

# **Introducing the Meridian Exhibition Centre**

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler arena expansion project has been in the works for years, but now it finally has a name.

Local dignitaries gathered last week to announce that WGI Westman Group, owners of Meridian Manufacturing, have purchased the naming rights to the recreation facility.

Westman Group owner Russ Edwards handed over a cheque for \$1.25 million to Mayor Martin Harder to officially designate the project the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

"The community has been very good to our company and sometimes you have to give back to the community," Edwards said. "This was one of those times.

"It's something that will be here for many, many years," he added. "And of course our company is front and centre in this community, so we're very happy and very proud to have been able to partake in this venture."

Plans for the facility include adding a second rink beside the current Park St. recreation complex, a large multi-use exhibition hall, and an indoor pool.

In addition to the naming rights to

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WGI Westman Group owner Russ Edwards (left) and Winkler Mayor Martin Harder unveil the newly named Meridian Exhibition Centre last week. The Westman Group contributed \$1.25 million to the project for the overall naming rights and the right to name the exhibition hall the Bernhard Thiessen Hall.

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# Morden municipal planner to receive national honour

#### By Lorne Stelmach

After 41 years as a planner, Chris Leach obviously has a good grasp of the profession.

A lot of the work involves building relationships, said the Morden-based regional manager for the community and regional planning branch of Indigenous and Municipal Relations.

"Planners by profession are mediators and facilitators," said Leach, who is about to receive the highest honour of his profession in being inducted into the Canadian Institute of Planners' College of Fellows during a national conference in Quebec City next month.

"For a long time, my pet definition of a planner was a specialized generalist," he said, adding that a colleague from the United States actually came up with an appropriate description in describing them as agents of change.

"That's actually a very appropriate identification because planning is about change, looking to the future of what you want to do and what you need to do now to get to that end result.

"Most people have difficulty dealing with change ... so planners have to be able to guide municipalities and people through that change and help them adjust."

Now looking ahead to retirement, the Hamilton native has seen his career take him to all corners of the nation.

After his first planning job in Fredericton, New Brunswick, he went to the high Arctic region. Next came the Peace River region of northwest Alberta for two years, then back to the east coast for eight years in Halifax, Nova Scotia, followed by Prince Edward Island with a five year stint as acting director of provincial planning.

Leach then moved to Manitoba to work in a number of different departments since 1993, working as regional manager in Morden for the last decade.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our family, friends, former coaches & teammates, and everyone who was cheering on the Penguins for all your support during the Stanley Cup Playoffs. A special thanks to the many local businesses for showing their support through decorations and signs, and to Deb Penner, the City of Winkler & businesses for the game 5 viewing party. Sincerely, Eric, Rachel, & Elizabeth Fehr





#### PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden's Chris Leach is being inducted into the Canadian Institute of Planners' College of Fellows during a national conference in Quebec City next month.

In that position, he is the approving authority for such things as subdivisions. He also often serves in an advisory role to municipalities.

"What we do as a profession is protect the public interest," Leach stressed.

His area stretches north to Carman, east to the Red River, and as far west as Cartwright.

It has been interesting particularly working in the Winkler, Morden and RM of Stanley area, Leach said, because it has been one of the fastest growing regions in the country.

"There's a lot going on here ... there's a lot of activity."

Leach has been a full member of Canadian Institute of Planners since 1978 and has served in a number of capacities, including several stints as regional and national president. Being inducted now into the College of Fellows is a high honour, said Leach, who notes it doesn't come to many—there are about 125 fellows out of some 8,000 members from the past 97 years.

"So it is a select group of people who have been recognized in that way ... it is a huge honour," he said. "I was quite humbled when I found out that I was going to be inducted into the college."

It is an honour as well because it is recognition from his peers in a profession that has been very fulfilling for Leach.

He suggested most people ultimately want a career that is something they will enjoy doing each day, and he found that in planning.

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# Winkler cheers on Eric Fehr to Stanley Cup win

"WE'RE EXCITED

FOR HIM TO BRING

THE CUP HOME TO

WINKLER."

#### By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The Stanley Cup will be returning to Winkler once again thanks to the efforts of the city's own Eric Fehr.

Fehr's Pittsburgh Penguins claimed the NHL's top prize Sunday with a 3-1 win over the San Jose Sharks in Game 6 of the championship final.

While Winklerites had to content themselves with watching the final game from the com-

fort of their homes, hundreds of hockey fans got the chance to get together three days earlier to cheer Fehr and the Penguins on in Game 5.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," said city events coordinator Deb Penner amidst the sea of fans who took over Bethel Heritage Park June 9 to watch the game on a giant outdoor screen. "The fact that Winkler might have the cup here for the third time

is crazy."

Even though San Jose scored two goals in 22 seconds to take an early first period lead, the crowd continued to grow throughout the evening as more and more fans stopped by to root for their favourite player, #16.

Fehr didn't contribute any goals in the final two games of the series, but did

score a key goal in game four for the

Penguins en route to their first Stan-

ley Cup win since 2009.

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Game 5 was shown on a giant screen, with the crowd growing larger even as the minutes wound down in the 4-2 loss.





PHOTOS BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE Hundreds of fans filled Bethel Heritage Park to watch Winkler's own Eric Fehr and the Pittsburgh Penguins battle the San Jose Sharks for the Stanley Cup last week. Right: Tony Siemens and sons Joshua and Sebastian cheer "Go Eric!"



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Winkler's Central Station Community Centre is starting work on a 4,000 sq. ft. expansion that will allow the facility to expand its kitchen, offices, and community store and also invite the Winkler and District Food Cupboard to move in, says executive director Lavonne Kroeker (at right).

# **Central Station getting to work on 4,000 sq. ft. expansion**

### Extra space means the Winkler Food Cupboard will be moving in

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

Just four years after first opening its doors, the Central Station Community Centre in Winkler is preparing for a major expansion.

The centre will be adding about 4,000 sq. ft. of space to its facility at 545 Industrial Dr. this summer.

The Bunker youth ministry, which is currently located in the eastern end of the building, will move into the new addition, leaving their current space for Central Station to expand into, explains executive director Lavonne Kroeker.

"We plan to expand our kitchen space, which will mean cooking classes can meet more comfortably and we anticipate having more times available to increase the number of classes that can be offered," she said. "As well, increased freezer and cooler space will give community meal organizers more opportunity to accept donations."

The additional space will give Central Station's Shine and Share community store—which provides affordable staples and gently used items to people in need—more space to operate from, and will also allow the centre to welcome the Winkler and District Food Cupboard to the building. The busy food bank is currently located in a small space out on Cargill Rd. This move brings them to a much larger, more easily accessible location, said Kroeker.

"Transportation is an ongoing challenge for individuals in Winkler and area," she said, noting Central Station currently has volunteer drivers who help people get out to the food cupboard every week. "This is a spot for some people that they are able to walk to, so that is a huge thing for us in that it's going to be more convenient.

"We can support each other in the work that we do, which we already do, but we can build on that," she added.

The changes also allow the centre to rework and expand their office space to provide more private meeting areas.

"[That] will give opportunity for staff, volunteers, and outside professionals to meet one-on-one with individuals in a space that is more conducive to confidential conversations," said Kroeker. "We are excited about potential partnerships that can happen as a result."

Work on the project is expected to get underway immediately with a goal of having it done by fall.

The project comes with a price tag of approximately \$600,000. Anyone who would like to contribute can contact Central Station at 204-325-0257 or learn more online at winklercentralstation.com.

"We are so thankful for the support we have received since we opened in 2012," said Kroeker. "Financially from churches, business, individuals and granting agencies, the prayers of those who believe in what we do, and volunteers who have come forward to help with anything from planting our garden, baking, helping with raising funds, and cleaning to hosting during our drop-in hours.

"This expansion project is an opportunity for everyone in Winkler to contribute, either financially or with volunteer time."

#### 'HUGE MEASURE OF FAITH'

Central Station board member Albert Heide said when they first opened the centre they couldn't have imagined how fast it would grow.

"You have no idea how it's going to go. We stepped into this and it was a huge measure of faith," he said. "But slowly you find your way and today we've got all kinds of programs running here, a huge variety, and successfully."

The centre provides a home to everything from a weekly community meal to support and parenting groups, breakfast clubs, educational programming, and more.

In 2015, the facility had over 20,000 individual visits. With so many people coming through the doors, Kroeker feels they're meeting their goal of being a central hub for the community.

"The more people that come in, the more people are aware of what happens here and they make connections with other people, they feel like they have someone else in the community that they know ... and that's really what we want to do as far as being that connector, that hub, that central station."

