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From left: Winkler police of- ficers Arnie Klassen, Phil Letkeman, Chris Ka- lansky, and Sean O'Brien clear the last obstacle in Saturday's Spartan Race, which took place at the Grunthal Motocross Park. The five-kilome- tre course put athletes through over 20 obstacles in a race to the fiery finish line.

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RICK HIEBERT

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After an hour spent navigating all manner of ob- stacles, getting down and dirty in the mud, and sprinting under a blazing sun, a team of officers

from the Winkler Police Service were faced with one final task at Manitoba's first-ever Spartan Race in Grunthal last weekend. "At the end, they have a fire jump at the finish line of every race," says participant Sean O'Brien. "All

you're thinking at that point is, 'We made it. We ac- complished the goal, and we did it together.'" O'Brien was joined by fellow officers Arnie Klas-

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Above: Winkler police officer Sean O'Brien is all smiles despite being chest-deep in mud in the Grunthal Spartan Race on Saturday. Right: Fellow officers Chris Kalansky and Arnie Klassen make their way up the rope climb to ring the bell at the top.

## "We accomplished the goal, and we did it together"

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sen, Chris Kalansky, and Phil Letkeman in tackling the course at the Grunthal Motorcross Park on Saturday.

The five-kilometre race sent hundreds of participants through a route chock-full of obstacles ranging from mud pits topped with barb wire to 8-foot tall climbing walls to target spear-throwing—each of which needed to be successfully completed before moving on to the next challenge.

The Winkler team crossed the finish line in about an hour, putting them in the middle of the pack in a race that saw the top teams finish in 38 minutes and the slowest cross the finish line after over two hours.

Though they were bone tired and drenched in mud from head to toe when they were done, O'Brien says the entire experience was a blast.

"We laughed pretty much the entire way. The obstacles were all ones where you could help each other out, so everyone succeeded. It was just a very fun race, and challenging, of course."

"There's no spot in that entire race where there's 100 metres without an obstacle of some kind," O'Brien adds. "It's really something that's outside the box. It just has a whole lot of potential there to challenge yourself."

The challenge is what drew the four

to the race, but the camaraderie is what will bring them back next year.

"It's one thing to work together all

the time and it's another to actually go out and have fun and race together. It brings guys closer," O'Brien says.

"We'll absolutely be back next year. I'm going to drag a bunch more guys with me and we'll do it again."



## Kickstarter campaign saves the Stardust

By Cori Bezan

With the near elimination of 35 mm film, the Stardust Drive-In Morden has been at risk of going dark for years.

That's all changed now thanks to a hugely successful online Kickstarter campaign, which last week reached its \$30,000 goal to help the Stardust purchase a new projector so it can move forward into the digital age.

Prior to the online campaign, drive-in owner Marlene Nelson said that they had raised around \$19,000 for the projector, but with 35 mm film becoming increasingly hard to find this summer (2015 marks the first season in years the Stardust hasn't been able to have weekly movie showings), the time to raise funds was rapidly running out.

And so Nelson took their operation to Kickstarter, a popular fundraising website where people can make pledges to support a cause.

"The thing we liked about the Kickstarter program is the fact that you

could give your backers rewards," Nelson said. "They could choose various levels according to what suited them for what they wanted to pledge towards."

Backers were rewarded for their donations with things like vouchers for free admission, popcorn, season tickets, camping and a movie nights, and limited edition hoodies unique to the Kickstarter campaign.

But Kickstarter, compared to other fundraising sites, has one potential drawback: if the set goal isn't reached before the time runs out, none of the pledges are collected.

"That's why it's considered a pledge," Nelson said, noting they launched the campaign in June, putting a finishing date for it on July 8. "If you didn't meet the goal, it didn't happen."

The Kickstarter campaign began slowly, as news about the fundraising initiative spread among the theatre's supporters on social media.

"It's something new," Nelson said. "It's not something people are used

to."

Once word got out, though, the response was overwhelming.

"In the 24 hours before the time was up, we were at \$18,000 and something," Nelson said. "So it just seemed completely out of reach. You just kind of went okay, if we weren't able to reach that goal, then we were just back at square one, that's all. We'd keep on going! We had to try to not get disheartened that way."

Nelson said that they just continued to share the fundraiser link through Facebook that final day and watched as the donations began to roll in over the last hours of the campaign, along with stories and with every time the link was shared.

"It was nerve-racking. It was a real rollercoaster of emotions," she said. "But people really came through."

"We were just ecstatic. I woke up in the morning and someone sent me a message saying, 'You made it.' And it was just shock, first off. It was a fabu-

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# Record numbers for Tractor Trek

By Cori Bezan

It was perfect weather for the Eden Foundation's annual Tractor Trek, which saw 50 drivers parade their tractors from Reinland to Winkler and back last Saturday.

"It went very well," said Eden Foundation director of development Earl Reimer on Monday. "We had 50 drivers, which is in excess of what we've had the year prior, and the weather was wonderful—it was warm, but there was enough cloud to make the trip pleasant. The attitude, the reception by the drivers was wonderful."

"We were really happy to see lots of people on the road looking at the tractors," he added, noting the route took the caravan of vintage farm equipment through several villages south of Winkler. "I think the drivers

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lous feeling, just like a weight off your shoulders."

Nelson said that they now have around \$49,000 in donations and are preparing to go ahead with the next step towards getting a digital projector: financing the remaining costs of a unit. She added that they hope to be able to get the projector by this fall, ensuring the Stardust will resume a full season's schedule next summer.

"Future generations are going to be able to enjoy [the drive-in]," Nelson said. "In the meantime, we're going to offer what we can for movies to be able to keep it functioning, keep it happening."

A few movies have been secured for the next few weeks, including *Paddington* this Friday to Sunday, *Avengers 2: Age of Ultron* on July 24-26, *Mall Cop 2* July 31 to Aug. 1, and a double feature of *Mall Cop 2* and *Chappie* on Aug. 2.



Fifty drivers set out from Reinland Saturday morning to take part in Eden Foundation's annual Visit the Villages Tractor Trek to raise funds for mental health programs.

really appreciated the fact that there were people who would wait around to see them come by."

This year's trek broke the event's participation record, which was previously set at 48.

"It was rewarding to know that there were [drivers] that came back again and again and again. So this, for many of them, was a repeat of what they had done in the past," Reimer said. "It was heartwarming to know that . . . they would come back."

The route changed up a little bit this year, leading the parade into Winkler to stop for lunch at Eden. Reimer said that they like to try and change the route every year to keep the trek fresh for drivers.

"Probably the most significant component is the fact that we went to Eden

Mental Health Centre," he said of this year's route. "We had an opportunity to visit the facility. What we tried to give [is] the opportunity to hear about is what kind of work is being offered at Eden Mental Health Centre, what the motivation is, how the organization began, and how broad the spectrum of services are that Eden Health Care Services provides to the community . . . it gave a physical context as to what it was that we are doing."

Pledges were still coming in as of earlier this week, but so far the event has raised over \$57,000, which will go toward mental health programs such as Recovery of Hope and Segue Career Options, in addition to being used as seed money for an as-yet unannounced large-scale project, Reimer said.



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Salem Home's resident development coordinator Kelly Ens (left) with the Winkler Community Foundation's Myra Peters and Rescue Randy, a training dummy purchased thanks to a WCF grant.

# ‘Rescue Randy’ joins Salem Home staff

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home has added a staff member, of sorts, to its roster, thanks to a grant from the Winkler Community Foundation.

The Winkler personal care home has purchased a training mannequin—dubbed Rescue Randy—to help staff practise moving residents efficiently and safely.

“Rescue Randy is really a life-sized mannequin, and so we can use him for training staff, particularly for methods of evacuation,” says Kelly Ens, Salem resident development coordinator, noting staff participate in annual safety training related to fire prevention, response, and evacuation, and Rescue Randy comes in incredibly handy in these exercises.

“He can also be used in our training suite for staff to learn how to reposition residents in their beds and teach, especially new staff, how to perform some of the transfer techniques,” she adds. “He has been very valuable to us already.”

The \$1,355 cost of the mannequin was covered entirely by a grant from the Winkler Community Foundation’s community endowment fund.

“We’re thrilled to have their support,” Ens said.

