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Ten teams put their design smarts to the test Saturday at Lake Minnewasta in support of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The Beach Boat Build challenge gave them only cardboard and duct tape to work with in fashioning water crafts. The majority of boats survived the race, with the Prairie Schooners team of Gord Hamm, James Friesen, Hank Unrau, and Earl Dyck emerging as champions. Held in conjunction with the 2018 Morden Paddlefest, the event raised over \$3,000 for the Morden-Winkler Habitat chapter. For more, see Pg. 17.

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# Winkler Community Fdn. distributes \$59K

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation got the chance to play Santa six months early this week.

On Monday, the foundation presented its 2018 grants totalling \$59,114 to 15 community organizations.

"We want to say thank you for what you're doing to build our community," foundation executive director Myra Peters told the gathered recipients at a ceremony at the civic centre. "It's because of all the work that you do that Winkler is the wonderful place that it is."

Foundation grant committee chair Wendell Ewert explained the decision-making process this year focused very much on social needs and services that addressed root areas of these needs, preserving history in our community, and project partnerships.

"It was lots of community [projects], lots of families, young families, el-

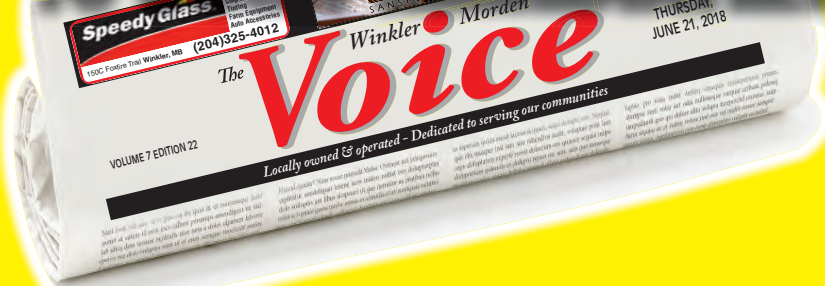


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The Winkler Community Foundation distributed \$59,114 to 15 community groups and projects Monday.

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derly, seniors ... that was kind of our focus, people that we thought would have the most needs in our community," he said.

Peters noted they received 24 applications for aid totalling over \$300,000, so tough decisions needed to be made.

"We can't even begin to meet the requests that are out there, and so we did choose to give partial grants to more organizations instead of full grants to a few organizations," she said.

Getting the chance to gather all the grant recipients together as they did on Monday for cheque presentations is always a positive experience.

"This is just the pure fun part of what we do," Peters said. "We feel it's important for them to see who we are and to see that they are part of a bigger picture ... making our community a better place to work, live and play."

The \$2,000 the J.R. Walkof School Parent Advisory Council received towards the school's playground upgrades is certainly a welcome boost to its fundraising campaign, said teacher Cyndie Wiebe.

"I think that the main thing about this is it communicates support," she said. "In going through the application process, you have to think about what is important and how do you connect to the community and how does this support and help the community?"

The school has already raised over \$80,000 of their \$120,000 goal toward transforming their yard into a more natural play space.

The Winkler Heritage Society is also grateful for the \$500 grant it received towards storage supplies at the Winkler Heritage Museum, said board member Ed Zacharias.

"It helps us to get supplies for the museum that we otherwise would not have enough funding for," he said. "We're totally dependent on funding from the community."

Other grants handed out from the foundation's community fund include:

- \$5,000 to help the Morden-Winkler chapter of Habitat for Humanity build a home in Winkler.

- \$2,500 to the Pembina Counselling Centre for renovations to its new Winkler office.

- \$1,500 to the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre for meeting room furniture.

- \$2,000 to the Pembina Threshermen's Museum for repairs to its walk-in refrigerator.

- \$500 to the Winkler Festival of the Arts for music scholarships.

- \$1,000 to the Winkler Senior Centre for an additional stove.

Meanwhile, from its designated funds and agency/donor advised funds, the foundation distributed:

- \$2,682 from the 2014 Manitoba Winter Games Sports Legacy Fund towards Winkler Recreation, Culture, and Tourism for bases for hosting provincial tournaments.

- \$6,764 from the Dr. C.W. Wiebe Medical Fund to allow the clinic to purchase an overhead surgical light

# Minnewasta students pen 'Welcome to Morden'

By Lorne Stelmach

The Gr. 2 class of Darlene Wirth can now proudly say they are published authors.

Not only that, but the Minnewasta School students' work, entitled *Welcome to Morden: A Book for Kids by Kids*, is for the benefit of fellow children who are new to the community.

"We've had lots of newcomers in our classes," Wirth noted as the class celebrated their achievement last Tuesday. "And this was a chance to be thinking about other people. That's kind of the whole point, that we could use our talents to help somebody else feel welcome in our community."

When the idea came up to work together to create a book, the kids jumped at the chance of doing something that would benefit the community.

"This is a great group of writers. I knew that right from the beginning of the year," Wirth said, noting they all liked the idea of "a book for newcomers that would be for kids by kids."

The class applied for a grant from Western School Division, and five students went with principal Andrew Volk last November to make their case as to why they should receive the money.

Just after Christmas, they got the news they would get \$1,000 for the project, so they got to work on writing. By May 31 the manuscript was done and ready to be printed by Eagleye Designs.

"We started writing, and we talked about what kind of things would



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE  
Minnewasta School Gr. 2 students class show off their just published book "Welcome to Morden: A Book for Kids by Kids."

newcomers need, what they need to know, what can we talk about," Wirth said. "Everybody was gung-ho and very excited to get started."

The topics chosen by the students ranged from local food, sports, and parks to things to do like the Teddy Bear Picnic, Canada Day Beach Blast, and the Corn and Apple Festival.

"I liked writing and drawing pictures for it, and it was fun," said student Tommy Rothenburger. "I want to see people have smiles on their faces who come into Morden."

"I wrote about Halloween and parks," added Chase Rempel, who also liked colouring the pictures.

"It was very fun writing it," said

fellow student David Giesbrecht. "I wrote with some other people for some of the stories. It was very fun, and I like the book. I hope it puts smiles on their faces."

"I like the book because it was fun working together, it was fun making it," added Willow Winslow.

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# Teen cyclist hit by truck

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Emergency personnel were called to the scene near Main St. on Saturday at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Police report that a male youth was travelling southbound on a bicycle in the back lane just east of Main St. He attempted to cross Roblin Blvd. and was struck by an eastbound half-ton truck.

The youth was transported by ground ambulance to Boundary Trails Health Centre in unstable condition and later to a Winnipeg hos-

pital by STARS air ambulance. As of press time, no update was available on the condition of the youth.

The driver of the truck was uninjured.

A Winkler Police Service collision reconstructionist attended the scene. Police do not believe speed or alcohol were factors. The incident remains under investigation.

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# Walk for Alzheimer's raises funds, awareness

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's local chapter held its Investors Group Walk for Alzheimer's in Winkler last week.

Dozens of people of all ages set out from the Salem Home personal care home June 13.

"This is awesome to see so many people here this morning," south central coordinator Kathy Fehr told the packed-full chapel room at Salem before the group set out. In addition to Salem staff and residents, the walk also attracted many community members and students.

"Thank you for showing your support to family and friends and the community that you care about and to the persons affected by this dreadful disease called Alzheimer's or some form of dementia," Fehr said.

"This walk is designed to be a fun, family-filled way to create new memories while sending out the message of hope to the 474,000 Canadians currently living with this disease," she continued. "And there are thousands and thousands more of you who are caregivers."

Similar community walks were held earlier this month in Morden, Rose-nort, Cartwright, Altona, and Morris.

The final local walk takes place in Notre Dame this Friday.



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Salem Home hosted Winkler's Investors Group Walk for Alzheimer's on June 13. Staff and residents from the care home joined community members and local students in the walk around the block to raise funds for the regional chapter of the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

Funds from the walks go to the society's Winkler-based office, which provides support services and information to families living with Alzheimer's throughout the region.



# GVSD unveils Pine Ridge catchment plan

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley School Division's board of trustees have come to a decision on the catchment plan for the Winkler's newest K-8 school.

At its June 12 meeting, the board announced it is going with the fourth option laid out at community consultations held earlier this spring.

That option sees Pine Ridge School become a feeder school for Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

This decision came despite feedback, including a petition, from some parents who hoped Pine Ridge students would go on to attend Garden Valley Collegiate.

Board chair Laurie Dyck said that while the board did consider the issues raised by parents (including the fact GVC would be easier for Pine Ridge area students to walk to school), they feel this option best serves the needs and capacities of the two high schools.

"Part of what's important is the balance of rural and urban students in our high schools," she said, noting Parkland and Winkler Elementary schools already feed into GVC and adding another urban feeder school would upset that urban-rural balance significantly.

"As well, NPC is built for more students, they have more capacity, so with long-term growth" it makes more sense to send Pine Ridge students there, Dyck explained, adding that the division hopes city infrastructure changes over the next few years will make NPC a more easily accessible location for students.

"We appreciate all the feedback and it was definitely part of our discussions that happened to ensure we were not missing something," Dyck said.

"Did everyone get what they had hoped for? No. If we could magically make every household scenario work for them, that would be ideal. Un-

fortunately, there aren't funds to do that," she added. "But I hope they feel that they've been heard, because they have been."

Dyck also noted that the division's schools of choice process allows families to apply for their children to attend a school outside their designated catchment area, space allowing.

The new catchment plan also means J.R. Walkof School (currently K-4) will be converted to a K-3 school, while Emerado Centennial School (currently Gr. 5-8) becomes a Gr. 4-8 school.

Students who live in the Pine Ridge development area will attend Pine Ridge School, as will those living north of Hwy. 14 in the Gemstone/Redhawk/Rosebrook developments. New students moving into the latter areas in the future can be assigned to any school depending on available capacity.

As well, Reinfeld students who currently attend Winkler Elementary, J.R. Walkof, or Emerado Centennial

schools will be transported to either Southwood/Prairie Dale schools in Schanzenfeld (about 100 students) or to Pine Ridge (190 students).

Reinfeld students currently at Parkland School will remain there. Southwood and Prairie Dale become catchment placements for students in the village of Reinfeld.

The opening of Pine Ridge in the fall of 2019 alongside these catchment changes are going to have a huge impact on schools throughout Winkler, Dyck noted.

Schools such as J.R. Walkof or Parkland, which have been bursting at the seams for years, will finally get some much-needed breathing room.

Hopefully some of the dozens of portable classrooms at these schools will finally be able to be removed, Dyck said.

"That's the goal. Once Pine Ridge is up and running, J.R. Walkof by far will feel that impact, Parkland will feel that."

# Farmers' markets starting up this, next week

## Winkler's market moves to Park St. art gallery grounds

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Farmers' Market is on the move this summer.

After years spent operating from the parking lot at the mall, the weekly market is now located at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre grounds.

The first market day is next Tuesday, June 26.

Organizers Matt and Janelle Friesen said the new location suits the growing market's needs perfectly.

"The biggest thing that we were looking at was probably pedestrian traffic," said Matt. "Being closer to a residential area, the park, the pool, we expect that in the summertime especially it will be quite a hub for families going to and from places."

"It's also a lot closer to a lot of seniors' housing," added Janelle, noting the mall was too far for most customers to make it to by foot or bike, while the new Park St. location is in the heart of the city.

The market had the chance to do a few trial runs at the site in recent years, setting up vendors for a Harvest Festival market, to great success.

The art gallery, meanwhile, is certainly happy to have them back on a more permanent basis, said executive director Wendy Klassen.

"When the opportunity came by to host the Farmers' Market here at WA+C, I thought it was definitely a no-brainer," she said. "Our mission here is provide creative opportunities for the community that they might not have otherwise. With the market moving to our location we hope to not only help the market grow larger over time but also to add a creative component to it such as buskers, artists, craft artisans, and a free activity to do on your way through."