This expansion will allow them to offer even more programming and foster new partnerships in the community moving forward, said Heide.

"Who knows where it's going to take us? Ten years from now we may not be able to be here—we may need a bigger facility."

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"I've been doing this that long, and there hasn't been a day in the last four years that I have gotten up and said I hate going to work," he said.

"I just enjoy doing it, and I feel that I still am providing a valuable service. I enjoy working with the municipalities. I really enjoy this work ... as a regional manager for the province is really rewarding

work."

While retirement is on the horizon for the soon-to-be 67-year-old, for now the Province has asked Leach to extend his retirement date.

Looking ahead, he expects to continue on with some consulting as well as volunteer work in the profession.

"So long as my mind works, it needs to be challenged," said Leach.





### Hall named in honour of Bernie Thiessen

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the entire complex, Meridian has also purchased the rights to name the exhibition hall the Bernhard Thiessen Hall in honour of the retiring Meridian vice-president.

"The guy has done a fantastic job. He's such a great person, such a tremendous personality," Edwards said, noting that they felt this was a fitting way to thank him for his many years with the company. "After he's gone, that name will still be there."

Mayor Harder said this is a huge step forward for the project.

"We thought it was important to give it a name before we actually go apply for the grants," he said, noting the city hopes to receive funding from both the provincial and federal governments.

The Westman Group's \$1.25 million contribution represents about a third of what the City of Winkler already



#### PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

WGI Westman Group owners Russ and Edna Edwards (on either end of cheque) present City of Winkler councillors (from left) Andrew Froese, Marvin Plett, and Don Fehr, and Mayor Martin Harder with a cheque for \$1.25 million for the naming rights to the arena expansion project.

has saved up for the project.

"So it's a huge boost," Harder said. "We're very proud and excited to have a business from the community who is that generous and contributing to our community.

"I think this will help show the government officials that we are serious, that we want to do this, we need this," he added.

The project is still in the design phase, but Harder is optimistic work could get started on it sometime late next year.

"This will give us an initiative to complete the design phase of the building itself, and I think after that we can go apply for funding," he said. "I am sure hoping we'll be able to put shovels to the ground in 2017.

"Winkler has put their mind to other things before and made it happen, and we're going to make this happen."

# Two arrested, \$1,500 in drugs seized in search

Winkler Police got \$1,500 in drugs off the street and arrested two people after a bust in the Parkland area last Friday.

On June 10 at approximately 12:30 a.m., Winkler police along with the Regional Support Tactical Team executed a search warrant at #1-1402 Paramount Bay.

The search produced 6.4 grams of methamphetamine, 4.5 grams of marijuana, one hundred 600 mg. Gabapentin pills, a digital scale, drug packaging material used for sales, multiple cellular phones, \$55 in cash, and numerous power tools reported stolen from the Steinbach area.

Two residents of the apartment were arrested there without incident.

Daniel Raymond Somerton, 30, and Kimberly Susanne Ramsey, 34, are facing multiple drug possession and trafficking charges, charges of possession of property obtained by crime, and breach of undertaking. Both were out on bail stemming from a previous incident in April, when both were charged and re-

leased on charges of drug possession for the purpose of trafficking. The duo were remanded into custody awaiting a court appearance in Winnipeg on Monday.

# Winkler catches Stanley Cup fever

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The celebration last Thursday which was dampened only slightly by the Sharks winning 4-2—was a great way for the community to come together to cheer on a hometown hero.

"We'd be watching the game anyway inside," noted Alex Howe, sitting with his wife Melanie, "might as well enjoy the beautiful day."

"I think it's really cool that Win-

kler is having all these community events in this park," noted fellow fan Suzy Dueck.

In addition to showing the game itself, the park also hosted bouncing inflatables and a mini hockey rink for the kids to enjoy and free food and drinks for everyone.

This, of course, isn't the first time the city has caught Stanley Cup fever—fellow local product Dustin Penner brought it home in 2007 and again in 2012. Now it's Fehr's turn, and his hometown couldn't be more excited for a third day with the Cup.

"We're happy for all the support the community showed Eric Fehr," said Penner, noting local businesses and even City Hall painted their windows with well wishes for Fehr during the playoffs, "and we're excited for him to bring the Cup home to Winkler."

> *—with files from Ashleigh Viveiros*







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# An unwanted journey

her sleep.

difficult.

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I might be in shock. I don't know.

My sister Angel called me and sent

several texts saying I needed to call

her immediately and I knew there

was something wrong, the way you

Mum was not answering her phone,

so Angel went over to see if every-

thing was okay. She found Mum in her chair. She seemed to have died in

Sixty-seven years old seems too

I am warring with myself now. Part

of me wants to excavate every memo-

ry of my mum. Another part does not

I go through odd periods where I

feel absolutely nothing and then all

of a sudden like a well-spring it all

She was here two days ago and now

It feels as if a small explosive device

went off somewhere deep inside of

my chest. I ache in a way that does

not want to stop. I am exhausted, al-

though I have slept. I find myself talk-

she is not and I am finding this very

comes pouring out in a wet mess.

want to think about it at all.

do about these things sometimes.

words to me and mine to her.

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am sitting at the airport waiting for a flight to Toronto. Less than 11 hours ago my sister called me to tell me my mother had died suddenly and I think I am still in shock.

I recognize this is a very personal moment, but since I tell you everything else I feel I can talk to you about this too. It may be

selfish, but it feels necessary. I need to write. Writing helps me. Mum was not sick. I talked to her just the other

here."

night. "Hi Peter, just calling to say hello. Nothing important is going on **By Peter Cantelon** 

As with all our chats on the phone, this one ended with the words"I love you" shared between us. I am grate-



### Former Big Bros. president bids organization farewell

An open letter to the volunteers, employees, directors, mentors, mentees, and supporters of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler:

I was first introduced to the agency in 2008 by my friend, Jeremy Ward, who at the time was the sitting president of the volunteer board of directors. I asked Jeremy why he decided to volunteer his time with this particular organization.

"I signed up when I learned that Littles had actually aged out of the program before being matched."

What he was saying was that children in need of a mentor had been on

the waiting list for so long that they no longer qualified to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister.

I joined up at the next meeting. The amount of support for the role that Big Brothers Big Sisters plays in our community has grown substantially over the past decade and, with plans to expand the service territory, I see this trend continuing well into the future.

The tangible differences made through effective mentoring are immediate and widespread. I've seen it first-hand numerous times: if we support the youth of today, then toalmost. It is hard to accept that she will not call me next week; that I cannot call her next week to gloat about our weather and tease her about hers. It is difficult.

ing to Mum in my head, like prayer

Mum is fierce and foundational. Mum is all things. Mum is why I am and I owe her everything.

It is hard to tell people about it. When I told my children it was difficult not to cry and so I did. It doesn't matter who I talk to ... even now it is hard to write these words without gasping as if I no longer have air.

Mum is gone but ever-present now. It is an odd juxtaposition of absence and presence. I am thinking about her all of the time. Every moment is filled with her in a way it has never been before. I don't like that we take these trips to say goodbye ... they should be more for hellos.

I need to go now. They are boarding my plane and I have to start this journey that I don't really want to take. I know it has already started, but I think you know what I mean.

Thanks for listening. Now I need to go and say goodbye.

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morrow we'll reap the social dividends of our collective investment.

Involvement from local government, businesses, and sponsors has been outstanding and the various media outlets have always been front and centre to lend a hand (financially and physically) in helping us with our fundraising and awareness events.

When I started, Laura Matychuk was the executive director, followed by Gail Deere and, lastly, Michael Penner. All three have brought their



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# Adult ed. students seek to raise awareness

#### By Lorne Stelmach

A project for students at the adult education centre in Morden has helped raise awareness of the issues around murdered and missing indigenous women.

Part of what had been a global issues class that now incorporates a focus on First Nations and Inuit studies, the bigger aim was to help the students become more aware of issues impacting indigenous people.

Of particular interest was the assignment to research three to five of Canada's missing indigenous women and tell their stories.

"It's kind of a sombre project, but at the same time, too, it's great to grow that awareness with our students," said teacher Todd Folkett, who noted it's a timely subject considering the recent government inquest into the matter.

A lot of what is studied is about history, so it was interesting to make this project about something current and relevant, he said.

"The students really had some interest in finding out what the inquiry was about ... after that, then they had to zero in on one specific individual and tell their life story ... how they may have ended up in their situation. "I really wanted them to become more aware of what us as Canadians are dealing with ... especially the aboriginal communities. I think it kind of really opened up their eyes," said Folkett. "This is a major problem ... one of those things we don't normally talk about. You see the name, you know the story ... this at least gets them to stop and think about it more ... take the time that it needs and deserves.