Foundation executive director Myra Peters says WCF is pleased to see Rescue Randy has already been put to such good use.

“We wanted to support Salem . . . we felt it was a good way to give back to the community,” she says.

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# New mixed-use building coming to downtown Morden

## Developers break ground on Stephen St. project

By Cori Bezan

A new project between Francis Family Homes and Hive Development Group will fill a gaping hole in Morden's downtown, taking over the long-empty lot at 215 Stephen Street to construct a mixed residential and commercial building in the next year.

"It's a three-storey, mixed-use project on Stephen Street between 5th and 6th," explained Hive Development Group president James Francis. "We've got four one-bedroom apartments, we're going to have five two-bedroom apartments, and we're going to have five three-bedroom apartments, plus four commercial spaces ranging from 1,000 square feet to about 4,000 square feet, depending on how many storefronts you want."

Francis said that while a mixed-use building is a popular concept in other urban centres, it's a new concept for Morden.

"It is the first of its kind here, but they're popular everywhere," he said. "The more opportunity you have to mix business and residential, the less need you're going to have for cars, and people are just going to be able to enjoy the neighbourhoods, just hang around here and spend all their time in one location."

The new building will be 1,800 square feet on three floors on the 150x125-foot lot, with 24 parking spaces in the back, a community patio space, and storage for over 20 bicycles.

Two of the residential suites will be located on the main floor, while the remaining units will be situated on the second and third floors.

Francis said he hopes to see a mix of residents and businesses call 215 Stephen Street their home.

"We'd love a mixed use of some-



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Ground was broken last week on a new mixed-used development going in at 215 Stephen St. in Morden. The three-storey building will feature both residential and commercial units.

thing like a bistro, an office, anything that's a store . . . something that the community would love to walk to, stay in the community, come downstairs for breakfast, just want to hang out with their friends in this location," he said.

Francis also said that it was very important to Hive Development Group to construct the new building on an empty lot within the city, rather than break ground in a new subdivision.

"The problem when you buy a piece of land in the countryside and start a new



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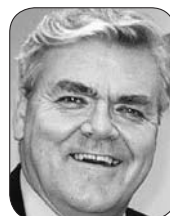
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# Letters

## Natural treatments not a viable option for all patients

I would like to respond to Breanna Neufeld's comments and questions written in the July 2 paper. The letter was her response to the article that ran on June 25 on my endometriosis story and surgery in Mexico.

The question was asked why natural remedies were not mentioned. The article was written in a way so that everyone could understand this disease and not too many details were given of everything that I've tried or been through due to time constraints.

For me, many natural remedies were used—as well as many other techniques, diets and medications—and a few relieved some of the symptoms, however not enough to give me my life back.

I did not take having excision surgery lightly, but was something I decided I needed done. I did not want

to merely control the symptoms of endometriosis—I wanted it removed from my body.

The only way to rid the body of this disease is excision surgery. All other methods can help you cope, and for some woman that is all they want or need.

Preventative measures were also performed during surgery, making the likelihood of return very low. If it does return, it's not a large surgery that is needed.

Endometriosis affects woman in different ways. It affects different organs in the body, making their experience look different from the next. Therefore, medications may also work differently for each woman.

I had stage three endometriosis and the doctor said I came at the right time as he was able to cut out the en-

dometriosis so my organs could be saved. If I had waited much longer, most likely that would not have been the outcome, and many have not been as fortunate as me.

Every woman has their own unique endometriosis footprint and their own story of pain.

I agree with you, Breanna, that women need to keep raising awareness of this awful disease and research and advocate for themselves.

Just like you said: "What works for one woman, may not work for another. It's all about finding out what works best for you."

Any more questions can be directed to me at 325-9860 or [teyasami245@live.ca](mailto:teyasami245@live.ca)

Teya Derksen,  
Winkler

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## Project to 'take advantage of infrastructure already here'

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subdivision is you're creating these streets, you're creating more sewer and water, there's so many costs, not just to put them in, but to maintain them long-term," he said. "These streets, these sidewalks, these sewer and water lines, they're already here. Nobody's using them; we're losing the advantage of infrastructure that's already here. We're creating a space that's taking back what's been misused or under-used for 30-plus years."

Initial reactions to the project have been very positive, Francis said.

"We have an amazing group of investors that have joined on because they've been really excited, we've had an amazing group of financiers that have been excited about the project, the city was really encouraging when they heard what we wanted to do," he said. "They couldn't wait to sell us the

land. Everything's just been a really positive reception so far."

Construction on 215 Stephen Street has already begun, and a celebratory

groundbreaking was held last Friday.

Completion of the building is slated for the late spring or early summer next year.



**SUPPLIED DRAWING**

A drawing of what the commercial/residential building going up at 215 Stephen St. in Morden will look like. The project broke ground last week and is expected to open sometime next year.



# Buy some extra milk for Donate Love

By Cori Bezan

Thanks to a joint effort between Winkler Co-op, Giant Tiger, and Donate Love, it's going to be easier than ever to help keep milk in the fridges of local families in need".

The Co-op grocery stores in both Winkler and Morden along with Giant Tiger are giving customers the opportunity to purchase extra milk jugs on their shopping trips specifically for the Donate Love food bank.

"People can come in [to the stores], they can purchase milks for us," explained Donate Love president Denise Thiessen. "They don't physically have to bring it up, but when they come up to the till and they're buying their groceries they can say, 'I'd like to buy a jug of milk for Donate Love' and then we come in and pick up as we need."

"I think it was Co-op that brought [the idea] to us initially," Thiessen said. "We've had some people asking us to do this, that they would

**"THERE'S SUCH A HUGE NEED . . . THOSE CUPBOARDS GET BARE VERY QUICKLY."**

find it was just more convenient, and instead of writing them a check or whatever, they could just [do this] as they were doing their groceries."

"Morden Co-op prides itself on being able to take part in community events and local organizations, and they are happy to be able to contribute to this," said Co-op grocery manager Brent Schaak of the initiative.

Thiessen also brought the idea to Giant Tiger, and store owner James Steedsman was excited to get on board.

"It makes a lot of sense," he said. "Rather than coming in and having



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From left: Giant Tiger's James Steedsman, Donate Love's Denise Thiessen, and Co-op's Brent Schaak have launched a new milk program, where customers can add a jug to their grocery bill at Winkler or Morden Co-op and Giant Tiger to donate to the regional food bank.

to pay for 40 [jugs] out of your pocket, it's kind of like a credit towards what they would have to pay. It helps a lot."

"We feel great, because Donate Love is doing some really fantastic things," he adds, "and I think this will kind of lessen the financial burden on them, and if we can help out in any way possible with that, we're perfectly willing to do that."

Donate Love picks up anywhere from 30-40 jugs of milk every week to deliver to families in need in the Winkler-Morden area, Thiessen said. Volunteers regularly deliver upwards of 80 aid hampers in Winkler, and another 60 families in Morden stop by the organization's new storefront for aid.

"It makes a big difference," Thiessen said of the milk program. "That's a lot of milk, and that adds up."

Thiessen said that she hopes to see the program grow popular enough to cover their milk expenses in the future, which would allow Donate Love to focus on their other concern: filling the food cupboard shelves each week.

"There's such a huge need, and the amount of food that we give out is probably enough for a few days, maybe, of food per family, so it's not a lot, and they only get that once every other week, whereas they can get the jug of milk every week," she explained. "Those cupboards get bare very quickly."

## KidsACT takes the stage

Young thespians brought Disney's Up! to life on stage for KidsACT's 10th year in Morden last week. The summer drama camp saw a younger crowd of kids this year, but show manager Phillip Duncan said that they were just as eager and rambunctious as ever. Below, from left: Weston Sager and Sam Hildebrand played brothers Russel and George, while Quinn Harder and Bethany Wiebe played Carl and Ellie in the conclusion to the week-long day camp's activities on Friday.

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# Protecting the Manitoba escarpment

By Cori Bezan

A new initiative is being launched along the Manitoba Escarpment to help preserve the natural landscape.

On July 8 at Alexander Ridge Park west of Miami, the Escarpment Habitat Protection Program was announced.

"This program is a voluntary program," explained Pembina Valley Conservation District manager Cliff Greenfield. "It's an opportunity for landowners to really contribute to the natural beauty, the natural landscape, and the natural values that these natural covers provide for us, and especially the wildlife habitat."