"We're very excited to see what it will become."

The new site isn't the only change at the market this summer.

For the first time, vendors are able to sign up on a part-time, week-to-week basis, allowing for a greater variety of sellers than ever.

"It should keep a good mix of things coming each week," said Matt.

The 20 or so vendors signed-up thus far include those selling the usual array of fruits and veggies alongside gluten-free baked goods, locally

raised meat, fresh Manitoba-caught fish, and food trucks.

Family-fun events are planned throughout the summer to include bouncy castles, face-painting, live music, and free crafts.

"We're hoping to make it more of a community event," said Janelle, "so people won't just come and buy their stuff and leave. We want it to be more of a family experience."

In addition to dedicated space for Winkler Arts and Culture to highlight local artists, the market will also reserve a booth each week for non-profit organizations to book to share their work with the community.

Finally, all through the summer, customers who make purchases will be entered to win one of five "market bucks" certificates valued at \$25 each.

Winkler's market runs weekly Tuesday nights from 4-6 p.m. until Oct. 2.

The new site will feature reserved accessible parking in front of the gallery for those with physical disabilities. Help will also be available to carry customers' purchases to their cars, if needed.

Check the Winkler Farmers' Market out on Facebook to learn more.

## MORDEN MARKET BEGINS THURSDAY

Meanwhile, the Morden Farmers' Market is back downtown again starting this Thursday, June 21.

The city blocks the stretch of 8th St. from Stephen St. to North Railway for the market, which plans to fill the space with 20 regular vendors as well as a handful of guest vendors some weeks.

"We've got a good variety again this year, said Candace Olafson, executive director of the Morden chamber, which heads up the market. She notes there's a mix of returning favourites and a few new vendors as well.

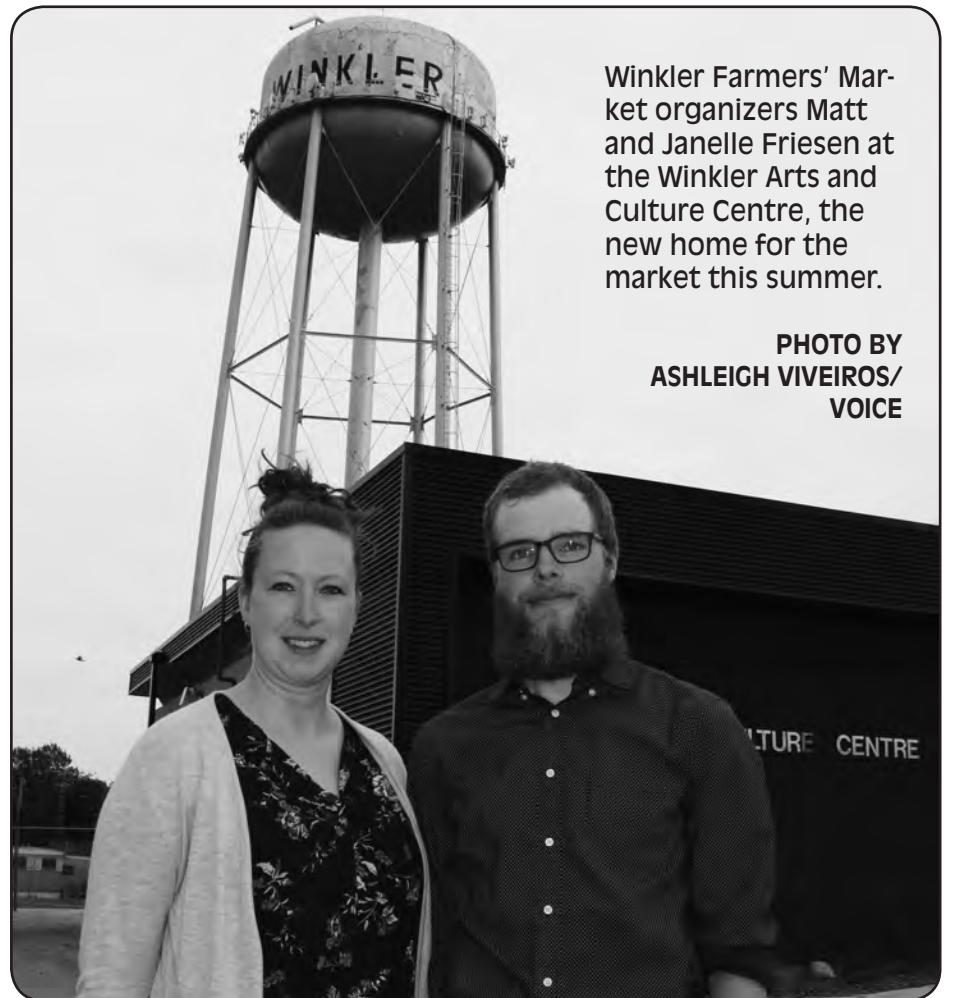
The market offers everything from fresh produce vendors to others offering up pasta, bread, meat, honey, and even ice cream.

"We've got a very full market and the community and the surrounding communities really come out to support it," Olafson said.

The Morden market is also open to having buskers perform for customers. Interested musicians are asked to contact the Pembina Hills Art Council for more information.

A full list of vendors is available on the Morden Farmers' Market Facebook page.

Morden's market runs Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. until October.



Winkler Farmers' Market organizers Matt and Janelle Friesen at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre, the new home for the market this summer.

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**Monday, October 15, 2018** at 9:00 a.m.  
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If you are interested in learning about this rate increase, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspective through the Board's on-line comment tool.

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## Running (and voting) for council

**S**o you're thinking of running for council? Well you, my friend, are in luck.

Every four years I write a column offering some advice to people who might be considering running for council and also to voters.

The next municipal elections are coming on Oct. 24. This is not that far away. It will arrive before you know it and so you and I need to develop a plan.

First, if you are old enough to vote then VOTE, for heaven's sake, or else plan to keep your mouth zipped about municipal affairs for the next four years.

Also, if you are voting, then vote SMART. Know the people you are voting for. Read the articles, listen to the radio, and go to the all-candidates debates. Do not vote for a person because they have the most signs. Vote for a person because you know what they stand for.

A few tips: Don't vote for anyone who has not taken the time to attend at least one council meeting in the past year. Preferably they will have attended a Committee of the Whole or committee meeting as well. You want

a candidate who has worked for the role.

Don't vote for one-issue candidates. Being on council means representing the interests of the entire city, not just people that want a pool in Morden or a new community centre in Winkler.

Are you thinking of running? Are you also a divisive, negative, combat-ive jerk? Don't run.

Seriously, you need to be able to play well with others on council. It should not be a place for grandstanding and showing off your big personality. Learn the art of negotiation and compromise. You are there to serve the community and not simply yourself.

As per above, make the time to attend council meetings and have a comprehensive outlook on the city and its needs—not just your pet peeve or project.

Pleeeeaase stop making unrealistic promises (I'm looking especially close at you prospective mayors). A councillor and/or mayor is simply one vote of seven. No one, not even mayors, have some magical ability to make things happen without most of council coming alongside.

No, you cannot promise a pool. You cannot promise a tax reduction. You cannot promise a spending freeze. You can only promise to make these priorities. It takes a majority of council to pass these things. Voters, beware of the candidate that does this.

While we're on this topic ... voters, stop crucifying mayors for decisions

they make. As per above, if a mayor is making choices you don't like, their council is letting them do so. If anything, council is more responsible for these choices than the mayor is because it take at least three of them to support motions.

Speaking of mayors, don't let anyone run unopposed. A good leader loves a challenge. I can tell you right now Mayor Harder in Winkler is not afraid of challengers ... it's part of what makes him the leader he is.

Same for you Mordenites. Mayor Wiebe is not running again—let's see a competition for the job, please.

We need a diverse council, representative of our diverse communities. With respect to old, retired, straight, white guys (I will one day be one ... old and retired that is, the rest I already have covered) council also needs women, young people, people of diverse sexual and faith orientations, and people of colour. You bring perspectives us old/retired (someday) white guys do not have.

Finally, and most importantly: DO NOT BE AFRAID.

Be brave. Run. Yes, it's hard work and pretty much thankless because voters tend to only remember the things they don't like and rarely offer a kind word, but run anyhow.

This goes for you too, voter. Be brave. Vote for the passionate candidate with a plan, even if they don't look like you, even if they have some ideas you aren't sure of. It will be okay.



**By Peter Cantelon**

# letters

## Kudos to the dreamers, planners, and doers that make Morden great

I've been going to write this letter for a long time, but it was the kids who got me writing. Hurray and bouquets to the school kids and their teachers for snatching junk off Morden's streets and stuffing garbage bags to make our city more beautiful! See what a difference you can make!

There are many exciting things going on in Morden—from the Access

Event Centre with its unbelievable number of activities and events, to our new Morenet internet system, to the many sports teams for all ages and seasons, indispensable volunteer organizations, parent and child organizations, the CFDC, library, museums, art gallery, market garden, Corn and Apple, and many other activities and attractions I will inadvertently miss.

It is exciting to see people who have come from countries around the world to live here. You are welcome!

I am happy to see the transformation of the sun catch to a gathering place and entertainment venue, and the relocation of the deer and fawn to the rose garden and park. Our parks

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# Letters

> Got something you want to get off your chest? How about an act of kindness to share?

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## Provincial government has heard Morden's pleas for a new school: MLA

Last week, Western School Division held a public information meeting. Topics included population growth, the use of portable classroom to meet enrollment increases, and the provincial government's construction of new schools and what it means for Western.

Our city and municipality are growing and this has an impact on school enrollment. To be fair, other Manitoba school divisions are also experiencing significant growth and facing capacity issues. That's why we announced the construct of two new schools last year, and this year added five more schools to the list.

Some people feel strongly about the fact that Morden has not yet been added to the list of approved school construction projects. Your Manitoba government takes an evidence-based approach on decisions about capital investments. Population growth for Morden is projected to continue, and that will continue to strengthen the case for a new school.

Let's be clear: this Progressive Conservative government is not finished building new schools. It's true that our government inherited a fiscal mess but we're making progress and building schools while stabilizing our province's finances.

A few inaccuracies should be addressed from the public information meeting. First, some referred to cuts to education. It is a myth. Since 2016, the government has increased, not decreased, funding to education.

Second, school board officials warned of dire consequences to close libraries and fine arts if portable classrooms aren't authorized soon. I can assure board officials that the short term requirements for Western will continue to be closely monitored, just

as the provincial government responded last year by delivering new portable classrooms when similar concerns were raised.

Finally, there was a comment that this new government just isn't listening. The education minister has on several occasions already been to Morden for meetings with school board officials, and he returned to personally attend the recent grand opening for Western's new pipefitting program.

Our government is listening, engaging with parents and local school leadership, and making progress on building new schools. All of us want to see our kids receive good instruction in appropriate spaces. So let's work together in a positive way to meet the goals we all share.

Cameron Friesen,  
MLA for Morden-Winkler

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are gorgeous!

A surprising and delightful change is the removal of the chain link fencing on the west side of the Research Station grounds! Stand on 1st St. or drive by and see the transformation. There is an uninterrupted view of a tree and plant-filled meadow. A worker there informed me that the fencing on the north side will also be removed—such an improvement to be rid of the unsightly, garbage-collecting barrier! Unfortunately it will be a challenge to intercept the garbage that will continue, via the north wind, onto the grounds.

I am very proud of the innovative system we have here for managing garbage, recyclables, and compost. Let's continue to be one of the leading communities in Manitoba in this regard.

Every city needs dreamers, planners and those who carry out the dreams and plans. We have those people here. We very much appreciate their efforts. Each in our own way, let's support those efforts. Our community belongs to all of us.

