Morden played host for Cartwright on Tuesday and does so again against Baldur Friday and Clearwater June 19.

ALH results

Top three finishers at the ALH Motor Speedway on Sunday included:

- Street stocks: Rod Wolfe in first place, Bradon Biller in second, and Don Klaassen in third.
- Modifieds: Ward Imrie, Justin Bronk, and Scott Greer.
- Pure stocks: Kevin Smith, Brian Bellew, and Jeff Gillies.
- Midwest modifieds: Austin Hunter, Cody Wall, and Murray Kozie.
- Four cylinder: Ryan Higgins, Alexander Farr, and Denis Seguin.

This Sunday the race track hosts its Darren Baker Memorial. Check out alhmotorspeedway.com for details.

Flyers sign defenseman Drake Burgin

The Winkler Flyers continue to build up their roster in the off season.

The junior team has signed 17-year-old defenseman Drake Burgin for the 2018-2019 season.

Burgin played last season with the Winnipeg Wild in the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League, capturing the league title.

The 6-foot, 165-lb. defenseman re-

corded 18 points (four goals, 14 assists) in 44 regular season games.

During the 2017-2018 Manitoba Junior Hockey League pre-season, Burgin showed very well in a Flyers' uniform, scoring two goals in the club's first exhibition game of the season.

"After a strong pre-season with us last year and having spent time developing his game with coach Paul

Kruger, we are very happy to have Drake become a member of the Winkler Flyers," said Flyers head coach and general manager Ken Pearson.

"His ability to move pucks and defend, along with having won a championship in AAA Midget, will help make him successful"

Rec. dept offering kids a busy summer

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is offering a wider variety of summer programs to help keep kids busy and more active.

"Our goal going into this year was we wanted to be very diverse with our programs," said Courtney Yeo, summer program co-ordinator. "We wanted to give a bunch of different options and a bunch of different va-

rieties of camps so that we could appeal to a variety of kids and what they want to do over the summer.

"We've put a lot of emphasis on being outside this year and staying active and getting kids moving," she added, noting that the summer programming is also a great way for kids to feel more engaged in their community and make new friends.

The camps kick off with the annual

Park Day program July 3-6 at Morden Park. Now in its eighth year, the program will include nature crafts, geocache, and enjoying the spray park. It is for ages three to five in the mornings and six to 10 in the afternoons. A second week is planned to run Aug. 13-17.

Next up will be the Sports Camp July 9-13. Back for a third season, the

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The Winkler IronFist Martial Arts Academy had 10 students enter the annual Club Challenge Invitational Tae Kwon Do tournament in Winnipeg on May 26th. The local competitors took part in patterns, board breaking, and full contact sparring events and brought home 21 medals. Above right, back row, from left: James Fehr (winning a gold and a silver medal), Dallas Penner (gold and silver), instructor Wolfgang Schaefer, Levi Zacharias (a silver and a bronze), Robyn Harder (two bronzes), John Brunetto, and Sam Brunetto (silver). Front row: Presley Klassen (gold, silver, and bronze), Kira Peters (two silvers and a bronze), Lennon Klassen (three bronzes), Danel Gorodkov (a silver and two bronzes). Above, left: Triple medal winner Presley Klassen celebrates his gold medal win in board breaking.



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Free yoga in Bethel Heritage Park June 21

Become Yoga marks International Day of Yoga next Thursday with classes in Bethel Heritage Park. The classes are free to all skill levels, though donations will be collected for Katie Cares. Stop by the downtown park on June 21 from 7-8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m., or 4-5 p.m.

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camp will offer a variety of different sports each day (lacrosse, rugby, archery and ringette, to name a few possible activities). It also returns for Aug. 7-10 with a different lineup of sports

The Around the World program

then takes place July 16-20, giving kids the chance to learn traditions, taste foods, and do a crafts from around the world.

The following week, July 23-27, will focus on "Adventures" as the theme, taking kids on field trips to places like the Pembina Valley Provincial Park and the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, among other activities.

Finally, July 30 to Aug. 3 includes Kids Camp in the morning for ages three to five and Crazy Chemistry in the afternoon.

Yeo said they usually aim for a maximum of about 16 kids per session. All other camps, except for Park Days and Kids Camp, are aimed at youth age eight to 12 years old and run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

The cost is \$25 for full day camps and \$10 for half days. To register, call 204-822-5431 or go online to mordenmb.com/registrationprograms.