The EHPP will see the Pembina Valley Conservation District, LaSalle Redboine Conservation District, and Whitemud Watershed Conservation District work with landowners along the escarpment in a three-year commitment to protect the land's native grasslands, forests, riparian areas, and waterways.

"We've noticed a trend towards conversion of this forested escarpment really over the last 20 years, and in particular in this area, in the RM of Thompson, the council was saying that we have a problem with forested lands being converted to cultivation," said Greenfield, "and there's a real change in water flow . . . and they were wondering what can they do about it."

"Basically, this is all private land, and so we have an education program—we want to work with landowners," he continued. "One of the tools or one of the options is conservation agreements."

Participating landowners can sign a conservation agreement so that while they retain ownership of the land, they give up certain rights on the land's title in order to preserve the land as it is.

"They're a tool landowners can use to keep their land in a natural state in perpetuity," Greenfield explained. "You're either donating or you're selling the interest in the land in its natural state, so you would still maintain ownership, you would still pay taxes on that land, but the interests of the natural cover would be protected. Those interests would be vested in the holder of the conservation agreement."

"You still have all your other landowner rights," he added. "You can use the land, you can graze it, you could hay it, you could cut firewood. The majority of the rights are with the



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From left: Manitoba Forestry Association representatives Tatiana Moroz and Kristen Malec, PVCD chair Murray Seymour, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Association CEO Tim Sopuck, MP Candice Bergen, LaSalle Redboine Conservation District chair Roy Wood, LRCO manager Justin Reid, and PVCD manager Cliff Greenfield at a funding announcement for the new Escarpment Habitat Protection Program.

landowner, just you wouldn't be allowed to burn, break, or drain it."

The program will not only will protect the land, but will continue to provide homes for Manitoba wildlife that, while are not endangered now, could quickly become at risk.

"The species that we're targeting, the Baltimore oriole, clay-coloured sparrow, white-tailed deer, wild turkeys—these are not endangered species, but if we remove all their habitat, they will be," Greenfield said.

"That's the principle reason we lose species and species become extinct and threatened, is that you take away their habitat, they can't live."

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen announced that under the Habitat Stewardship Program, the federal government will contribute a total of \$300,000 over three years to the project.

"I think that this escarpment . . . has kind of been forgotten about sometimes," Bergen said. "As Canadians,

we've learned that protecting the environment isn't just about things like fossil fuels . . . but protecting the environment and being conservationist and strong environmentalists is about protecting where we live, and each of us individually doing our part."

Bergen added that this contribution will ensure the restoration of 24 hectares of wetland, the protection of 145 hectares of habitat in the Pembina

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## Get your passport to adventure

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Your very own passport to adventure is available now at attractions throughout the Pembina Valley.

The Pembina Valley Passport Adventure kicked off its eighth season earlier this month, with 16 venues taking part this year, says program founder Lois Dudgeon.

"We want people to know they do not have to leave their town or region to be going to elsewhere when there's all sorts of very interesting and excellent attractions right here in the Pembina Valley—right here in your own backyard," she says.

To take part, simply pick up one of the distinctive brown Passport Adventure booklets from participating partners, check out the wealth of information inside on each venue, and make sure to get it stamped at each attraction you visit.

"The more attractions you visit, the more fun you have," Dudgeon says,

noting many families enjoy using the booklets as an adventure checklist for the summer, seeing how many sites they can visit from now until fall.

Even if you've been to a museum before, know that every year they offer something new, Dudgeon says.

"A lot of people don't realize these museums—and most of them are museums—are ever-changing," she says, pointing out the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, for example, just added a grain elevator to its pioneer village. Other venues regularly update their exhibits with new items.

The program is also a geocache opportunity: each booklet includes the coordinates to caches or waymarks at the various venues.

Venues taking part this year include:

- Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, Morden.
- Crystal City Community Printing Museum.
- Darlingford School Heritage Building and Museum.

- Dufferin Historical Museum, Carman.

- Manitou Log House Museum.
- Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame, Morden.

- Manitoba World War One Museum, La Riviere.

- Miami Pioneer Museum.
- Miami Railway Museum.
- Notre Dame Museums.
- Pembina Threshermen's Museum.
- Prairie View Elevator Museum, Plum Coulee.

- Somerset Lorne Citizen Museum.
- St. Leon Interpretive Centre.
- St. Joseph Museum.
- Winkler Heritage Museum.

"There's something for everyone—from area historical artifacts and the largest collection of marine reptile fossils to steamers and threshing machines," Dudgeon says.

The Passport Adventure program runs until October. This year's booklets are not date-specific, and can also be used for next summer.



# Cleaner water coming for Manitou, Pilot Mound

By Cori Bezan

The South Central District Water Co-op celebrated on July 7 as huge funding announcements were made on behalf of the federal and provincial governments, helping to complete a project that will bring clean, potable water to Pilot Mound and Manitou.

"It's been a long journey . . . and we are extremely pleased that the fruit of our labour has come to pass," said Glen Shiskoski, Municipality of Pembina Reeve and vice-chair of the South Central District Water Co-op.

The rural municipalities of Louise and Pembina have both struggled recently with their sources of potable water, partly in due to their aging facilities and changes to water regulations.

Brent Checkley, Deputy Reeve of the RM of Louise and chair of the South Central District Water Co-op, said that in the last decade Pilot Mound has seen two separate boil water advisories handed down to its residents.

"We've been really close to water boil [advisory] for a long time," said Checkley, adding that Manitou also had an advisory due to water biologicals like plant growth and algae blooms.

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen was present last week to announce the federal government's \$1.4 million contribution to the project through the Building Canada Fund.

"It's really amazing, I think people in cities don't recognize that there are still places in rural Manitoba that have boil water advisories," Bergen said. "There are still places in Manitoba that don't have the full accessibility to potable water. So today, very, very pleased . . . to be able to announce a contribution to the South Central District Water Co-op of over \$1.4 million."

An additional \$1.4 million is coming from the provincial government, Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn announced.

"It's the reality of water quality and safety of drinking water," Kostyshyn said. "We as a province feel the importance of economic growth in small communities, and the opportunity to, first and foremost, public health safety, we

"IT'S BEEN A LONG JOURNEY . . . AND WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT THE FRUIT OF OUR LABOUR HAS COME TO PASS."

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RM of Pembina Reeve Glen Shiskoski, MP Candice Bergen, Minister Ron Kostyshyn, and RM of Louise Deputy Reeve Brent Checkley announced \$2.8 million in funding on July 7 for a project that will bring cleaner water to Pilot Mound and Manitou.



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# Grandeur playhouses up for grabs in Katie Cares festival raffle

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Grandeur Housing is teaming up with Katie Cares this festival season to raise funds for the Katie's Cottage respite home.

The Winkler builder has donated two 100 square foot playhouses to be raffled off at the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition and the Morden Corn and Apple Festival next month.

All the proceeds will go towards building the respite home across the street from Boundary Trails Health Centre, providing families with a place of refuge while their loved ones are receiving treatment at the hospital.

The playhouses were built entirely by Grandeur volunteers, says Jeff Enns, director of sales and marketing.

"Katie Cares is looking to raise money for the respite home and this is just something that we know we can do—it fits right in with us being builders," he says.

Enns hopes to see the raffle raise the maximum it can, with the 6,000

available tickets going for \$5 each (or three for \$10).

"I honestly hope we raise as much as we can with this—\$25,000 to \$30,000," he says. "But we're already thankful for any support that we receive."