Pat Neuman,  
Morden

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for its procedure room.

- \$2,600 from the Darlene Peters Fund to Central Station's THRIVE course.
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- \$3,591 from the Katie Cares Fund toward operational expenses.
- \$631 from the Kalansky Family Fund to the Winkler Adult and Teen Challenge.
- \$463 from the Winkler Fire and Rescue Fund to pay for paramedic training for its volunteers.

The Winkler Community Foundation has a five year goal to grow its Smart & Caring Community Fund significantly so that there's more money to give out each year.

Many of the grants—\$15,000 worth in 2018—come from that fund's annual interest. The principle of the fund is grown whenever someone makes a general donation to the foundation.

"Our community fund is growing ... [our goal is] \$100,000 in five years and we are well on our way to that," noted foundation board member Justin Funk. "By growing that fund it allows us to ... spread the money around a little bit more."



## Celebration at Bella's

Bella's Castle had more cause for celebration Saturday as the Morden bed and breakfast and tea house marked its reopening as a restaurant now with the addition of Friday and Saturday evening dinner. From left, on hand were owner-operators Lily and Chris Krushel along with the music duo of Joey and Lindsay Rae, who provided entertainment, as well as Mayor Ken Wiebe and chef Jeremie Verrier, who noted he and the Krushels shared the same vision for their dinner menu. "I wanted fresh, I wanted something that we can create every week ... it's been really good so far." The Krushels were encouraged to expand their offerings by the response to their dinner theme nights, which have consistently sold out. They stress they want Bella's to be a casual dining choice.

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# The Road Hammers, Chilliwack headline Corn & Apple

By Lorne Stelmach

The Corn and Apple Festival is switching things up a bit this year with its main stage entertainment lineup.

The festival is keeping to its tried and true theme of classic rock one night and country music the other, but the former moves to Saturday night and the latter to Friday night.

In announcing the main acts for the Aug. 24-26 festival on Monday, entertainment committee chairperson Jocelyne Durand said the format of two headline evenings is working well for the festival.

"I remember when I chaired it last time ... for the 40th anniversary, we used to only do one night ... at that point, as a celebration, we decided to introduce two nights, and it just kind of stuck."

Opening Friday evening will be Renée Lamoureux followed by Quinton Blair and then the finale show by The Road Hammers.

On Saturday, local band The Mood kicks things off followed by The Pumps and Orphan and then Chilliwack as the classic rock night head-

liners.

"There's a little bit of something for everybody," Durand suggested. "I think it's a good mix. I think they all kind of flow ... we're excited about it, and I'm sure that everybody else will be too."

Award-winning artist Renée Lamoureux is a Canadian bilingual Métis singer songwriter from Ile Des Chênes who offers an adult contemporary-country sound and a voice that ranges from soulfully powerful to sweet and gentle.

She won the 2016 Female Artist of the Year Award at the Manitoba Country Music Awards and garnered a pile of nominations in 2017, earning Best Country Album at the Indigenous Music Awards and Manitoba Country Music Association.

Quinton Blair was the Manitoba Country Music Association 2017 Male Artist of the Year and the 2015 and 2016 Roots Artist of the Year.

Working the stages with the all-stars of both roots and mainstream country music in Canada, Blair brings a blue collar approach to the music business and relies on his guitar and witty stories.



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The Road Hammers (above) headline the Morden Corn and Apple Festival's Friday night main stage lineup, while Chilliwack (left) perform on Saturday.

The Road Hammers are the highest selling Canadian country band in history and have five Top 10 and nine Top 20 radio hits to their credit in Canada.

They have won multiple Juno awards, including for their self-titled debut album, which was certified platinum and produced the gold certified single "Mud."

The Mood are quickly earning a name for themselves here with their mix of groove, classic rock, blues, ballads and more. It is high energy music played with heart and soul.

The Pumps formed in early 1978, and remaining members later found a new guitarist and resurfaced as Orphan, which released a pair of al-

bums in the mid-1980s. In the late 1990s, The Pumps reformed to play a benefit show, and the second Orphan lineup has again been playing together billed as "The Pumps and Orphan."

Rising out of the ashes of psychedelia in 1969, Canada's legendary Chilliwack released 12 albums over a 15 year period.

Producing numerous Canadian and international hits including "Lonesome Mary," "Fly At Night" and "California Girl" in the 1970s and "My Girl (Gone Gone Gone)" as well as "What-cha Gonna Do" in the 1980s, the band has 15 gold and platinum certifications along with a host of awards.



## GVSD school board vacancies expected this fall

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley School Division board chair is encouraging residents with an interest in how our local school system is run to consider throwing their hats into the ring in the Oct. 24 school board election.

"It should be known that there will be vacancies at the board table in October," said Laurie Dyck, who has served on the board for eight years. Several trustees have indicated they will not or are considering not run-

ning again, she said.

"The exact number, we don't know yet. There are still some people that aren't quite sure, but there will be some definite vacancies."

The 2014 election saw six trustees acclaimed to their roles after no one ran against them. The board actually had to fill the remaining three seats with appointees.

Dyck hopes that won't be the case this election.

"It would be fantastic to have more than nine people running, to have the

democratic process work," she said.

"We do have a government that's watching how engaged is the community is wanting ... to be that local voice," Dyck said, alluding to plans the provincial government has to review Manitoba's education system next year.

The role of board trustee takes some dedication, but it's also very rewarding work, she stressed.

"A healthy public education system creates a healthy, safe community," she said. "I very much believe those

two things work hand in hand and that's part of my driving force as to why I've been involved."

Dyck urges potential candidates, who have until fall to register, to contact current board members with any questions they may have about serving as a trustee.

Trustee contact information and details on running for a seat on the school board are available online at gvsd.ca or by calling the division office.

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# Morden Community Thrift Shop gives back \$500K

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Community Thrift Shop marked 50 years of service to the community in a big way on Monday.

It handed out just over \$500,000 to 14 organizations, including a \$250,000 Guaranteed Investment Certificate for the Boundary Trails Health Centre building fund.

"We're having a great year," president Jean Hildebrand said as they presented cheques. "It feels wonderful to be able to give it back to the community, to spread it out ... it's why we come to work."

"It's a pleasure to work here. We're thrilled with the support and the donations that we get, with the help that we get from the community ... I feel very fortunate to be in a community like this where everybody gets together."

Recipients such as Sue Nelson of the new Morden-Winkler chapter of Habitat for Humanity were ecstatic to receive donations like the \$50,000 in support of the local Habitat building projects being planned.

"We are starting from nothing ... and this is absolutely fabulous," she said. "Looking at all the variety of ways that you are giving back to the community, it's really, really inspirational."

"We can see that you work hard, and we experience the good that you do in the community ... you help us pass it on," noted Paul Penner, executive director of Pembina Counseling Centre, which received \$20,000 for furnishings for its new office in Boundary Trails Place in Morden.

"Thank you feels inadequate. This is



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Community Thrift Shop celebrated 50 years of service to the community by handing out over \$500,000 in grants to 14 non-profit organizations and projects on Monday.

a huge gift to us," added Linda Marek, executive director of the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, which was presented with \$30,000 for their capital projects in Winkler and Morden. "This will make a tremendous difference for us in providing a space to provide care and support."

Fire Chief Andy Thiessen noted the Morden department has benefitted for many years from the generosity of the Thrift Shop, which this year gave them \$18,000 towards rescue equipment and training site development.

"All of those things over a period of time need to be replaced ... some of these funds are going towards that, replacing some of our high angle

equipment," he said.

Another major beneficiary was the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation, which received \$88,500 for palliative care beds.

Other recipients included:

- Rock Lake United Church Camp: \$7,500 for campership funds.
- Pembina Valley Bible Camp: \$7,500 for campership funds.
- Morden Collegiate: \$6,000 for bursaries.
- Morden Christian Program Committee: \$6,000 for its programs.
- Healthy Minds: \$5,000 for the Western School Division breakfast program.
- Darlingford fire department:

\$5,000 for truck upgrades.

- Morden minor baseball: \$4,000 for upkeep of ball diamonds.
- Agassiz Medical Centre: \$2,240 for a new scale and blood pressure cuffs
- Boundary Trails Health Centre: \$500 for its flower committee.

In addition to these grants, Hildebrand noted the store will celebrate the milestone anniversary with the community at large this summer.

"We're doing a celebration next month ... that's a little bit of a surprise for the community," she said.

The celebration will be held at the store on North Railway on Saturday, July 14th at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come for cake and coffee.

# Plenty of free family fun on tap for Canada Day

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler and Morden have a variety of plans in place to celebrate Canada Day July 1.

As always, the celebrations will be centred at Bethel Heritage Park in Winkler and at Lake Minnewasta in Morden.

"I think it will be a really fun day. There's lots for everybody," said Winkler organizer Wendy Klassen.

"There's going to be a lot going on," said Courtney Yeo, summer program coordinator for Morden.

A new Multicultural Day introduced last year in Morden will be moved from downtown to the lake to

be part of the Beach Blast festivities, noted Yeo.

"We're putting that in with our Canada Day festivities to make the Beach Blast an even bigger event and bring more people out," she said.

"We just wanted a way to incorporate the stage throughout the day and have more going on than just kids activities ... and we thought to look for the performances that we had last year downtown but to incorporate them on this stage since it's not used until the evening.

"So we'll be having those performances happening during the afternoon, and then as well we're going to set up a cultural displays and ac-

tivities area on the north green space by the food vendors where people will be able to go and meet the dancers and performers and learn a little about their culture."

Yeo said celebrating the multiculturalism of the community is important given the growing diversity in Morden.

"It's good to showcase that and make it known to the rest of the community that these people are here, and they're vibrant, and they're part of what makes Canada."

The Beach Blast will also feature a sand castle competition, paddling rentals, and displays and activities with the CFDC and Pembina Hills

Arts Council.

"We have the kids activities that we usually do. This year we are adding a scavenger hunt, and then we've got a bunch of different Canadian trivia games and word scrambles," said Yeo. "We have more food vendors this year as well, so we're getting a little bit bigger, more diverse options there."

Entertainment in the evening will be provided by Greg Arcade, who was the 2017 Manitoba Country Music Association roots artist of the year, and Fun & Fire, who will perform on

# Parkland Youth in Philanthropy donate to BTHC Fdn.



By Ashleigh Viveiros

Parkland Elementary School's Youth in Philanthropy passed along the proceeds of a year's worth of hard work last week.

The Winkler students stopped by the Boundary Trails Health Centre June 14 to present the BTHC Foundation with a donation of \$1,500 towards the hospital's rehabilitation department.

The funds were raised through a variety of student-led events at the school, explained Gr. 8 students Lea Ediger and Jayda Kreller, who listed just a few.

"We raised it with a bake sale," said Ediger.

"And a penny carnival," added Kreller. "It was basically just a chance for all the kids in our school to have fun [while] donating money."

The students started out the school year by deciding where the money they raised—and matched in part by parent organization the Winkler Community Foundation—would go, Ediger explained. It was a difficult decision, but the hospital was the cause that most resonated with the group.

"We all have connections [to it] and it's important to a lot of people and to us as well," she said.

The BTHC Foundation's Shannon Samatte-Folkett said whenever they're lucky enough to receive a donation from kids, they often earmark it for the rehab department, which has a high rate of youth coming in for services.

This donation, specifically, is earmarked to help the department purchase an adaptive bicycle for kids in rehab as well as communication programs for non-verbal children.

It's a most welcome gift, said Erica Hoepfner, pediatric occupational therapist, and Loralee Peters, child and youth speech language pathologist.

"It's very exciting for us because equipment is always needed and helps with our treatment, so any money is always appreciated," said Hoepfner.

Knowing it came from kids who wanted to help other kids makes it all the more special, added Peters.

"Children working for other children, it means a lot."

