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Winkler nature sanctuary gets its name

Project officially dubbed the Discovery Nature Sanctuary

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's nature sanctuary project finally has a name.

The project, which seeks to build a 32 acre preserve in the northeast corner of the city, will officially be known as the Discovery Nature Sanctuary.

Committee chair Paul Goossen said they had been mulling over a few names but this was the one that fit the spirit of the project best.

"The word 'discovery' is something that evokes a sense of interest or curiosity," he said, adding that it encourages people "to explore this unique corner of Winkler and discover some of the amazing life forms right within the city itself."

The sanctuary will preserve the

marsh, grassland, and woodland habitats on the city-owned property and also include trails, a dock for pond dipping, a pollinator garden, and the opportunity to fish for Rainbow Trout.

The site, located just south of Hwy. 14 adjacent to the Clover Creek Industrial Park, is already accessible to the public, and Goossen hopes people will take the time to check it out.

"We certainly would like to encourage people to go out and explore the area," he said, noting they plan to have temporary signage up soon.

The nature sanctuary committee is also inviting volunteers to help in the development of the project.

If you are interested in helping with education, interpretation, public re-



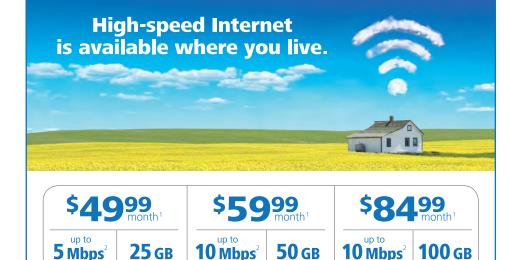
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The Discovery Nature Sanctuary will preserve marsh, grassland, and woodland habitats in northeast Winkler.

lations, planting or trail development, contact Goossen at 204-822-2087.

The plan is to fund the project through individual and corporate

donations as well as grants. Tax-deductible donations can be made at city hall.



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Boaters not following "rules of the road" a safety risk

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite is urging his fellow boaters to follow the rules at Lake Minnewasta.

The lake is becoming increasingly popular, but that also means it can potentially be more dangerous for water sports enthusiasts if some users aren't practising safe boating etiquette.

"Having a lake this close to us is invaluable, and it's a great asset to our town ... it's nice to have, so if it's conserved and respected, then we're going to have something good for generations to come," said Dave

Guenther has raised concerns for a number of years about some drivers not following the "rules of the road"

He recalled that with their season boat pass boaters used to get a diagram of the lake with counterclockwise arrows showing how they should navigate on the water, including basic guidelines like keeping to the right.

Having operators follow the rules leads to predictable boating patterns and overall safety, he said.

"It's for the safety of myself and my kids and anyone who's boating with me," said Guenther. "When boaters are going in the wrong direction on the lake, I worry ... you don't have a predictable pattern ... someone can

"Luckily I haven't had any close calls. It's been more of being vigilant

"WHEN BOATERS ARE GOING IN THE WRONG **DIRECTION ON THE** LAKE, I WORRY ... **SOMEONE CAN GET** HURT."

and watching for other boaters coming directly in my path and not staying to the right."

Guenther suggested there has been little improvement so far over last year in regards to safe boating among some users.

His wish list for the lake would include having a display at the boat launch with a visual of the boat route reminding drivers to stay to the right, but the onus is on users to know the rules and guidelines.

"Just being conscious of all the rules here gives us all a better time," he said."If we handed out a safety leaflet or a map of our lake to everyone who bought a boating pass, I think it would contribute to a safer environment for all of us.

"I worry about people who are perhaps new to the lake ... if they're not going to the website ... where are they finding the rules to boat on our lake?"

Guenther noted with dismay that



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Dave Guenther displays his pleasure craft operator's licence by the boat launch area at Lake Minnewasta. The Morden resident is appealing to boaters who use the lake to not only ensure they have their licence but that they also make themselves aware of and follow the rules for safe boating on the lake.