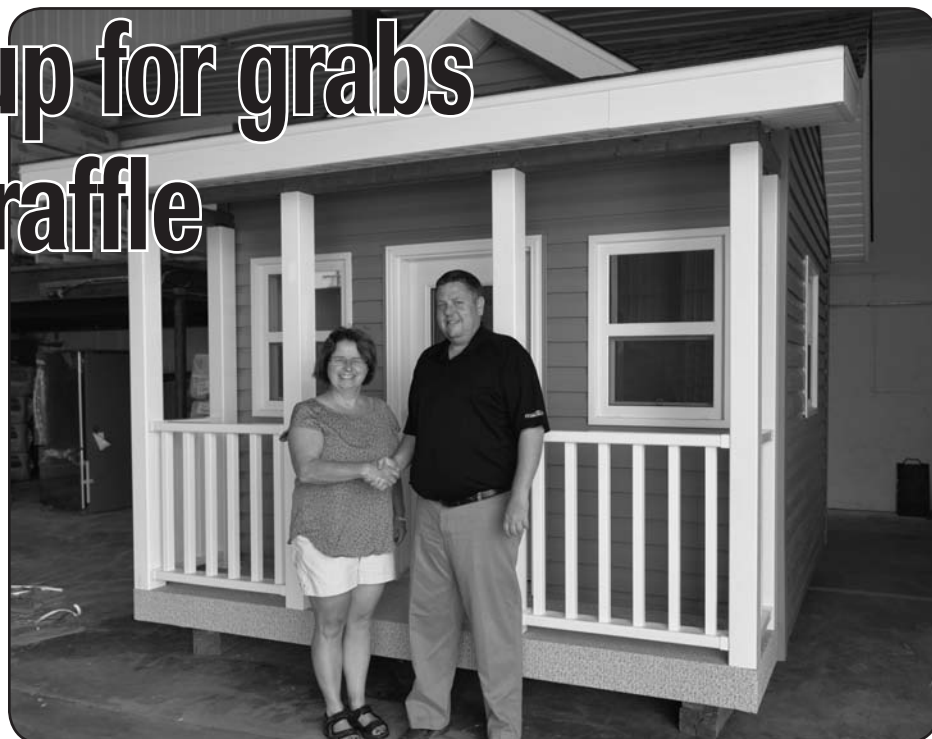
Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer is also aiming high with the fundraiser, as whatever it brings in will help the Katie's Cottage project reach its \$600,000 goal.

"We're about halfway there," she says. "We're gaining momentum every day."

Reimer says she was stunned when Grandeur contacted her to tell her they had built the playhouses for Katie Cares.

"I was actually brought to tears," she says, noting Katie Cares—named for Reimer's late daughter Kaitlyn, who founded the organization—has been overwhelmed by all the support it has received in recent years.

"Kaitlyn's vision that she had to give back to her community, to our community is unbelievable and it's catching on and people are seeing



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer and Grandeur Housing's Jeff Enns in front of one of two playhouses the Winkler company has built for a raffle to raise funds for the Katie's Cottage respite home.

that vision and are standing behind it," Reimer says. "This house that we want to build is so necessary and it will benefit so many people."

The land the building will be on is currently getting subdivision approval. Reimer says they hope to put shovel to ground this fall.

Raffle tickets will be sold from booths at both festivals and by community members over the next few weeks.

You can also purchase a ticket by contacting Katie Cares via email at [ruth@katiecares.ca](mailto:ruth@katiecares.ca). Learn more online at [www.katiecares.ca](http://www.katiecares.ca).

## Water project a two-phase undertaking

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have to address that."

The funding will go towards the first of two phases for the project, which includes upgrades to the Pilot Mound Water Treatment Plant in order to meet the Drinking Water Safety Act and Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality requirements.

Checkley said they hope to install the upgrades to the Pilot Mound plant this summer.

"This [funding] helps a whole bunch, because it just reduces our amortization period of how long we have to pay it," he said.

The second phase of the project will include installing a 30-kilometre pipeline to bring the clean water from the Pilot Mound Treatment Plant to the plant in Manitou.

When the project is complete, all of the water treatment will be done in Pilot Mound, and Manitou's plant will simply be a distri-

bution centre.

Checkley noted that they may be able to bring other communities into the fold in the future.

"Our primary goal is to service Pilot Mound and Manitou first," he said.

### > ESCARPMENT, FROM PG. 8

Valley, and expand wildlife habitat by over 100 hectares.

The conservation districts, alongside the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation, are also making financial contributions, for a total of \$864,000 in funding for the program.

Greenfield said that they plan to permanently protect 1,100 acres of land

"Then in the future we could potentially send water to Darlingford and La Rivière, as we're going right past their doorstep. The problem with La Rivière is [they] want water, but they also have to have the infrastructure to

distribute it, too, and they don't have that."

Including the work that has already been done, Checkley said that the entire project will cost around \$11 million.

and restore another 1,000 acres with the funding they have available, but if a number of donations are made, they would hope to double that amount of land. The money will also go towards things like small dams, gulley stabilization, and planting trees.

"It's sort of a combined effort to really improve the watershed, and keep

as much natural landscape as we can," Greenfield said.

Landowners looking for more information or who are interested in taking part in the Escarpment Habitat Protection Program can contact their local conservation district or municipality office.

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"And there are a few new songs," Nichol notes, "but if you haven't seen the movie in awhile, you honestly can't tell which songs were originally

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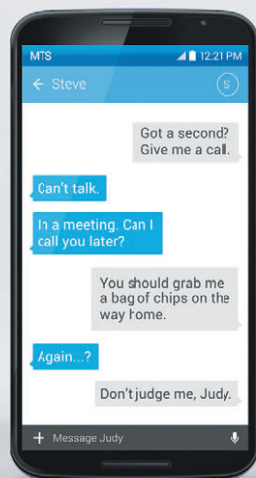


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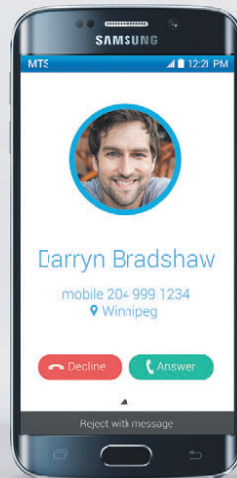
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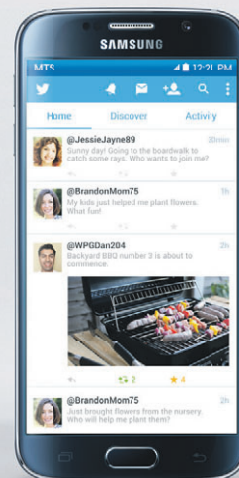
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# Your FARM



## Manitoba Pork hosts tour for American guests

By Harry Siemens

Manitoba Pork public relations committee chair Scott Peters says a recent visit by staff of the U.S. Senate and House Agriculture Committees provided an opportunity to showcase agriculture in Manitoba and discuss key issues affecting both Canada and the U.S.

On June 30, Manitoba Pork hosted a tour, organized by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in partnership with the Canadian Embassy in Washington, of central and southeastern Manitoba for the visiting U.S. delegates.

"The goal was to build allies as the two countries work to resolve U.S. country of origin labelling and to share information on the importance of Canada-U.S. agricultural trade," says Peters. "Our first stop was a visit to the Starlite Colony near Starbuck,

which illustrated the efficiency of the colony system with its clearly defined roles and strong work ethic."

He says next the group stopped at a hemp farm near Miami, learning how farmers grow this crop and the various uses for it.

From there they went to a mixed farm south of Roland, where the group enjoyed lunch and a hay ride out to see spring wheat and soybeans.

"In Emerson we got a lesson in border crossing history and politics. Finally, a stop at the Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre at the University of Manitoba showed our guests how we teach agriculture in Canada," says Peters.

"Overall, it was an interesting day spent discussing agriculture policy and the effects of M-COOL on both countries," he says. "It's always a pleasure to spend time with our allies—and now friends—from south of the

border."

Peters says the tour changed the visitors' perspective about Manitoba agriculture.

"The first half of the van ride was just getting know everybody because nobody really knew anybody inside the van because they were from all over the U.S. and all over Manitoba," he says. "Of course we discussed M-COOL and the effects of the disruption of the live pig transport to the U.S. from Canada. How the industry estimates the losses on the financial side around \$3 billion and how it hurt our industry. It also slowed expansion and ultimately killed some of the smaller farms. There wasn't enough profit to expand and to upgrade some of their facilities. So it's been a very negative thing to the industry."

Peters feels the Americans received the message well and there appeared to be agreement that M-COOL has

hurt the pork industry greatly on both sides of the border.

The visitor also shared other information, Peters says.

"They told us 25 per cent of their ag budget goes into education just for ag awareness. That is quite something. That would be quite a large amount of money, and in that respect I think the Americans are further ahead."

After spending a day with those people as part of the tour and thinking the next day what they actually accomplished, Peters reiterates that it was a worthwhile outreach activity.