Knowing the funds they helped raise are going toward such a great cause is exciting for the students, who both say they got involved in Youth in Philanthropy because they wanted to make a difference in the world.

"I've always wanted to do something for this community and help, but I didn't have any way to do it. So this was a great opportunity," said Ediger.

"Helping people just feels really good," said Kreller, adding her involvement with the group, which she hopes to continue at the high school level next year, is "definitely one of my highlights of junior high."

Parkland' YIP also raised enough funds to make a \$1,000 donation to Creation of Hope, a charity that provides clean water to communities in Kenya, Africa.



Parkland Elementary School's Youth in Philanthropy stopped by BTHC last week to donate \$1,500 toward the rehabilitation services department. Left: YIP also donated \$1,000 to provide clean water to kids in Africa.

# Council mulling how to help WAC raise funds

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler city council heard last Tuesday on both the progress being made by Winkler Arts and Culture as well as the challenges the organization is facing.

Chairperson Tom Penner told council that WAC is working hard on plotting its course ahead.

"I know that Winkler Arts and Culture is growing into something truly valuable for Winkler," he said.

"We just don't want to talk about advancement, we want true growth and progress," Penner added in addressing such priorities as doing strategic planning for the organization. "Adding real value to our community is a core of our vision."

"I want to have a building where

we are inspiring people to live larger lives and to give them the tools to do what they couldn't have done without us."

Penner touched on the importance of not only art exhibitions and events but educational programs. He said he feels they have made a good start but they hope to go further, citing such ideas as incorporating food by the culinary arts vocational program into events as well as live music and song-writing workshops.

"I imagine young men and women learning to use creativity not only as an outlet or as an escape but also as a job to help businesses design their brand, their style, their logos."

Penner said the two main challenges they face are building their volunteer base and supporting their daily op-

erations.

"What isn't as clear to us as a board is how we can consistently raise capital for day-to-day expenses," he said, noting they receive some grants for specific projects but operational funding is harder to come by.

"Convincing the public to help pay bills isn't very appealing," Penner said. "Our annual budget isn't huge, just under \$100,000, and after half a year we're roughly \$20,000 behind budget."

"So we need help in solving this issue in the short term."

Mayor Martin Harder observed it is to be expected that the organization would face some challenges, especially financially, early on.

"The city needs to take a look at that ... how much of that obligation is ours,

what can we do to help them to raise funds in order to meet their obligations for operations," he said. "We're hoping we can steer them in the right direction and help them to accomplish their goal."

Also at the meeting, council got on board with a media production company's plans to film a promotional video for the city.

Andrew Bergen of The Film Collective told council his motivation in part comes from having moved here from Winnipeg five years ago and being struck by how much the city is growing.

"I was impressed with how vibrant it got, how quickly," he said, citing how he sees that Winkler is taking the

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# Morden woman facing drug possession, trafficking charges

A Morden woman is facing drug and other charges following a joint police search on North Railway St. last week.

On June 12 at around 8:30 a.m., the Morden and Winkler police services conducted a high risk traffic stop on a vehicle on Conner Hill Dr. in Morden.

The female driver and lone occupant of the vehicle was arrested. A search of the vehicle and individual did not locate any controlled substances. Some drug paraphernalia was, however, seized from the vehicle and it was subsequently towed to the Morden police station. Police believed the illegal substances remained at the female's residence in Morden and obtained a search warrant.

Morden and Winkler officers searched the residence with the assistance of the Regional Support Tactical Team and the Morden K-9 unit.

The initial search revealed a number of illegal items, including one gram of methamphetamine, a meth pipe, two large knives, two cell phones, and numerous empty unused baggies.

Police then located a safe and were able to unlock it using a key that was around the accused's neck at the time of the traffic stop.

Inside the safe, police located 20 grams of methamphetamine, 6.8 grams of cocaine, six containers of various prescription pills including Hydromorphone and Oxycodone, a digital scale, a replica .357 handgun, and 12 gauge shotgun ammunition

The accused was on a recognizance issued on Dec. 8th, 2017 in Winnipeg with conditions including not to possess a weapon or ammunition and to keep the peace and be of good behaviour. She was also on a probation order issued on Feb. 5, 2018 in Winnipeg with a condition to keep the peace and be of good behaviour. She is currently facing break and enter, mischief, and other charges from the Headingley RCMP.

Now, Lisa Michelle Strykiwsky, 38, faces additional charges of:



MORDEN POLICE SERVICE PHOTO

Police found multiple kinds of drugs, guns, and ammo during the search of a house in Morden June 12.

1. Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Meth).
  2. Possession of a Controlled Substance (Meth).
  3. Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Cocaine).
  4. Possession of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine).
  5. Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Schedule 1 (x2).
  6. Possession of Firearm/Ammunition contrary to Order (x2).
  7. Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose.
  8. Breach of Recognizance (x3).
  9. Breach of Probation.
- Strykiwsky has been remanded into custody and was transported to the Winnipeg Remand Centre to await her next court appearance.

# La Riviere hosting 10th Duck Race Saturday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina River at La Riviere will be invaded by hundreds of ducks this weekend—and you have a chance to go home the big winner because of it.

The 10th annual La Riviere Turkey-Fest and Duck Race takes place Saturday, June 23.

A donation of \$5 adopts a duck to race down the river. The first three quackers across the finish line win their owners cash prizes.

"The last two years we sold out our duck tickets," says organizer Evelyn Janzen, noting those 700 ducks raise \$3,500, half of which goes back to the winners as prizes while the rest goes to the La Riviere and Community Recreation Association.

This year's proceeds will help the association purchase an overhead project for the community's Blair Morrison Hall.

"We do end up hosting a lot of local business annual general meetings and other events like that," Janzen said. "We'll also be able to host events for kids with it, like a movie night."

"So it's a handy thing to have at the hall."

The duck race itself takes place at

5 p.m., but the day is packed full of plenty of other events starting at 11 a.m., including a barbecue lunch at the canteen and games and activities for the kids.

At 1 p.m., the La Riviere Volunteer Fire Department will rumble into town's campground, sirens wailing, and encourage kids of all ages to join in on water games and other chal-

lenges.

At 3 p.m., youth are encouraged to enter the Bike Decorating Contest and Parade.

For adults, refreshments are available at the Lazy Lagoon Lounge right next to the BBQ Canteen.

There will also be a silent auction packed full of prizes, including Gold-eyes tickets and even a package of

pickerel.

This event draws people from across the region each year, and the community is grateful for all the support, Janzen said.

"Our community is small, but we are the La Riviere and Community Rec. Centre ... so we get people from all over," she said. "We always seem to get somebody new."

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bar and raising it higher, and that is what he wants to showcase in the video.

"I really want to see Winkler and the surrounding areas of this community presented in the best way possible," Bergen said. "This is not just a place to come to work but a place to have a family grow, put down roots and be here for generations to come."

He touted the video, which would be a few minutes in length, as telling the community's story.

"Showcasing it to the world; showcasing its growth; showcasing its success, showcasing what makes

this place special," Bergen said. "It should show stories, show depth, show heart ... that's what I want to see."

In the end, council committed \$9,000 for the project, which could take up to a year for completion. Mayor Harder called it a bargain given the level of professionalism offered.

"It's going to be an awesome marketing tool, and it fits in so well with all of the things that are going on ... with the growth that is taking place in the city, it's a good year to capture it."

Council also made a three year

commitment of about \$2,500 annually to Townfolio, a company based out of Alberta and Saskatchewan, for what will be a complete statistical picture of the city.

It will compile a detailed data analysis of the community, making use of various information available through Statistics Canada as well as other data.

"It will give us all of the information that we need ... with one click of the mouse, you can really get to the heart of what Winkler is all about," said Harder.

# Salem ladies auxiliary BBQ raises \$8,775



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Salem Home Ladies Auxiliary served up hundreds of meals at their first fundraising barbecue last week. Right: Bill Klassen and auxiliary president Hilda Friesen auctioned off 12 desserts for the cause.



By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Salem Home Ladies Auxiliary's first fundraising barbecue and dessert auction was an unqualified success.

The June 13 event raked in \$8,775 before expenses, putting the auxiliary well on its way toward raising the \$9,000 it needs to purchase a new courtyard swing for the personal care home's residents to enjoy.

"We're totally amazed," president

Hilda Friesen said the morning after the event. "We had no idea what to expect.

"It was great to see so many people coming out to support the auxiliary and support Salem Home."

The evening, which also included musical entertainment from Ed Wayne and the North Border Band, saw upwards of 350 people enjoy a meal of burgers and hot dogs by donation.

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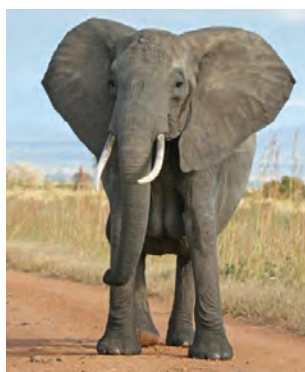
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#### Genesis 1:25

**"And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good."**



The old joke goes: "What's gray and has a trunk? A mouse on vacation." Of course, we know that this is really the description of the world's favorite animal, the elephant.

In another Creation Moment, I described Rudyard Kipling's Just So story about the Elephant Child. But the evolutionary account of how the elephant got its trunk is not really more rational. A look at articles on Wikipedia about the evolution of the elephant reveals that they do not want to discuss the evolutionary appearance of the trunk. But the BBC was not so reticent. On their science pages, they maintain that the evolution of the trunk was essential so that the elephant could get enough food into its mouth to maintain its large size. One biological "law" suggests that the mouth and skull volumes

alone are not as large as would be expected on the basis of how much elephants eat. Therefore, the trunk is necessary to get the food into the mouth faster.

There are significant problems with simple evolutionary explanations like this. Does the elephant have a trunk because of its large size? In which case, why did the large trunkless elephant not die out? Or did it develop a trunk first, which caused subsequent generations to grow larger? If so, what was the supposed evolutionary advantage of that first trunk if the animal was not large? As we frequently observe, evolution is supposed to proceed one step at a time, not two! We would observe that these features of an elephant are exactly what we would expect since they are designed by God.

Prayer: Along with the hymn writer, we praise You that The Lord God Made Them All, including All Creatures Great and Small. Amen.

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# Morden trying to revive horticultural society

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is looking for some residents with green thumbs to help revive the local horticultural society.

Following up on the suggestions from the city's participation in the Communities in Bloom competition last year, organizers have put out a call for volunteers to resurrect a garden club.

"One of the things in our evaluation and our feedback from the Communities in Bloom process was that we needed more community involvement," said Clare Agnew, Morden's community events and recreation manager. "We thought one of the ways to do that would be to see if we can spark some interest in a horticultural society."

Though the society has been defunct for several years now, Agnew is confident there is enough interest between potential new members and returning volunteers to get it going once again.

"It sounds like we have a core group that want to help," she said, noting there are a few recent newcomers to Morden who have obtained master gardener certification, including some who helped with the creation of the butterfly garden in Winkler.

"They are very interested in coming up with a couple new projects for Morden," she said.

Focusing the group on a few community beautification projects, Agnew believes, is the key to whetting the interest of potential members.

"We thought that maybe if we provided some projects or reasons for them to resurrect, we could get them interested again," she said. "I don't think that we're looking at our horticultural society necessarily to become the ones that plant the flowers [throughout the city], but maybe they can help provide interest or ideas ... and be involved where they want."

That could include hosting gardening workshops or adopting a garden space to help with the maintenance,



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Clare Agnew, community events and recreation manager for the City of Morden, is hoping to revive a local horticultural society.

Agnew suggested.

"Our next thing is going to be a native plant area," she said. "It's trying to think about the biodiversity and the native plants of this region and create a park around that idea."