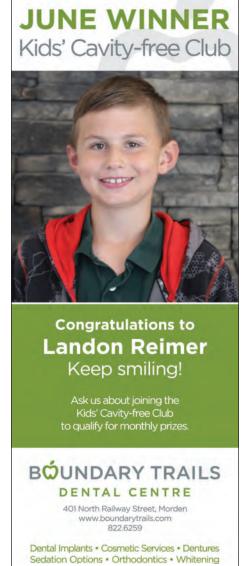
he was recently able to buy a boating pass without showing his pleasure craft licence.

"Enforce the rule that everyone needs to have their pleasure craft operator's licence ... it's already mandatory in the rules, it's just not enforced."

City policy states it is a boat operator's responsibility to be able to produce a pleasure craft operator card and that they must register boats and watercraft at the gate and ensure a valid pass is displayed.

There are a number of restrictions, such as that only fishing boats and non-motorized craft are allowed on the lake before noon and after 8 p.m.,

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Harley Owners Group hosts its best Toy Run yet

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The annual Southern Manitoba H.O.G. Chapter Toy Run had its best year ever last weekend.

Fifty bikers set out from Gaslight Harley Davidson in Morden Sunday morning, trailed by a van packed full of toys for patients at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

"It was fantastic," says chapter director Jake Hiebert. "It turned out excellent, just amazing."

Hiebert estimates they collected upwards of \$10,000 in toy and gift card donations for the hospital.

"When we got there, to Winnipeg, we drove it all down to the hospital, which was awesome," he says.

The run, now in its fifth year, is the Harley Owners Group's way of giving back

"So many people put in lots of hard work to make it happen," Hiebert says. "They popped this one right out of the ball park."



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Fifty bikers set out from Gaslight Harley Davidson in Morden Sunday for Winnipeg, armed with upwards of \$10,000 in toy and gift card donations for the Children's Hospital.





Pembina Valley Challenge welcomes new race director

By Lorne Stelmach

Planning is well underway for this fall's Pembina Valley Challenge with a new face helping organize the region's version of *The Amazing Race*.

Central Manitoba Tourism has brought on board Melissa McCausland as a regional tourism ambassador and race director.

"It seemed like a perfect job for me. I think I can bring a lot to this position and I can bring a lot to the race," said McCausland.

It is a summer position with Central Manitoba Tourism that will also have her assisting with the ninth annual challenge on the September long weekend.

McCausland comes to the organization with five years of experience in areas including social media, graphic design, photography, and video.

Most recently, she directed a short

documentary entitled *Dear Son*, which tells the true story of a mother who lost her son to suicide and aims to spark a conversation about mental health.

"I've made a lot of connections," she said, suggesting it will be a benefit to the race, which she looks forward to being involved with this fall.

"It's such a fun event, so unique ... I can see it bringing a lot to the communities here," said McCausland, who has already been hard at work, including spending her first week traveling across Southern Manitoba assisting in the production of a regional tourism video.

General manager Colleen Kyle said she welcomes what McCausland brings to the table for an event which is important to tourism not just locally but provincially.

Tourism is a \$1.8 billion industry in the province, noted Kyle.

"We have over \$100 million that

comes into our region," she said. "So if we can promote our region in any way to bring more tourists ... even from across the American border ... this is a way of building our economic tourism."

The Pembina Valley Challenge brings in many people who have never even been to the valley before.

"We've been told also that people come back, they have so much fun and enjoy this area of the province," Kyle said. "We have a lot to offer in central Manitoba for tourism."

Organizers expect upwards of 30 teams and about 120 people will take part in the 2017 race.

The event offers participants the opportunity to explore the region while visiting various tourist and cultural attractions and engaging in some friendly competition along the

lines of the long-running popular television show.

Teams will set out from Pilot Mound on their journey through South Central Manitoba to collect points by solving clues and complet-

ing challenges. Those challenges remain a secret until that weekend.

New this year is a choice between competing in the traditional two-day race for a crack at the \$1,000 grand prize, or racing just one day for a \$250

prize.