"It also really opened the door for more discussion as well," he added. "A lot of them came into the course not knowing a lot ... and that's why they took it. Even if we learned a few things that we didn't know prior, then it's been a success."

Having a Mennonite background, student Elizabeth Braun said this was certainly an issue she didn't really know anything about coming into it.

"It's been a great learning experience," she said. "I guess I was never aware of how many women actually went missing, so it's been a really big eye opener."

Grayson Lhirondelle came at it with a different perspective, having a Metis heritage.

"I was always interested in learning more about my native heritage. When I heard the adult ed. centre was offering a First Nations course ... I wanted to jump right into it and learn," said Lhirondelle.

"I knew right away who I wanted to do," he added of researching one of the murdered or missing. "I read about Helen Betty Osborne back in high school. I was always intrigued by her story.

"Just learning about how many aboriginal women go missing and murdered though ... it really opened my eyes. I just never knew the number was so huge."

Both Lhirondelle and Folkett noted the realization of the ripple effect and how many people these missing women impact.

"The focus is always just on one person ... but if you really look into it, it goes beyond just that one person. It makes a really huge impact," said Lhirondelle. "It really makes you wonder ... do people really even bat an eye-

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own flair and passion to the role and the agency succeeds because of their leadership and tireless efforts.

The board led by president Vince Sheppard is poised to continue the tradition of excellent governance on one of this community's oldest and well-recognized volunteer institutions.

In the coming years, the board will need new members and the agency will always need more Big Brothers and Big Sisters. My hope is that our community will continue our high level of support, as it is needed now more than ever.

Thank you once again for your help, your patience, and your guidance and also for sharing in our mission to ensure that "every child that needs a mentor in Morden and Winkler, has a mentor."

> Mark Bennett, outgoing past-president, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler



#### PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden adult education centre students Grayson Lhirondelle and Elizabeth Braun with teacher Todd Folkett in front of research papers done on murdered or missing indigenous women as part of the course's First Nations and Inuit studies project.

lash at the bigger picture here?"

As part of the course, the students also expanded their studies to research treaties as well as a wall of fame of significant people who have made a difference in the indigenous community. It was interesting for the students to see people who have made an impact in a variety of fields, from athletes to artists, said Folkett.

"It really grew," he said, "and they really did a fantastic job with it."



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# Senior centre settling into their new home

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre has moved into its new home in the Buhler Active Living Centre.

The centre opened its doors at the 6th St. site for the first time in over two years last week Wednesday.

"It's been a bit of a long ride, but we're finally there," says executive director John Klassen.

As part of the new seniors' housing high-rise, the centre offers a revamped gift store featuring crafts made by local artisans and products from Ten Thousand Villages, hair and foot care services, a commercial kitchen and dining room, a multi-purpose room, workout room, and more.

They're celebrating the grand opening all this month with free coffee for everyone weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A free community waffle breakfast was scheduled to take place this Thursday, June 16, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony.

If you missed that, you can still stop by from 5-6 p.m. on June 23 for a free community soup and pie supper or on June 30 for the free hot dog barbecue.

The day before they re-opened, the senior centre reported on a successful year at their annual general meeting on June 7.

Klassen noted it has been a very busy 12 months for the organization as they prepared to move into their new home.

Financially, the agency is in good shape, finishing the year with a surplus of over \$28,000.

"Our finances have actually really improved in the last couple of years," Klassen said."I know that everybody



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler Senior Centre's Cathleen Bergen in the multi-purpose room in the newly-opened Buhler Active Living Centre. The senior centre moved into the seniors' housing complex last week.

has tightened their belts, everybody has worked hard at fundraising."

Klassen also noted the centre received over \$55,000 in grants over the past year, which has bolstered their finances significantly.

The centre is also projecting a small

surplus for the 2016-2017 budget.

"We think we have a good idea what's going to happen, but we won't have a really good idea until after we've been in our new building for a year," Klassen noted.

## Morden United Way reflects on successful year

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District United Way has seen the need grow among the various agencies and organizations that the charitable campaign supports.

The last year was no different, directors observed as they held the annual meeting June 11.

"Every year we've asked for about twice as much as what we can deliver," said Alex Fedorchuk, who steps in as president for 2016-17."But that's okay ... that gives us something to shoot for."

Last year's campaign goal was \$90,000, of which the United Way managed to reach \$76,000.

While that means the 29 organizations supported by the United Way each proportionately may have not received as much as hoped for, Fedorchuk noted they knew that they were setting an optimistic target.

"Everybody's happy with what they get," he said, adding they like to aim high given how they have seen the



#### PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden and District United Way set its executive for the year at its annual meeting June 11. The board includes Harvey Kinsmen, Rick Klippenstein, Alex Fedorchuk as president, and Tamara Schroeder. demand grow substantially in recent years.

"It's always nice to give money away ... whether it's \$76,000 or \$90,000," agreed vice president Tamara Schroeder. "We are still able to make a difference in the community with the money that we've raised."

The funding distributed into the community this past year ranged from \$7,500 to Youth for Christ and \$6,400 for the Eden Mental Health Centre to \$800 for spiritual care at the Boundary Trails Health Centre and \$500 for the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Fedorchuk noted one concern of the organization is that the funding support from the

province towards the administrative expenses of the United Way hasn't changed in years.

That funding has remained at \$14,000 annually, and 100 per cent of the money collected in the annual campaign goes to the local agencies supported by the United Way.

He gave credit to all of the volun-

teers behind the campaign who have been really dedicated to the cause.

"We really believe in what we're doing," he said, noting they have heard feedback from many non-profit groups in the community about just how important it is that receive sup-

port from the United Way each year.

"It's pretty heartwarming. It makes us realize that what we're doing is really worthwhile."

"And we really want to thank the community for being supportive and being behind us," added Schroeder.

In order to build and maintain that support, the United Way continues to undertake a number of events through the year, ranging from the spring Day

of Caring to the Christmas Skate with Santa.

The former didn't take place this spring, but they are looking to return to that in some shape or form in the coming year.

"Every event has a shelf life. We

"EVERY YEAR WE'VE ASKED FOR TWICE AS MUCH AS WHAT WE CAN DELIVER ... THAT GIVES US SOMETHING TO SHOOT FOR."

### La Riviere rec. centre improvements moving full speed ahead

The La Riviere and Community Recreation Centre made some good headway on its drainage, landscaping, and building enhancement project earlier this month.

Workers from several area companies joined volunteers in pouring a new concrete pad around the building on June 7.

La Riviere & Community Recreation Association board chair Ev Janzen says they're looking forward to wrapping up work on the entire enhancement project this summer.

"We're progressing," she said. "The concrete has been poured, the siding has gone back up, lights are going in now, the ornamental lighting, and the sign will be going back up soon. "Sod is ordered, trees are ordered, and we're just waiting for it to get a little drier so we can put some topsoil down and get it all installed," said Janzen. "So we're getting there."

The project has received funding from the Federated Co-op Community Spaces Program to the tune of \$25,000, she noted.

Other aspects of the renovations include new doors, a canopy, and a wheelchair-accessible entrance.

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Workers and volunteers got their hands dirty pouring fresh concrete at the La Riviere and Community Recreation Centre earlier this month.



## **Corn and Apple Festival offering meet and greets with headliners**

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The Corn and Apple Festival is offering a couple more features for its 50th anniversary celebration this summer.

For one, there will be an opportunity for people to get a chance to meet and greet headlining acts Chad Brownlee (performing festival Friday) and The Trews (which anchor the Saturday evening main stage set).

Thirty tickets will be available for each evening, festival organizers announced last week.

Tickets will cost \$30 and will be available closer to the Aug. 26-28 festival. The festival committee is also considering whether to make tickets available through a contest rather than just first come, first serve.

At the June 8 festival committee meeting, main stage organizer Darren Klassen also an-

nounced plans are in the works for a songwriter's workshop that will offer someone the opportunity to perform their song on the stage during the festival.

Klassen encourages interested artists to get to work creating an original song either about the festival itself or otherwise related to Morden in some way. Song choices could be narrowed down to the one chosen to be performed on stage.

Plans otherwise are falling into place for the 2016 celebration, though board chair Lynda MacLean stresses they are still looking for volunteers in a variety of areas.

Beyond festival weekend, the committee is also planning a wine tasting as a special anniversary event Oct. 14 with the aim of using the funds to help establish a festival legacy fund within the Morden Area Foundation.

# 'We like to try new things'

#### From Pg. 8

took a year off and we're going to come back with a new approach," said Fedorchuk, while Schroeder added that, "We're going to try to reinvent it."