"They are good people that are now our voice in Washington, DC, and the United States, especially in terms of M-COOL, ag education and awareness," he says. "We put our best foot forward and we came out a winner. I think we showed them that Manitoba is a great place to farm, raise livestock, to make food, and to raise grain."

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# Major funding for Rhineland roads

Roads in the RM of Rhineland are about to get a whole lot better.

Last week, federal, provincial, and municipal government representatives gathered in Gretna to announce a joint funding commitment of \$400,000 each to improve nearly 50 kilometres of roads across the municipality.

"The cooperative involvement of three levels of government creates the opportunity to build a vital road network so that a diversity of agricultural products are efficiently transported throughout the region," said Reeve Don Wiebe of the project. "This is essential in building a vibrant rural economy."

The federal funding came from the Building Canada Fund, noted Portage-

Lisgar MP Candice Bergen.

"Our government recognizes the importance of investing in infrastructure projects that strengthen communities and contribute to improving the quality of life for residents," she said. "The improvements announced today will help to improve road safety and help strengthen the region's economic development and growth." "The RM of Rhineland is home to some of the most productive agricultural land in the province and it is a huge economic driver in the area," added Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn. "The rehabilitation of these roads will greatly increase local farmer's ability to move grain during local road restrictions."

## It Pays to Have a Second or Third Job

from Creation Moments Radio Program

### Genesis 1:25

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



Rove beetles are found in the rain forests of Costa Rica and have three different ways of making a living. Their largest prey are the blow flies that frequent animal dung. The beetles wait on the dung for a blowfly to land, then stalk their prey with the skill of a cat. They can even capture their prey in the air if it tries to escape. But dung doesn't last long in the rain forest, because dung beetles quickly haul it off. So, as a second career, rove beetles also frequent corpses of dead animals. These are blowfly favorites, so rove beetles can

make a good living on these, too. But the rain forest has many creatures that clean up after a corpse, so they don't last long on the forest floor either. The rove beetle thus needs a third career.

That third career is carried out on leaves. Flies have little incentive to visit leaves. So the rove beetle has a special strategy to succeed in its third career. First, it positions itself on the leaf so that it looks like an innocent bird dropping. But smells like ripe and rotting fruit. This attracts fruit flies, which will approach the rove beetle unaware until it is snatched for lunch.

While the rove beetle and its way of life are not attractive to us, it is an important part of the cleanup crew in the rain forest. It, too, is part of God's design to make His complex Creation work.

**Prayer:** Dear Father, I praise You because everything You do is good. Amen.

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Participants in the Pembina Hills Art Gallery's first Kindermusik summer camp enjoyed a variety of musical activities last week. A new session runs Aug. 4-6.

# Things get musical at art gallery with Kindermusik

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Hills Art Gallery was alive with music and laughter as it hosted its first Kindermusik camp last week.

Seven kids and their parents came out for the three-day program, which uses a variety of musical activities to get pre-schoolers engaged and learning.

"Kindermusik is music and movement, creating a fun learning space for the children," says instructor Celina Hiebert, who has been offering Kindermusik sessions in Morden for the last few years. "Creating a place where they can totally engross themselves in the learning . . . we hide all this learning in the music, in the fun."

The program—which is offered all over the world—is tailored to the participating children's age (newborn to

seven years), she explains, focusing on activities that help them develop their musical, literacy, physical, and social skills.

Hiebert holds sessions year-round, but this is the first time she's teamed up with the Pembina Hills Arts Council for a class.

"I think that it's so new to the community that my main goal is getting the information out to everyone to know what Kindermusik is," Hiebert says, noting she was pleased with the response for the first session.

The art gallery is offering a second session of Kindermusik next month from Aug. 4-6. Registration is \$35. Sessions will run from 9:30-10:15 a.m. for 18-month-olds to three-year-olds and from 11 a.m. to noon for kids age 3-5.

For more information, contact the gallery at 204-822-6026.

## > AN ARTIST'S LIFE

# How to get the most out of attending a concert

Many arts enthusiasts take for granted the unspoken etiquette that goes along with attending a symphony concert.

When does the audience stand or sit? What about when a piece is finished? When does the audience



By Candace Hamm

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## Nine ways to improve your golf game

Warmer weather sends scores of golfers to their favorite courses each and every day. Golf is a challenging pastime, but a few pointers can help golfers hone their short games, long games and everything in between.

- Choose the right clubs. There is more to selecting clubs than pulling any old iron out of your golf bag and whacking away. Wind, hazards and obstructions in landing areas should influence your decision of which club to use. Novice golfers may want to rely on their caddies to make club recom-

mendations, and as they become more confident in their abilities they can start to make their own choices.

- Anchor your feet. Anchor your foot behind the ball to drive the ball further. Right-handed players will keep the right foot anchored, and lefties will do the opposite. Do not lift your foot prematurely; otherwise, you can lose power and distance.

- Identify your weaknesses. As with any hobby, identifying those areas that need the most work can help you become a better golfer. Keep track of each

shot you take, and then look at the results to see which areas of your game need the most work.

- Fix your alignment. Align your shots by assessing the target from behind the ball. Then set the clubface behind the golf ball and align it with the target before you enter your stance.

- Use your torso for power. The torso is essential to a solid swing. Practice rotating from your core to control your backswing and then maintain the same spine angle and posture on the downswing.

- Use the wind. Not every golf game will be played in perfect weather. A good player knows how to make adjustments

for the wind depending on the shot. Use the wind to your advantage when you can, and adjust your swing when hitting into the wind.

- Become a better chipper. Many players put so much emphasis on their backswings and putt shots that they fail to devote any practice to chips. All shots are important for golfers trying to shed strokes off of their scores.

- Keep fit. Maintaining or improving your physical strength and overall health can help your golf game. Exercise and eat right, and you will have more endurance on the links.



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## Athletes tackle Morden Triathlon

By Cori Bezan

The 2015 Morden Triathlon was a huge success last weekend, with over 200 racers taking part in two days of events.

Scorching temperatures on Saturday made for some last-minute changes for some of the racers, says 3rd Wave president and triathlon race director Colin Sibilleau.

"Most triathletes wear wetsuits . . . but if the water temperature goes above a certain threshold, Triathlon Manitoba bans wetsuits . . . because you can actually get heat stroke in the water."

Sibilleau said that Lake Minnewasta hit that threshold just before the first event Saturday morning, and some of the athletes began to change to duathlon events to avoid the swimming altogether.

"It made for a scramble at first, but other than that, it went really, really smoothly on Saturday," he said, noting 158 athletes took part in the Half-Ironman, Foilman, and the new Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon events.

Another 80 youth athletes got involved in the Kids of Steel events on Sunday alongside 10 adults who tackled the Try-a-Tri/Try-a-Du events that day.

Changes to the Foilman distances and the addition of Sprint events this year meant some of Saturday's events count for the first time towards the provincial Grand Prix race series, a change that was welcomed by athletes.

"Now with our changes, the Foilman triathlon is pretty much an Olympic triathlon

. . . and now that we offer sprint distances, it's a distance that a lot of Manitoba athletes are comfortable with," Sibilleau said. "Generally, a lot of athletes are very, very happy with the changes that we made. I hope that makes Morden a very big event."

The Triathlon organizers send out a big thank-you to all the many volunteers, sponsors, and cheering community members for their support of the event this year.

The top racers on Saturday included:

- Half-Ironman: Steinbach's Les Friesen was first with a time of 4:33:31.7. He was followed by Winnipeggers Chris Orban-ski and Craig Erb just a few minutes later. Winnipeg's Kim Hodges was the first female finisher with a time of 5:21:25.8.

- Half-Ironman Relay: Team Jacqui Warkenstin and Steven Wiebe took first with a time of 6:07:54.2

- Foilman: Winnipegger Mark Holmstrom came in first in 2:23:10.8. Fern McIver was the first woman at 2:47:59.9.

- Foilman Duathlon: Morden's Megan Banman clinched first with a time of 2:56:57.5. Top male finisher was Jimmy Antonio of Winnipeg in 3:31:57.8.

- Foilman Relay: You Not So Special came in first in 2:43:55.5, while Two Guys, A Girl, and A Triathlon took second with 2:51:56.0

- Sprint Duathlon: Langruth's Sonya Strocen finished first in 1:25:39.0. Matlock's Kevin Hope was the first male in at 1:48:04.9.