Another idea they have in mind is to bring back the annual garden tour.

"I think the garden tour is something [to consider]," Agnew said.

"People miss it and they would like something like it to come back."

Agnew said they were encouraged by the response in the city's first year with Communities in Bloom, and she hopes that the community can help them build on it.

"We wanted somebody to come

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# Winkler joins blueW network

The City of Winkler has officially joined the blueW network.

The city announced Monday it had joined eight other communities in Southern Health-Santé Sud (including Morden, which launched its cam-

aign earlier this month) in encouraging local businesses to let visitors fill up reusable water bottles at their establishments without pressure to make additional purchases.

"This is a wonderful initiative," said

Mayor Martin Harder. "It will help us keep plastic water bottles out of our landfill, while still offering our citizens and guests easy access to water while they're enjoying the outdoors and exploring our city."

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.

Hailey Penner, the city's summer student, will be visiting businesses in the weeks ahead to sign them up for the initiative.

If you're a business or organization who would like to be added to the list, contact Penner at hailey@winklerarts.com.

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in and give us feedback on how we we're doing," she said. "We didn't change anything before the judges came last year and we got a four out of five.

"So we think that by being aware of what they're looking for and making some small changes that we can certainly improve our score ... and one of the things is that we need to have more volunteers involved.

"I'm hoping that, kind of a combination of the Communities in Bloom program along with the horticultural society, that maybe there's a partnership there where we can help each other."

Anyone who is interested in getting involved or wanting more information can contact Agnew or Stephanie Dueck at 204-822-5431.

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# 5k run sets out to add a little colour to Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

A fun family event will help fill the void left this year with the cancellation of the Morden Triathlon.

The Colour Run on July 28 at Lake Minnewasta will feature a 5 km run with a twist along the lines of the east Indian celebration of Holi, the festival of colours.

The un-timed run will see participants, who are encouraged to wear as much white as possible, doused with a rainbow of colours with every kilometre.

Morden summer programmer Courtney Yeo said organizers saw a social media post about a similar event happening in Langdon, North Dakota.

"We were looking to do something fun," she said. "We thought, unfortunately because there is no triathlon happening this year, we wanted to put together something similar but not quite as strenuous.

"[Colour runs have] become super popular ... Winnipeg usually does one ... and we've noticed that people are travelling all around for these, so why not hold one locally?"

Known as the "Happiest 5k on the Planet," colour runs have been experienced by an estimated six million

runners in over 35 countries. They are touted as a unique paint race that celebrates healthiness, happiness, and individuality.

"I think there's also a community building aspect to it," said Yeo. "There's the excitement of something new and different ... the chance to try out this new activity and to come out with your family."

The run will take place at the Lake Minnewasta campground with registration starting at 10 a.m. and the run getting underway at 11 a.m.

As part of the registration, participants will receive a white Morden Colour Run t-shirt, a pair of sunglasses, some Colour Run swag, and an individual colour bomb to throw at the finish line.

There's plenty of ways to get involved with this event, Yeo stressed.

"There's room for volunteers ... [and] you don't have to run, you can walk, you can jog, you can push your kids in the strollers ... it's a way to get them active."

To register, head to [mordenmb.maxgalaxycanada.net/BrowseActivities.aspx](http://mordenmb.maxgalaxycanada.net/BrowseActivities.aspx).

Early bird registration runs until July 16 and then regular registration runs from July 17-28. Online registration will close at 12 p.m. July 27, but



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Morden is hosting a 5k Colour Run at Lake Minnewasta July 28.

walk up registration at the event is welcome. by e-mail at [programs@mordenmb.com](mailto:programs@mordenmb.com) or call 204-822-5431.

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Things wrapped up with dessert as 12 signature treats created and donated by local businesses were sold off by auctioneer Bill Klassen, some going for hundreds of dollars.

"We had such amazing desserts," Friesen said of the yummy roster that included everything from cheesecake to giant cinnamon buns to a candy bar bouquet. "I don't think people really knew what to expect with a dessert auction, what it was going to be like, so if we do it again it would probably

bring in more because people would know what they'd be bidding on."

The auxiliary hasn't decided yet if this is going to become an annual event, but Friesen is optimistic.

"I'm thinking we probably will ... the response from the [auxiliary] ladies was all positive," she said.

In the meantime, the auxiliary's members will continue to fundraise for the swing through a monthly bake and coffee sale at Salem for staff, residents, and family members to enjoy.



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Ed Wayne and the North Border band provided music for the BBQ.

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# Fun at Paddlefest



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The paddle boards (above) were a popular choice Saturday as Lake Minnewasta hosted the 2018 Morden Paddlefest. Also among the water craft available were the dragon boats (above, right), which also saw participants get a quick lesson in the proper paddling techniques (right) before setting out. A variety of kayaks and canoes were also available for the fourth annual event, which is put on by the city and the local Morden Paddle Club to promote paddling as a low impact sport good for people of nearly all ages and abilities.



## > CANADA DAY, FROM PG. 9

the dock just before the fireworks.

Meanwhile, in Winkler, the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church is hosting a kid's carnival with the assistance of the Winkler Mennonite Church and Gospel Mission Church.

The carnival, which runs from 4-8 p.m., will feature a play zone, petting zone, kiddie train rides, carnival games, and candy and popcorn.

For more hearty eats, the Winkler Co-op once again hosts its hugely popular \$5 supper from 5-7 p.m.

The days' stage line-up features illusionist Greg Wood, kids' karaoke at 3 p.m., music by Island Breeze at 4 p.m., Five Acres country band at 5 p.m., and the finale by The Mood from 6:30-8 p.m.

"There's a little bit of different genres of music. We're looking forward to it," said Klassen, stressing that their aim is to of-



fer free family fun.

"The city's priority is to plan something that's free, so it is affordable for all the families ... for a larger family, costs can add up really fast."

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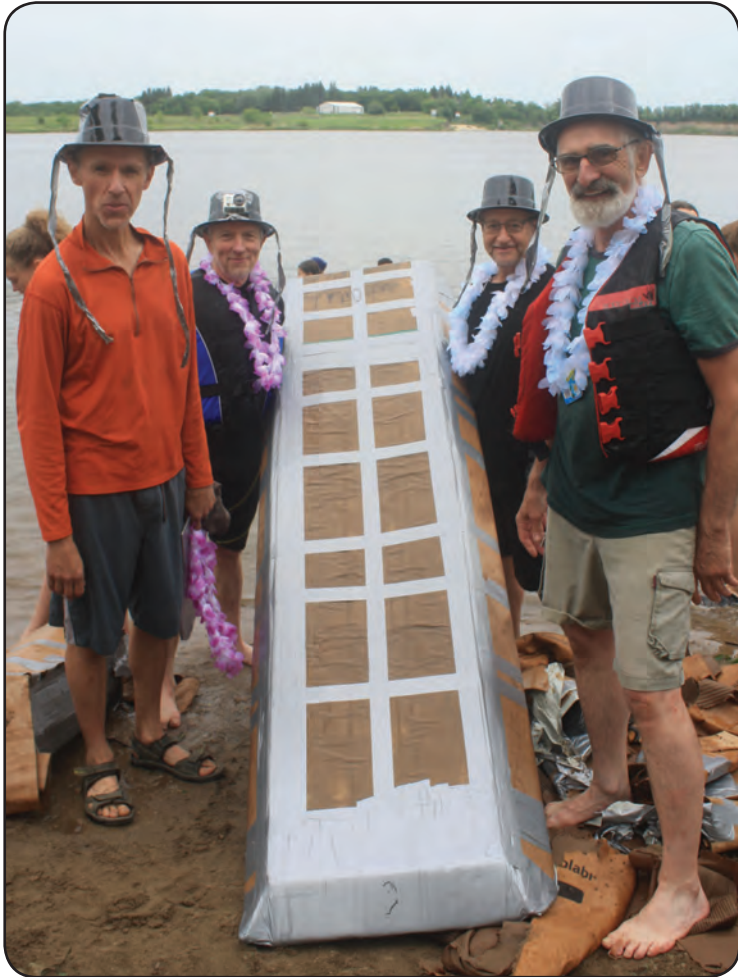
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Left: The Prairie Schooners team of Gord Hamm, James Friesen, Hank Unrau, and Earl Dyck won the Beach Boat Build for Habitat for Humanity Saturday at Morden's Paddlefest with their cardboard and duct tape creation. Ten teams took part in the event, building their boats (above) before setting sail (right) to see who would sink or swim.



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Although the exact time of the strawberry season depends on Mother Nature, the season usually starts the first week of June and lasts for three to four weeks. The availability of strawberries varies from day to day during the season due to

a variety of conditions and growers advise customers to call ahead for picking conditions.

Fresh strawberries should be used as soon as possible. It is recommended that you buy or pick only the amount that you can use for eating or preserving in a day or two. If strawberries must be stored, keep them in a refrigerator in a single layer, covered, unwashed and unstemmed. Moisture hastens mold, so it is best not to wash them before storing. Strawberries are easy to freeze for later use. Simply wash, remove the caps and slice the berries. Then, gently mix the sliced berries with sugar, pack them in freezer containers, seal and freeze. The general guideline for sugar is one cup for each pound of berries. Less sugar can be used if desired. So for a family outing that will provide some refreshing time out in the country and some delicious treats, pick a place to pick strawberries.

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## BTHC Fdn. plans to push forward on hospital expansion

By Lorne Stelmach

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation continues looking towards the longer term future while helping meet the more immediate short term needs at the regional hospital.

That balancing act was addressed Monday evening at the annual meeting, where incoming chairperson Grant Thiessen touched on the priority of helping push forward expansion of BTHC.

"That is clearly going to remain our focus. We've invested money in the process and ... there is money coming in already," said Thiessen, who takes over from Debra Enns, who steps aside after six years on the board.

"The big step that we need now is we need government to put themselves behind our plan ... we have a plan that we've laid out, and the RHA will be presenting that to government in the coming months."

Thiessen said that with "getting a favourable response there, we'll be able to move into high mode in the fundraising activities."

"We're making an offer to fund a certain portion of the expansion ... so we have to know if they're going to accept that," added Thiessen. "We'll know more in the next couple of months."

In the meantime, the foundation carries on with fundraising to help provide equipment for the hospital as well as support to the palliative care and spiritual care programs.

The efforts of the foundation in the past year helped provide equipment investments totalling around \$57,000, including a neo-probe for cancer care, a cardiac probe for the emergency room, and an infant cardiac monitor for the obstetrics department

It is supported through fundraising events, including the summer golf tournament and fall gala dinner, which, together with a Rosemary Siemens concert, brought in nearly \$117,000.

"We've been able to sell out that dinner in the last couple of years, which is really exciting, but again it's all the great support of our community," Thiessen said.

The foundation also works to meet what was a budget of over \$200,000 for spiritual and palliative care. Thiessen stressed the importance of the two programs in providing an extra level of care to patients.

"And without funding of these extra nurses, it's just not available," he said.

"We hear that all the time of the exceptional care that people are getting at Boundary Trails, and we're here to support that and make sure that it carries on," Thiessen said. "We have people that are coming in just to donate to us because they're aware of the cause and want to support that."

Spiritual care director Stephen Siemens spoke at the meeting about the importance of initiatives like a Wednesday evening worship service

"It's all about making it accessible for people," he said, touching on the importance of supporting people no



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Grant Thiessen (left) assumed the role of chairperson of the BTHC Foundation at its AGM on Monday. The look back on the past year included presentations from spiritual care director Stephen Siemens (right) and Mavis Gerbrandt talking about the palliative care program.

matter where they are on their journey. "They're going through all kinds of things ... they're processing things ... some folks are really quick to say what's going on, others it takes maybe a while for them to feel like they have the energy or to find the energy to be able to share what's going on."