They also felt the United Way got a good response from its fall kickoff event, which included live music from the Back Forty Festival.

"We're always trying new things, trying to partner with different organizations in the community," said Schroeder.

The aim of these kinds of events is to get the United Way involved in the community, she added.

"I think it just tries to draw awareness to what the United Way does ... and all the agencies that we help. I don't know that everyone is fully aware of all the agencies that are supported by the United Way."

"We like to try new things and see if we can increase each year," said Fedorchuk.

"The annual campaign remains the big thing for us, and the donors in this part of the world are fabulous ... so generous."

The United Way has not yet set their fundraising goal for this fall's campaign, but Schroeder suggested it would likely again be somewhere in the \$90,000 range.

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# Author shares tips for a backyard harvest

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BACKYARDS."

WEALTH OF FOOD

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Botanist and author Laura Reeves took listeners for a walk on the wild side at the Morden and Miami libraries last week.

A lifetime of foraging gives her expert knowledge and experience about wild plants in Manitoba and their many uses.

She covers such areas as identifying, harvesting, and preparing over 65 Manitoba plants in a new book entitled Laura Reeve's Guide to Useful Plants—From Acorns to

Zoom Sticks.

Introducing the book and going through a variety of her samples, Reeves said she simply wants people to "realize we have a wealth of food and other plant uses right in our backyards."

"I want people to get outside and enjoy the plants around them and to appreci-

ate what's in their backyards more," she said after book events in Miami Thursday and Morden Friday.

"Often we think that the exotic things are more valuable, but we have very valuable things right in our backyards," Reeves said. "Even the weeds in our garden are more nutritious than the plants we're growing in our place sometimes."

For Reeves, this has been a lifelong passion since the days of her child-

hood when her father would introduce her to the tastes and uses of the plants around them.

Rather than doing a field guide, though, she wanted to write a book that would both entertain and inspire others in the same way.

"It's mostly to get more people outside using the local plants around them," she said. "It's not a technical read. It's more of a simple read ... suitable for anyone who's beginning with wild edibles and someone who's had more experience.

> "I didn't want to bore people with technical details and words they don't understand. I wanted it to be simple ... a fun read about my experience with local plant use," she said. "It does have pictures in it that will help you to identify things, but there are so many good field guides around there, I just didn't want to replicate it all."

In her presentations, Reeves went through a variety of examples such as how wild bergamot could be used in place of oregano.

There is the stinging nettle, which has sharp hairs that break easily and can irritate or sting when the plant is touched, but it is also a vitamin-rich food source as well as a remedy for various medical conditions.

And a popular topic was the common dandelion, which can be used from the flower to the root for everyBotanist and author Laura Reeves presented at the Morden

and Miami libraries last week on her new Guide to Useful Plants. She shared how to identify, harvest, and prepare dozens of different wild

Manitoba plants to eat or use for other common purposes. PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/ VOICE

thing from dandelion coffee to cocoa. Reeves said it can be overwhelming for someone just starting to explore

all this, so her advice is to start small with just a few plants you can research and easily find close to home. "There's over a thousand different

species of plants in Manitoba. Where do you start? Start with the ones you could possibly use all the time ... the ones that are convenient and easy to use ... and you're more likely to use them because they're right there.

"If it's the plants you only see at your cabin once or twice a year, you're not



going to get to know them very well or very quickly. But if it's something you can possibly use every day or every week ...

"Maybe once a week you try a new plant or something new with that plant or even once a month. It's better than waiting until that one time you're out in the bush on a camping trip."

*Laura Reeve's Guide to Useful Plants*— *From Acorns to Zoom Sticks* is available for purchase at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre and Floral Scents in Morden.



# care hosts **BBQ**

Families filled the grounds of the Pembina Valley Child Care Centre in Morden Monday for their annual fundraising barbecue and garage sale. The event, which usually brings in about \$3,000, will help provide rubber surfacing for the centre's infant and toddler playground, which will cost a total of about \$15,000. "That's where all of our fundraising this year will go," said executive director Shuana Richards, noting they are applying for a number of grants as well. They hope to begin work on the improvements next summer.

# Walking for Alzheimer's



#### ABOVE PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Dozens of people came out to Salem Home in Winkler June 8 (left) and Tabor Home in Morden June 11 (above) for the annual Walk for Alzheimer's events. Fundraising totals were not available for the six walks in the south central region as of press time, but last year our area raised just over \$36,000. This is the nation's biggest fundraiser for Alzheimer's disease research and support, with walks in 150 communities across Canada. In 2014, 24,000 walkers raised \$4.5 million.





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CANADA'S STORE 781 Norquay Dr., Winkler



# Hundreds come out for Shriners fish fry

Local Shriners hosted the 18th annual fish fry fundraiser in La Riviere on June 5.

The Pembina Valley Shrine Club, with the assistance of Shriners from Winnipeg and many other volunteers, served up a meal of fresh pickerel fillets and all the fixings to a crowd of 640 people at the Blair Morrison Hall.





Dozens of volunteers helped the Pembina Valley Shrine Club serve up fish meals to 640 people at the 18th annual fish fry fundraiser in La Riviere on June 5. The event raises funds to provide transportation services to sick kids from Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario to Shriners Hospitals for Children that treat children for a host of orthopedic and neuromusculoskeletal disorders.

Thanks to the success of the fish fry and other events, last year the Pembina Valley club was able to donate \$2,500 to the Children's Transportation Fund.

This year's total will get a boost thanks to a \$1,000 donation presented to the Shriners from the RBC Manitou branch, which had several volunteers on hand to help out at the fish fry.

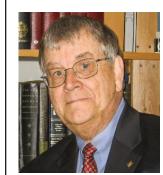
Pembina Valley Shriner Harry Brendle said that since the event was started nearly two decades ago, the club has proudly contributed well over \$45,000 to the transportation fund, whose budget this year stands at \$230,000.

#### The Death Knell of Christianity?

from Creation Moments Radio Program

Psalm 2:4

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."



"I think that evolution is absolutely the death knell of Christianity." No, those aren't my words. These words were spoken by atheist Frank Zindler, and they make it very clear what the origins debate is really all about. It is nothing less than the front line in the battle between two incompatible faiths.

In step-by-step fashion, Zindler described how he reached that conclusion. "The most devastating thing that biology did to Christianity," he said, "was the discovery of biological evolution." In other words, he starts out by declaring that evolution has been proven, which, as you know, is very far from the truth. He goes on to say that evolution means that Adam and Eve

never really existed. In his own words, "Now that we know that Adam and Eve never were real people, the central myth of Christianity is destroyed."

And why is that? He continues, and I quote: "If there never was an Adam and Eve, there never was an original sin. If there never was an original sin, there is no need of salvation. If there is no need of salvation, there is no need of a savior. And I submit that puts Jesus, historical or otherwise, into the ranks of the unemployed."

Yes, atheists foolishly think that evolution is the death knell of Christianity. In reality, biology – with its established fact that life comes only from life – points directly to our Creator. Biology is actually the death knell of atheism and evolution.

Prayer:Lord Jesus, I pray that You will use me to help others see that life comes only from life and that the original Life that started it all was You! Amen.

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Teacher Jaime Friesen-Pankratz (fourth from left) with Abe Wiebe, Maria Enns, Annie Neufeld, Annie Dyck and Eva Zacharias, some of the recent graduates in Regional Connections' literacy program. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Literacy program helps students get ahead

The literacy program at Regional Connections in Winkler graduated 14 students last Friday.

The program, funded by Manitoba Adult Learning and Literacy, has been running in Winkler for over 20 years. It focuses on building students' reading, writing, oral communication, and numeracy skills.

At the completion of the three-stage program, students may receive a Gr. 9 English credit through Adult Learning and become eligible to begin work on their high school diploma.

The course is designed to fit the daily commitments and learning needs of its adult learners through continuous intake and a flexible drop-in class format that helps students build a learning portfolio at their own pace.

The next round of classes in Winkler, Morden, and Altona start up in September. Childcare is available for morning classes in both Winkler and Morden.

Registration for 2016/17 literacy classes as well as adult ESL classes opens on Aug. 22. Contact Regional Connections at 204-325-4059 for more information.

# Our mistake

The June 9 edition of the *Voice* included a photo of the threshing demonstration that took place at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's Heritage Day celebration.

The caption incorrectly indicated that the green tractor driving the threshing action was a steam engine. In fact, that tractor is a Rumley Oil Pull, which does not operate under steam power. We apologize for this error and any confusion it may have caused.

