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**Katie's Cottage  
 preparing to  
 open its doors**

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Kaitlyn Reimer died four years ago at just 15 years of age, but her memory very much lives on through the Katie's Cottage respite home, which is in the midst of preparing to welcome its first guests this summer.

Katie's spirit infuses the facility that she helped to create, says her mother Ruth Reimer, executive director of Katie Cares.

"There are pictures of Kaitlyn on the wall behind me [in the living room]," she says. "You will see teddy bears, you will see books [that she loved], you will see pictures, photography that she took that are in the house here."

Even the headboards in each of the home's eight bedrooms pay homage to Katie with a specially designed water pattern.

"It was important to have that wavy, water feel in it because that's where she loved to be was in the water," says Reimer, noting Katie was a member of the local youth swim team.

"It was extremely important for our family to have those touches here. Because she was the one who started this, so that's where it all begins."

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

This youngster was well aware of the reason for the July 1 holiday as he festooned his sand castle contest entry with flags for the Canada Day Beach Blast at Lake Minnewasta. For more Canada Day photos from both the Winkler and Morden celebrations, see Pg. 12.

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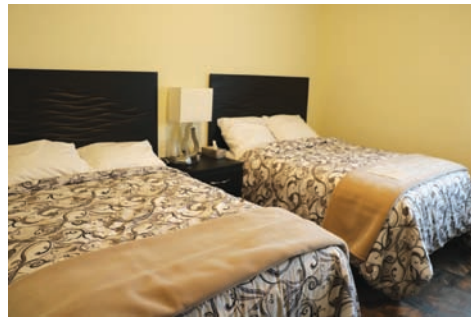
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# BTHC cuts the ribbon on new ambulance bay

By Lorne Stelmach

A nearly \$1 million project to construct an attached and enclosed ambulance bay at Boundary Trails Health Centre will go a long way to enhance emergency medical services there.

The many benefits were touted June 28 as officials gathered for a ribbon cutting for the \$987,000 project.

"This has been a very open and a very breezy area. It needed to be closed in ... but it goes further than that. It's about patient comfort, patient safety," said Kathy McPhail, CEO of Southern Health-Santé Sud. "When we think about really critical clients in the back of an ambulance ... that transfer is more seamless now."

Work began last November on the project that has nearly doubled the EMS area. The renovations included the addition of space at the front and the back of the enclosed drive-through bay to accommodate two ambulances with direct access to the emergency room.

McPhail said patients and their families had raised concerns about being exposed to the elements en



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Dignitaries including regional health officials, hospital directors and other staff cut the ribbon June 28 to open the new emergency medical services addition at the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

route to the ER.

"It's not only patient safety and comfort, it's also privacy, it's also pro-

tection," she said.

"Boundary Trails EMS is a hub," she added, noting there are around 27,000

visits to the regional hospital annually.

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# Co-op donates \$66K to Winkler Arts & Culture

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Co-op Community Spaces program provided the new Winkler Arts and Cultural Centre with a big funding boost last week.

Winkler Co-op management and board members presented WA+C with a donation of \$66,175 toward the renovation and operation of the new arts centre on Park St.

"This is of course an ongoing commitment that we have to invest in communities in Western Canada," said Winkler Co-op manager George Klassen of the Community Spaces program. "The contribution of the last couple of years has been over \$2.5 million to different projects."

Klassen said he was thrilled to see a Winkler project receive one of the largest grants in Manitoba this year.

"It's a very worthwhile cause and

I'm looking forward to a beautiful facility here," he said. "I never imagined it could turn out as well as it has.

"It's so nice to see some of the history being kept alive and used for something very worthwhile."

The WA+C project has transformed the abandoned water utilities building beneath the Winkler water tower into the community's first art gallery, complete with coffee bar, offices, and spaces for art classes.

The group got the keys to the facility just last week and are now hard at work preparing for their first exhibition, says president Ray Derksen.

"Two to three weeks we'll open with a soft show and then the first big show will be for ... the month of August," he said, noting they also have several activities at the gallery planned for the Harvest Festival & Exhibition weekend.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Co-op representatives presented Winkler Arts & Culture with a donation of \$66,175 from the Co-op Community Spaces program last week.

"We're having a kid's art activity in the classroom running the whole weekend," added executive director Wendy Klassen. "And then our events person is planning some local entertainment in our entertainment corner there and we'll have the gallery open all weekend.

"And we're also having a Farmers' Market in the backyard for two of the days."

Derksen says the Co-op funding will go a long way toward helping them complete the first phase of the renovation project.

"It's capital for finishing off some of the small things, or some big things still we have for the facility here," he said. "We're still raising a couple of dollars to finish off the payment of

this first section."

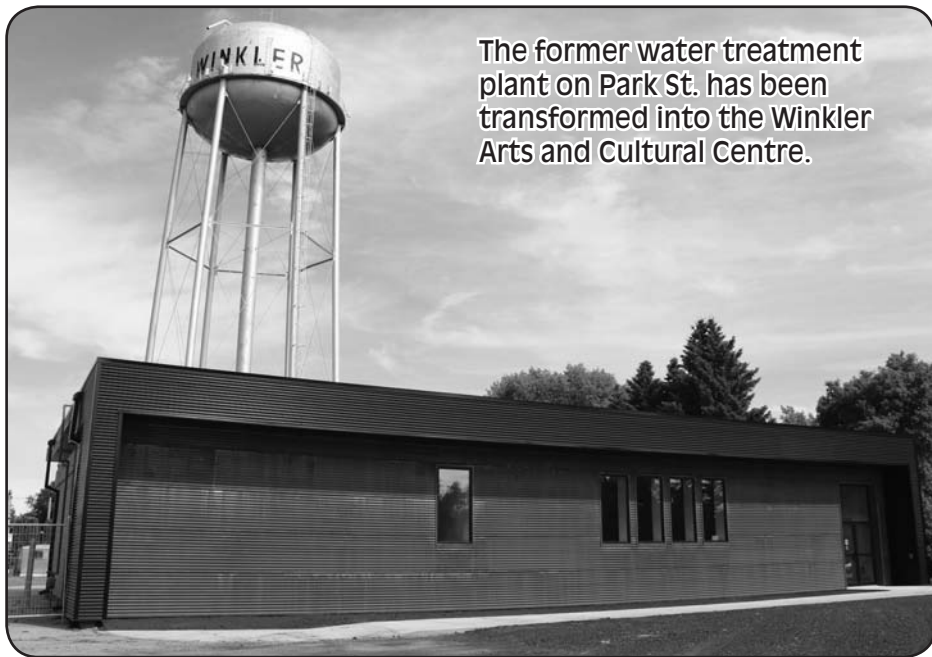
"That money from Co-op will mean we can get to Phase 2 sooner," added Klassen, who notes fundraising will be ongoing in the hopes they will be able to renovate more of the building and the grounds in the years to come.

In the meantime, though, WA+C is going to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

"It's really exciting to see this finished project here after the last two years, two and a half years of the hard work we had going," Derksen said. "This facility is a true facility for the community."

Stay on top of upcoming exhibitions and art classes by checking out Winkler Arts & Culture on Facebook or at [www.winklerarts.com](http://www.winklerarts.com).

"I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A BEAUTIFUL FACILITY ... I NEVER IMAGINED IT COULD TURN OUT AS WELL AS IT HAS."



The former water treatment plant on Park St. has been transformed into the Winkler Arts and Cultural Centre.

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"Our paramedics, when they are called on, do a stellar job in keeping patients as comfortable as possible," said McPhail. "And the impact of this additional space and enclosure will not only affect the client's comfort ... but also speaks to the importance of ensuring staff have a better working environment during all seasons of the year."

Angie Cusson, BTHC director of health services, agreed that the project was about "making sure our patients and our community members

who come to our hospital are taken care of in the best way we can provide."

There will be improved access, she added, with "a space like this allowing our physicians who are called in on an emergency basis to quickly come through this building ... that ensures they are seeing patients more quickly."

That in turn will also help bring improved communication, said Cusson, and because they previously had "such an open space ... it

didn't allow for appropriate private conversations to take place. Patient privacy could be really difficult. This improves the patient experience.

"It also allowed us to have an enclosed space where we could look to provide additional infection control protection," she said. "Having a space to do that outside of the elements is a really important addition to our hospital.

"A building like this does make a huge difference to our community and to our hospital."

# Toma bids SCRL farewell

By Lorne Stelmach

In her 17 years as the South Central Regional Library's head librarian, Mary Toma's reward has come in moments.

Like those when she has seen that spark of discovery and desire for learning happen in a child.

"Being a part of that learning process has been an exciting, fulfilling career for me," said Toma, who stepped into retirement as of July 1.

"It usually happens the beginning of July ... you see them coming in ... a young child kind of dragging his feet behind mom ... and mom comes up to the counter and says, 'Teacher says he needs to read over the summer,'" said Toma.

"You can see that he is really not keen. You start talking to the child ... every child has an interest in something," she continued. "You find out what their interest is and then you show them a book that is about their interest. The face kind of lights up.

"A couple weeks later you see them coming in by themselves and asking for another book."

Toma said her time with the regional library has been surprising in what all it has offered her over the better part of the past two decades.

She recalled that her first official duty when she arrived was to oversee the grand opening of the new Altona library.

"In the 17 years since then, we have expanded the Morden library, built a new library in Winkler and built a new library in Miami," she said.

"I remember talking to a fellow student when I was in school ... wouldn't it be exciting to be involved in building a new library even once?" she said. "So be careful what you wish for. It was exciting, it was stressful, it was a lot of work."

**"BEING A PART OF THAT LEARNING PROCESS HAS BEEN AN EXCITING, FULFILLING CAREER FOR ME."**

Toma was living and working in northern British Columbia when the opportunity here arose. The timing was good, she said, given that her children had grown up and moved away.

"I grew up in the area just north of Brandon in Rapid City area, so it wasn't foreign territory to me at all.

"It sounded exciting ... at that time there were three branches. That was a little bit of an adjustment."

What working in libraries has also been about for her is getting people relevant and accurate information as well as promoting and supporting ongoing education in the community.

"I feel so privileged to have been given the opportunity to work in an area that is so conscious of education. I'm talking about continuing education ... libraries are a source of continuing education," said Toma. "Whatever your interest is, we hopefully have something for you. And if we don't, we will get it for you."

She has also been grateful that the community as well as those who support the libraries here have shared that dedication and commitment.

"The board, the councils ... everybody has been supportive," she said. "There is an absolute genuine interest ... I listen to fellow librarians who have to agitate to keep their doors open. That's never, ever been an issue here."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Head librarian Mary Toma has wrapped up her 17 year career with the South Central Regional Library.

Toma takes pride in a number of other initiatives during her tenure in the area, including the development of the Spruce Library Co-operative and the open source computer system that helps manage all the books and materials available.

"It's growing ... and now the majority of the libraries are now on it."

There was also the introduction of the Mango language program, which offered introductory level language learning, and then the addition of Rosetta Stone, which goes more in-depth.

"When I first investigated Mango, I was thinking of our new Canadians and learning English. When I look at the statistics ... there's a lot of people learning other languages. That wasn't

our focus when we started, but I'm very pleased to see. Obviously, there was a need in the community for it."

Looking to the future, Toma said the library system here is strong and well positioned for continued growth.

She offered a strong vote of confidence to new director Cathy Ching, who started out as branch librarian in Morden before moving into managing technical services in Winkler.

"She knows the region from the ground up."

As for herself, Toma has no certain plans for her retirement as of yet.

"I'm happy in Morden. I was welcomed by the community when I moved here. I quite like it here."

# Regional projects get Community Places funding

A number of regional projects are celebrating after receiving word that they made the cut for some major provincial funding last week.

The Community Places program is marking 30 years of supporting recreational and cultural facilities across Manitoba by providing nearly \$3.6 million in grants to projects championed by non-profit and community-led organizations, Indigenous and Municipal Relations Minister Eileen Clarke announced on June 30.

"Over the last three decades, Com-

munity Places has helped thousands of community groups make their projects a reality," she said. "These projects have enriched the lives of countless Manitobans and our new government is honoured to be part of this milestone year."

Community Places provides funding and planning assistance to build, upgrade, expand, or acquire facilities focused on culture, recreation, and wellness.

Over the last three decades, the program has provided more than \$118

million to support more than 7,700 community-led projects across Manitoba.

This year, 214 community groups will receive funding, including:

- Central Station Community Centre, Winkler, \$34,000 for kitchen renovations.
- City of Winkler, \$35,000 for the Winkler Arts & Culture Centre renovations and another \$12,000 for main entrance accessibility and dressing room flooring upgrades at the Winkler Rec. Complex.

- Manitou Town & Country Golf Club, \$35,000 for a new clubhouse.
- Rosenfeld & District Skating Rink Committee, \$28,000 to install a new multi-purpose concrete pad on the outdoor rink.
- Rock Lake Ministries, \$8,500 for reshingling and other roofing upgrades.
- Chortitz Facility Inc., \$10,000 for playground equipment upgrades.
- Altamont Centennial Community Centre, \$3,000 for washroom renovations.