- Sprint Triathlon: Morden's own Kevin Earl came in first at 1:11:34.2; Winnipeg Chantal Givens finished in 1:16:38.7.



PHOTOS BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Athletes from across Manitoba were in Morden last weekend to bike, run, and swim their way through a variety of events in the annual Morden Triathlon. Over 200 people in all competed in this year's triathlon, which included Half Ironman, Foilman, and Sprint events.







## Peewees headed to prov'ls

The Morden Peewee AA team heads to Hamiota for the provincial Peewee AA championship this weekend. The team captured the South Central League championship with a 7-5 win over Winkler on July 5 to qualify for the provincial tournament. On the team this year are: (back row, from left) assistant coach Gord Titchkosky, Owen Sager, Brendan Hildebrand, assistant coach Braden Boucher, Thomas Titchkosky, Andrew Boucher, Cameron Brunn, Dillon Peters, coach Steve Sager, (front row) Wade Lumgair, Cole Rickey, Jackson Unrau, Michael Hlady, and Derek Wiebe.

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## Flyers add LaRochelle, Demke to fall roster

The Winkler Flyers are putting the pieces together for the upcoming season's roster. The junior team made two signing announcements last week.

First up, the Orange and Black have acquired 19-year-old goalie Ryan La-Rochelle from the Humboldt Broncos of the SJHL in exchange for future considerations.

The Flyers bade farewell to two graduating goalies after last season (Dasan Sydora and Devon Fordyce), so LaRochelle is poised to fill their space between the posts, says coach and general manager Ken Pearson.

"He brings veteran experience to the net," he said. "He's a steady goalie who makes a good first save and is fundamentally sound. He is well liked and is a great teammate and leader."

LaRochelle made nine starts with the Broncos in 2014-15, finishing with a 5-3 record, while posting a 2.17 GAA and a .924 SV percentage with one shutout.

Also joining the team this fall is Winkler native Dionne Demke.

The 17-year-old forward played with the Pembina Valley Hawks of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League last season, averaging nearly

a point per game (five goals, six assists in 12 games) during the club's successful championship playoff run.

Demke also recorded seven goals and 11 assists in 42 regular season games with the Hawks.

"Dionne is a hard working, depth forward that really elevated his play the last half of the season and especially in the playoffs," said Pearson. "He knows what it takes to win, play-

ing last year with the Hawks and will bring energy, a good attitude and a strong work ethic to the club."

The Flyers now have seven new players signed for the 2015-16 season to go along with the 11 players eligible to return from the 2014-15 team that finished fourth in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League standings last winter.

## Orioles finish on high-note

By Cori Bezan

The Pembina Valley Orioles wrapped up their regular season last week with a streak of wins, starting with a game against the St. James A's on July 8.

It was a close call for the Pembina Valley boys as the Winnipeg team tied the game at the top of the second inning, adding another two runs in the fifth and sixth to take a strong lead.

The Orioles hit back hard in the seventh, though, as Connor Drewery

opened up the inning with a double. Both teams played their best until the game came down to the Orioles' final out while still down by two runs.

A solid single from Cody Milliken brought Drewery home and another single from Riley Sager allowed two of his fellow teammates to skip over home plate, securing the come-from-behind victory 4-3.

The Orioles also toppled the Carillon Sultans in two games on Sunday

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## Hurricanes topple top team

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Hurricanes toppled the unbeaten Victorious Secret last weekend.

The top team in the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League's Division 1 came to Winkler Sunday afternoon to face off against the fifth-placed 'Canes.

Double goals from both Jean Martens and Andi Hildebrandt coupled with standout goaltending from Alysia Penner gave the home team the game 4-1.

The win brings the Hurricanes' record to 4-2-2. They remain in fifth place behind the Secret, the FCNW Titans, the St. James Legends, and the

CSSE Impact.

This weekend they host the Titans on Sunday at 6 p.m.

The Winkler Storm men's team, meanwhile, claimed the first-place spot in the Manitoba Major Soccer League standings by crushing the visiting Pescara FC 3-0 on Sunday.

Thomas Klassen, Darren Michnik, and Emmanuel Ntangano did the scoring honours while Waldi Friebs recorded the shutout.

The Storm are now 6-3 this summer, putting them ahead of the second and third place Bonivital United and FC Internazionale by two points.

This weekend the boys host Internazionale on Sunday at 4 p.m.

## Mohawk season winds down

The Morden Mohawks wound the regular season down with a pair of wins and a pair of losses this past week.

The Mohawks bounced back from a disappointing 17-0 loss to the Pilot Mound Pilots on July 7 by going on to crush the Cartwright Twins 13-3 last Friday and the Baldur Regals 6-3 on Sunday, before falling to the Killarney

Lakers 8-5 on Monday night.

The boys also had their final regular season game against Clearwater in Morden on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

As of Monday's game, the team had a firm hold on second place in the Border Baseball League with a 10-5 record, trailing the first-place Regals (12-3).

### > ALH MOTOR SPEEDWAY RESULTS—JULY 12

It was another high-speed day at the ALH Motor Speedway on Sunday. Winners included:

- Pure Stock: Pat Smith in first place, Jamie Smith in second, and Kevin Smith in third.
- Midwest Mods: Austin Hunter, Rick Fehr, and Ryan Cousins.
- Street Stocks: Shawn Teunis,

Shawn Holden, and Jesse Teunis.

- A-Mods: Ward Imrie, Henry Peters, and James Wall.
  - Lightning Sprints: Alan Truscinski, Wally Butler, and Dexter Dvergsten.
  - Four-cylinder: Mark Syvert, Dean Miljure, and Moses Wall.
- Next race day is this Sunday.



# Agriculture

## Dairy Farmers of Canada hold AGM

By Harry Siemens

Dairy Farmers of Canada is holding its annual summer meeting in Vancouver amidst the discussions focusing on the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership trade discussions.

Media reports suggest the United States, frustrated over the lack of progress with Canada over new rules for agriculture trade, could complete a Pacific Rim trade pact that doesn't include Canada.

A spokesman for Canadian Trade Minister Ed Fast told Reuters the government continues to work with all TPP partners to conclude an ambitious agreement that will create jobs and prosperity for Canadians.

The aid says Ottawa will continue to promote and defend Canadian trade interests across all sectors of the Canadian economy, including supply management.

Dairy Farmers of Canada vice-president David Wiens says the mood is fairly positive at the AGM, despite the ongoing TTP trade discussions.

"Whenever there are trade discussions going on, we pay very close attention to that because it is always an area of concern, whichever trade deal it happens to be that they are negotiating," says Wiens from Vancouver at the start of the meeting. "We also do have confidence the Canadian government certainly understands supply management, how it works, and the benefits. The government has certainly given no indication that things will change this time around in terms of the kind of agreement that they will sign."

The farmers' group realizes the Canadian government is under pressure from certain other countries, particularly United States and New Zealand.

"We are in constant discussion with the federal and provincial governments and there is lots of strong support for the system and we continue to operate on that basis," says Wiens, who is also the president of the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba. "We understand we have our critics out there who don't necessarily understand how it works, but certainly from an ideology or philosophically view-

point they may not agree."

He says the governments recognize that supply management supports 250,000 jobs, including 12,000 producers across Canada contributing \$15 billion dollars to the Canadian economy annually.

"All levels of government are well served by the \$3.5 billion of taxes they receive from the industry annually, too," he says.

The 12,000 dairy farmers across Canada is a number that stays quite stable, including in Manitoba, where there are currently about 300 producers.

While eastern provinces set the price of milk quotas at a flat \$25,000 per quota, in Manitoba there is nothing limiting the price of milk quotas nor the size of dairy farms.

Here, the industry really bases the milk quota price and the ability to purchase quota on milk quality and being infraction-free, meaning not

abusing the system and keeping the quality of milk high.

"There is much incentive there, especially for growing farms including another tool for producers to be extra diligent in terms of milk quality," says Wiens, who is himself a robotic dairy farmer from Grunthal. "Our milk quota prices are just over \$25,000, down considerably in the last two years. If a dairy farmer has an infraction for milk quality, or that sort of thing, our view is make sure you focus on that before you buy more quota."