If you want to see an actual steam tractor up close, stop by PTM this Saturday for the celebrations surrounding the 100th birthday of the museum's 1916 Case Steamer.

The party runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include cake, a stationary engine display, demonstrations, and more.



# **GVC student earns bronze at Skills Canada**

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate's Leonard Heinrichs brought home a bronze medal from Skills Canada last week.

The Gr. 12 student headed east to compete in the outdoor power and recreation equipment division of the Nationals Skills Competition in Moncton, New Brunswick June 5-7.

He was joined by fellow Winklerite Alex Harder, who is studying electrical installations at Northlands Parkway Collegiate and competed in that division, though he did not reach the podi-

um. This was Heinrich's

second time at the national event, and he was determined to finish in the top three.

"Last year I tied for fourth place, so this year it was good to bring home a medal," "YOU CAN CHALLENGE YOURSELF. SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT WHAT YOU DO."

he said. "I knew what to expect this year. I did a little bit more studying and tried not to be so nervous."

Going up against eight other students from across the nation—all of whom had earned gold at their provincial qualifiers—the event put Heinrichs through his paces over two days of competition.

"It covers anything from theory to how well you can work on it," he said. "You cover brakes, engines, everything.

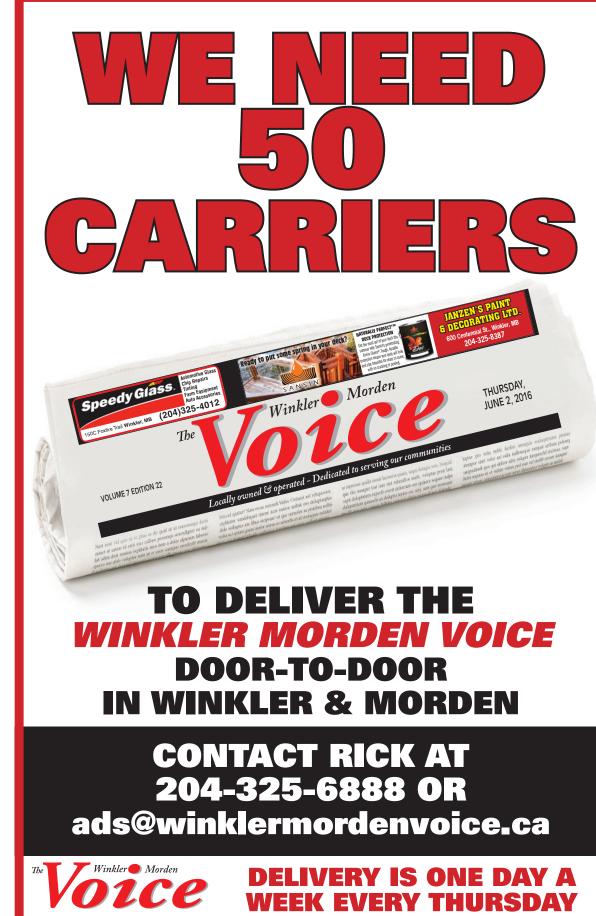
"There were a couple of motorcycles, some snowmobiles ... it pretty much ran A to Z, everything, and then all on a time limit.



**PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE** Leonard Heinrichs, a Gr. 12 student at GVC, earned bronze in the outdoor power and recreation equipment competition at Skills Canada last week. "There's times where you're rushed for time and you start making mistakes, but you just push through it."

Getting the chance to show off the skills learned in GVC's automotive program is what has kept Heinrichs involved in the Skills competitions this past few years. "You can challenge yourself. See how good you are at what you do," he said. "Secondly, it can help you land a really, really good job. It looks great on a resumé."

That will hold Heinrichs in good stead as he makes automotive repair his career post graduation.



### Never Alone Fdn. donates \$5K to SCCR

Founded 11 years ago by Winnipeg Blue Bomber great Lyle Bauer based on his experiences with cancer, the Never Alone Foundation recently supported the work of the South Central Cancer Resource with a \$5,000 donation.

SCCR board member Pam King, Cindy Funk, and Sue Nelson joined clinical coordinator Norma Hildebrand in accepting the donation from Never Alone executive director Shirlee Preteau last week (see photo at right).



The support comes in part through sales of the Never Alone rose. Preteau said they chose to support SCCR because they "fit right in with what we were trying to do.

"They deal directly with the indi-

viduals," she said. "I love the personal touch they bring to it. They're dealing one on one with these people."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

## Home Hardware supports BTHC palliative care

The grand re-opening of the renovated Home Hardware in Morden also supported a good cause with proceeds from a barbecue June 3-4 going to the palliative care program at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Store manager Sheldon Bergman and Damon Janzen made the presentation of \$1,144 to Shannon Samatte-Folkett of the BTHC Foundation (see photo at left).

"It was really good for our store. All the customers who came in supported this great organization," said Bergman, noting some of their staff and families have had experience with palliative care.

Samatte-Folkett noted the palliative care ward is raising money for more than a dozen pieces of furniture to help update the rooms.

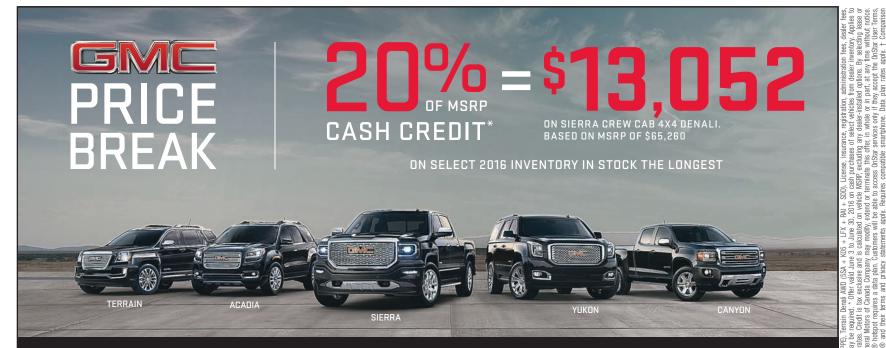
"We have a big project ahead of us," she said.

For more information on how you can help, check out the BTHC Foundation at bthcfoundation.com.

# Rankin Rebels hit the Heart and Stroke Found

the Big Bike Ride to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The Rankin Rebels have taken part every year since Rankin died in 2011, and the full contingent of 29 riders usually raise at least \$2,000 or more in his honour. "We'd like to get more people doing it ... working with us," said rider Pat Hamm. "Ilt's al very important cause ... it impacts a lot of people."

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# Orioles get sweet revenge

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles got it all together last week in a big win over the St. James As.

It was a little bit of revenge, as well, as the Orioles' 13-3 victory in Morden Wednesday came on the heels of a loss by the same margin to the A's the weekend before.

"It was a great team win," said coach Mike Wilson on Monday. "Mack Hamm threw all six innings for the win, and it was nice to see our offence come alive."

Pacing the attack were Taylor Drobot, Jordan Riddell, and Timm Dunn with a couple hits each.

It turned out to be the only game of the week for the Orioles as their Sunday doubleheader with the Carillon Sultans was rained out.

The win over the A's put Pembina Valley in fourth place in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League with a 4-5 record behind the first place Brandon Marlins (9-3), the second place Elmwood Giants (8-2), and Winnipeg South in third (7-4).

The Orioles got the chance to test their measure against Winnipeg this Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

This weekend they head east to play a make-up game against Altona Friday and then west for a doubleheader with the Brandon Marlins Saturday.



#### PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The Pembina Valley Orioles' Tim Dunn leaps to avoid the hard sliding A's Mat Schneider, who was called safe at second on the double on June 8. The Orioles went on to win the game 13-3—a complete flip from the 13-3 loss they had suffered at the hands of St. James the weekend before.

# Storm tie Internazionale, 'Canes fall to Shooters

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm stood firm in Winnipeg last Friday, battling FC Internazionale to a 4-4 draw. Scoring for Winkler in the back and forth battle was Stefan Neufeld, Goran Kucar, Philipp Unruh,

#### and Arnie Schott.

The tie brings the team's record to one win, two losses, and two ties and keeps them in the middle of the pack in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Division 1 in the early going.

This week the Storm host the Britannia Rovers

#### Friday at 7:30 p.m.

In the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, meanwhile, the South Central Hurricanes fell to the Shooters 2-0 in Winnipeg on Sunday.

The ladies will host St. James next Monday at 7:30 p.m.

# Morden bodybuilder tops in the province

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The transition from gymnastics to bodybuilding has gotten off to a banner start for a Morden woman.

After having only gotten into serious training last year, Bailey Stewart has already earned first place in her category at the Manitoba Amateur Bodybuilding Association competition and has qualified for nationals.