Presenting on palliative care, Mavis Gerbrandt, touched on her personal experiences with her husband Ed benefitting from the program

"Navigating through the medical system is not fun, and it's very daunting," said Gerbrandt, whose husband was diagnosed over two years ago with a tumour in one of his lungs.

It was uncharted territory for them, she said, explaining the palliative

care program has made all the difference in supporting their desire to live well and have a quality of life.

"We were connected to whatever resources we needed," she said. "Their presence and their guidance told us that we are not alone ... in their caring, we were empowered to live through this."

The foundation also expressed its thanks at the meeting to four departing board members. Stepping down in addition to Enns were Linda Pearce, Bev Williment, and Moira Porte. Special thanks also went to former foundation administrator Carol Worms for her years of dedicated service.



## Good eats in support of Morden daycare

Families and supporters gathered for a barbecue lunch Monday at the Pembina Valley Child Care Centre in Morden. The annual fundraiser usually brings in around \$2,000 for work on the facility's back yard. "it's for the ongoing maintenance. It's expensive," said executive director Shuana Richards. "It's also about the socialization with the families, everybody gets to come together ... it's a community event."

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE



The Binney Corner Nature Preserve hosted the ninth annual Binney Water Festival June 8. Left: Students identify some of the "critters" they caught while dip netting in the marsh. Right: A student at the festival's "drain it" station puts on items to reflect the adaptations of the beaver, which was nominated as the "class pet."

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## Preserve hosts Binney Water Festival

June 8 marked the ninth year that the Pembina Valley Conservation District and the La Salle Redboine Conservation District co-hosted the Binney Water Festival at the Binney Corner Nature Preserve.

Approximately 210 students and 50 volunteers and local experts gathered at the preserve northwest of Manitou to explore three different ecosystems: marsh, grassland, and woodlot, which are connected by a 100 foot floating dock.

The event targets the Gr. 4 curriculum by offering an interactive, hands-on approach to learning. Students are challenged to find evidence of plants, animals, and other living things along the trails and marsh and are encouraged to discuss some of the adaptations these living things have made in order to survive.

The PVCD sends its thanks out to Enbridge and the Prairie Spirit School Division for sponsoring the event.



## Beanie Babies on the move

The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Manitoba has been busy this spring distributing the more than 80 Beanie Babies purchased thanks to donations raised at the Sledge Hockey Game Fundraiser in Winkler in February. Left: Connie and Evan Hesom dropped off dozens of cuddly friends to Ronald Mc-

Donald House and the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. Above: Executive board members Tessa Memme and Nancy Spenst stopped by Katie's Cottage with a few more. June is Spina Bifida Awareness Month, notes Spenst, and SBHAM welcomes donations to help keep their programs for people living with the illness going. Reach Spenst at 204-362-7224 or go to [www.sbham.ca](http://www.sbham.ca) for more information.



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## Out at home plate



In the top of the fifth inning, Pembina Valley Orioles catcher Bobby Matuszewski tags out a Blue Jays runner on a fielder's choice. The Orioles won the first game of the doubleheader 9-5, but fell in game two 5-4.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

By Lorne Stelmach

A week of mixed results leaves the Pembina Valley Orioles in fourth place in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League.

Splitting a Sunday doubleheader with the Interlake Blue Jays after having lost last Wednesday to the Elmwood Giants, the Orioles have let a few games get away from them.

"We're middle of the pack ... but we would like to be a little bit higher than that. We've had a couple games here that could have gone either way, but that's the way baseball goes," assistant coach Phil Hildebrand said after the Orioles followed a 9-5 win in game one against Interlake with a 5-4 loss in game two in Morden.

The opener with the Blue Jays was one of momentum shifts throughout the game.

Pacing the Orioles was Liam Giesbrecht, who pitched a solid seven innings.

"It was a bit of a see-saw battle ... it was just a back and forth game of exchanging leads, and we were able to score a few more late in the game and took advantage of a few errors to come out on top," Hildebrand noted.

Things swung the other way in game two.

"We just had one bad inning, a couple errors and a few walks, and they took advantage of that," said Hildebrand. "We weren't able to get anything going, weren't able to string any hits together, and we ended up one run short."

A few days earlier, on June 13, the Orioles' bats were silent against Elmwood, giving the Giants the win 6-0.

Brendyn Perron scattered four hits

over seven innings while striking out nine Pembina Valley batters en route to victory. Seth Staple gave up five runs on seven hits in six innings of work for the Orioles while also picking up nine strikeouts.

The Orioles currently sit in fourth place in the league with a record of 9-7. They trail the St. James A's (15-2), Elmwood Giants (9-4) and the Brandon Marlins (5-3) in the top three

spots.

Hildebrand sees the Orioles as being in a good position to make a push in their stretch run with an emphasis particularly on their defensive play.

"We're still in good shape. We've got enough games left yet, and hopefully the boys start to really bear down."

Next up, Pembina Valley is scheduled for a doubleheader against the Marlins in Brandon this Saturday.

## Mohawks yet to lose a game

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mohawks' near flawless season continued in the Border Baseball League last week.

The team, which has yet to lose a game, added a second tie and a sixth win to their record as they faced Cartwright and Baldur June 12 and June 15.

The Tuesday night game in Morden against the Twins saw the two battle to a 6-6 tie.

Cartwright scored three runs off

Morden starter Matt Mutcheson at the top of the third inning and then added three more at the top of the sixth off reliever Mackenzie Hamm. The Mohawks scored two in the third, three in the fifth, and the tying run in the bottom of the sixth.

Friday's game, detailed stats for which were not available at press time, saw the Mohawks come out ahead by just one point, winning 7-6 over the Regals.

Meanwhile, the Winkler Whips downed Clearwater and then split

their Father's Day doubleheader against Killarney and Cartwright.

The June 12 game in Winkler against Clearwater saw the home team come out ahead 9-6.

Winkler scored singles in the first and fourth innings, two in both the second and fifth, and three runs in the sixth, while Clearwater got four runners home at the top of the sixth and two more in the seventh.

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# Youth players compete in North American Classic

By Lorne Stelmach

Several athletes from this region competed with some of the best AAA talent around recently at a premier hockey tournament in Winnipeg.

The North American Hockey Classic held earlier this month gave female and male hockey players a chance to compete against some of the best players from Canada, the United States, and even Europe.

Now in its 15th season, the Classic is geared to attract top talent, with over 300 teams coming out for this year's tournament divided into four week-ends.

Players are selected because they have stood out "and have the ability to play at a high level," said Sean O'Brien, who was a coach for the Manitoba Hawks, a Winnipeg-based team that won the U8 division of the tournament held between June 7 and 10.

Leading the team were O'Brien and Kevin Perrin, whose daughters Casey O'Brien and Rory Perrin play on the

team.

Among the team members invited to join the Hawks once their regular season was completed was Lydia Hill of Miami. Other area girls in the tournament included Vanessa Franz, who played for the Manitoba Monsters (winners of the U9 division) as well as Sage McElroy Scott, a member of the Pembina Valley AAA Hawks who joined the roster of the U17 Manitoba Colts.

"It just goes to show girl's hockey in our area ... we're producing quality female athletes here," suggested O'Brien.

Also having a successful tournament were Morden boys Rhett Perrin, Jayden Penner and Nic Wiebe, who played with the '06 prospects and went on to win their 2006 AAA division.

O'Brien said players really earn the opportunity to participate in this tournament.

"Coaches from around the area see potential in players and they forward those names on," he said.



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The Manitoba Hawks, a Winnipeg-based team featuring local players, won the U8 division of the North American Hockey Classic tournament.

"They're playing at the highest level they can play at for their age group ... and this is the highest calibre tournament that they can play at," O'Brien added, noting they get to play in front of a variety of scouts that could attract interest from levels of hockey ranging

from university to national teams. "There's quite a few people there looking ... and this gives the exposure ... for good players to play amongst other good players. "It really is a test of their ability and a chance to showcase it."

# Flyers continue to build up roster with local faces

The Winkler Flyers have added a pair of Pembina Valley Hawks for the

upcoming season, signing forward Jayden McCarthy (2001) and defenseman Noah Goertzen (2000).

McCarthy is a 5'11", 180 lbs., 17-year-old forward from Morris. He recorded 36 points (14 goals, 22 assists) and 65 penalty minutes in 46 regular season games played last season with the Hawks in the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League.

Following the Hawks' season, McCarthy joined the Flyers, playing well in seven of the club's playoff games.

McCarthy is a good all-around forward who has the ability to play physical and still contribute offensively, the Flyers said in a statement.

"After being part of the playoffs with the Flyers, I am looking forward to contributing to the team's success this fall," said McCarthy.

Goertzen is an 18-year-old blueliner from Homewood. He stands 6'1" and weighs in at 160 lbs.

He played 48 games with the Hawks last season, recording 24 points (two goals, 22 assists).

Goertzen is a smooth skating defenseman with good instincts and tends to make a good first pass, the team said.

"As a former Pembina Valley Hawk, it is a relief to be signed by a team close to home," said Goertzen. "I'm

excited to get a chance to play for the Winkler Flyers in front of local fans.

"I feel I can be an asset to the team and bring a good defensive and offensive role to the Flyers with my size and the ability to move the puck."

Late last week, the team also announced it had signed defenseman Carson McConnell (2000), a Pilot Mound native who played last season with the Pilot Mound Hockey Academy Buffaloes.

The 6'1", 185 lbs. blueliner accounted for 47 points (five goals, 42 assists) and 62 penalty minutes in 61 games

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## ALH results

The ALH Motor Speedway honoured the memory of Darren Baker Sunday at its annual Darren Baker Memorial.

Top three finishers included:

- Street stocks: Rod Wolfe in first place, James Wall in second, and Aaron Blacklance in third.
- Modifieds: Jerome Guyot, Shawn Teunis, and Scott Greer.
- Pure stocks: Kevin Smith, Jamie Smith, and Jeff Gillies.
- Midwest modifieds: Scott Bintz, Brandon Rehill, and Austin Hunter.
- Four-cylinder: Brandon Rehill, Alexander Farr, and Shane Rehill.
- Slingshots: Ty Saxon, Cash Saxon, and Amy Doell.

Next race day is this Sunday. Check out [alhmotorspeedway.com](http://alhmotorspeedway.com) for details.

# Hurricanes stung by Hornets

The South Central Hurricanes got stung by the Hornets Soccer Club in Winnipeg Women's Soccer League action last week.

The Winnipeg team doubled up on the 'Canes 2-1, handing the ladies their second loss of the season. Winkler's record is now 2-2-1 for the summer thus far.

The Hurricanes play at home June 20 against Frozen Water and then host the Red Hot Pink Flamingos Sunday.

Meanwhile, one of the local mens teams, the SC Riot, fell to Superbia FC in a Bison Cup game Monday night. The match was tied 3-3 with Riot goals scored by David Green, Reinaldo Oliveira, and Kris Roberts. The resulting

shootout went Superbia's way 5-4.

This week, the Riot play at home Sunday against Rebellion North FC.

The Winkler Storm were scheduled to play Rovers FC Tuesday in Winnipeg. Results were not available at press time. The Storm also play an away game against the Kildonan Cavaliers next Tuesday.

# Cindy Maddock inducted into Curling Hall of Fame

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Morden woman was honoured this spring for her decades of involvement at the local, provincial, and national curling levels.

Cindy Maddock was inducted into the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame and Museum last month as a builder of the sport in recognition of her extensive work as a curling organizer and executive.

The Class of 2018 also includes renowned curlers Jennifer Jones, Peter Nicholls, and Jill Officers and Team (Norm) Houck and Team (Hal) Tanasichuk.

For Maddock, her love of curling started back in Rathwell as a child helping her father make ice for the community's rink.

"It truly started with me as part of the family," she says. "My parents both curled and my dad was the local ice maker, so I grew up helping at the local rink.