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## The “zombies” in our midst

I was having coffee with a friend and we started talking about an experience we both have had at one point or another: ostracism.

Ostracism was originally intended as a good thing. According to Wikipedia it was:

“A procedure under the Athenian democracy in which any citizen could be expelled from the city-state of Athens for ten years. Ostracism was often used preemptively. It was used as a way of neutralizing someone thought to be a threat to the state or potential tyrant.”

That actually sounds kind of useful and I can think of all kinds of politicians and prospective politicians that should be ostracized.

Unfortunately, it is not a good thing within the context of a community and human relations where it becomes shunning or excommunication.

Within communities it does not typically happen in any organized and conscious sense. Usually it is an in-

stinct that people enact in response to a person or persons that have, in their eyes, done something wrong, something that makes them uncomfortable in that person's presence.

Effectively we put these people to death.

We've all done this: come to an unconscious conclusion that in order to effectively move forward in a community certain people must die to us.

Practically speaking, this can look like the following:

- We no longer acknowledge their presence.
- We stop thinking about them.
- We talk about them in the past tense (if we talk about them at all).
- We mourn their loss and then move forward as if they never existed.

We kill them. We kill them in our hearts and in our minds because this is far easier than having to navigate the complex and muddy moral waters of a friend who we feel has betrayed us. It is far easier than maintaining the connection in the face of a community that has put the person to death. We know that we, too, if we are not careful, could also be executed.

Usually when we kill people in this way they have the courtesy to oblige us by accepting their death with silence, creeping off to the isolated places the dead go and leaving us alone in ignorant bliss. Sometimes they leave the community because of

the awkwardness of it all.

Although I speak of death in a figurative way, sometimes this kind of separation leads to actual death—being shunned or separated from community can lead to depression and eventually illness and even suicide so that our metaphorical judgement becomes tragically real.

On occasion, however, the dead do not remain dead. Once and a while the ones we put to death stubbornly continue to walk amongst us and make their presence known. They are zombies and they frighten us.

We do not like being in the presence of one we thought dead. Especially the ones we executed. They freak us out and we do not know how to act around them.

If we come into contact with them perhaps we will become unclean, infected with the thing that killed them.

Of course, this is all nonsense. The reality is we have no authority over the lives of others and when we kill people in this way we are concocting a fairy tale designed to ease our minds rather than have to deal with the dirty mess of maintaining real community.

Community, in its true form, is messy. Each of us has secretly or not-so-secretly done things that would cause others in the community to os-

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# Letters

## Further frustrations to the lack of bin choice in Morden

After reviewing Ken Wiebe's responses in the recent interviews regarding the waste bin problem in Morden, we were shocked and dismayed to see his lack of transparency.

When questioned by Lorne Stelmach [*Voice*, June 23 edition], he stated that “it would have cost us more ... many, many thousands of dollars. It's a cost thing.”

Ken has neglected to inform the Morden taxpayers that the cost of these bins will be totally recovered for the city. In a phone call to the Morden office July 4 we were informed by the financial department that [city manager John] Scarce has done a marvellous job through grants, Green Manitoba, and the WRARS program of ensuring that over time the entire cost of these

bins will be covered.\*

This lack of full factual disclosure by Wiebe is troubling when he is using cost as an excuse for being unable to show any kindness or flexibility toward the taxpaying public.

Furthermore, when we had the pleasure to speak with Mr. Scarce personally we were delighted by his

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# Recycle for Sight collects 2,720 pairs of glasses

By Lorne Stelmach

Lions clubs continue to support an initiative that gives the gift of sight to those in need around the world.

Local support for the Recycle for Sight program through the Morden Lions Club has contributed greatly to its success, noted member Herman Hiebert.

"It's quite phenomenal actually," said Hiebert, who cited the example of a friend of one of their collection partners doing mission work in Romania in 1999 when they noticed someone with an eyeglass case with the logo of "Friesen & Lautenschlager," which is now the Morden-based Focal Point Comprehensive Vision Care.

He said it is interesting to know that glasses donated by someone from this area were finding a second life so far away.

"The credit, of course, goes to all of the individuals who contribute," Hiebert said. "They've done a tremen-

dous job of supporting this.

"It's grown quite a bit just over the last few years actually ... as more people become aware of the program."

The club collects unused eyeglasses, lenses, and hearing aids for distribution to needy individuals all over the world with the support of local businesses and workplaces that serve as collection points.

**"THE SUPPORT WE GET FROM THE OPTICIANS AND THE LIBRARIES HAS BEEN JUST TREMENDOUS."**

Those are found at the libraries in Winkler and Morden as well as Clarity Vision in Winkler, Carman Vision Centre, and Focal Point in Morden. The Miami and Area Lions Club also collect eyeglasses in Miami.

"It's public spots where people can stop

by ... and the support we get from the opticians and the libraries has been just tremendous," said Hiebert.

The glasses are shipped to the Canadian Eyeglass Recycling Centre in Calgary where they are tested for the type of correction and then packaged for distribution to people in developing countries.

In the past 12 months, the Morden



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Morden Lions recent presented certificates of appreciation to the Winkler (above) and Morden libraries and opticians at Clarity Vision Centre (left) and Focal Point in thanks for their participation in the Recycle for Sight program.

Lions have collected 2,720 pairs of glasses and lenses from individuals and collection points, bringing their 11-year tally to 17,996 pairs.

The club recently expressed their appreciation for the generosity of the donors who give their unused glasses and to the workplaces serving as collection points with the presentation of certificates of appreciation.

For more information on the Recycle for Sight program, check out [clerc.ca](http://clerc.ca) or e-mail [mordenlions@mts.net](mailto:mordenlions@mts.net).

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understanding of the situation and found him to be a most reasonable man with a good head on his shoulders.

He did ask us if we would be willing to pay the difference to upsize our compost carts if the council would approve it. He could not quote an exact fee but thought it may be around \$14/bin. This was more than acceptable to ourselves.

This would actually be bonus cash

for Morden considering the fact that the cost of the bins will be totally recovered with the above mentioned programs.

What a shame that this elected public servant could not tell you the whole story regarding the actual cost to our city regarding these bins.

The moral of this story is that, sadly, if you want the facts, deal with the various city departments directly. And so it goes.

Disappointed but not surprised,

George and Wendy Penner, Morden

*\*Ed. note: The City of Morden confirmed it will receive grants for the bins already purchased. That does not necessarily mean outside funding will be available if additional bin purchases are required in the future.*

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tracize us should they come to learn of them. With this in mind, there can be no such thing as community when we are constantly putting each other to death this way ... only the disconnected walking dead.

The good news is that there is an alternative to putting the ones that

discomfort us to death. There is an alternative to ostracism: genuine relationship; the kind of relational community that works hard at keeping one-another alive through the uncomfortable reality of our mutual humanity. Not ignoring the pain others can cause us but dealing with

it head on with the intent of preserving one another.

The next time a friend does something that makes you want to ostracize them consider grace and compassion instead of judgement and perhaps you will find life where once death wanted to enter.

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## ÉMMS celebrates

Teachers Becky Williams and Barb Price along with their Grade 5 classes from École Morden Middle School travelled to Thornhill last Tuesday to see the results of their Pay It Forward project. They partnered with the Morden Collegiate Institute Youth In Philanthropy group and the Morden Area Foundation to purchase a basketball net and cement pad to add to the playground at the Thornhill Community Hall. The Grade 5 classes held a taco in a bag lunch fundraiser and raised \$750, while the YIP matched the amount with \$750 and MAF paid the balance of \$4,000 to complete the project.

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# Hwy. 32 improvement work about to start

By Lorne Stelmach

The good news is work will soon be getting underway on a partial twinning of Hwy. 32 through Winkler.

The bad news is that city residents can look forward to an extended period of time where they will face traffic being rerouted as a result.

After council approved the tender for the project at its June 28 meeting, Mayor Martin Harder noted it does mean there will be traffic diversion for a longer period of time than the recent three day disruption while repaving was done on another portion of the main route.

"We knew this was coming. Be aware, this is going to be more than three days. This is going to be likely a couple months," he said.

"If you take a look at the traffic patterns right now coming to that intersection ... we can use Manitoba Road, which brings us to Pembina for the easterly traffic ... and hopefully all trucks would take that route," Harder suggested. "The vehicular traffic would be diverted west, probably down Southview."

The work in the area of the Highway 32 intersection at Pembina Ave. will include traffic lights and additional lanes. The intersection had already been widened and an additional culvert was installed to prepare it for four laning in the future.

Harder said it is exciting to finally see some progress happening on the city's busiest roadway.

"It's an exciting day in Winkler when we've been working on this project for so many years," he said.

"And in fact ... come in significantly under budget ... almost \$150,000.

"I believe we are going to get started very shortly," he added. "We fully expect it to be done before freeze-up, so time is of the essence. I think they're going to want to get at it."

Council approved the tender of Nelson River Construction, which put the project cost at about \$1.3 million.

Having it come in under budget means the portion being paid by the province will be less, while the city will contribute about \$410,000 of the

work.

The city's responsibilities include things like moving sewer and hydro lines and completing the engineering and tender documents.

Harder noted they see the project preparing the way for a future pedestrian crossing as well, with the mayor adding they see a sidewalk being constructed in that area eventually.

"What we want to do is make sure the groundwork is done so that in the future that it can happen," he said. "Right now, there is no sidewalk

"THIS IS GOING TO [TAKE] LIKELY A COUPLE MONTHS."

there, so they wouldn't put crosswalk lights in there."

## Chamber accepting noms for business awards

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is looking to honour local businesses who truly go above and beyond.

The chamber has put out a call for nominations for the annual business awards gala to be held later this year.

"We want to hear which businesses you get great customer service from ... which businesses you see really being a pillar in our community and making a difference in our community," said executive director Candace Olafson.

The awards include Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, and Not for Profit Organization of the Year honours.

The chamber created the awards

as a way to give businesses and organizations in the community "the pat on the back that they deserve ... the recognition that they're doing a great job and they're supported by the chamber of commerce and the community at large," Olafson said.

"We're really wanting to promote those businesses and give them the recognition that they deserve," she said, adding "typically, the award re-

ipients are also really great leaders in our community."

The nomination deadline is Aug. 15. "Anyone can nominate," Olafson said. "It's just a few short questions to complete a nomination."

More information on each of the award categories and making a nomination is available online at [www.mordenchamber.com](http://www.mordenchamber.com) or through the chamber's Facebook page.

## Our mistake

A story on the Morden Farmers' Market in the June 30 edition of the Voice had incorrect hours for the weekly event.

The market runs every Thursday in

downtown Morden from 4-6 p.m., not until 6:30 p.m. as stated in the story.

We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.



# Libraries aim to keep kids reading this summer

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The Winkler and Morden branches of the South Central Regional Library kicked off their Summer Reading Program last week.

Brightly colored peace signs and tie-dyed clothing have filled the Winkler Centennial Library to show off their theme of "Wild Child."

"We went with the '60s theme," explained branch librarian Mikaela MacDonald. "It's a wild and free child, a rough and tumble kind of thing."

Program participants will be split into two teams—The Beach Boys or The Beatles—to compete to see which band can reach the 5,850 hours of collective reading minutes needed to reach the library's giant wall map's endpoint: the Woodstock Music Festival.

Meanwhile, the Morden Library has taken a different approach to the "Wild" theme: the Wild West.

Morden's two teams, the Brave Bisons and the Loyal Longhorns, will

race to the ranch as the teams' cumulative reading minutes are added together, moving the animals along the track.

After registering, every reader receives a Summer Reading Package complete with a reading log booklet, bookmarks, and stickers to help keep track of the amount of time read.

Kids can cash in their minutes for a weekly book draw and Mad Money in Winkler or Wild Money in Morden, which can be spent on small toys and trinkets or can be saved up for larger grand prizes like Lego and movies.

Kids also have the option of donating their money to Katie's Cottage to help support children in the area who have been diagnosed with cancer.

The whole point of the annual summer program is to get kids to realize that "reading is fun," explained Morden branch librarian Kim Van Vliet, who explained that comic books, audio books, and reading aloud to a younger sibling all count towards a participant's reading totals



PHOTO BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE

The Winkler Library's Mikaela MacDonald and Linda Funk in front of the giant wall map Summer Reading Program teams will navigate with their collective reading minutes.

"In the summer it's the summer slide, teachers are not there pushing kids saying, 'You need to be reading,'" added MacDonald. "We want people to come into the library so we can keep them into the habit of being literate and having good reading skills." Special events will be held at both

branches throughout the summer for the program, culminating in the wind-ups in August.

Registration for the program runs until the end of July. For more information, visit your local library or check out [sclr.mb.libraries.coop](http://sclr.mb.libraries.coop).

# Grow Your Roots garden tour runs July 16

By Lorne Stelmach

The Grow Your Roots art and garden tour returns to Morden this summer after having missed a year in 2015.