Achieving this level of success so soon is "very, very satisfying" for Stewart, but she also admitted to being somewhat surprised at how well she's done so soon after starting.

"The first time was to try it, and I won my class," Stewart said of her participating in the bikini class at the provincial qualifying event."That fired me up for the second one, and again I won that class.

"It's kind of surprising being so new to the sport."

It all began for Stewart while she was in gymnastics and took to working out at the gym. Even after she quit gymnastics, she still kept up her workouts.

"A few years later ... I met somebody that was into it and kind of helped me transition into bodybuilding," she said. "The serious training started about last fall."

Stewart said what drew her to bodybuilding was a sense of personal growth and challenge.

"I think it's seeing how far you can go with yourself and push not only your physical but your mental abilities," she said.

"Realistically, training is pretty much 24 hours in the sense that you have to think about what you're eating ... make sure have enough sleep ... that kind of thing," she noted, adding you ramp it up then when you are getting closer to the competitions.

"When I first started, I wasn't doing quite as much cardio then added more and more," she said. "The weight training was probably about an hour, hour and a half a day, and I was doing about an hour of cardio a day also.

"It definitely means getting up early and making sure you get everything done before you have to go to work."

The competitions usually involve a morning session which involves prejudging where "everybody walks out standing side-by-side with the people in your class."

In the evening is individual session where you walk out and do your poses.

Morden's Bailey Stewart with the bodybuilding awards she's won this season. Her first place finishes have qualified her to compete at the national level.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/ VOICE

It all ends with the judges calling out the top five competitors.

"I think the first time was just to try it, but the second time was more to bring a better package than I did the first time," Stewart said.

Her first place finish this year at provincials qualified her for nationals this year and next, and she is waiting until next year to give herself more time to work on herself.

She admits going to a national competition could be a little more intimidating.

"It's definitely going to be a huge



step up from provincials," she said, while adding she is approaching it by setting personal goals.

"I'm going to try to build a little bit of my shape ... add some more muscle ... stay lean," she said, adding she wants to see how far could continue to advance.

"I think everybody wants to either get their pro card or go to one of the big shows," Stewart said."At the same time, I'm just going to take it a little bit slower than a lot of people and just enjoy the process ... enjoy what I'm doing."

# Flyers sign Blake, Van Den Bosch, and Paulson

The Winkler Flyers have signed three more players for the season ahead.

Last week the junior team announced it had signed forward Will Blake and defensemen Drew Van Den Bosch, and Justin Paulson.

Van Den Bosch ('98) hails from Calgary but has family ties in the Manitou area. He had four points (two goals, two assists) in 26 games played with the Pacific Coast Hockey Academy last season.

"I'm excited to have signed with the Flyers," he said. "The Flyers continue to progress each year and I want to be an important contributor to their continuing progression."

Paulson ('97) is a 5'11", 170-pound defenseman from Princeton, Minnesota who played 25 games with the Breck Mustangs in high school, contributing three goals and 17 assists. Blake ('97) also went to Breck High School last season and hails from Champlin, Minnesota.

He played on the Mustangs' top line and recorded 47 points (17 goals, 30 assists) in 25 games.

Both Blake and Paulson were named

to the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament All-Star Team.

In other pre-season news, the Flyers have traded the MJHL list rights of forward Garrett Armour ('97) to the Winnipeg Blues in exchange to the rights to forward Dylan Burton ('99). Armour played last season with the Brandon Wheat Kings of the WHL, finishing the season with seven points in 56 games. Burton recorded 43 points (26 goals, 17 Assists) in 43 games played with the Thrashers last season.

# **ACU Junior Golf Tour begins July 6**

Access Credit Union's annual Junior Golf Tour is gearing up for another season next month.

The eight-week tour for golfers age 9-18 kicks off at the Roland Golf Club on July 6. Golfers will then head to Gretna, Winkler, Carman, Miami, and Morris before wrapping up the summer in Morden Aug. 24.

"This tour is a fun way for kids to get active, meet new people with similar interests, and experience some of Manitoba's most beautiful golf courses" says Emily Suderman, ACU's community coordinator. "We are so lucky to have so many great golf clubs in our area that are willing to participate in this tour."

"The Access Credit Union Tour is phenomenal for growing the game of golf in Southern Manitoba," says Minnewasta Golf Club pro Geoff Kehler. "The ages and skill levels for the tour range from young, beginner golfers to 18-year-old experienced golfers."

Each event includes a meal, snacks, prizes, and a round of golf. The cost is \$20 per event or \$140 for all eight.

Registration forms for the tour are available at all Access Credit Union locations, any of the participating golf courses, or online at accesscu.ca



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Congratulations were in order as the Winkler Whips doubled up on the Morden Mohawks in the fourth inning en route to a 12-11 victory last Friday night.

# Winkler whips Morden

#### By Lorne Stelmach

A doubleheader sweep Sunday propelled the Winkler Whips into first place in the Border West Baseball League.

Their 9-4 and 4-1 wins over the Killarney Lakers made it four wins in a row for the league's newest team.

They had began their week with a gritty 4-3 win over the Cartwright Twins June 7 and then outscored the Morden Mohawks 12-11 on Friday.

The wins bolstered Winkler's record to 8-2 and launched them into first place ahead of the Pilot Mount Pilots in second (6-2) and the Mohawks in third (6-3).

Morden, meanwhile, had previously won a third straight game on Thursday with a 14-2 romp over Cartwright.

The Mohawks built a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning and then continued to build on that early lead each inning that followed.

Pearce McDonald had a two run

shot while Blake Hartry went threeor-three including a double to drive the Mohawks offence. Derek Holenski pitched seven innings for his fourth win of the season.

It started off well for the Mohawks Friday against Winkler as they took an early 4-0 lead, but the Whips responded with an eight run fourth inning on their way to building up a 10-4 lead.

Morden battled back to close the gap to 10-9 before Winkler added two runs in the top of the 7th to take a 12-9 lead, which would hold up, although the Mohawks scored two in the bottom of the inning before leaving the bases loaded.

Morden then had their Sunday afternoon game in Baldur with the Regals rained out.

Coming up, the Whips play a doubleheader in Pilot Mound Sunday while the Mohawks head to Cartwright Friday and Clearwater Sunday.

# NPC's Alicia Sawatzky is Briercrest-bound

#### By Lorne Stelmach

A Winkler high school sport star is taking the next step in her athletic career.

Alicia Sawatzky has received a major scholarship that will see her become part of the women's volleyball team at Briercrest Bible College, where she plans to study nursing.

Graduating from Gr. 12 at Northlands Parkway Collegiate this month, Sawatzky chose the Saskatchewan school above a number of other offers from universities and colleges across the nation.

"It was a really tough decision, but I think the main reason was definitely the coach," she said of Briercrest women's volleyball coach Nolan Weinmaster

"I went to a training camp there and he's definitely the kind of coach I want," Sawatzky said, citing that as an important consideration for her, but equally vital for her was the Christian environment of the school.

"It was a pretty generous scholarship. I was pretty happy with that," she added.

Sawatzky has enjoyed and excelled at both volleyball and basketball, but the former is her primary athletic interest.

"When I'm on the volleyball court ... to me it's more fun than basketball," she said. "You are relying on yourself more ... I like the mental aspect of the game as well."

Sawatzky has steadily received accolades through her school years beginning with being named Rookie of the Year in Gr. 9 at Garden Valley Collegiate as well junior varsity female Athlete of the Year.

The female volleyball MVP award followed in both Gr. 10 and Gr. 11 as well as female Athlete of the Year in

Gr. 10 at Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

Sawatzky has played multiple positions during her volleyball career, starting as a setter and playing right side and then moving to left side in Gr. 10.

She has also gone on to gain experience at both the provincial and club level, including being part of Team Manitoba two years in a row and competing at the national championships for club volleyball.

"I was raised in kind of an athletic family ... so it kind of comes naturally," Sawatzky said of her athleticism, noting how she enjoyed "watching my older brother and sister compete.

"I've played it so long now ... it's just kind of part of me," she said."It's just fun. That's a big part of it ... having fun while you're playing ... enjoying what you do."



Winkler volleyball player Alicia Sawatzky has received an athletic scholarship to Briercrest Bible College this fall.