One big item on the agenda at the AGM this year is presenting the \$70 million budget for the 2016 marketing and promotion plan.

Marketing involves advertising campaigns and programs like nutrition, so it is basically getting the dairy message into the marketplace highlighting all the different dairy products, milk, cream, cheese, butter, and

yogurts.

"We have also seen that over the past few years, there is a lot more interest in milk and dairy products as being a healthy option for people," says Wiens.

He says the industry is in pretty good shape in terms of provinces satisfied with the way the market share is divided, but they're also having discussions and negotiations with the processors in terms continuing to adapt to the marketplace.

"With the equipment [processors] have today, totally different from 20 or 30 years ago, we continue to adapt our policies for the current situation," Wiens says. "Now we are discussing with the processors to insure it continues to be a win-win situation for us and our stakeholders, something that will take a lot of time now, and into the future."



## Something to ponder

> HARRY SIEMENS

"I am a fourth-generation farmer. I farm with my parents at Rivers, Manitoba. We grow wheat, canola, hemp, faba beans, flax, and some pulses," says Roger Lepp. "We operate as Riverdale Grain Farms. I am married and have three kids. I enjoy farming and all the challenges with it. But this year looks good. Had three tenths of an inch of rain over weekend. If we could get a bit more it would be nice. But crops do look good—just need bit more rain."

I love those responses when I send out a request for interviews or specific questions, often relating to weather, crops, marketing, transportation, and any other thing that comes to my mind.

While the farming community continues to shrink, the rural community does not. As one person once told me: the farm sizes may shrink, but the number of people working on those farms, retailers, and farm

products, data, and consulting really doesn't.

Several aspects to that response encourage me. First, Roger is a fourth-generation farmer. I'm not sure how old he is, but he farms with his parents, maybe even a bit with his grandfather, and, who knows, maybe his great grandfather was around a little bit to see and enjoy the fruits of his labour. I'm sure many of you can identify with this, at least in memory.

Secondly, to farm with his parents is one thing, but Roger and his wife have three children, and just maybe one of them takes it to the fifth generation farm.

So often when I make contact for the first time with someone I've not known before, I hear and see the same story written over and over again: the father and son scenario, producing the food that feeds the world.

The third thing that I see here is the fact they grow six different crops,

making for good rotation practices and people who not only feed us, but look after the land and soil, too.

This column first started as another crop report, or at least an update, because I made several new contacts by asking how much rain and how are the crops on Twitter.

Ron Krahn, also at Rivers, says it is quite dry:

"Heavy land crop hanging in there. Lighter soils going backwards in a hurry. Got half an inch last night [Sunday]. Very thankful for that."

Then over to Wawanessa, where Simon Ellis @FarmLifeMB told me Saturday: "We haven't had rain since about June 10th. Crops on lighter soils are starting to show drought symptoms. Rain now would [still] save us."

Then a young man in church Sunday morning, who lives with his wife in Walhalla, agreed with me that the crops in the Pembina Valley, extend-

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# Motorcyclist flees from police through corn field

A motorcyclist driving erratically in Winkler evaded police by ducking into a corn field south of the city last week.

Around 7 p.m. on July 10, officers received a report of a motorcyclist driving dangerously on Main St. The witness reported the bike did not have a licence plate on it.

Officers located and pursued the motorcyclist, who swerved around the police as he accelerated to avoid arrest.

The pursuit continued until the driver abandoned the motorcycle in a tree line south of Winkler, successfully fleeing into a cornfield on foot.

As part of their ongoing investigation, officers discovered that the motorcycle, a red/orange Honda 600CBR, has not been registered since 2000 and has been stolen at least once since that time.

Police are still investigating the incident. Anyone with information on the motorcycle or the driver is asked to call the Winkler Police Service at 204-325-0829.

In other police news from the past week:

- July 6: Morden officers have charged three youths in connection with an early-morning vandalism spree that occurred on June 30.

Police say the youths pulled traffic signs out of the boulevard and damaged property along Thornhill Street before officers discovered them hiding in the Dead Horse Creek bed.

Other mischief caused included several traffic signs and a garbage can left lying across the road, all on Thornhill and 13th streets, and a pylon and real estate sign left lying on 12th St.

The youths, ages 16 and 17, were charged with three counts of mischief each. Two of them were also charged with possession or consumption of liquor as a minor.

- July 7: Winkler Police apprehended a female youth from Carman who was observed shoplifting by Superstore loss prevention staff.

Upon investigating, officers discovered the youth also possessed stolen merchandise from other Winkler retailers.

All the items were return to the stores and the youth received a caution and was released to her mother.

- July 7: Five vehicles were vandalized in Morden along Pearce Drive over the course of the evening, each having been scratched with a sharp object, and several missing valve stems from the tires.

Police have made arrangements

with the parents to deal with the two youths—both under the age of 12—who were found to be responsible.

- July 11: Morden Police were called to Morden Beach, where six youths between the ages of five and 13 had been left unattended from noon to 6 p.m.

The children were hungry and asking people for food. The children were

transported home by officers, who found the mother at home intoxicated alongside other adults who had been drinking.

A sober individual took responsibility for the children. Officers are continuing their investigation.

- July 12: Morden officers followed up on suspicious activity at Traveler's Inn Bar regarding a vehicle with Al-

berta license plates.

A check through dispatch revealed the plates were stolen in Alberta, and the owner of the vehicle had no reasonable explanation for the stolen plates.

The Morden resident has been charged with possession of property obtained by crime and will appear in Morden Provincial Court in August.

## > SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 21

ing through the Red River Valley in part are most likely the best in the entire world.

He drove down to his home state of Indiana and says soybeans here looked about ten times better than anything he saw on his way down. Not to mention the sunflowers that look better, too, than for many a year.

A different story into Saskatchewan and beyond. This young man's parents farm west of Saskatoon and,

before the weekend, the crops were extremely dry and, in many case, beyond help, should a rain come.

The same scenario exists in many parts of that province and in Alberta. Yes, there are good areas, but less than an inch of rain all spring doesn't make a very good crop.

The markets are showing the concern too, and it will be interesting how all of this plays out come fall.

J.P. Gervais, chief economist of Farm Credit Canada tells me that

farmers across western Canada are pretty solid financially, and he thinks most, if not all, can weather a year of low crops, especially if they have the crop insurance.

However, I always maintain, a farmer who only breaks even or loses money goes a year without an income. How many people still working with growing children and a normal lifestyle can afford to go without an income for a whole year? Something to ponder.

## > CONCERT TIPS, FROM PG. 16

clap? If you are new to concerts and planning on attending a symphony concert (or any other concert), read on to feel well prepared!

The first question many new concert-goers ask is, "What should I wear?" Well, your attire all depends on the concert.

For the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, a jazz concert, chamber music, or a solo recital business casual will suffice, though you may certainly dress more formally if you prefer.

For casual events such as the New Music Festival, jeans are acceptable. At the other end of the scale are Manitoba Opera or Royal Winnipeg Ballet productions, where most of your fellow concert goers will be dressed formally. Remember that most professional concert experiences ask that their audience avoid the use of scents, so leave the perfume at home.

When you arrive at the concert venue and find your seats, often you will see musicians in their seats already playing.

These musicians are practising for the concert and expect that you will be socializing and getting comfortable. You need not worry about being quiet during this pre-concert activity until the

musicians begin to tune.

Once the lights go down, the concert-master (the lead violinist) will enter the hall. You will most likely applaud his or her entrance. Once he enters the hall, the concertmaster will signal to the musicians who will begin to tune their instruments.

When the tuning starts, the audience should refrain from making excess noise, as it can be hard to accurately tune an instrument with distractions. The orchestra will finish tuning, and a moment of silence will occur before the conductor takes the stage.

When the conductor enters, the audience and orchestra will give him or her a round of applause. The conductor will acknowledge the applause, turn to the orchestra, and take up his baton. The concert is about to begin.

If you take a look at the program, you will find several helpful hints to aid you in your concert experience. Usually photography and recording are not permitted. You should turn off your cell phones to avoid disturbing others in the audience.

## > ORIOLES, FROM PG. 20

with wins of 8-6 and 15-12.

The wins put the Orioles in fifth place in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League with a 12-17 record, trailing behind Altona, St. Boniface, Winni-

peg, and Elmwood.