Last year, organizers felt they did not have enough gardens lined up to do the tour. That has certainly changed this year.

"We're very pleased that we had a good number of people again this year. I think it's encouraging for the horticultural society," said Margie Hildebrand, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

The tour takes place Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in and around Morden. It is a joint effort of the Pembina Hills Arts Council and the Morden Horticultural Society.

"It's a fundraiser for both of us. We split the proceeds," said Hildebrand.

The cost is only \$10 per person. Locations are kept a surprise until the day of the tour when you pick up a program and map from the art gallery in downtown Morden.

Hildebrand thinks participants will be pleased with the selection of gardens.

"We'll have 13 gardens on the tour ... most of them in town, two of them not too far from town," she said. "Some of the yards are people who have been on the tour in the past, but we do also have some new gardens this year."

In addition, there will be artists and musicians at some of the locations as well to help broaden the appeal and add to the atmosphere.

Hildebrand said they aim to have a good mix of yard and garden styles and features, including "big yards and small yards ... shady yards and sunny yards."

"I would say there's probably quite a bit of variety," she said.

"Some of them it's about the flowers and some of them it's about the landscaping features, like how they terraced the yard or built structures or ponds," she added. "Some people have art and sculptures in their yards that are unique and interesting."

Hildebrand suggested people

take away many different things from taking in the tour.

"Some people just enjoy looking, and other people are trying to find ideas for their own gardens perhaps," she said.

"Seeing how other people have done it ... sometimes they can apply those ideas to their own gardens."

In the end, she said it is nice to

showcase some of Morden's outstanding yards.

"Morden is a fabulous location for this. We have so many beautiful gardens."

"They go through a lot of work to make these gardens and I think they enjoy having people come and see them. Some of them are quite excited about being on the tour"



# Morden Paddle Club up and running

By Lorne Stelmach

The strong turnout for the second annual Paddlefest in Morden last month was encouraging to organizers of the new local paddling group.

The Morden Paddle Club has now started up with some limited rentals beginning at Colert Beach at Lake Minnewasta on the July 1 Canada Day holiday.

Club spokesperson Anthony Wilson said they are starting small and trying to build interest.

"A lot of people aren't aware of what's going on with the paddle club," he said. "We're hoping by next year we'll be more fully established, where we'll be able to have memberships and classes for the general public.

"Our hope is to have a combination of different types of watercraft where people at all levels can enjoy this

sport ... whether it be just leisurely or competitive."

For now, Wilson said they wanted to establish some hours of operation for rentals at the lake. At the moment, they only have kayaks available but plan to add more options as funding allows.

"We're trying to get funds for paddleboards and canoes. That's still a work in progress."

They are starting off with formal hours on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4-8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 2 p.m.

"People can call ahead if they want to reserve," Wilson said, adding they are also hoping to allow for drop-ins during the afternoon hours, though details of how that will work are still being finalized.

Their aim is to have a few options for



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Following up on the success of the second annual Morden Paddlefest last month, the Morden Paddle Club will be renting out watercraft at Colert Beach all this summer.

individuals and families not just in terms of rentals but eventually programs and classes as well.

"We're also going to be doing youth programs and camps as well ... those will be longer days, maybe five or six hours," said Wilson. "We want to encourage people to enjoy this as a

leisure activity ... get to enjoy a low impact sport ... where it doesn't take a lot to do it."

People can keep up with the Morden Paddle Club through its Facebook page. You can also find more information through the Manitoba Paddling Association.

## Countdown is on to La Riviere Homecoming

By Lorne Stelmach

People will be coming from far and wide for a homecoming weekend in the heart of the Pembina Valley later this month.

Plans are in place for a variety of activities as part of the 130th anniversary homecoming celebration July 30 to August 1 in La Riviere.

"There's lots of excitement ... right from Vancouver and Alberta in the west," said organizer Evelyn Janzen, noting there are even former residents out west who are not only coming home but helping out.

"It's just a lot of activity all across the country ... for a teeny little town ... so we're pretty excited. It's great to see all the support from far and near."

Janzen said the plans have fallen into place with good support from sponsors as well as a great response to the call for volunteers.

"Our volunteers have worked very diligently, and I think they have put together a fabulous weekend," she said.

"We've very grateful and very excited about the weekend com-

ing up. There's been great response on the website ... lots of activity. I think it's coming together very well."

The event itself will offer activities for everyone and all ages.

It kicks off July 30 with a fly-in/drive-in breakfast at Nancy and Harry Pauls' farm south of town, giving everyone a view of the valley.

Official opening ceremonies begin at 1 p.m. after a morning of Artisans on the Street, including a farmers' market and artisan venue.

The Blair Morrison Hall will feature memorabilia from the past along with a quilt display and a telegraph operator demonstrating and sharing his skills from the days of old when the

community started as a railroad town.

Kids will be entertained by a bouncer and slide combo, a kiddies train, and much more at the playground.

La Riviere's annual duck race will be the drawing card at the campground along with the beer gardens, music, food and 50/50 draw. Holiday Mountain will host the homecoming golf tournament.

There will also be self-guided walking tours, and the culmination of the day will be the meet and greet in the evening.

Sunday, July 31 begins with a pancake breakfast hosted by the La Riviere volunteer fire department.

A non-denominational church ser-

vice at Oak Valley Outdoor Theatre and Recreational Site and a veteran's tribute will begin at 10 a.m.

Filling out the day will be a parade, classic car show, live entertainment, a horse show, fireworks, and more.

The celebration winds down on Monday, Aug. 1 with a morning of muffins and coffee followed by farewells.

"It's been 30 years since there has been a homecoming, so we're looking forward to having everybody home," said Janzen. "We want to welcome everybody home."

Learn more online at [www.pembina.ca](http://www.pembina.ca).

## Council mulling south end subdivision

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden council is awaiting more information before considering a subdivision that would clear the way to extend development on the south end of the city.

Council is waiting for a report from provincial planning before looking

at the subdivision, which would apply to a property on the south side of Willcocks Road with a 4.2 acre parcel to be subdivided from a 17.5 acre section of land.

The proposal would set out a 3.3 acre parcel to be sold for development while the other 0.9 acres would provide for a future extension of Ninth

Street South.

It is within an area designated as an urban employment area which allows for a range of uses including manufacturing. The larger surrounding area is industrial park.

At last week's meeting, Morden

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# Rendezvous takes over Stanley Park July 15-17

By Lorne Stelmach

It's celebrating a way of life that organizers of the Pembina Valley Fur Council Rendezvous are working to preserve.

The annual event now in its 20th year is well established, but it is becoming more of a challenge to carry on promoting the traditions of the fur trade with many of the long involved people getting on in years.

"We're losing our old trappers ... the experienced old timers. We're having trouble getting the younger ones to come and join us," said Dennis Rex in advance of the Rendezvous being held July 15-17 at Stanley Park.

Rex said they have had some younger people show interest in getting involved, but they are hoping more will step up to help carry on the event.

"What we're trying to do is keep a bit of history alive ... trapping and how it used to be done and how it's done today," he said. "Hopefully, it's not dying out.

"It's a reflection of our past ... and

hopefully will be part of our future."

The Rendezvous has been held at Stanley Park southwest of Morden for the last 16 years after spending its first four in Carman.

There is free admission for the gathering as well as free camping at the park that weekend.

Things start to get underway around noon Friday with a hog roast and entertainment by Vince Anderson and the Ace Band.

Most of the main activities and competitions take place on Saturday, which kicks off with a pancake and sausage breakfast.

"There's some outdoor seminars which include blacksmithing, flint knapping and some trapping and skinning demonstrations," Rex said. "The chain saw carver is coming back ... and then there's the archery competition ... the 22 shooting competition goes Saturday afternoon as well, and the black powder shooting is Saturday morning."

There is also a knife throwing competition, Rex added. And it wouldn't



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Pembina Valley Fur Council Rendezvous sets up shop in Stanley Park next weekend, offering demonstrations of the fur trapper life, chain saw carving, and more.

be The Rendezvous without the ladies fry pan toss event.

In the evening you can enjoy a fish fry along with entertainment by the Ron Braun Band.

There will also be some entertain-

ment and activities for the kids on Saturday as well as a rainbow auction and a variety of displays and vendors.

Events conclude Sunday with Weldon Yeo from the Christian Life Centre as well as music by Sanctified.

# Police charge 35-year-old man with sexual assault

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden police have charged a man in relation to a sexual assault involving a child under the age of 10.

Police, who initially had reported opening the investigation into the possible sexual assault last past week, confirmed Monday that they have charged a 35-year-old man with assault, sexual assault, and sexual interference.

No other details of the offences have been released.

The man was released on a recognizance with conditions and is now in Winnipeg pending an appearance in Morden Court next month.

Other items of note in the weekly Winkler and Morden police reports include:

- A good example of defensive driving by Winkler officers on patrol prevented what could have been a serious collision July 3.

Shortly after midnight, officers were heading north on Royal Cres. when a vehicle could be heard speeding towards them.

The vehicle entered the corner much

too fast, causing it to lose control and enter the oncoming lane.

Officers were just able to avoid a head-on collision by slowing down and moving to the right as the suspect vehicle swerved around the corner and continued south.

Officers turned around in the marked police vehicle and activated the emergency equipment to stop the suspect vehicle, which turned onto a driveway at the opposite end of the street.

The 24-year-old Winkler driver ap-

peared intoxicated and was arrested for impaired driving

- Police are investigating a June 27 break-in to a 7th St. home in Morden.

They say the home was entered using a key hidden in the garage. An amount of cash was stolen but nothing else appeared to be missing.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact police at 204-822-4900 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

- Morden Police are investigating a June 30 assault.

A resident complained to police that his neighbor continually comes over intoxicated and asking for cigarettes and bothering his kids.

Last Thursday it happened again, with the neighbour once again heavily intoxicated and not leaving. The homeowner asked him to leave but the man became combative and punched the homeowner twice in the head with a closed fist. The home-

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council also updated its list of annual pre-approved grants given to a range of local organizations.

The grants include \$2,500 to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation for its gala and \$1,500 for its golf tournament. Smaller grants go to Southern Manitoba Concerts, Morden Festival of the Arts, Public Service Week, Manitoba Crime

Stoppers, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame, the Morden Legion for its Remembrance Day service, and the BTHC bedding plants project.

Other council matters dealt with last week include:

- Approval for an application to the new municipal road and bridge funding program for a 50 per cent

cost share of \$150,000 for general paving work in the 2016 budget.

- Authorizing the city manager to explore options for upgrading the entrance to the CFDC and the downstairs entrance area.

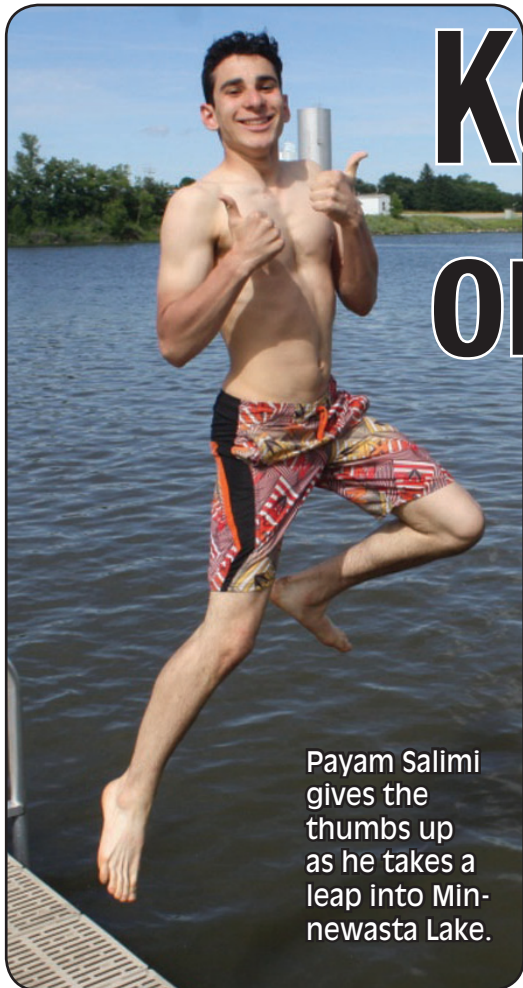
- Appointing Sara Stoesz to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation board for a two-year term.



Winkler junior firefighters man the hoses.



Morden Beach Blast sand castle contest participants with their creations.



Payam Salimi gives the thumbs up as he takes a leap into Minnewasta Lake.

# Keeping cool on Canada Day



Cold Hard Cash performs in Bethel Heritage Park.



Having a go at a Children's Carnival game in Winkler.



Checking out the vintage wheels parked on Winkler's Main St.



Watery fun at the Morden festivities, which wrapped up with fireworks over the lake.

# Locals take an icy plunge for Special O

By Lorne Stelmach

While most people were celebrating a warm, sunny Canada Day long weekend, several locals were taking an icy dip up north.