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McClung Heritage Site receives \$25,000

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Nellie McClung Heritage Site in Manitou was the welcome recipient of a major donation from Enbridge Pipelines last week.

Thanks to the company's Line 3 Replacement Program fund (see story below), the heritage site received \$25,000 towards the restoration of the only two of the famous suffragette's private homes in Canada open to the public.

"This Enbridge gift will be a great help as we work toward our goals, which includes completing the second floor of McClung House and opening it to visitors for the first time in over 60 years," said Betty Mueller co-chair of Nellie's Homes.

In addition to three bedrooms dressed in period furnishings, the upstairs will feature a reading room similar to the one McClung and other suffragists opened in Manitou at the turn of the century.

"A place to sit, to learn, and to enjoy a step back in time," Mueller said, noting the room will act as a sort of archive for the site, storing many his-

torical documents and books, including McClung's own works.

It was, in fact, in Manitou that McClung wrote her Canadian bestseller *Sowing Seeds in Danny* and launched her national career as a speaker and champion of women's rights.

"Enbridge, we thank you so very much for believing in the importance of education and for assisting in our quest to ensure Nellie's legacy is not forgotten today, nor in the future," said Mueller.

"Nellie McClung is a very important historical and political figure, not only of the women's movement but in all of Canada," said Roxanna Benoit, vice president of public affairs and communications with Enbridge. "We're proud to support Nellie's Homes of Manitou, and its efforts to honor the legacy of the work she did to advance equality and inspire future generations of leaders."

In addition to the McClung House, the first home McClung and her husband purchased in 1899, the heritage site is also home to Hazel Cottage, where she boarded as a young teacher in 1892, and a gift shop/tourism



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Enbridge Pipelines donated \$25,000 toward the Nellie McClung Heritage Site restoration efforts last week.

centre housed in a log house built circa 1884.

Right now the site is open to tours by appointment, but they will be

open Tuesday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 1 to Sept. 9.

More details are available at nellieshomes.ca.

Local projects benefit from Enbridge funding

By Lorne Stelmach

Almost \$400,000 was invested into a range of projects in the Morden-Winkler area in the last year thanks to Enbridge Pipelines.

It is part of \$1.35 million in com-

munity investment funding from the company that went to more than 55 communities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba alone and more than \$23.9 million to more than 3,500 organizations across North America.

The funds benefit communities in

close proximity to the Line 3 replacement pipeline.

"We don't just operate in communities, we live in them," noted Suzanne Wilton, senior communications advisor for Enbridge, stressing they very much want to be partners in their communities.

"As a good neighbor, we are committed to strengthening communities by supporting programs that positively impact quality of life in three core areas: safety, community and environment," she said. "The communities identified these areas as their top priorities and we're happy to support them."

Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe welcomed the commitment of Enbridge as "a welcome boost to the local economy, and the investments Enbridge is making in our community are a nice bonus on top of that."

"These contributions meet a number of our needs and support enhancements in the delivery of emergency services and recreation facilities in Morden as well as health care within the region."

Local projects receiving funding from Enbridge include:

- \$91,000 to Morden for a walk-

ing path, the development of emergency training space, purchasing an off-road response vehicle, and playground improvements.

- \$90,000 to Winkler towards an airport GPS approach system, arts program support, development of a local garden and butterfly habitat, an outdoor urban wetlands classroom project, and the development of an emergency operations centre.

- \$55,000 to Manitou and the RM of Pembina for heritage site revitalization, campground washrooms, arts program support, and fairground enhancements.

- \$50,000 to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation in support for the purchase of operating room equipment for laparoscopic surgery.

- \$40,000 to the RM of Stanley for the purchase of a water tanker truck.

- \$23,000 to Darlingford for the replacement of a leaking roof, water damage repairs, and other upgrades to the community hall.

- \$10,000 to Schanzenfeld for the design and construction of a natural play park.

- \$10,000 to La Riviere for hall upgrades and a campground expansion.



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To thank Manitoba communities for their ongoing support of the Line 3 pipeline replacement project, Enbridge announced contributions totaling about \$270,000 in the cities of Morden and Winkler and the RM of Stanley on Friday. Similar celebrations were held for donations going out throughout the wider region.

Agriculture

Tariffs hurting hog producers on both sides of border

By Harry Siemens

When pork producers and industry representatives from around the world met in Des Moines for World Pork Expo 2018 last week, trade was among the top issues discussed.

Dr. Dermot Hayes, a professor and pioneer chair in Agribusiness at Iowa State University, has calculated the imposition of retaliatory tariffs on U.S. pork would shift the profitability of U.S. pork producers from break-even to losing money.