"For a community the size of Rathwell, that was one of the hearts of the community."

**"WHEN YOU'RE THAT PASSIONATE ABOUT SOMETHING, IT'S PART OF YOUR LIFE."**

In addition to years spent as an active curler, Maddock's list of involvement behind-the-scenes is extensive.

Locally, she headed up or was involved with host committees that brought several provincial championships to Morden, in addition to serving on the Morden Curling Club executive.

Maddock also gave of her time at the provincial level, serving with the Curl Manitoba executive, including as its president in 2010. She went on to work with the Canadian Curling Association for over five years in a variety of roles.

At both the provincial and national levels, she worked on countless major competitions and programs.

"Each and every one I could tell you a story," Maddock says when asked for standout events, finally settling on the 2013 Roar of the Rings in Winnipeg.

"It was a stepping stone to the Olympics. I was Curl Manitoba president at the time when we submitted our bid for that ... and then a few years later I had finished my role there and was working with Curling Canada. Because the event was in Winnipeg, they asked me if I would be the liaison for that event.

"To see that full-circle, from the bidding and then actually being the liaison ... it stands out as a highlight."

All these involvements translate into countless hours of work, but Maddock is quick to point out she is not alone in her dedication—there are hundreds of volunteers like her



SUPPLIED PHOTO

Morden's Cindy Maddock was inducted into the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame at a ceremony held in Winnipeg last month.

who pour their passion into the sport.

"You start contributing and giving back to your club, because if everybody does a little bit ... many hands make light work, I truly believe that," she says, adding that her volunteer responsibilities simply followed a natural progression from the club level to the national stage as she gained more experience.

"It's a combination of passion and then being able to commit the time," Maddock adds, stressing she couldn't have done any of it without the sup-

port of her husband and children.

Being inducted into a hall of fame for giving back to a sport you love is a unique experience, Maddock reflects.

"I was kind of speechless, to be honest," she says. "Certainly I was very humbled because when you volunteer, like most of us do ... you just do it and it becomes a part of your life. You don't really consider that you're doing anything more than anyone else."

"When you're that passionate about something, it's part of your life."

# Morden Triathlon calls it quits this summer

By Lorne Stelmach

For Morden, it's been a long running tradition—figuratively and literally—but it won't happen this summer.

Organizers behind the Morden Triathlon made a difficult decision to cancel the race this year primarily due to not having enough of a volunteer base to put it on properly.

"It was a very tough decision ... we're really torn up about it," said Tom Wiebe, president of the 3rd Wave Triathlon Club.

"It's the longest running triathlon in Manitoba ... this would have been year 35. There's a lot of people throughout Manitoba who were checking it out ... why is there no triathlon this year?"

Wiebe said there were a number of factors behind their decision.

"It came down to we just couldn't

find someone to be the race director. It's a big job, and it's tough to find someone that can give that kind of time and that kind of commitment," he said. "We didn't have anybody in the club that could do it. We'll have to see what we can do ... maybe next year."

Aside from a race director, dozens of volunteers were needed to ensure everything goes smoothly, and it was getting harder to find people to fill those roles.

"It was tough getting enough volunteers to do it because it takes so many people to do a half ironman," said Wiebe. "That's a long distance, and

we're a small club."

It was a minor consideration, but Wiebe added that another factor was the increasing traffic and condition of the Hwy. 3 route for the running and cycling portions of the race.

While this year is a no-go, Wiebe holds out hope the event could be revived in the future if there's enough interest from club members and the community.

In the meantime, he hopes to be able to keep building up the club, noting some people may have been reluctant to join in the past because members were asked to be involved in putting on the triathlon.

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"We're hoping that this may help our club grow a bit," Wiebe said, suggesting building up their membership might help bring more volunteers on board down the road.

In addition to losing the race this year, the community will also miss out on what the triathlon gives back to the area.

Last year, triathlon fees and sponsorships raised thousands of dollars for South Central Cancer Resource Centre, Many Hands Resource Centre, Morden Caring and Sharing, and the Darlingford and Morden fire departments for their charities of choice, which were the Pembina Manitou Christmas Cheer Board and the burn fund.

# Kids of Mud hit the Lake Minnewasta trails

By Lorne Stelmach

A program is not only helping teach area youth the basics of biking but also preparing them to possibly take it to the next level.

The Kids of Mud program running for the past six weeks at Lake Minnewasta is a learn-to-ride and learn-to-race program for kids 16 years old and younger.

"There's quite a few [programs] in Manitoba but nothing in southern Manitoba," noted Peter Loewen of Winkler's Country Cycle, which is spearheading the local Kids of Mud. "It had been on my list of things to do probably for about the last five years ... I finally didn't have anything else on my plate."

The official youth cycling program of the Manitoba Cycling Association covers the fundamentals but is also aimed at long term athlete development.

Kid of Mud provides certified coaches and other volunteers to guide riders on the basics of off-road cycling. There is also the opportunity to challenge their skill and fitness in any of

the MCA mountain bike races open to age category racers.

The program has been running here Wednesday nights since mid-May and wraps up next week.

"This is the first year running it ... and we've got quite a few participants. There's about 30 kids, which is actually incredible for a first year," suggested Loewen, who was not only

pleased with the response but also observed among the participants that "their level, their riding ability, is already at a good level."

At last week's session, beginner riders were honing their skills at the Morden Park pump track, while more experienced cyclists hit the trails around the lake.

"The idea basically is to try to teach kids the fundamentals of biking ... safety, gear shifting and when to brake, when not to brake," explained Loewen. "It teaches

them how to use your landscape to your advantage ... use the momentum and be in the right gear at the right time."

He added the lake locale serves as an ideal place to be offering this program.

"The nice thing about these trails

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PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Participants in the Winkler-Morden Kids of Mud program gathered to get instructions before hitting the trails at Lake Minnewasta last Wednesday.

here is ... [they're] flowing and kind of a gentle up and down. There's some pretty steep stuff," Loewen said. "We're very fortunate in southern Manitoba ... Tinker Creek, Thornhill, the Morden lake ... we have such incredible trails.

"The idea is to bring up kids that know how to ride ... and kind of bring them into the race program in Manitoba," Loewen continued. "The idea is to get these kids, bring them up, bring them through our club ... and just to participate in the whole Mani-

toba scene. We have a really good race program.

Mahla Peters-Loewen, an eight-year-old from Altona, has enjoyed biking since she learned at age two, and she loves what she's been learning through Kids of Mud.

"I think it's going to help me learning how to get my energy up," she said, adding it was helping her feel more confident. "We've been learning how to switch gears when things get harder and things get easier."



Kids of Mud riders last Wednesday were practising some of the finer points of how to properly corner.

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## > BORDER BASEBALL, FROM PG. 20

Splitting pitching duties for Winkler were Noah Olfert (three runs off 22 at bats) and James Dyck (three runs off 10 batters).

Sunday afternoon's games saw the Whips cream the Lakers 19-7 and then fall to the Twins 10-9.

Morden has a firm hold on the first

place spot in the league standings at 6-0-2 followed by Baldur in second (6-2) and Winkler in third (4-3-2).

This week, the Mohawks hosted Clearwater on Tuesday and play in Carman on Friday. The Whips play in Pilot Mound on Friday.

## > FLYERS, FROM PG. 21

played last season.

"I'm excited to be joining a great hockey organization," said McConnell. "I'm a defensive defenseman who is hard to play against, but can contribute offensively. I am looking forward to getting started."

On Monday, the Flyers announced their 2018-19 regular season schedule.

The Flyers will kick off their 39th season in the MJHL at home against the Neepawa Natives on Sept. 21st.

Winkler, along with the 10 other teams in the league, will play 29

home games and 29 road games as well as two games at the MJHL Showcase Dec. 9-1 in Winnipeg.

Including the Flyers' home and home against Neepawa to start the season, Winkler will play three of their first five games at home. Their longest stretch away from home is a five game road swing through Selkirk, Swan Valley, Neepawa, and Winnipeg in January.

The regular season will end in Portage on March 2 against the Terriers.

The full schedule is available online at [winklerflyers.com](http://winklerflyers.com).

# Agriculture

## Crops doing well, though perhaps advancing too quickly

By Harry Siemens

Some farmers received just the right amount of rain, others received rain and hail, while some didn't receive anything to speak of, leaving them even more disappointed following the recent thunder, rain, and hail storm.

Carman's Jason Vogt, who operates Field2Field Agronomy and provides independent crop consulting services to help farmers to grow better crops, responded with a Twitter request for rain amounts from different farmers across the region.

"In general, the crops look pretty good, but the crop varies as you go from that Fannystelle area to west of St Claude and south to Winkler," said Vogt. "Some pockets received a little bit more rain about three, four weeks ago, so we're sitting pretty good.

"The sandier fields to the west of Elm Creek and west of Carman are great. Those areas were much wetter going into the spring, so they had a pretty good seedbed to seed into. So they were doing okay for moisture, but overall things were starting to get quite dry, especially in the heavier clay soils."

Farmers welcomed the recent rains as the timing is right to help most crops, though maybe a little late for some to achieve the top end yield.

"We have some crop that was seeded into a little bit drier ground causing uneven germinate and uneven crops in a lot of spring wheat and some canola fields," said Vogt. "It presents different problems for the timing of fungicide and things like that, but overall the health is good."

The crop is undoubtedly shorter in stature this year, Vogt said, and it concerns him that the spring wheat is progressing quickly.

"It is exciting to see in one way, but in the other way it is going almost too fast, so we have a lot of areas right now where we have spring wheat that's heading out and also canola that's bolting and even starting to flower a little bit," he said. "Anything farmers seeded at the end of April is advancing quickly."

Hail damaged caused some significant damage on a few fields. Some wheat and even canola was pretty much flattened right to the ground in

the Miami, Manitou, and Crystal City areas, though some may come back.

There's a lot of growing season left, Vogt pointed out, and the stage those crops were at bodes well for their chances at a comeback.

Indeed, farmers on social media last week were encouraging those in the damaged areas to take a wait-and-see approach and see if new leaves emerge from the damage.

"I'm trying to be optimistic, but there is a point where some crops are not recoverable, so then they have to decide on reseeded," Vogt said. "In

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most cases, the crop insurance agents aren't too ecstatic at getting out and assessing right away because I think they do realize too there are times where a crop can respond and start regrowing so they don't want to be

too proactive that way.

"But at the same time, the farmer wants to get the decision made and get the next steps in place to get another crop growing, or what he needs to do to help manage this one."



## Fulton puts it into perspective

By Harry Siemens

While the column refers to hogs and pork production, the whole trade and tariff debate between the U.S. and Canada, it seems, will take some time to work itself out.

My suggestion is to stop the name calling and bellyaching on both sides of the border and see where we all end up.

Tyler Fulton, the director of risk management with h@ms Marketing Services, said higher U.S. pork production combined with uncertain demand due to Chinese and Mexican tariffs on U.S. pork would put significant downward pressure on North American hog markets through the fourth quarter.

A 25 per cent duty imposed by China on U.S. pork and a 10 per cent duty imposed by Mexico on U.S. hams and pork shoulders that will rise to 20 per cent in July has created a great deal of uncertainty as we head toward the fourth quarter where producers could produce about five per cent more pork produced in the U.S. than last year.

Fulton said Mexico and China represent two of the top four destinations for U.S. pork, with Mexico being number one in volume and probably number two in value and China at number four or number five, depending on the year.

"With the recent rally that we've seen over the last week or so in

the hog markets I think that there are some good opportunities to be hedged at near break even levels," he said.

Hmmm ... how many businesses budget for only breaking even? Not many, you may say, but that is the nature of the farming businesses when countries start to monkey around with tariffs and insert all kinds of qualifications.