Among them was Fire Chief Andy Thiessen and Sgt. Sean Aune of the Morden Police Service, who participated in the Ultimate Polar Plunge in support of Manitoba Special Olympics.

They made the trip to Churchill June 30 to July 2 and took the plunge into Hudson's Bay.

"It was a pretty busy two days, but probably a once in a lifetime opportunity for both of us," said Aune.

"It was awesome," agreed Thiessen.

Thiessen and Aune were among close to 100 people who took the frigid leap for Special O, each raising at least \$3,500 in pledges to take part.

"We had an excellent weekend," said Aune, who noted he and Thiessen were dressed accordingly to properly

represent Morden.

"I was the corn and he was the apple," he laughed, noting the first dip was made into a bit of a relay race, so they were paired up with two participants from Kingston, Ontario. The foursome then took a second plunge for a photo in front of some of the ice in the bay.

Thiessen and Aune were also among the locals who took part in the first Polar Plunge in Morden in February in conjunction with the Winterfest.

The two events were quite different, Thiessen said.

"The water was cold. It was minus three, and we were jumping in beside icebergs, which is interesting," he said. "I found it warmer when we came back out than it was here in February because there was no wind chill ... the sun was out. After a minute or so, you warmed up. Whereas here, it was minus 30 windchill."

Aune also noted that he and Thiessen were able to work in another



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Sean Aune and Andy Thiessen represented Morden well at the Ultimate Polar Plunge in Churchill last weekend. Right: Aune was the corn and Thiessen was the apple for their first dip in the icy waters. Above: A second dip amongst the ice bergs was taken alongside participants from Ontario.



memorable side excursion.

"A small group of us broke off ... one of the guys out there took us kayaking. We got to go amongst the whales

in kayaks," he said. "It was phenomenal experience. I actually had one of them bump my kayak and come right up against us in the water."



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# Help from the skies

## 425 Transport & Rescue Squadron holds training simulation in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A CC-130 Hercules aircraft spent the better part of an hour circling above Winkler last week as part of a Canadian Armed Forces training exercise.

Members of the 425 Transport and Rescue Squadron based out of Winnipeg were in our area June 28 to conduct search and rescue training, explains aircraft commander Capt. Joel Bouchard.

"The objective was to specifically work on the upgrade of one of our members, Capt. Mike Carey," Bouchard says. "He's coming up at the end of his training to become a search and rescue aircraft commander."

The exercise gave Carey the opportunity to run through a search and rescue simulation that had the crew hunting for a missing float plane that had been forced to perform an emergency landing just east of the Winkler

Airport.

"The simulation was that the forced landing was successful, but they had some people injured on the ground that required the assistance of SAR techs," says Bouchard.

After finding the downed aircraft and circling the area to ascertain things like wind speed and safe drop points, two search and rescue techs parachuted down to the crash site to tend to the mock victims.

"These two technicians are highly trained rescue specialists," Bouchard says, noting their training encompasses everything from advanced medical knowledge to parachuting, mountain climbing, and diving. "They're very, very exceptional individuals, mentally as well as physically."

The 425th has over a dozen SAR technicians ready to jump into action for rescues all over western Canada, parts of Ontario, and as far north as

This Canadian Armed Forces CC-130 Hercules aircraft flew over the Winkler Airport last week as part of a 425 Transport and Rescue Squadron training exercise, which saw two SAR techs parachute down to a mock airplane crash to tend to the victims.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE



the North Pole.

Each team heads out with seven members, including two pilots, two SAR techs, a flight engineer, a navigator, and a load master.

"As a crew, we work in very tight coordination between the different trades on the plane," Bouchard says. "Without any of those crew, we cannot respond to an emergency."

When they're not out saving lives, the team members train regularly to keep their skills sharp.

"On a daily basis the designated search and rescue aircraft and the crew will take off and they will often fly locally or sometimes go a little bit

further," says Bouchard, noting they get called out for rescues year-round, but calls often go up during the summer months.

Last week's exercise was a great success and Bouchard sends out his thanks to everyone involved, including the members of the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association who played the role of the victims on the ground and also transported the SAR techs to the Morden Airport afterwards, where the Hercules was able to land to pick them up.

"They are paramount for us to be able to do this kind of training," he says.

## MAIL STRIKE DISRUPTION NOTICE

In preparation for an impending Canada Post Strike in July the *Winkler Morden Voice* would like to inform our readers that there will be door-to-door delivery in the urban centres of Winkler and Morden, and residents of our smaller rural communities will be provided with a centralized drop box for local pick up. We apologize for any inconvenience to our readers during this time.

Rick Reimer - Publisher

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> KATIE'S COTTAGE, FROM PG. 1

After battling cancer, Katie founded Katie Cares to create care bags for kids receiving treatment in local hospitals.

But she also voiced a bigger dream: that of a respite home located beside the Boundary Trails Health Centre that would provide family members with a place to get some rest close to the hospital while caring for a sick loved one.

Katie Cares was able to start the ball rolling on that idea in fall of 2014.

In the last year and a half, they have managed to raise \$580,000 for the project.

"I'm very proud to say there's no debt on this building," Reimer says.

"We've stretched every dollar until it just about snapped."

The support of not just the local community but people all over Manitoba and even across the nation has been overwhelming, she says.

"I think when we join hands ... we are a force to be reckoned with. We can do amazing things. And when we put our dollars together ... Boundary Trails hospital and the patients in that hospital and their caregivers are the winners."

Many local businesses chipped in with gifts in kind to help complete the facility, Reimer adds, and they and all the other sponsors will be honoured on a donor wall inside the

**"IT'S HUMBLING TO KNOW THAT SO MANY PEOPLE BACKED THIS PROJECT."**



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

A number of small touches throughout the facility, including this memory wall in the living room, ensures that Katie's Cottage's namesake, Kaitlyn Reimer, remains a tangible presence in the facility.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Katie's Cottage is preparing to open its doors soon, providing a comfortable, homelike place for people to stay while their loved ones receive treatment at the nearby Boundary Trails Health Centre.

facility in thanks.

"It's humbling to know that so many people backed this project," she says. "Never do we want to take it for granted ... we are grateful to everyone who has been part of this project. Your fingerprint is here, your piece is not forgotten."

The building will be run by house

manager Lynne Penner alongside an army of about 60 volunteers.

"Volunteers will be the backbone of Katie Cares," says Reimer, who notes they will be responsible for the daily upkeep of the facility and also pro-

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## McLaren charity pig roast raises \$8,000

By Cori Bezan

The McLaren family held their annual pig roast fundraiser on June 25, raising upwards \$8,000 for the Manitoba branch of the Kidney Foundation.

About 170 people made their way to the Roland farmstead to enjoy a plate of good food, have a chance to win some prizes, and mingle with family and friends.

Last year the fundraiser celebrated its 20th anniversary, serving over 100 people and raising \$7,265.

"What can you say?" original organizer Clarke McLaren said. "It's great. Beautiful. People care."

The pig roasts began at the McLaren farm as a way to gather with friends, but the family soon started to raise money for the Kidney Foundation after they felt the pains of kidney disease firsthand.

"It kind of runs in the family," Clarke explained. "My wife [Betty], she lost her mother when she was 12 years old with kidney disease. Betty got it, she was on the kidney machine for 17 years. She always said that she borrowed 17 years."

Both of Clarke's children, Don and Linda, have had kidney transplants as well.

"[The roast] just developed over the

**"IT'S UNBELIEVABLE THAT THIS MANY PEOPLE COME AND SUPPORT US DOING THIS."**

years into a science," Don McLaren said. "We had two, maybe three pig roasts at the farm just to have fun, just for a party. My mother [Betty] had kidney disease. When she passed away, she asked if we would keep working for the Kidney Foundation."

"A couple years went passed and we didn't [know how we were] going to keep working for the Kidney Foundation" Don continued. "I said, 'Let's throw another pig roast.' The rest is history."

Clarke recalled the first pig roast, where, despite a cooking mishap, the event took hold in the community.

"We started this, and the first time the pig all burned up, so we had to go to hamburgers," he said.

"[The roast] just took off," Kyla Orchard added. "I think the first year we raised just over \$1,000, and now we raise like \$7,000, \$8,000 in a year, so it's unbelievable that this many peo-



PHOTOS BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Around 170 people traveled to the McLaren farm near Roland on June 25 for the family's annual pig roast, raising about \$8,000 for the Manitoba branch of the Kidney Foundation.

ple come and support us doing this."

Clarke has now passed the organizing mantle to his children and grandchildren, continuing a family tradition that they are proud to uphold.

"We all work together," Kyla said. "There's 11 grandchildren that all work and help out, and the four kids, and grandpa, and now our kids are here. There's lots of us."

Don said that the annual event is a lot of work, but thanks to the help of many family, friends, and sponsors, they can continue the tradition every year.

"People won't let us quit now," he said. "Everybody's always asking, 'When's the pig roast?'"

Val Dunphy, executive director of the Kidney Foundation's Manitoba

branch, said that the McLaren family has raised over \$100,000 for the foundation over the years.

"The last couple of years, they've raised over \$7,000 at this one event," she said, "and that money goes to help us with our local programs and services, prevention, awareness, information for those that are affected by kidney disease, and just all the programs that we have to offer."

"It's just been amazing," Dunphy added. "The McLaren family is so caring, and such community-minded people, that they engage so many in surrounding communities, and it so heightens awareness for us about kidney disease."

Dunphy explained that our province has the highest rates of kidney disease across Canada. Manitoba also has the longest wait times for transplants, and all of the dialysis beds are currently full.

"The only two treatments are transplantation or dialysis," she explained. "The dialysis beds are full, and we don't see that changing anytime soon."

"Kidney disease is everywhere, and people have to be aware of how important their kidneys are," Dunphy added.

The Kidney Foundation's next local event will be the Kidney Walk, which will take place in Morden on Sept. 25.

For more information, visit [www.kidney.ca/manitobawalks](http://www.kidney.ca/manitobawalks).





# Recovery program offering hope to all

By Lorne Stelmach

Adult and Teen Challenge was the lifeline that Frank Froese needed when he was lost in addiction.

He shared his story June 29 at an open house at the organization's new office in Winkler with the message that change is possible for anyone.

"I know I resisted a long time ... but it's definitely worth it. God can do a lot of wonders in your life once you've given your life to Him," said Froese. "It uplifted me. I was ready to give up. You get to know God and get closer to God ... have a relationship with Him."

Froese said his troubles began early in life.

"At a young age, I turned my heart from God," he said, adding that it worsened then when his father died at a young age.

"I turned to alcohol and smoking. I kept it under control for a certain amount of time, but after a while it got out of control."

He had been blessed with a great family including four daughters, he noted, but he eventually got divorced and spiralled down further from there.

"I fell into a deep depression for four years, and my girls and sister ... kept telling me Teen Challenge was there for me ... to try it."

He resisted the idea at first.

"I just kept getting worse, so finally I agreed to it ... and I've been there a little over eight months now," Froese said. "I got to know God and have a relationship with God now. Teen Challenge is definitely a place that has helped me."

Pastor Terry Thiessen, director of community for the agency, said Froese is a good example of how they aim to

be a beacon of hope.

"We have a lot of respect for Frank," he said, calling him a very courageous man for not only stepping forward for help but now willingly sharing his story with others.

Steve Paulson, executive director for Adult

and Teen Challenge for Central Canada, said he believes the Winkler location will be a success given the sense of ownership that has come from the community thus far.

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Frank Froese offered his testimony June 29 as Adult and Teen Challenge held an open house and barbecue at its new location in Winkler.

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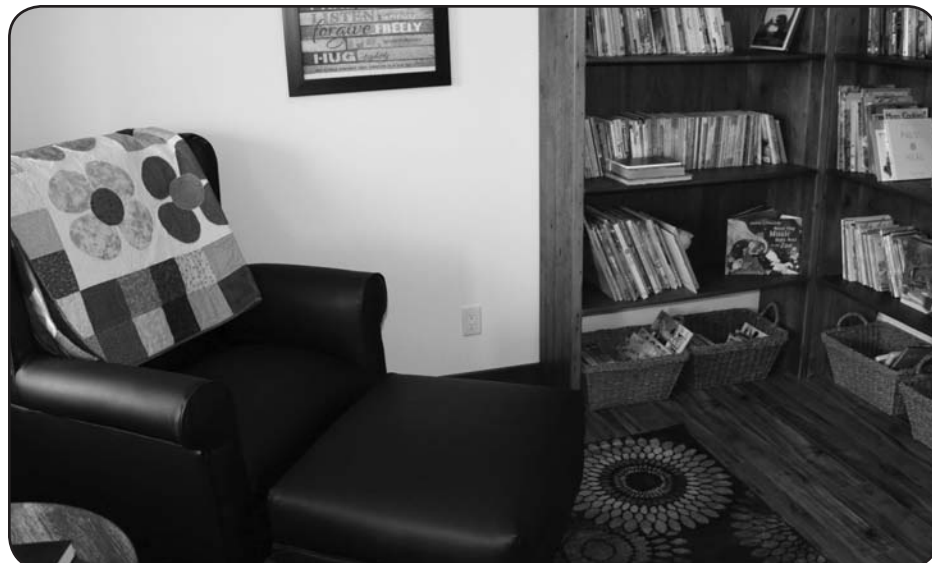
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Above: This quilt, made by Tina Fehr, sums up Katie Cares' motto and will provide comfort to guests at Katie's Cottage. Right: The respite home includes several common spaces, including this library.