Hayes said the reaction to U.S. tariffs imposed on imported aluminum and steel was swift and for the pork industry is costly.

"China placed a 25 per cent duty on U.S. pork April 1 and in the week before and afterward U.S. live hog prices stretching out a full year were down significantly. That's in part because some of the products we export to China don't have another alternative market," he said. "Mexico imposed a 10 per cent duty on U.S. hams and shoulders, and that will go to 20 per cent in early July.

"The average producer in Iowa was expecting a break-even year where they just covered their total costs with no extra profit."

Hayes said it looks like they'll average about \$9 lost per head over the course of a year.

The drop in the futures and the nearby contracts were more significant than that, but the reduction in the prospects out further there was less. That was all the China impact.

"There has not really been a Mexico impact in part because Mexican ham buyers, realizing that the duty is going to go from 10 to 20, are buying hams right now rather than pay a 20 per cent duty and also because there are all sorts of leaks out of the administration that none of this is permanent," Hayes said.

Other nations are also upset with the United States over the aluminum and steels issue, he noted, and there is concern that Japan might impose retaliatory duties on pork as well.

Hayes points out the U.S. ships a lot of pork to Canada, but Canada ships even more to the States. He suspects, then, that if Canada imposes duties on the U.S. it will not touch pork be-

cause our nation has a positive trade balance in pork.

Manitoba Pork chair George Matheson said factors that have lowered the value of hogs in the U.S. are also hurting Canadian pork producers.

Matheson said a lot of the pork consumed in Canada originates in the U.S. and a lot of the weanlings produced in Manitoba go into the U.S., so the two sectors are highly integrated.

Producers in Canada and the U.S. deal with the same issues and both favour a free and open border, he said,

so the future of the North American Free Trade Agreement is top of mind for everyone.

"We don't like trade impediments, so we'd like to see NAFTA stay as it is. We're also concerned about swine health, hoping that we're on top of diseases on both sides of the border and continuing to push biosecurity and fight against disease transfer and also social responsibility and public affair concerns are always something high on our agenda," Matheson said. "In Canada, we're very concerned

about issues between U.S. and Mexican pork trade.

"Producers in Canada, because of our lack of packers, take the U.S. national price as their pork price, so if the American producers are doing well ... Canadian producers will be doing well, so we don't want to see anything jeopardize U.S. pork trade and put them into a price depression.

Matheson would like to see U.S. pork moving freely to both Mexico and China.



This is farming in today's world

By Harry Siemens

This past week I made three trips: one to Winnipeg, one to Portage la Prairie, and a third on Saturday taking in an old-fashioned cowboy rodeo—not playing, but working.

You see, five or six families had what I call a calf-branding bee where they go from ranch to ranch separating the calves from their mothers for the day, roping those calves by real cowboys, and giving the shots to the calf as it struggles to get up.

During these travels, I see for myself how the crops look, but also talk to farmers and their supporting cast, meaning those who help the farmers do what they don't do for themselves.

It looks so far so good, as far as crops go, but it's a risk saying that considering the couple of days that pass between my writing this column and it getting out into readers' hands.

We are in that time of crop development where farmers welcome timely rains, heavy dews in the morning, or any way you can cut it, except of course hail.

With Sundays hot sun and hot winds, moisture depletes much fast-

er, so if it didn't rain on Monday in some areas, crops are once again going to suffer.

With a little less surety with the crop development, there is also a little uneasiness about the feeling out there for contracting, selling, and moving the crop.

When I retweeted this article in a farm media publication, I received some interesting responses:

"AGT president Murad Al-Katib scoffs at a new report that the company is in trouble when it has more than \$600 million in liquid assets that could easily pay off its \$500 million in debt."

Auger Analyst wrote the article, a new contributor with Seeking Alpha, a website that provides stock market insights and financial analysis, saying AGT is a capital-heavy, cyclical commodity business with slim margins and perpetually low returns on capital. Despite this, the firm has strapped on a shockingly massive and increasingly burdensome debt.

Landon Friesen, who farms at Crystal City and follows me, said this:

"Has me uneasy, do lots of business with them. We've noticed a change over the winter with buyers.

Time to look for different market opportunities. We've just found it difficult to contract new crop or old crop. Just a different tone than eight months ago."

"Tough markets. We are strong and diversified. The next 15 years will be way stronger for AGT. Lots of liquidity and great support from our shareholders, clients, farmers, and banks," is how Murad Al-Katib, owner of AGT, responded to me on social media.