The Orioles took to the field for playoffs on Tuesday and Wednesday against the Elmwood Giants. Game three takes place July 16 on the road.

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Location: Southman Pork - Altona/Saint Joseph, MB area  
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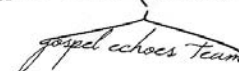
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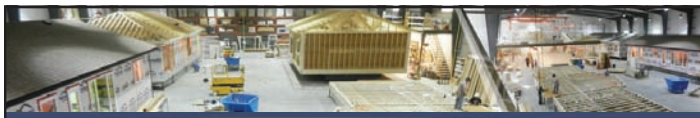
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## OBITUARY



### Marie H. Reimer (nee Toews) 1921 - 2015

Marie Toews was born on September 2, 1921 in the Blumfield school district to Jacob and Anne Toews. She was the third of three children. Her sister Nettie, brother-in-law, Dave Giesbrecht and her brother, Abe and sister-in-law, Helen Toews predeceased her.

She was baptized on her confession of faith at Plum Coulee Berghaler Mennonite Church in 1942. Marie married Jacob Reimer on October 26, 1952, Earl was born in 1954 and Glenn in 1959. Jake and Marie made their first home on a farm just north of Kane on a ½ section of land. In 1967 they sold the farm and purchased a full section of land south of Holmfild, MB. In 1980, the land was sold and mom and dad retired to Winkler. On June 11th we took

mom to Boundary Trails Health Centre and although there was momentary hope that she might be able to return to her home, it did not transpire. She continued to wane and yet her phenomenal resilience kept her going over the next four weeks. She remained firmly committed to prayer for her children, her grandchildren, her nieces, nephews and their children. Mom's assurance and faith of her eternal home was firm until the end. Her prayer and request was "I just want to go home." Home for her was the promise of the Mansion that Jesus promised his followers would be ready and waiting for her. Her responsiveness diminished and finally on July 8th at 4:13 p.m. fifteen years to the day when her dear husband left for home, she finally got her wish and Jesus came to take her home too.

She leaves to mourn her passing, two sons, Earl and Ruth Reimer of Winkler and Glenn and Myrna Reimer of Altona as well as six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015 at Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

We are grateful for the attentive care mom received by physicians and supporting staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre and for the kindnesses they extended to us as family as we sat with her during her last few weeks with us.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Marie's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Unit Box 2000 Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

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## OBITUARY



### Aganetha Fehr (nee Friesen) 1918 - 2015

With peace and happiness from a life well lived, we celebrate as Mom went into the waiting arms of Jesus.

Mom spent many hours in prayer - for her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and her great-great-grandchildren.

Aganetha Fehr (nee Friesen) was born on March 11, 1918 and was married to the love of her life, Peter Fehr on September 20, 1938. Mom and Dad spent many years farming and then moved into town where Mom worked at a variety of jobs. Their first three children, Abe, Bill and Dora came in quick succession, followed ten years later by Viola. Their family complete, Dad's health took a turn for the worse and Mom spent many years taking care of Dad.

When Dad passed away in 1998, Mom moved into Lion's Manor and enjoyed many years socializing and actively involved in life at Lion's. As the years progressed, Mom's health deteriorated and in April of 2015, just one month after turning 97, she was moved into Tabor Home.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Peter; her son, Bill; and her son-in-law, Henry. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Abe and Tina of Winnipeg; daughter-in-law, Ann of Morden; daughter, Dora of Carman and daughter and son-in-law, Viola and John of Winkler. Also mourning her passing are her eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Kathryn Friesen of Winnipeg. Although Mom will be greatly missed, we are so thankful for the many wonderful memories we have. Times that we will cherish. Knowing that she is in heaven where there is no more pain and suffering. We have been blessed.

A celebration of Aganetha Fehr's life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior to the service at the Winkler Cemetery.

We, the family, wish to thank all who shared this day with us and for the many prayers and amazing support during Mom's life. Thanks to Reverend Art Wiebe and Reverend Abe Fehr, song leader, pianist, ladies group for serving, pallbearers, ushers and Jake Giesbrecht and Wiebe Funeral Home. We would also like to thank the homecare workers who have been involved with Mom at Lion's Manor, Anna Kroecker and Tabor Home staff for all you have done. May God bless you all.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Aganetha's memory to Tabor Home Building Fund.

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## OBITUARY



### Dorothy Nancy Kroecker (nee Doerksen)

May 12, 1927 - July 6, 2015

Dorothy Nancy Kroecker, beloved wife of Isaac Kroecker of Morden, MB went to her eternal home, after a short illness, on July 6, 2015. She was born May 12, 1927 on a farm near Niverville, MB and married in Winnipeg on May 26, 1951.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Isaac; two sons Ron (Judy) and Brian (Marian) and four daughters Jeannette (Arnie), Vivian (Arthur), Beverly, and Valerie (Howard) and a total of 10 grand-children and seven great-grandchildren. An infant son predeceased her in 1965 as well as three of her 15 siblings.

Dorothy was diagnosed with a brain tumor at Easter and bravely accepted the medical diagnosis with courage, cheerful optimism and a deep-seated faith in God. Opting to live out the rest of her life to the fullest, Dorothy declined radiation treatment and determined to celebrate her 88th birthday surrounded by family, relatives and friends. This event was held May 11th at the Morden Minnewasta Golf Course. It was an event that served as an opportunity for many of those who knew and loved her to share memories and to wish her well on what she, and most people knew, would be her last birthday on earth. Dorothy considered the possibility of a conventional funeral but chose a living farewell instead. After cremation, she will be interred in a private family ceremony at a later date.

Dorothy was well known to many in Morden, through her life-long involvement at Christian Life Centre and her many years of dedicated volunteer service with the Morden Community Thrift Shop which she reluctantly retired from after more than 30 years of service.

She described herself as a simple country girl but she travelled extensively across Canada visiting her children and grandchildren, served on three mission trips to Kenya as well as a visit to Israel. She was an avid gardener who loved her backyard and tea on the swing. An excellent baker, cook and homemaker, she was also a wonderful and dearly loved, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Her passing leaves a deep ache in our hearts and she will be sorely missed.

Special thanks to Dr. Woelk, palliative care nurse Karen, home care nurse Wendi, and the entire palliative care and medical team at the Boundary Trails Health Centre for giving Mom such excellent and compassionate care during her three week stay with them.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the: BTHC Palliative Care Program, c/o Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation, P.O. Box 2000, Station Main, Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

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## OBITUARY



### Wilhelm (Bill) Dyck 1946 - 2015

On Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at his residence in Winkler, MB Bill Dyck aged 68 years passed away unexpectedly.

Bill worked many different jobs and was always known as a very strong, hard working employee. Bill worked in farming, agriculture, truck driving and also for 20 years for Maple Leaf Construction. In the last 19 years, Bill was doing the occupation he loved most. He had his own company "Bill's Custom Bobcat Work". He was well known and respected in the community as "Bobcat Bill".

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife, Sharon (nee Heide) and four daughters, Lori and Rob Driedger (grandchildren, Julia, Darren and Shannon Driedger and their daughter and Bill's only great granddaughter, Ivalee, Darcy, Trenton) of Alberta, Deanna and Dwayne Wiebe (grandsons, Logan, Tanner) of Morden, Ursula and Eric Dowhy (grandchildren, Christy, Tiffany and Chris Wilde, Dawson) of Morden, Marla and Niko Thiessen (grandchildren, Derrick, Makala) of Winkler.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank Wiebe Funeral Home, Sig Pfahl and all those who gave cards, food, flowers and for your prayers during this difficult time.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Bill's memory or to either the Canadian Diabetes Association or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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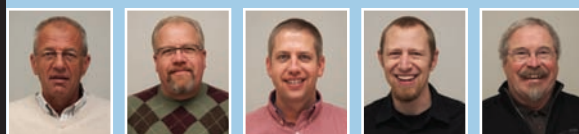
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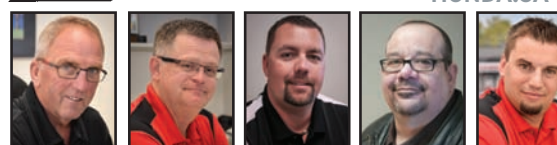
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