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vide a listening ear to anyone who needs it.

"The person that's coming across the street might be in a really bad situation. What they need when the

come in here is a smiling, friendly face who's ready to help. Whether it is just to give you a cup of coffee and a place to sit and relax, [or] whether it is just a place to close your eyes and

rest.

"We want to make everyone feel welcome here," Reimer says, stressing the home is not only for families with children in the hospital, but for anyone who needs a place to stay while a loved one of any age receives treatment.

Information about booking a room will soon be available online at [katiecares.com](http://katiecares.com).

In the meantime, as Katie Cares settles into the cottage, they want to give the public a chance to see what their support has built.

The building will be open to the public daily from July 11-15.

"There will be times where people can come in and just take a look," Reimer says. "We want the community to come out."

# Winkler police lay charges in fraud complaint

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owner then punched the man back twice. Police are continuing their investigation.

- A Winkler fraud complaint dating back to August of 2015 was concluded with charges laid against a 24-year-old woman and a 49-year-old man from Winnipeg.

The investigation began when a local business owner reported two books of business cheques were stolen from his vehicle. Numerous cheques were then forged and issued, eventually clearing the business accounts held at two Winkler financial institutions.

Arrest warrants were obtained for both suspects, who were apprehended in Winnipeg.

The male is charged with nine fraud related offences while the woman is charged with four counts.

- Police were called June 30 to an accident on Mountain Street in Morden.

Police say one vehicle was travelling north on Mountain in the curb lane with vehicles stopped in the median lane. A second vehicle going south on Mountain tried to turn into the parking lot of Rock's Bar & Grill. Traffic in the median lane stopped to allow the southbound vehicle to turn, but a vehicle travelling north in the curb lane did not see it.

One driver sustained injuries to an arm and was transported to Boundary Trails Health Centre. Three children in the same vehicle did not receive any injuries.

- Morden police are investigating a complaint of a laser being pointed at an aircraft while flying over Morden.

The pilot and his passenger were flying over Lake Minnewasta just after 10 p.m. to observe the fireworks when they noticed the laser being pointed at them for 10-15 seconds.

This caused the pilot to lose his night vision and become temporarily disorientated.

Police were able to locate an individual at a residence from the description of the area and approximate location given by the pilot.

A 38-year-old male admitted he was shining a laser at the plane but was unaware of the implications.

The investigation continues with the possibility of charges being laid under the Criminal Code or Canadian

Aviation Regulations.

- Morden police conducted two separate checkstops recently through the Manitoba Public Insurance Road-Watch Program.

The first checkstop June 18 led to one liquor related charge and one drug possession charge.

A second checkstop held July 2 resulted in two charges of racing, one charge of unlawful transportation of liquor, and one charge of a novice driver having alcohol in their blood.

## > TEEN CHALLENGE, FROM PG. 17

He stressed there is a tremendous need, noting many of their home facilities are full with waiting lists. It would be better, he continued, the more they can work with people while keeping them in the community.

"This is our next step," Paulson said, urging everyone to "continue to pray for the work that is going to happen ... throughout our community."

At last week's event, Winkler Mayor Martin Harder related experiences with a family member who had struggled with alcoholism. He also spoke on how it is clear there is a need here in the community.

"Even though we are a community that is blessed ... there's a lot of people who care ... there are also people whose lives have gone awry and they can't find their way up," he said. "Teen Challenge is an integral part of being effective to help salvage the people who fall between the cracks."

Adult & Teen Challenge has been serving Manitoba through its Christian recovery program and local outreaches since 1995.

The office in Winkler at 565 George Ave. is their third location in Manitoba. It's open Tuesdays and Wednesdays to assist potential applicants to its residential program and also host its Living Free community sup-

port groups.

The Living Free Groups are for functioning addicts who want help but aren't able to commit to the 12 month residential program outside their community. The groups can also be the first step toward committing to a more intensive rehab.

Other support groups in the area include one being held at the Christian Life Centre in Morden for men dealing with pornography addiction and another for graduates of Adult and Team Challenge's programs.

Learn more about the agency and its programming online at [www.teenchallenge.tc](http://www.teenchallenge.tc).

# sports & recreation

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## Rocking W wraps up stellar seventh season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Rocking W Barrel Series wrapped up its seventh year with a bang last week.

At the finals, held June 28 after a rain delay three days earlier, the series handed out a bevy of prizes to the top riders.

Among them, taking home prize saddles for highest points was Winnipegger Julie Spruyt in the Open division. Runner-up was Morden's Jessie Bates.

In the youth division, Jezimay Watson of Walhalla won the high-point saddle. Tied for the runner-up spot was Autumn Forschen of Leroy, ND and Jessica Neufeld from Morden.

Championship buckle winners included Krysten Peters (1D), Kerry Liddiard (2D), and Lana McComas (3D) in the Open division and Jezimay Watson (1D), Jessica Neufeld (2D), and Taylor Reichert (3D) in the Youth division.

Organizer Dusty Wiebe says this year's series, though plagued a bit by rainy weather, was a big success.

"This year was our seventh year doing the series and it was another great year," she said. "We had a lot of new faces once again and our entries each night were really strong. It's great to see so many people coming out and

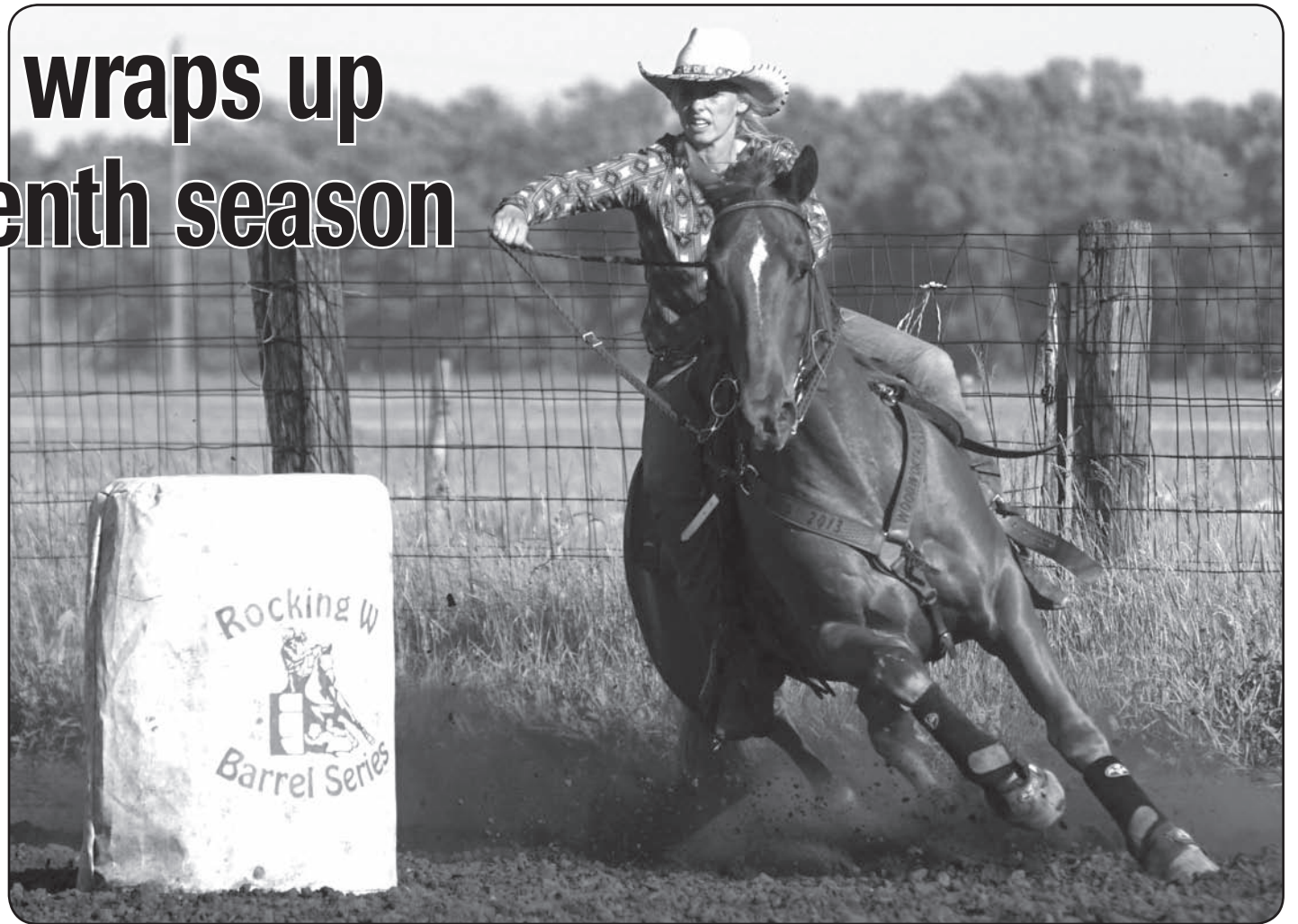


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A competitor in the Rocking W Barrel Series rounds a barrel in the championship finals last week Tuesday.

from all over southern Manitoba as well as North Dakota.

"We did have a few less youth this year and hopefully we can generate some more interest in the younger riders for next year," Wiebe noted.

Spectator numbers were on the rise this summer as more and more people got wind of the weekly event, which is held for seven weeks at the

Rocking W Ranch just west of the Winkler Bible Camp.

"I think a lot more family and friends were coming out to watch and even others who just heard about it and wanted to check it out," Wiebe said. "It's really great to see that the community is starting to support the event more as they are becoming more aware of it."

The Rocking W Barrel Series will return next summer, but in the meantime organizers are hoping to hold a weekend competition this fall.

For more information on getting involved or sponsoring the competition, contact Wiebe at [crossdquarterhorses@outlook.com](mailto:crossdquarterhorses@outlook.com).

## Battle for Border West supremacy continues

By Lorne Stelmach

The battle for the top spot is coming right down to the wire in the Border West Baseball League.

The Morden Mohawks kept in the hunt for first place with a big win over their Winkler rivals last Tuesday.

The Mohawks picked up a third straight victory June 28 with a 9-3 win over the Whips in the only game of the week for both teams.

Defending champion Morden avoided a season sweep in the third and final meeting with the ex-

pansion Whips, who had won the earlier games 16-7 and 12-11.

Winkler took an early lead with one run in the first inning, but the Mohawks replied with five runs in the top of the third.

After padding their lead with three more in the fourth inning to take an 8-1 lead, the teams exchanged a few more runs late.

Morden's Derek Holenski pitched a complete game, giving up ten hits while striking out four.

Winkler's Jeremy Matuzewski went nearly four innings before Chris Diamond came on to relieve

him. Matuzewski gave up eight runs while Diamond gave up one run on three hits while striking out two.

With the victory, Morden improved to 9-5, putting them in third place behind the 11-4 Pilots and the 11-5 Whips.

As the regular season winds down, Winkler was slated to play Clearwater on Tuesday, while Morden faced Pilot Mound that same night and then headed to face Baldur on Wednesday.

The Mohawks close out their season next Tuesday when they host the Pilots.



# Winkler 1 wins title

Winkler Minor Ball hosted the South Central Minor Ball 11U AA playoffs June 25-26, with the top eight teams in the 20-team league competing. Winkler had five teams take part, while Morden had two and Altona had one team. The Winkler 1 team (at left) downed the Morden Blue Jays in the final 10-8 to win the championship and qualify to represent the league at the provincial tournament in Boissevain July 15-17.

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# Morden's Rayvn Wiebe signs with Brandon U

By Lorne Stelmach

A high school volleyball star from Morden is taking her game to the next level.

Rayvn Wiebe joins the Brandon University Bobcats this fall for her freshman season, and she is thrilled to be making the transition.

"I feel really blessed to be able to continue my volleyball career at the university level," said Wiebe

She was recruited by several universities and chose Brandon in part because the university is a perennial top ten ranked team in Canadian university volleyball.

"It's close to home, so my family can come watch me and support me," Wiebe said. "They also have a great science program and a great volley-

ball program, so it just seemed like a really good fit for me."

Wiebe said she sees this as a great chance to further develop her skills and become a stronger player physically and on the court.

As well, she simply enjoys playing the game and has been able to excel at it so far through her schooling locally.

"I just like the sport. I like how you interact with your teammates. It's fun for me," she said.

Wiebe has displayed strong offensive skill and all-around ability through her years playing at various levels from high school and club teams to the Manitoba provincial team.

She has represented Manitoba at each of the past three years at various

tournaments and regional events.