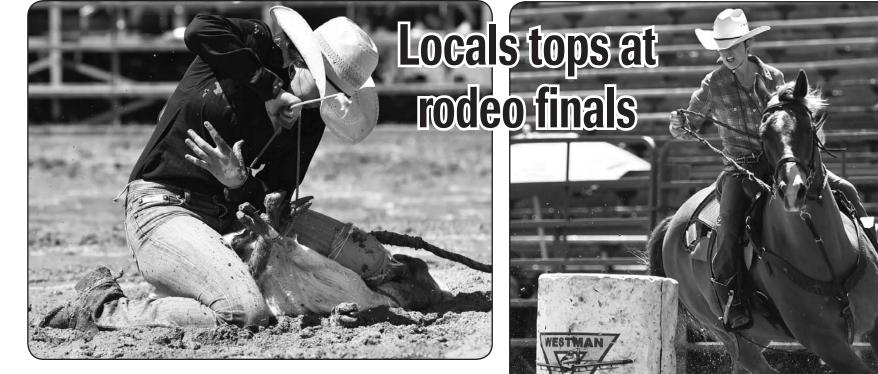
# Track athletes reach podium at provincials

Winkler and Morden athletes fared well at the Milk Provincial High School Track and Field Championships in Brandon last week.

Northlands Parkway Collegiate's

Dawson Friesen earned bronze in the junior varsity boys high jump event with a 1.74m leap, while fellow Nighthawk Sebastian Klassen clinched third in the varsity boys 800 metre run.

From Morden Collegiate, Jefferson Nepinak took second in the JV boys shotput 4kg event with a throw of 13m, and Jordan Parker came in third in the varsity girls 1500m race. Morden Collegiate's track team also took third in the junior varsity girls 4x100 meter relay race.



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Schanzenfeld's Sabrina Nickel and Morden's Morgan Reimer and Taylor Reimer saddled up for the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association's finals in Selkirk last weekend. Cracking the top three in their events was Nickel (shown at right), who took second place in barrel racing, and Morgan Reimer (shown above), who clinched first place in the goat tying event.

# **Morden Paddlefest returns this Saturday**

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's Paddlefest hits the lake for its second year this Saturday afternoon, and organizers are hoping for a big turnout.

Morden Paddle Club spokesman Anthony Wilson noted they are a non-profit organization so they are relying on local support through both involvement and

donations.

"We hope that we can continue to grow, which will allow us to purchase more boats, equipment and expand into other types of water craft," he said. "This will be done mainly through our rentals and summer programs but also through support from our community

through donations and fundraisers."

Wilson said they want to promote paddling as a low impact sport that can be good for people of nearly all ages as well as some disabilities.

"We want to be an organization for both local communities and tourists," he said.

In addition to offering boat rent-

als, he sees the club also helping develop summer programs for youth and adults alike.

"We hope to eventually hold competitive sprint boat racing as well as dragon boat festivals," added Wilson.

This year's Paddlefest takes place at Lake Minnewasta from 1-4 p.m. on June 18. A free yoga session is

scheduled to kick things off at noon on the beach. "We'll have free dropin paddling and activities ... this will include the use of canoes, kayaks, a dragon boat and paddleboards," said Stephanie Dueck, Morden recreation programmer.

In addition to other activities for families including beach volleyball and ladder golf, a few ac-

tivities will require pre-registration such as an introduction to paddleboarding and paddleboard yoga. If interested, call 204-822-5431 to register or e-mail programs@mordenmb.com

Dueck noted the Paddlefest was introduced here after she "had attended the Paddlefest in Winnipeg and thought it would work well here because we have a nice lake in Morden."

The first event was such a success that they plan to hold it annually moving forward, she said.

The city is also working with the Morden Paddle Club to help get things hopping at the lake this summer.

"We have a trailer of boats at the lake and we are planning to have rentals throughout the summer," Dueck said, noting details needed to be finalized yet in terms of rental times and costs.

"We want to see it flourish," she said."We're happy to see more recreation opportunities provided for the people of Morden."



Last year's inaugural Morden Paddlefest was a big hit, and organizers are hoping to see even more people out this year at the event taking place at Lake Minnewasta Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

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# Agriculture

## G3 celebrates new terminals in Pasqua, Glenlea

**By Harry Siemens** 

G3 Canada Limited has opened of two new high-efficiency grain terminals in Pasqua, Saskatchewan, and Glenlea, Manitoba.

G3 Pasqua marked the occasion with a grand opening event June 9 where customers, staff, industry partners, and government officials gathered to celebrate. G3 Glenlea will hold a similar celebration in the fall.

The construction of both facilities began in the fall of 2014, and both were completed on schedule earlier this year.

Both locations feature 134-car loop tracks capable of loading a full unit train while in continuous motion. They also include high-capacity drags under the driveways which enable farmers to unload a full super-B in five minutes or less without moving.

The G3 Glenlea elevator, located a half mile south of Glenlea off Hwy. 75, started receiving grain in March.

The elevator features 34,000 tonnes of storage, cleaning facilities, and the ability to load 1,600 tonnes per hour.

"This is a significant occasion for G3, and these facilities are a great reflection of our overall vision, which is to build a smarter path from farmers' fields to global markets," says G3 vice-president Brett Malkoske.

When reached just before last week's celebrations, Malkoske said the Saskatchewan elevator is working hard to earn farmers' business.

"Similarly, our facility in southern Manitoba, at Glenlee, is now fully operational and similarly accepting all grains, also working hard to earn farmers' business," he says.

Malkoske says the company's plans are hitting full stride with another facility also under construction in the Port of Hamilton.

"State-of-the-art, that's how it basically sums it up for the Pasqua facility," he said. "It is one of the most efficient facilities on the Canadian Prairies ... this sets the pace now for the entire industry to try and catch up."

He says farmers will notice very quick unload times of their trucks. And with G3's staff and the high-tech system, they're trying to drive that

G3 Canada Limited executive and staff joined government officials in cutting the ribbon on their new elevator in Pasqua, SK last week. The new facility in Glenlea, MB is also up and running.

efficiency through the entire supply chain.

"It is not only evident to us and our downstream customers, farmers should be able to see this improvement, too," he says.

So far, the response from producers has been positive.

"Acceptance has been very strong where we are opening these new facilities, now being operational in Bloom, MB. and Colonsay, SK for some time now, we're quite pleased with how progress is going," says Malkoske. "Obviously, there is still much work left doing, and these are new facilities and quite frankly G3 itself is relatively new. The attitude from our staff is certainly right and making some good progress."

He says the plans in for a port terminal in Vancouver, for better or for worse, have been quite public for some time.

"I will tell you by way of an update, we're quite excited about recently achieving a significant milestone in Vancouver, getting our permit to start the by the Port of Vancouver," he says. "While only one of many milestones, we are making progress there on plans to develop our new port terminal hoping to make a final investment decision shortly."



#### **By Harry Siemens**

In perusing the aisles of a box store, I stopped to read the label of a product claiming to control-not kill-selective weeds on residential lawns.

I asked another gentleman who was looking at the same product what it meant to control only selective weeds. He said that means it probably doesn't work very well. In fact, he said his neighbour tried it and found it mostly useless.

I put in a call to Chris Goertzen, president of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and also the mayor of Steinbach.

Goertzen adamantly says AMM does not support the cosmetic pesticide ban that became law in this province in 2015.

The former NDP government passed legislation to implement the ban that requires lawn care companies and municipalities to use ecofriendly products for weed control.

That is what I held in my hand where the label refers to controlling selective products.

Goertzen tells me Manitoba's Sustainable Development Minister Cathy Cox says the government plans to review the province's cosmetic herbicides ban to ensure it is in the best interests of Manitobans.

"Obviously, it is a regulation that is burdensome to municipalities and, yes, we do want to see this government change it," says Goertzen. "If we keep the same level of service, and use the product we should be using instead of the ones that are approved by Health Canada, our costs in Steinbach go from \$18,000 a year to well over \$200,000 plus per year. That's just not doable for RMs. That is just one anecdotal evidence. Plus, they are much less effective."

# A new tool for dry bean growers launches June 30

#### **By Harry Siemens**

Dry bean producers in Manitoba will have a new online tool in their arsenal as of later this month.

Winkler's Alvin Klassen is launching drybeanworld.com on June 30 to put all the information a producer needs right at their fingertips.

"We will profile regions in North America representing approximately 75 per cent of dry bean production in 2016, roughly 1.2 million acres," says Klassen."Our goal is to provide producers with accurate production information to assist in your marketing and growing decisions of dry edible beans.

"Regions will be visited during the growing season, once in late July and again near harvest," he explains. "We will include pictures, videos, interviews, descriptions as well as supply you with a variety of production and marketing resources."

By the end of July, the website will include a real-time weather feature which will lead to an application providing smartphone alerts.

Klassen says with Dry Bean World they want to capture the actual realtime production of dry edible beans in North America and be able to display that information to stakeholders all over the world.