Over the years, sad to say, I've watched and reported on companies that were good one day and under the next day.

I'm not inferring at all that this is the case with AGT. In fact, if I was a betting man, and I'm not, I'd go with my friend Murad Al-Katib.

But it bears out the scenario that farmers young and old alike face not only substantial input costs, changing products, services, and equipment, weather uncertainty and contracting concerns.

Take a 1,000-acre farm with input costs of \$300 to \$500 an acre and it's quite easy to put the cash from the previous crop right back into the ground having trimmed off a slim at the top for other things.

Check out the Winkler Morden Voice online at www.winklermordenvoice.ca



Students from École Morden Middle School were part of the fourth annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Tuesday morning. The run from the RCMP detachment to the Morden Police Service coincided with Special Olympics Awareness Week in Manitoba. "We're simply getting members of our community engaged with this cause," said event organizer Cst. Scott Edwards of the Morden Police Service.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. __ fi (slang)
 - 4. Anecdotes about a person
 - 7. Central Standard Time
 - 10. Beverage receptacle
 - 11. Football's Newton
 - 12. Be in debt
 - 13. Tattles
 - 15. Musician __ Lo
 - 16. Arrange again
 - 19. A binary compound of carbon with a metal
 - 21. Brazilian futbol great
 - 23. Feared
 - 24. Annoy
 - 25. Unit of heredity
 - 26. Small freshwater fish
 - 27. Muscular weaknesses
 - 30. Fined
 - 34. One-time EU currency
 - 35. Egyptian unit of weight
 - 36. Winged horse
 - 41. Increments
 - 45. Abnormal rattling sound
 - 46. Middle Eastern country
 - 47. A type of greeter
 - 50. __ inning stretch
 - 54. Reaches
 - 55. More gray
 - 56. Football term
 - 57. Swiss river
 - 59. Ninth day before the ides
 - 60. Grow old
 - 61. Don't know when yet
 - 62. College hoops tournament
 - 63. Japanese monetary unit
 - 64. Medical device
 - 65. Antidiuretic hormone
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Put fear into

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- 2. Partner to corned beef
- 3. Interiors
- 4. Agrees to a demand
- 5. No (Scottish)
- 6. __ Hess Corp.
- 7. Ornamental molding
- 8. Garment
- 9. Electric car company
- 13. Decimal digits in binary (abbr.)
- 14. Gibbon
- 17. Sun up in New York
- 18. __ the line
- 20. A vale
- 22. Old Irish alphabet
- 27. A type of band
- 28. A team's best pitcher
- 29. Floor covering
- 31. A __ in the machine
- 32. Supplement with difficulty
- 33. Prosecutors
- 37. Place in order
- 38. Japanese lute
- 39. Mongolian city __ Bator
- 40. Perceived
- 41. A cloth for washing dishes
- 42. Chocolate cookie with white cream filling
- 43. Grassy plain
- 44. Barometer
- 47. Father
- 48. Of the ear
- 49. Thomas __, British dramatist 1652-85
- 51. After eighth
- 52. Where golfers begin
- 53. Time units (abbr.)
- 58. Basics

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Monday June 18, 2018
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-The Toews family

GRADUATION



Chelsea Gerbrandt

Congratulations Chelsea Gerbrandt upon graduating from the University of Winnipeg with your Bachelor of Arts – Gold Medal and Bachelor of Education degrees. We are very proud of you and wish you God's blessings as you enjoy your teaching position at Prairie Dale School in Garden Valley School Division.

-Love Mom, Dad and Kezra

ANNIVERSARY



The children of Jacob and Mary Heide invite you to a Come and Go 65th anniversary on June 24, 2018 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Gateway Resources, 1582 Pembina Ave, Winkler. Your presence is their gift.

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OBITUARY

Susie Bergen (nee Siemens) 1924 – 2018



Susie Bergen peacefully went to be with the Lord on Thursday afternoon, June 7, 2018 at the age of 94 years. She was met there by her husband, Isaac; infant son; infant grandson and son-in-law, Larry Penner.