As a member of Team Manitoba at the Western Elites Volleyball tournament in 2013, she was captain of the 15U provincial squad. She also competed in the same event as a member of the 16U team in 2014 and was a stand-out with the Manitoba team at the Western Canada Summer Games in 2015.

She was a leader for Morden Collegiate, helping the school's squad to a semi-final appearance at the AAA Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association championship this past fall, for which she was named an all-star.

Her experience competing against the best in the nation before graduat-

ing will help her transition to the calibre of play at the university level, said Bobcats coach Lee Carter in a Brandon University news release.

"Rayvn is going to be a great student athlete. Academically, she's very strong, and one of the top left sides in volleyball in the province," said Carter.

"After coaching her in Western Canada Games last summer, I've learned that she's the type of person that strives for excellence in all areas. She has a strong competitive nature and a real passion for volleyball. For those reasons, I'm really excited to see her in a Bobcat uniform."



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Rayvn Wiebe will play for the Brandon University Bobcats next year.

# Orioles sweep double-header vs. Giants

By Lorne Stelmach

Their first sweep of a doubleheader has the Pembina Valley Orioles in the midst of their longest winning streak of the MJBL season.

A 6-0 shutout followed by a 7-6 win over the Elmwood Giants Friday brought the team's run to three games and lifted the Orioles into fifth place.

The Orioles also had play suspended in the top of the seventh inning last Wednesday, with that game against the Altona Bisons to be resumed at a

later date.

The victories brought Pembina Valley to within one game of .500 at 7-8 with games in hand on all seven other teams.

That puts them in sixth place in the eight team lead, ahead of the Bisons and St. Boniface but well behind the top-three ranked Brandon Marlins, Giants, and Winnipeg South.

After visiting Altona this Wednesday, the Orioles have a doubleheader with Winnipeg on Sunday followed by a home make-up game against the Legionaires on Wednesday, July 13.

# U14 girls earn provincial silver

The Winkler U14 girls team had a fine showing at the provincial championships in Steinbach last weekend. The ladies battled their way all the way to the championship final against Southdale, which they narrowly lost 3-2 to earn second. On the team are (back row, from left) coach Matt Peters, Itsy Cantelon, Kristin Buhler, Ashley Friesen, Hailey Buhler, Brooke Thiessen, coach Karen Doell, (middle row) Morgan Klassen, Adina Klassen, Maddy Rempel, Abbey Peters, (front row) Abby Matuszewski and Krysten Wiebe.

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# Winklerite makes Manitoba 17U basketball team

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

Winklerite Tiago Oliveira has made the cut for the Manitoba Provincial 17U basketball team this summer.

At 16, Oliveira is one of the youngest on the 12-man team. He's also one of only two locals to get his name on the provincial roster—NPC student Mikayla Funk was named to the female 17U team as a practice player.

"I'm pretty excited because it's not something that is done often," Oliveira said, noting he went up against 62 athletes from across the province this spring at try-outs.

"There were a lot of guys there. Everyone was working hard and they were hard-fought practices."

Oliveira is no stranger to provincial competition. He was on the 15U team last summer and also plays for

the Winnipeg Junior Bison Club team during the regular season.

"Basketball is an important part of my life," he said. "I've been playing since minor basketball in Gr. 3 and I kind of started taking it more seriously in Gr. 6 when I realized that I was kind of good at it, so I stuck with it."

Oliveira will be kept busy this summer with weekly basketball practices in Winnipeg in preparation for two major tournaments in the U.S.

In August, the team will be part of the national championships being held at the University of Winnipeg.

Oliveira hopes to use his time with the team to improve his skills.

"It's good to be competing against top level guys in the province because it makes me better as an athlete," he said adding that he is hoping to bring back everything he's learned this summer to the high school basketball court in the fall.

# Storm fall to Waverley, 'Canes sweep Impact

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm will be looking for revenge Friday as they head into Winnipeg for a rematch against the Waverley Mitsubishi FC.

Winkler hosted the second place team on Sunday, but left the field with a frustrating 3-2 loss to show for their efforts.

The defeat brings the Storm's record to two wins, three losses, and three ties in the Manitoba Major Soccer League, putting them in sixth place in the Division 1 standings.

In addition to another shot at Waverley, Winkler also hosts the ninth-place Kildonan Cavaliers on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the 15th St. field.

Meanwhile, the South Central Hurricanes had a better week in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League.

The ladies crushed the visiting CSSE Impact on Monday 6-0.

The home team took full advantage of their opponents being short players to score five goals in the first half and another one in the second. Doing the honours was Amber Wiebe, Erica Heppner, Chelsea Gerbrandt, Jen Martens, Mallory Byrka, and Melanie Warkentine. Leah Dyck and Byrka split netminding duties.

The win brings the team's record to 3-4-2, putting them in the middle of the standings.

This weekend the Hurricanes travel to Selkirk to play Tri-S United.



Sixteen-year-old Tiago Oliveira will play on the Manitoba Provincial 17U basketball team this summer. Also making the 17U girls team as a practice player was Winkler's Mikayla Funk.

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# Agriculture

## U.S. hog counts to have ripple effect globally

By Harry Siemens

A report released recently by the United States Department of Agriculture shows that the U.S. hog inventory is up two per cent.

Considering the size of the U.S. hog industry, that little change in numbers can cause a major shift in market prices around the globe, including here in Canada.

The American inventory as of June 1 stands at 68.4 million head, up two per cent from the year before and one per cent from just this past March. This is the highest June 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs since estimates began in 1964.

The numbers break down into 5.98 million head in breeding inventory and another 62.4 million head in market hog inventory; both numbers are up from last year.

The March to May pig crop, at 30.3 million head, is up three per cent from 2015. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.90 million head, up one per cent from 2015. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 per cent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.48 for the March to May period, compared to 10.37 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.10 for operations with 1 to 99 hogs and pigs to 10.50 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.95 million sows farrow during the June to August 2016 quarter, down two per cent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015. Intended farrowings for September to November 2016, at 2.90 million sows, are down one per cent from 2015.

Tyler Fulton, the director of risk management with h@ms Marketing Services, says export demand will play a key role in offsetting these higher than expected fall slaughter numbers

"Demand is really playing a critical role to offset some of this negative supply related news," he says. "There's been a lot of talk about China in the summer's market believing that maybe they might buy significantly larger quantities than what

they have in the last couple of years."

That is because China is currently short of pork and prices are quite lucrative to move North American pork into that market, though it doesn't always work cleanly because North American does not actually have a significant market share in that country.

"Europe is probably better positioned to take advantage of the current economics in China," says Fulton. "I think there's generally an expectation that we can expect to see significant improvement in exports to China."

The question is whether or not the increases in volume to China will re-

sult in a net export increase because the two biggest U.S. markets, Japan and Mexico, are showing some weakness in imports.

Looking at those numbers in the U.S., Fulton says will the increase in China be enough to offset the increase in supply anticipated in the fourth quarter.

## Wiebe's Welding expands its services

By Harry Siemens

Emerging from a three-person operation in 2007 to a full team of experienced staff today, Wiebe's Welding & Steel Structures LTD. has evolved from a small scale builder to a fast growing, full service construction company today.

The Morden-based company recently added a second division:

Northern Steel Buildings, which services a wide range of industries, including agriculture.

Along with the new division comes a new sales manager in the name of Mark Sullivant.

"We're pretty well a factory direct representative for pre-engineered steel buildings," says Sullivant in a recent interview. "We started because we saw a need in the market for a

good quality building and we've just been able to secure a lot of the manufacturers throughout North America to supply us with those buildings."

His job is to find the best manufacturer that will be able to suit the customer's needs and location and design the building accordingly to get

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By Harry Siemens

Recently I attended the open houses of two farm businesses in the Winkler-Morden area, and one business that catered at these events who all have come up from humble beginnings in the farming scene.

The first one was the new Mazergroup New Holland dealership between Winkler and Morden. Then over to Fehrway Feeds in Winkler celebrating the move into a much bigger facility and display lot, and 50 per cent increase in business for April/May over the same period in 2015.

At both events, Spent Bros. Premium Meats served up the delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, cream pies, and brownie squares, all home made.

The reason I mention this is the fact I remember all three businesses starting on the farm out of necessity, in some cases the need to survive, but they've never lost sight of the

fact they are farmers, even as they serve the general public at large.

Corey Plett is the regional sales manager for Mazergroup and co-owner of the company's Southeastern Farm Equipment in Steinbach. Asked what made the Mazergroup set up shop between Morden and Winkler on Hwy. 14, Plett says it is obviously a successful area and they wanted to have a presence here.

"We felt that now is the right time to make that work," he says. "The Morden location has parts and service department so we can supply the sales, the parts, the service, the whole nine yards to keep you up and running.

"Living in the Morden area is one of our top technicians who drives our biggest service truck, so he's able to service a farmer's piece of machinery right in his yard," says Plett. "We do have a small shop on location here, so some small tractors could be repaired here but most would be onsite, on farm repair work."

Plett comes from the Steinbach area, grew up in Blumenort, and Wes Plett, one of the owners in the Southeast Farm Equipment turned Mazergroup dealership in Steinbach, was his father, who has since passed on.

"A year ago, the Steinbach location joined the Mazergroup and prior to that, we were Southeast Farm Equipment and I worked there full time since 1992," says Plett, still with significant ownership in the Steinbach dealership. "I've grown up in the business, worked in parts, sales on the yard, kind of done it all."

He came up by his bootstraps so to speak, and dad made him work hard.

"He didn't give me too much [at the time], but he gave me a job and the ability to go out there and do it," Plett adds.

Having just come through our Canada Day celebrations, these are the kind of people that help make this area great.

## Celebrating local successes

# Water Festival a day of hands-on learning



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Students from Crystal City, Manitou, St. Claude, Baldur, and Morden headed to Binney Siding last month to take part in the annual Water Festival. The kids got the chance to get hands-on in learning about habitats and communities, soils, water conservation, erosion, and biodiversity.

## Local soil conservation group returning to its roots

The Stanley Soil Management Association is a not-for-profit farmer directed association whose purpose is to deliver ecological goods and services to the community of the Municipality of Stanley.

When it was first incorporated in 1987 its primary mandate was to establish shelterbelts in the R.M. of Stanley and surrounding area.

Initially, there was funding support through the federal and provincial government programs and the R.M. of Stanley.

Over 500 miles of shelterbelts were planted by SSMA in order to provide soil conservation benefits to the rural landscape. Farmers and landowners were given incentives to plant shelterbelts.

Over the years, government funding was cut back and shelterbelt planting and maintenance also declined. In response, SSMA diversified into other projects such as leafy spurge bio-control and diffuse knapweed monitoring.

This year, SSMA has been focusing primarily on shelterbelts. With the value of land increasing,

there is a trend for farmers to remove the shelterbelts, not realising the benefits.

And so the SSMA is returning to its roots, so to speak, in the promotion of shelterbelt planting, maintenance, and renovation of existing shelterbelts. Once they are removed, the benefits are no longer realized, and it will take another generation to get to the same level of benefits that are here today.

Shelterbelt renovation can be as simple as pruning out the dead wood. Lateral branches can be trimmed up to allow for the farm equipment to operate closer to the trees.

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the best outcome for the customer.

This fits right into what Wiebe's Steel Structures has been doing for some time under the ownership of Barry Wiebe.

"This is an expansion for the company. Wiebe has primarily been doing the erecting of the buildings and relying on the companies like Northern to supply the leads and the building sales," says Sullivant. "So we decided after several manufacturers approached to start selling their buildings and Northern Steel Buildings has come from that need."

Traditionally, shelterbelt renovation has been done with chainsaws, and the branches are put onto piles in the field and burned. Larger tree rows can be efficiently renovated using forestry equipment which removes the branches and grinds them up leaving only a wood chip mulch. There are no wood piles to burn.

The shelterbelts that were planted 20 or so years ago are doing what they were planted to do. Not only do they provide soil erosion protection, they also provide many other crop benefits such as higher yields, better crops, better crop pollination, and increased insect predation.

The intent and plan is to keep the two companies separate—Northern sells the buildings and Wiebe's sets them up.

They are able to offer ag producers a range of steel buildings, Sullivant says.

"We're in a little bit of everything when it comes to the industries we serve, but agriculture is actually quite big," he says. "Everything from hay storage to tractor storage, to commodity storage where a lot of farmers are using their steel buildings to store commodities inside."

In the aspect of livestock operations, research shows reduced feeding costs, higher survival rate, and increased milk production when livestock are protected from wind.

There is also the element of better odour control and lower barn costs due to shelterbelts. Shelterbelts can actually help the landowners make money.

For more information on shelterbelt programs offered by Stanley Soil Management Association, contacted them at 204 362-0352, or stanleysoil@hotmail.com.

With the opening up of the hog market to maybe several new structures and/or expansions in Manitoba, Sullivant is confident they may also get into that sector.

That said, with hog barns they have to be very careful with the acidity of the hog manure in the barns. Using galvanized metal for hog barn applications does give them an in for that arena, Sullivant says.