"I've been working with edible beans for the past 14 years in Manitoba, North Dakota, and a little in Saskatchewan," he says. "One common thread of information that growers always seem to not get enough of is how is the crop doing in other areas. We would often try and find that information via the internet, or go on a crop tour ourselves, look at the crop, and relay that information to growers. It is very difficult to find any real accurate information on the edible bean crop because it is such a small industry."

The lack of such information can be a very real problem.

"It is important for growers to know how the crop is developing and whether there is any trouble with production in other regions because this will influence their decisions to

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The AMM has met with both Cox and Infrastructure Minister Blaine Pederson on this and other matters.

"These are early days of this new government and we continue to be consistent with our message, but feel this government will definitely review this legislation and ensuing regulation," says Goertzen."The point is we all want to use less chemicals in our municipalities and in our lives in general, absolutely. But we want to be practical, and not ideological about it. We want a review of that regulation so that it is practical for our mumarket the beans and whether they should wait for a better opportunity," says Klassen."And to make decisions based on how many acres of what type of beans are grown in certain regions. Also, help influence their decisions on what they decide to plant next year and whether they decide to contract beans or to grow without contracts."

He cites an example where this winter seed sales weren't good in North America, which caused some U.S. seed companies to have a poor seed sale season.

"That tells us a lot of beans didn't get planted that normally would go," Klassen says. "That kind of information if growers can get it, can help

nicipalities and doesn't put a huge burden on them, and so we can have healthy communities and beautiful communities."

Having the president of the AMM on the line offered opportunities to discuss some other issues facing his organization and rural Manitoba.

The AMM's overriding theme includes two issues: partnership and regulations.

"We want to have a partnership with this new provincial government to solve the issues we have in common," Goertzen says, noting that includes them make more timely decisions on whether they want to grow the beans open or contracted."

Klassen already has a list of growers that have agreed to buy memberships for the site.

"Most everybody thinks it is a good idea," he says.

Membership fees right now are \$1,500 for the year if growers buy them in advance.

"Once the website actually goes live, our intention is because I actually have to set up Visa accounts, and so forth, get the staff in place, then the fee goes up to \$1,800," Klassen says.

You can contact Dry Bean World at 1-204-384-8585

infrastructure issues.

"When you look at regulations ... so many times there are regulations implemented that are very difficult for municipalities to deal with. Either there are costs involved or very difficult to administer.

"In the end, had the government consulted us first, viewing us as a body that can help them get the right perspective, we can help them make better regulations, we can reduce regulations where needed, and we can be that partner that can bring better government, better ideas."

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### **Citrus Recado Chicken Breasts**



#### Ingredients

- Serves 4 garlic cloves, crushed 2
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1⁄2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1⁄2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1⁄2 teaspoon ground cumin 1⁄2 teaspoong round
- coriander
- 1⁄2 teaspoon black pepper 1/4 teaspoong round
- cinnamon 1 tablespoon dark brown
- sugar 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup orange juice boneless chicken breast 4 halves, slashed (see
  - below) Salt
- recipe Avocado Mango 1 Salsa (optional)

Combine garlic, chili powder, oregano, thyme, cumin, coriander, pepper, cinnamon, sugar, oil, lime juice, and orange juice. Add chicken and toss to coat evenly. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes, turning once. Grill according to instructions below. Sprinkle with salt. Serve hot with avocado mango salsa if you prefer.

Outdoor grill: Grill skin-side down over medium-hot coals until skin is crisp, 7 minutes. Turn and continue grilling until chicken is opaque with no trace of pink, another 5 minutes. Indoor grill: Preheat broiler.

Broil skin-side up until skin is crisp, 7 minutes. Turn and continue cooking until chicken is opaque with no trace of pink, another 5 minutes.

To slash the chicken breasts: With a sharp knife, cut 3 parallel slashes through the skin, about 1/4-inch deep. Marinate chicken up to 2

hours in advance. Cover and refrigerate, turning several times in marinade.

- Avocado Mango Salsa
- Makes 12/3 cups
- 1 mango, finely diced
- 1 avocado, peeled, halved, pitted, and finely diced
- 1/2 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 red chile, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped mint leaves
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Combine mango, avocado, onion, chile, lime juice, vinegar, oil, and mint. Add salt and Tabasco® to taste. Cover and let stand for 30 minutes at room temperature to allow flavors to blend. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

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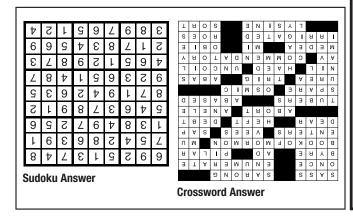
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1. Impudence

25. Comes into

26. VVV

27. Weaken

28. Costly

29. Weight

33. Anoint

34. Stems

38. Belittled

5. Female garment 11. Not twice

12. Mention one by one

17. Promotional material

30. Financial obligation

39. Refrain from harming 40. Relating to odors

43. Helps animals metabolize

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31. A way to expel

18. Argentinian artist Zeta

19 South Park guys' musical

16. Cowbarn (British)

- 53. Early multimedia
- 54. Recommending
- 56. Greek sorceress
- 58. Michigan
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Watered 63. Small Eurasian deer that lack 22. Robbed by force
- visible tails 64. Basic amino acid
- 65. A way to pick

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Wept

- 4. Locates missile targets

- 2. All persons

3. Pouches of skin

10. A way to smile 13. Atomic number 13 14. Can be domesticated 15. Exploded 20. An alternative

- - 23. Made the acquaintance of
  - 27. Bishops' seats of authority
  - 29. "Tiny Bubbles" singer
  - 30. Deoxyribonucleic acid

  - 33. Basics
  - 34. High sea wave 35. Go against flow

- 9. Roman biographer

8. Sacred Hindu syllable

- 21. Foreign Service

- 31. Plural present of be
- 32. College degree
- 62. "Bring Em Out" rapper

37. A major division of geological 38. Yakut God of Light \_\_\_ Toyon

#### 40. Utah city

- 41. Supporting musicians
- 42. Magnesium

time

52. Sodium

61. Equally

- 44. Scottish cap (slang)
- 45. Performing artists
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#### OBITUARY **Donald William Prior**

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Don Prior, aged 95, of Homestead South, Morden, MB passed away suddenly on Friday, June 3, 2016.

Don was born at Teulon Hospital August 5, 1920, to William and Ethel (Trimble) Prior. He lived in the Miami area most of his life. He farmed there for 27 years and then in 1970 became branch manager at the Miami Credit Union, retiring in 1984. After retirement he had many interests including; oil painting, China painting, woodworking, golf and travel. He loved the community of Miami and was involved in many projects including the Community Center, medical clinic and golf course, wanting to make Miami a better place to live for future generations.

Don was predeceased by his first wife, Mary (Pfeil); sister, Hazel (Bell) and brother, Harold.

Don leaves to mourn, his wife, Jean (Millar); his children: sons, Brian (Anne), Don Jr (Gwen) and daughter, Debbie (friend, Brian), stepchildren, David (Kathy), Raymond (Joyce) and Wendy (Garry). He also leaves to mourn many precious grandchildren, great-grandchildren and greatgreat-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at Chapel Cemetery in Morden, MB followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. at the Miami Community Center, Miami, MB and a fellowship luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be gratefully accepted in Don's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Miami United Church.

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#### OBITUARY **Randy Roy Wiwchar**



amazing husband, father, son and friend on Thursday, June 9th, 2016 at the age of 60 following a hard fought battle with Mesothelioma.

Randy will be lovingly remembered by his wife and best friend Wendy Wiwchar; sons Tory and Riley; parents Joe and Arlene Wiwchar; siblings Tim (Theresa) Tyler and Torin, Cory (Sheila) Carter and Logan, father- in- law Keith Taylor, and many Taylor family members. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law Sue Taylor.

Randy was born in Winnipeg, spent his high school years in Morden, left for his first professional job in Flin Flon, and has resided and worked in Courtenay, B.C. for the last 25 years. Randy

and his family always enjoyed returning to Manitoba to spend time with friends and family. Above all, Randy will be remembered for his kind, thoughtful, and caring nature. He was selfless, generous with his time and praise, and always made time for friends and family. Randy was both humble and kind and left a lasting impression on everyone he met!

A Celebration of Randy's life will take place on Thursday, June 16th at 1:30 p.m. It will be held at the Florence Filberg Centre in Courtenay, B.C.

In lieu of flowers, his family has requested donations in Randy's honour to the Courtenay Centennial Legacy Fund through the Comox Valley Community Foundation. For more information, visit www.cvcfoundation.org









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