She leaves to mourn her passing, four sons and three daughters, Mary Anne and Ken Doell, Cornie and Doreen Bergen, Menno and Mary Bergen, Bernie and Sara Bergen, Linda (Larry) Penner, Lorne and Doris Bergen, Karen and Rick Ewankewich and their families.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018 at Winkler EMMC with interment prior at the Bergfeld Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

Evelyn Esther Sawatzky 1930 – 2018



Evelyn was born on May 4, 1930 in Morden, MB. The family moved to Graysville, MB when Evelyn was seven years old. Evelyn committed her life to the Lord as a teenager and was baptized in the Bergthaler Church. Her faith in our Lord carried her throughout her life and into His presence as she took her last breath. As a young adult, Evelyn moved to Winnipeg and worked as a nurse's aide at the Children's Hospital. Evelyn loved working with the children. It brought her much joy and she would tell us stories of how children would cry when she had to leave them. She just loved children all in all. It came as no surprise when during her final days, the staff at Salem Home shared with us that her favourite song was Jesus Loves the Little Children. In 1957, Evelyn left her much

loved job in Winnipeg to move home with her parents so that she could help them as they cared for her brother, Orlando and sister-in-law, Verna's two small children while Orlando was battling cancer. In 1959, Evelyn and her parents moved to Winkler. In the years following, Evelyn worked as a nurse's aide in the Bethesda Hospital in Steinbach and then later, spent many years working in the sterilization department at the Bethel Hospital in Winkler. Evelyn spent her final years of employment as a home care worker in Winkler. Evelyn lived with her parents during her years in Winkler. After her mom's passing in 1976, she continued living with her dad until he passed away in 1986. At that time, they lived in the Lion's Manor and that remained her home until 2007 when due to declining health, she moved into the Salem Home in Winkler. Evelyn fully enjoyed living at Salem. She found new joy and zest for life with her new-found Salem family. Evelyn passed away peacefully in her room at Salem Home in the early hours of the morning on Sunday, June 3, 2018.

Evelyn is survived by her sister, Margaret and her family; her brother, Daniel and his family; sisters-in-law, Rita (John), Elsie (Henry), Norma (David) and their families. Evelyn was predeceased by her parents, John G and Katherine (Tina) (nee Nikkel) Sawatzky; brothers, Orlando, David, John, Henry, plus two brothers in infancy, Edgar John and Henry Edward; sister, Marie Amy at the age of one year; sister-in-law, Verna (Orlando); brother-in-law, Frank Letkeman (Margaret) and sister-in-law, Judith (Daniel).

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

Special thanks to Evelyn's Salem family for loving her and taking such excellent care of her. Your unconditional love and care was greatly appreciated by Evelyn and her family. We cannot thank you enough! Special thanks to Wiebe Funeral Home as well. Your expertise, professionalism, care and kindness is appreciated more than words can express. May God richly bless you for who you are and all you do!

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Evelyn's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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OBITUARY

Bernhard (Ben) Penner 1937 – 2018



On Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Ben Penner aged 80 years of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest. Bernhard Penner was born December 18, 1937. He enjoyed his life here on earth being active in church activities such as serving on the church board, as a Boy's Brigade leader and usher. He taught school for 35 years, first in rural schools and the last 25 years at the Morden Elementary and Maple Leaf Schools. Hunting, fishing and camping were much a part of his life. Other hobbies included activities at the Senior Centre with shuffleboard and various card games. We took part in the Manitoba Senior Games for many years. Ben had a hip replacement in 2012 which was not successful. He suffered pain with that right to the end. The

lung surgery three years ago and this was cancer. For 14 years, we enjoyed spending winters in southern Texas, Magic Valley Park. Here we made new friends, were involved with church activities, learned to play outdoor shuffleboard, enjoyed picking fruit, shopping and crossed the border into Mexico numerous times. We also spent 30 years at Dryberry Lake Lodge in Ontario with family and friends. He said, "Life is good." And God blessed us in so many ways.

Ben was predeceased by two children, Larry David at five months and Phyllis Marie at three months. He is survived by his wife, Marge; three children, Wendy, Douglas and David (Loretta); five grandchildren and two great-grandsons as well as many relatives and friends.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Morden Alliance Church with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Thank you to all who helped us through this difficult journey; your love and prayers were a big help to us. God bless you all!

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ben's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation and designated to Palliative Care.

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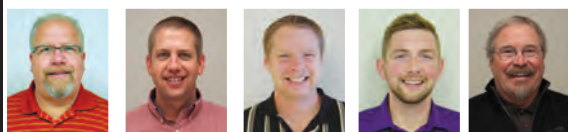
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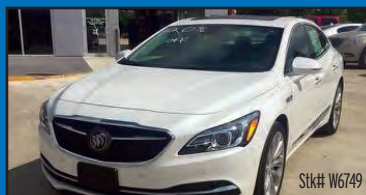


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