Having secured quite a long list of manufacturers across North America, the world really does become their marketplace, he adds.

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3	2	1	5	4	8	9	6	7
9	6	7	2	3	4	1	8	5
4	5	8	9	6	7	3	2	1
1	6	4	8	9	5	2	3	7
9	7	5	3	2	6	8	1	4
2	8	3	1	7	4	9	6	5
5	1	6	9	8	3	7	4	2
8	3	1	6	5	9	7	2	4
7	3	6	9	2	1	4	8	5

Sudoku Answer

	D	O	N	V	T	D	E	R	
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	A	B	A	M	G	L	P	H	B

Crossword Answer

**X CROSSWORD**

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Power measurement
- Christian hip-hop duo
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Belonging to us
- Anger
- They \_\_\_
- Ribonuclease
- Former AC/DC singer Scott
- Fate
- Hall of Fame forward
- Omission
- American state
- Not sunrises
- British school
- The boundary of a surface
- Young women
- Sitting
- Canadian cheese
- Aussie TV station
- Resembles rummy
- Baked good
- Gravy is a type of one
- About aviation
- Unit of data size
- Rugged mountain ranges
- With three uneven sides
- Cut or carve
- It can be benign
- One's mother (Brit.)
- Conrad \_\_, American poet
- Midway between northeast and east
- Before
- Originally called
- Former broadcaster Barber
- Not pale
- Not even

**CLUES DOWN**

- Surfers need one
- Eskimo dogs
- Bishop

		1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9				
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- People of Libya
- In favor of
- Origins
- Trumpets and trombones
- Large nest
- Baseball stat
- Leavened bread
- Bon \_\_: witty remark
- Belgian municipality
- Reactive structure
- Methaqualone pill (slang)
- Medical practitioner
- Alias
- Someone
- 007's creator
- Martial artists wear one
- Midway between north and

- northeast
- Edible mollusk
- \_\_ up: quit a substance
- Taiwanese city
- Make an effort
- Fielders
- Restrain
- Herb
- Agonized
- Time zone
- Abandoned European money
- Plays video games
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- Expresses good wishes
- Congressman (abbr.)
- Small constellation

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**CONSTRUCTION AUCTION**

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**Thursday, July 21 Auction beginning at 5pm**

Manitou is located at the corner of Hwy #3 and Hwy 244. Sale site is at north end of Manitou at 600 Front St. We will be listing shortly. Please note the pictures tell the story of some of the contents of this auction. Please check [www.billklassen.com](http://www.billklassen.com)

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Farm King 50 inch snow blower for above may sell separately. 2 Case 930 tractors as is. 1950 David Brown, new rubber, 3pth, two seater, came from England, clutch and brake are on the same side. 16 ft tandem axle pintle hitch tandem trailer **2 BOATS:** 16 ft with 100 hp Evenrude engine and

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In Loving Memory of  
**Bill H. Dyck**

Who passed away July 8, 2015

It's been one year since Bill, a loving husband, Dad, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather, brother, as well as friend to many, passed from this life into eternal life. You will be forever missed, as not a single day goes by that you are not thought about with the fondest of memories. You left your footprint on this earth Dad.

### I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid out for me.  
I took His hand when I heard His call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!  
Gone but never forgotten: Till we meet again  
-Sharon and family

## OBITUARY

### Douglas Barrie James Smart 1935-2016

Douglas Barrie James Smart passed away peacefully at the age of 80 on June 28, 2016 after a courageous fight against cancer.

He will be forever missed and loved by his three children, Cheryl (Alvaro), Richard and Brent (Renee); his grandchildren, James, Cristovao and Tanci; as well as his beloved friend, Lynn. Also left to mourn his passing are three siblings; his sisters, Betty and Audrey (Stan) and his brother, Don. He was predeceased by his wife, Anne Marie (nee Fehr); his brother, Alan and his sisters, Muriel, Jean, Vera and Dorothy.



Barrie was born on July 11, 1935 in Portage la Prairie, MB, the youngest of nine children. His family moved many times through his childhood living in several Manitoba communities including Raeburn, Rathwell, Komarno and Dominion City. In 1954, he joined the Canadian Air force serving for three years. Barrie had a long career with the Manitoba Water Resources Branch that took him all over the province making friends wherever he went. In 1962, his work moved him to the Winkler area where he became smitten with a sassy young waitress at the Green Lantern Café by the name of Anne Marie Fehr, a few short months later she became his wife of 48 years until her passing in 2011. Barrie and Anne enjoyed a full life together sharing a passion for curling, camping, fishing, road trips in their motor home and above all family. He was well known for his love of sport and his mastery of skate sharpening. His quick wit and sense of humour stayed with him until the very end and his ability to get a laugh out of whomever he was with will be missed dearly.

A celebration of life was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, in Morden with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barrie's memory to either Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative (Cancer Care) or to Cancer Care Manitoba.

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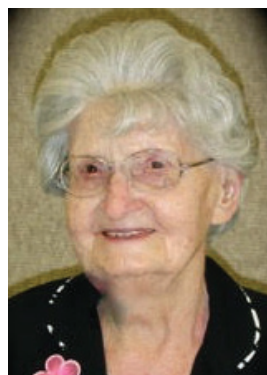
### Margaret Loewen (nee Penner) 1909 - 2016

On Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at Victoria General Hospital, Margaret Loewen aged 106 years of Winnipeg, MB formerly of Winkler, Morden and Carman went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters, Margret Thiessen, Alvina and Bernie Thiessen; one son, Ken and Eva Loewen as well as nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Henry B Loewen in 1990; a daughter, Mirian in infancy in 1935 and a son-in-law, Frank in 2005.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday July 4, 2016 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at 12:30 p.m. at the Winkler Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) 134 Plaza Dr. Winnipeg, MB R3T 5K9.



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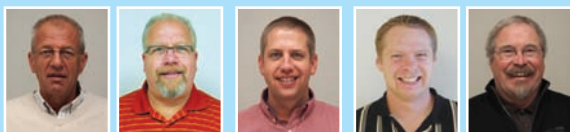


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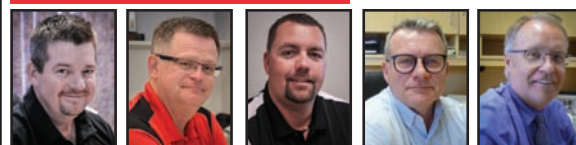
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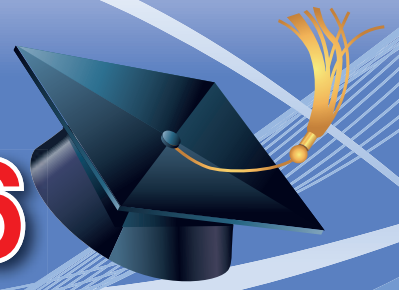
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## 'We can change the world'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate's class of 2016 is ready to make their mark on the world.

Addressing the crowd at the June 23 graduation ceremony, valedictorian Hannah Derksen described the graduates' high school years as those of great change.

They are the last class to have experienced GVC before it was split into two with the opening of the city's second high school in their sophomore year. They also weathered the ups and downs that came with the school's major renovation project in their junior year.

"We experienced all these changes in our high school career, and I can't help but think that change isn't over for us," Derksen said, adding that they are more than ready to tackle whatever the future may bring.

"We are experts in change by now, and we can use that as a tool," she said. "I believe we can change the world. We are powerful. In whatever job or profession we go into, there is something we can do to better it."

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Principal Scott Jantzen turns the tassel of one of GVC's 151 grads.

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Valedictorian Hannah Derksen says her class is "capable of amazing things."

"Many people talk about how our generation does things differently, and sometimes they look at that negatively, but I believe that we can make that into something special. Something that will make this world we live in absolutely and astonishingly beautiful. Because every single one of my peers is capable of amazing things."

"This is our chance to break out, to make a difference, to leave our mark."

None of this would be possible without the support of the parents who have always been there to cheer the students on, Derksen said.

"Now it is time for us to leave the nest. I know it might be scary watching us jump, but I promise we will spread our wings and fly."

Derksen also thanked the many teachers who helped shepherd the class of 2016 to adulthood.

"Here at Garden Valley Collegiate there is a group of staff members that care about making personal connections and made it feel like home," she said. "You've fulfilled your role of educating us while making it fun and en-



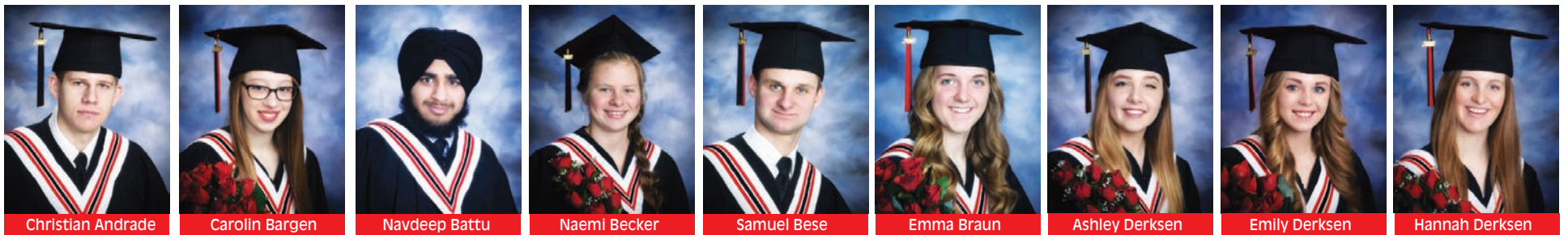
Jantzen presents the Proficiency Award to Liam Giesbrecht.

joyable, and for that we can't thank you enough."

One of those educators, Don Bergen, delivered this year's graduation address.

He reminded the former students of the many achievements large and small that had brought them to this moment.

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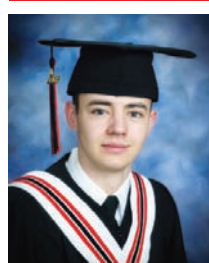
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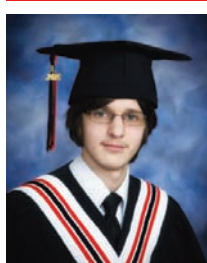
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## Graduating Nighthawks bursting with potential

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As they prepare to start the next chapter in their lives, Northlands Parkway Collegiate's class of 2016—141 grads strong—took time June 24 to look back at the people and events that helped shape them during their time in high school.

Valedictorian Noah Olfert noted that the group had a lot in common with the brand new school building they came to call home these past three years.

"Flashback four years ago, Gr. 9 at Garden Valley Collegiate ... NPC was nothing but a hole in the ground, nowhere close to being ready. But it was loaded with potential," he said. "That was us. We were a class nowhere near ready to graduate, but we gleamed with potential."

In the years since, the students came into their own, Olfert said, overcoming the challenges that came with changing schools, saying goodbye to friends, and helping to create a new academic community.

Standing beside them through it all were the parents and teachers who guided them along the way.

"Parents, to quote [NBA player] Kevin Durant: 'You the real MVP.' Without you, none of this would be possible," Olfert said.

NPC graduates with their diplomas in hand after the June 24 ceremony at the school.



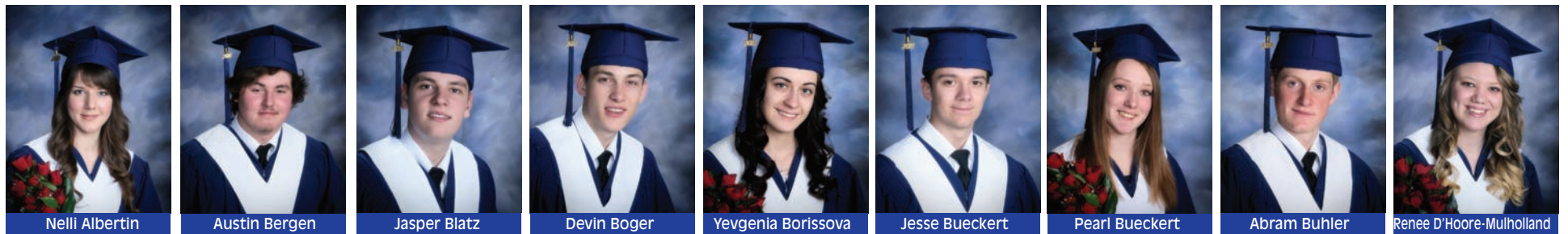
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Olfert also thanked NPC's teachers for going above and beyond the call of duty.