Fulton qualified his previous statement by saying the current forward prices are better not only than the cash prices that we saw last year from September to December but also over the average of the last three years.

It's like something someone told me on the weekend that pork prices over the last 10 years are at historic and record-breaking highs. The industry struggled to cause record-breaking losses some years back because at the same time we also had record-breaking grain prices. Pigs eat grain, and if the prices are too high then hog farmers lose money.

Getting back to Fulton, although we're looking at more production and more uncertainty on the export front, one can hedge at higher levels than what the cash markets have averaged either last year or when you compare to something more of an average, like the three-year average.

Fulton points out Canada uses U.S. pricing points as the critical dynamic feature of their hog pricing formula,

so when U.S. hog prices decline, that lowers the cost that Canadian producers get.

"I believe a fairly healthy hedge would be something as heavy as 50 per cent of production from that September to December time frame, but going even heavier than that on further rallies given that the uncertainty on the export side doesn't seem to be diminishing," he said.

On the tariff, the current focus is on the impact of the 20 per cent tariff to pork, in particular hams and pork shoulders that go to Mexico but it's important to not to overstate it.

"I think you need to put it in context. The supply increases that we see far exceed the weight of anyone export country," Fulton said. "Mexico does represent probably in the neighborhood of seven per cent of total U.S. pork, and so, if you apply a 20 per cent tariff on that, there's no doubt it's significant, but it wouldn't result in likely double-digit per cent losses in price."

Fulton said domestically a lot depends on the U.S. economy and how pork compares in price with competing meats like beef and chicken.

"Pork is still well positioned with domestic demand in good shape, but we're probably calling on North Americans to consume possibly one and a half pounds more pork this year than last year, and that will likely command discounts to clear the heavy supply."



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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- Green and yellow citrus fruit
- Type of clock
- Die
- A hammer needs one
- Leopard (Hebrew)
- In the Hebrew calendar
- Away from wind
- Type of footwear
- Malaysian coastal city
- Arm bones
- A type of diligence
- Banquets
- Home of The Beatles
- Electromotive force
- Small amount
- Type of cola
- Adult female
- Astronomy unit
- Hall of Fame
- Type of gazelle
- Places
- Women from the Mayflower
- Liquid served with food
- Predatory semiaquatic reptile (abbr.)
- Angle (abbr.)
- Touched lightly
- Cannister
- Crony
- Tell on
- Body of water
- Sorts out
- Mammary gland of female cattle
- Collegiate athletic conference
- Sword
- Protein-rich liquids
- Emaciation
- Italian seaport
- Agreement
- Chinese ethnic group
- University of Miami's mascot
- People who buy and sell securities
- Genus of mosquitos
- Holds up your head

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- Two-toed sloth
- Impudent behavior
- The right to take another's

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- Wife
- Desert mammal
- A nearly horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
- Uncommon
- Kristofferson, actor
- Where buildings are built
- Chain attached to a watch
- Holiday (informal)
- Clod
- Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- Australian eucalyptus tree
- Aerosol propellant
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- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Witch
- Strike with a light blow
- The First State
- Satisfies
- A way to fish
- Magnetic tape used to make recordings
- For each
- Flower cluster
- Closes off
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**OBITUARY**

**Peter C. Thiessen**  
1924 - 2018



Peter Thiessen, age 93, passed away peacefully at Tabor Home in Morden, Manitoba, on Sunday, June 10, 2018.

Peter was born on June 20, 1924, in Rosetown, MB, Canada. His parents were Cornelius and Helena (nee Giesbrecht) Thiessen. He was the youngest of six children. Peter attended the Rudnerweide School for seven years. He was taught to work hard from a young age. His dad encouraged him to read through his Bible and presented him with a new bicycle as a reward. His family faithfully attended church. Peter put his trust in Christ and was baptized in the spring of 1945, at the OCM Church in Rosetown, MB. Peter found the love of his life, Henrietta Sawatzky, who was from east of Altona. They were married on October 2, 1952, at the Rudnerweide Church in Altona, with Old Colony Church Bishop Jacob Froese officiating. God blessed our parents with six daughters and one son. Dad and Mom worked hard together on their grain and livestock farms; first at Kronstahl; then moving to Rosenfeld in 1970. In the fall of 1980, they moved to Friedensruh. Dad farmed with his son, Peter for another 14 years. During those years, Dad also enjoyed yard work and gardening together with Mom. They took pleasure in sharing their produce with family and friends. Dad loved playing guitar and harmonica while Mom sang. Faith in God and family was of utmost importance to our Dad and his concern and desire was for the salvation of each one. In 2010, Dad and Mom downsized and retired to Winkler, MB. Dad led an active life and was still able to ride a bike at age 89. He mowed his own lawn in town with a push mower at 91. He remained in his own home until March 22, 2017 when he fell and was admitted to BTHC. May 15, 2017 he was transferred to Morris Hospital. On February 22, 2018 Tabor Home became his new residence until his home going. After asking for his guitar, he strummed his last tune only two weeks before his passing.

Our Dad will be deeply missed by his children and their families: Helen and Abe Janzen of Winkler, Anne and George Goertzen of Winkler, Tina and Peter Elias of Carman, Pete and Barb Thiessen of Morden, Henrietta and Dick Reimer of Woodmore, Gertrude and Peter Giesbrecht of Morden, Sara and Ed Zacharias of Stephenfield; as well as 27 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Sarah Sawatzky; brother-in-law, Abe Sawatzky and his wife, Lena; and many nieces and nephews.

Peter was predeceased by his wife, Henrietta in 2013 and one son-in-law, Jake Martens in 2011. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment a Westridge Memorial Gardens.

We say a special thank-you to the staff of Tabor Home in Morden, Wiebe Funeral Home, Minister Art Wiebe, the pallbearers, ushers, sound technician, custodian, serving group and all who took part in the funeral service, and all who supported us with prayer, cards and visits.

May God bless you.

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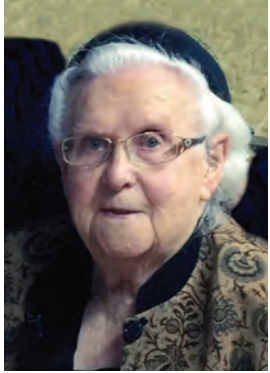
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**OBITUARY**



**Mathilda (Tillie) Janzen (nee Letkeman)  
1927 – 2018**

Tillie Janzen was born October 24, 1927 to Peter and Aganetha (nee Giesbrecht) Letkeman of the Wakeham district, south of Morden. Mom was one of a family of 12. She attended Wakeham school and was baptized upon the confession of her faith in her younger years at the Rudnerweide Church in Rhineland. She married Abe Janzen May 29, 1950 in the Sommerfeld Church in Rhineland. To this union were born three daughters. They started their married life in the Wakeham district then moved north of Austin in 1962 then to MacGregor and finally back to Morden for her last 10 and half years.

She was predeceased by her parents, five brothers, three sisters and three babies. She is survived by her husband, Abe; three daughters, Barbara (Steve, Julie, Tanya and their spouses), Mary and her husband, Ben Harder (Vicki, Tammy and their spouses), Hannah and her husband, Pat Blair (Chad, Melissa and their spouses) and 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Frank and Agatha Letkeman; sisters, Helen Wolfe, Mary and Henry Siemens and sister-in-law, Helen Letkeman.

Our mom was a very social lady. She loved to be around people. She had a special love for her children, grandchildren and great grandkids. She prayed daily for each one by name and her greatest wish was that each one would have a personal relationship with Jesus. Mom and dad celebrated their 68th anniversary at the Portage Park just over two weeks ago. She mentioned many times what a great day we all had. Mom passed away Friday morning June 8, 2018 due to a heart attack. She reached 90 years, seven months. She was looking forward to being with Jesus.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Winkler Mennonite Church with interment at Haskett Cemetery.

We, the family would like to thank all who supported and helped us during this time. Thank you for the prayers, cards and the love shown to us.

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**OBITUARY**



**Leslie (Les) Alvin Janzen  
1959 – 2018**

Leslie Alvin Janzen age 59, beloved husband of Mariann Janzen passed away in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre with his wife and loved one's by his side.

Les was born to William (Bill) and Mary Janzen on March 2, 1959 at Bethel Hospital in Winkler, MB. He spent his first few years in Rosengart and then moved to Winkler. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith in the Altona Sommerfeld Mennonite Church. On May 1, 1983, Les married Mariann Harder. They lived and farmed north of Morden. Les also helped the neighbors with all their farming tasks and truly loved it. He loved to fix equipment, go four wheeling, fishing and being outside but most of all spending

time with Mariann. They were inseparable.

Les was predeceased by his father, Bill and his in-laws, Dan and Ann Harder. He survived by his wife, Mariann; his mother, Mary Janzen and two brothers-in-law, Dan Harder (Nicole), Jack Harder (Shirley) and their families as well as many other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens in Winkler.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Les' memory to the BTHC Foundation designated to Cancer Care.

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**OBITUARY**



**Justina Banman (nee Dyck)  
1934 – 2018**

On Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Justina Banman, aged 83 years formerly of Ontario and Mexico went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing, three sons and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Heinrich in 1987 as well as one daughter in infancy, one daughter-in-law and all eight siblings.

Funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 13, 2018 at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church Cemetery.

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**OBITUARY**



**Helen Dyck (nee Dyck)  
1925 – 2018**

Home-grown philosopher Mark Twain once penned these most-appropriate words when it came to honouring our loving Mom's: "It is at our mother's knees that we acquire our noblest and truest and highest ideals." That would apply to our blessed Mother Helen Dyck who passed away June 10 at the age of 92. On a lighter side, Mark Twain also wrote: "When we remember we are all mad, the mysteries of life disappear and life stands explained." That would also apply to Mom who, armed with unconditional love, demonstrated to us children the best way to challenge the tough roads in life is with a sense of humour. And there was certainly no lack of that when it came to Mom's spontaneity and home-grown "madness." Laughter is a special gift and a cure-all for whatever

ails you. Mom was blessed with that special gift, and we all shared in her laughter and zest for life. She was a "ginger snap" when it came to adding spice at family gatherings. Her seemingly endless, boisterous laughter will always be remembered. She loved life, she loved her children dearly, and she embraced a wonderful family environment with Dad Abe at her side, the love of her life. She was the life of the party and multi-tasked at sharing jokes while making sure everybody, family or friends who frequently gathered at her home, were well-fed and enjoying themselves. She was a people person who relished large gatherings, and the doors to the homes she and Abe occupied over the course of their marriage were always left wide open to welcome large crowds of fun-timing people. Now, when it came to the love for music, Mom excelled in that department, be it the golden oldies of knee-slapping country music, to gospel singing. She mastered the piano, guitar and mandolin and enjoyed playing in "The Band" at Legion House. But not one to shun modern-day music, Mom was a big fan of Creedence Clearwater Revival, her favourite song being "Looking Out My Back Door." If the truth be known, we think Mom was always looking out that back door to make sure us kids were behaving. To that end, Mark Twain wrote: "My mother had a great deal of trouble with (us), but I think she enjoyed it."

On Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Helen Dyck age 92 years of Morden, MB went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing five daughters, Marilyn and Ed, Barb and Rick, Terri and Stephen, Debra and Dave, Wendy and Ray; two sons, Jim and Brenda, Bob and Margaret and their families. She is survived by two brothers, two sisters and their families. Helen was predeceased by her husband, Abram in 1996, sons-in-law, Bruce, one sister and two brothers.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the Morden EMMC with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

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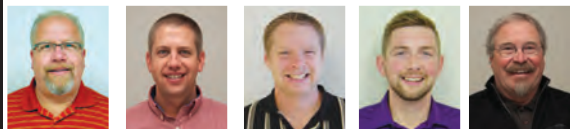
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