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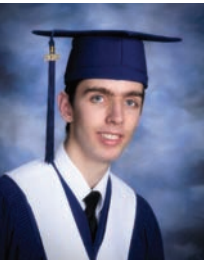
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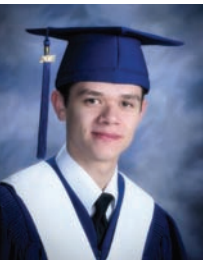
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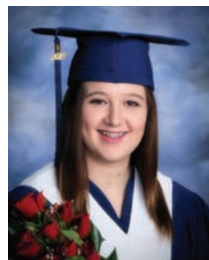
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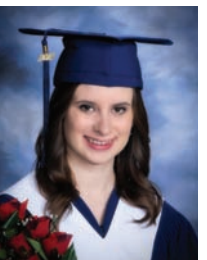
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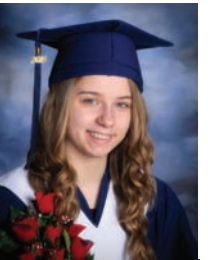
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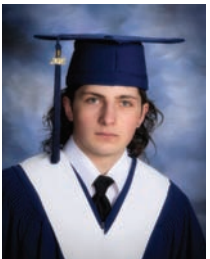
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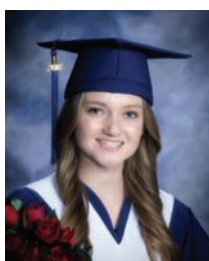
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"You taught us more than what the curriculum required. You taught us life lessons," he said. "Things like responsibility, communication, respect can't be studied. There's no unit called 'how not to address another individual.' But you still took the time to make sure we knew."

"You guided, encouraged, cared ... thank you for helping shape us into the adults we're becoming."

The NPC class of 2016 is bound for great things, Olfert said.

"I can't emphasize enough the potential of my peers that stand before me ... with this group anything is possible."

"Tomorrow we will start a new chapter, and no matter what we decide to do in that chapter I hope we can all share the same theme: contentment."

Guest speaker Angie Titchkosky reminded the graduates—they who came of age in a culture of social media, cell phones, and selfies—to try to be truly present in their lives.

"We need to make the most of our time with others. To truly connect with people you need to be with them in the moment, looking them directly in the eye, communicating with words, hand gestures, shoulder shrugs, little eyebrow raises."

"My advice to you here is to get your faces out of your phones and be present with those around you."

Celebrate the differences and look for the similarities; seek not to change others, but yourself for the better; and be the change you want to see in the world, Titchkosky said.

Principal Tammy MacDonald urged the graduates to "go take a bite out of life."

"You are Nighthawks," she stressed, "and you definitely soar above the rest."

Many of the graduates went home with scholarships and awards to help them with their post-secondary studies. Among them was Haley Ens, who received the Proficiency Award and the Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal; Sebastian Klassen, who was presented with the Reach Award; Olfert, who received the Grad of the Year Scholarship; and Jyana Loewen, who received the Chown Centennial Scholarship.

Above, right: "With this group, anything is possible," said valedictorian Noah Olfert of his peers. Right: Haley Ens receives the Governor General's medal from principal Tammy MacDonald. Ens also won this year's Proficiency Award, among other scholarships. Left: Connor Haney cracked his peers up with his unique grad accessory when receiving his diploma.



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By Ashleigh Viviers

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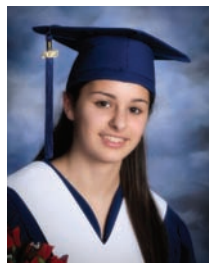
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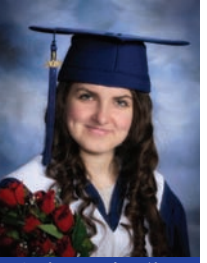
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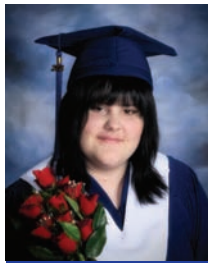
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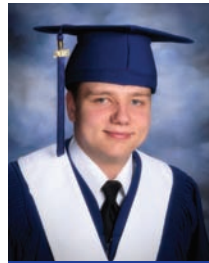
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## 'What matters most is who we become'

By Lorne Stelmach

The 104 graduates of the Morden Collegiate class of 2016 were saluted as a diverse and talented group of students in the school's June 28 graduation ceremony.

Valedictorian Chloe Friesen praised her classmates for their perseverance throughout their school years.

She traced their journey from the early into the middle years of their schooling, where they embarked on their "era of self discovery."

She pondered the question of what everyone wanted to be when they grew up, and while many of them likely don't have a clear path yet, she quoted the advice of poet Walt Whitman who said, "Do anything, but let it produce joy."

Friesen said everyone is on the journey of discovering who they really are and are coming to realize, "We will all become so much more."



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Graduate Logan Dyck receives the Doug Cram Memorial Bursary from the Morden Area Foundation's Lynda MacLean.

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"In this real world, we are going to have to do things we don't want to do," she observed. "We can't say for a fact ... our future is going to be bright ... it's not going to be easy. What matters the most is who we become."

Guest speaker Brenda Sloan also recalled the early years and how some of the lessons you learn then can carry you on through life.

All you ever really need to know is learned in kindergarten, she observed lightheartedly, citing examples like playing fair, cleaning up your messes, and saying you're sorry when necessary.

"This is a transition point in your life," stressed Sloan, who told the grads those lessons were all preparing them for their growing independence. She encouraged the graduates to keep on playing and make learning fun.

Robyn Wiebe, chairperson of the Western School Division board of trustees, reflected on the strengths of this group of students.

There have been many achievements in academics and athletics, she noted, so there is much to be celebrated.

Wiebe encouraged the students to make learning an ongoing lifelong journey and to step up and provide leadership when and where they can in life and know that their community supports them.

Morden Collegiate principal Marianne Fenn paid tribute to everyone involved in the lives of the students for helping make this day possible.

Everyone from teachers and fellow students to family and friends and faith groups in the community were unwavering in encouraging them, she said.



Valedictorian Chloe Friesen praised her classmates for their perseverance.



The grads line up before making their grand entrance.

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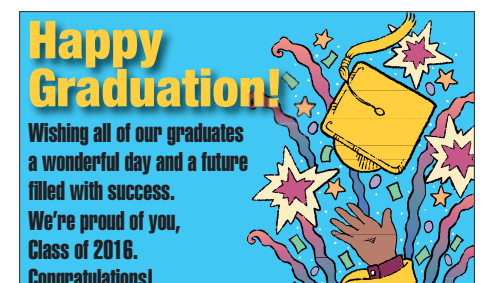


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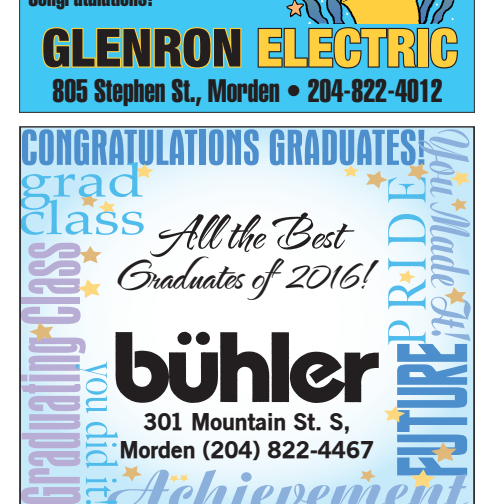
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# Nellie McClung Collegiate

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## 'The adventure begins'

By Lorne Stelmach

The theme of "the adventure begins" marked the graduation of the class of 2016 from Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou.

The 19 students celebrated with family and friends June 25 at the Manitou Arena.

Marley Cobb and Bryce Dirks shared the valedictorian duties, and both reflected on how the time has flown since they began school together.

Cobb said that the school years "went by way faster than we ever imagined it would."

"It's been a wild ride ... and we wouldn't want to change a single moment," said Cobb. "Throughout the years we've gone from being just a class to becoming a family."

"We didn't realize we were making memories ... we just knew we were having fun," said Dirks. "And the memories we have made as a group are priceless and too many to count."

They went on to share thoughts about each of their classmates.

"You always knew where to find Diamond because her laugh was so loud you could hear it 10 miles away," they said of Diamond Lynn.

For Morgan Smith, it was observed

that "everyone always looked up to Morgan ... mostly because she's over six feet tall."

Megan Lea "was never afraid to be different" while Lexi Hacault "could out act and out sing any one of us."

Shawn Williment earned praised for his political acumen.

"If anyone in this class is going to be prime minister one day ... it's going to be Shawn."

In the end, Dirks suggested "there's great things in store for all of us" while Cobb offered some parting advice:

"Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, and kill nothing but time."

Guest speaker Terrienne Lea reflected on the ceremony's theme and suggested it perhaps should be "let the adventure continue."

The class of 2016 has already had adventure, she noted, including having the opportunity to travel to Europe.

Now, some are getting right to work or studies, while others are more uncertain about their direction.

"You are exposed to lots of different opportunities and experiences, leading you to maybe change your mind many times through life," said Lea, noting when she was 17 she didn't have a plan beyond wanting to have



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Valedictorians Bryce Dirks and Marley Cobb noted that their school years had flown by, and now it's time for the class of 2016 to shine.

a dream car.

"The dream is meaningful if you do it by yourself," said Lea. "People may offer up their opinions about your ideas or dreams and could suggest you're making a mistake. It's wise to listen ... but if it's what you want to do, and you can make it happen, go for it."

"If you do make a mistake, use the opportunity to learn from it. Making

a few mistakes is essential for growth in life."

Each one of us has a purpose in our lives, Lea concluded in encouraging the graduates to discover what it is for them.

"Every one of you have unique gifts and talents, and you will discover many more. Use them to do your part to make a difference in this world."



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# Mennonite Collegiate Institute Graduating Class of 2016

## 'Great things are ahead of us'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thirty-nine students took the next big step in their lives at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute graduation ceremonies held in the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church June 26.

The class of 2016 owes a debt to the family and friends who have supported them through the sometimes turbulent high school years, said valedictorian Sarah Lynn Bergen.

"Every single one of you is responsible for getting us to this stage today, and I don't mean just by driving us here or paying for our gas," she told the crowd. "I think I can speak for all of us when I say that without the huge support from family and friends, MCI would never have been a part of our lives, and that would have been a real shame."

The students left their mark on the school in their own unique way, but so too has the school helped shape them.

"We have become the masters at MCI. We know the place inside and out and we are proud to call MCI home," Bergen said, noting the school has a culture all its own. "A culture where the students could be themselves and have meaningful conversations with each other without being judged."

"Thanks parents for supporting us. Thanks to teachers for giving us the opportunities to make memories in their classrooms. And thank you to my fellow classmates for being the oddest, funniest, most enjoyable group of people I know. Thank you for being so unapologetically yourselves."

"I get insanely excited when I think of all the great things that are ahead of us."

In his address to the grads, teacher Tim Wiebe thanked the former students for always being so engaged in life at MCI.

"Thank you for being creative, involved, and curious. Thank you for allowing the miracle to happen ... young people, perhaps uncertain at first about their gifts in sports, music, academics, leadership, technology, or art, take the



The MCI class of 2016 toss their caps high in celebration June 26.

involvement plunge, produce inspiring results, and grow in self-confidence in the process."

Wiebe urged the grads not to worry too much about the little things in life. "Lighten up. Love lightheartedness," he said. "It's okay and it's essential to enjoy life and take pleasure in the moment."

Local students receiving their diplomas from the Gretna private school included Bergen (Winkler), Kristopher Goerz (Morden), Brianna Hildebrand (Crystal City), Daria Hildebrand (Crystal City), Sabrina Nickel (Schanzenfeld), Amelia Pahl (Morden), Will Perrin (Morden), Vienna Peters (Morden), Tyler Rempel (Clearwater), Isaac Schlegel (Morden), Chantel Thiessen (Reinland), Dawson Thiessen (Reinland), Myles Tiessen (Crystal City), Morgan Wiebe (Morden), and Laura Woelk (Winkler).

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"What you were pretty much doing during those years were sharpening the skills that would see you through to where you needed to go next," he said. "You were creating a collage of who you were all through those times, and who you are today. And this collage, too, is about who you're going to be for the rest of your lives."

Bergen encouraged the class to live life to the fullest.

"Be sure that your wish to explore and grow is always greater than your fear of failure," he said.

He also urged them to try and give something back to the world.

"Those who wish to live meaningfully must work dili-

gently to enrich the lives of those around them. For the value of a life is measured by how it touches the lives around it."

After the presentation of the diplomas, a number of graduates were honoured with major awards, including Taya Wiebe, who was named Grad of the Year and also took home a Leadership Award; Alina Fischer, who received the Chown Centennial Scholarship and the Governor General Award; Nicholas Klassen, who received the Reach Award; and Liam Giesbrecht, who received both a Leadership Award and the Proficiency Award.



Guest speaker Don Bergen

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"You are supported by your community," said Fenn, who went on to praise the class of 2016 for all not only being unique but also for showing themselves to be capable and resilient.

Their school years have been "an individual journey for each of you to get here," she concluded. "We are so proud of you, and you should be proud of yourselves."

Graduates taking home awards included Payam Salimi, who won both the Governor General's Bronze Medal and the Gr. 12 Academic Aggregate Scholarship, Ross Bugden, who won the Gr. 12 Academic Aggregate Runner-up Scholarship, and Chloe Friessen, who received the General Proficiency Award.

Morden Collegiate graduated 104 students on June 28.