"IT'S SUCH A

FUN EVENT,

SO UNIQUE."

For more information on signing up a team, contact Central Manitoba Tourism at 1-877-324-6645 or pvta@ mymts.net or head to pembinavalleycentralplainstourism.com.

Myrna Wiebe to be stranded for STARS

"I'M HONOURED

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By Lorne Stelmach

Myrna Wiebe is taking on a unique challenge this fall in support of the STARS air ambulance.

The senior vice president and chief operating officer of Access Credit Union will take part in the Rescue

on the Island event Sept. 14 to benefit the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service.

She will be among a group of community leaders from across Manitoba who will be dropped off in a remote location armed with only their cell phones.

Their goal? To reach out to supporters and raise \$50,000 for their flight back to civilization.

"I don't know a lot about what I'm getting myself into ... but it's pretty exciting," Wiebe said. "I'm honoured to be part of it ... raising funds that can impact other people in positive ways."

She noted that Access has been approached a number of times by STARS to participate, and this year the timing was right.

"I willingly and gladly agreed to go and help basically because of the amount of STARS usage in our area,"

> Wiebe said, pointing to the fact that through 2016 into early 2017 STARS flew 619 missions, of which 106 were in communities where Access has branches.

"That's a significant amount of our members and our communities that are being touched ... lives of families are being touched by this service," she said, adding as well the number

of people in the region who are involved in emergency services."These people help them to save lives, and that's also very important that we support them."



Family, friends and co-workers of Myrna Wiebe can expect to be hearing from the Access Credit Union senior vice-president when she takes part in the Sept. 14 Rescue on the Island fundraiser in support of the STARS air ambulance service.

For the event itself, Wiebe explained the participants will be partnered with someone from STARS so they will not be in any real danger, but details of the day and what awaits them

"They do take us to a remote island. We don't know the location until we arrive there," she said. "We do know

that we are going to do some challenges, some survival challenges and learning rescue techniques. We're also going to be doing some in-thewoods kind of things."

She said it is a bonus to have the opportunity to learn a variety of im-

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Nominations open for biz awards

"WHERE DO

YOU LOVE

BUSINESS?"

DOING

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is calling for nominations for its annual business awards.

The chamber is looking for nominees for two Business of the Year awards (under seven

employees and seven or more employees) as well as Entrepreneur of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year.

"We want people to tell us about their favorite business, non-profit organization, or an individual entrepreneur," explained executive director Candace Olafson.

"We're just really looking for a business that kind of encompasses all of the qualities you want," she said. "A business that's

growing, a business that's known for customer service, innovation, or unique marketing ... a business that's involved in the community.

"Where do you love doing business and which business do you love to support? Who gives you great customer service?"

Last year's winners included Marla Fehr-Sinclair of Marni LuHu Designs, Studio & Boutique, Giant Tiger, Morden Physiotherapy, and the Corn and Apple Festival.

Olafson sees the awards as very much tied into the chamber's mission to encourage and promote local business.

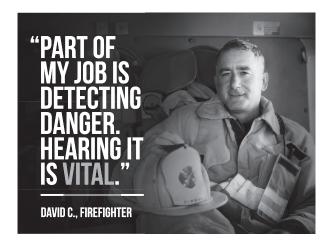
"It recognizes businesses in Morden that are doing wonderful things, giving back to the

community, and growing ... they're wonderful employers for people in the community.

"It's just a way of recognizing those outstanding businesses," she added, stressing the importance, as well, of recognizing the contributions of non-profits. "These organizations are run by volunteers in many cases, and we want to recognize those organizations too because they do so much to give back to our community."

The recipients for the entrepreneur and non-profit awards will be announced prior to the fall awards gala, while three finalists for each of the business of the year awards will be announced prior to the gala.

The deadline for nominations is Sept. 5. Head to mordenchamber.com for more information and nomination forms.



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Fear the yellow invasion ... or not

id you know the much maligned dandelion was once actually WANTED in people's yards?

It's true! Up until the 19th century people actually pulled out that nasty invasive stuff called grass in order to make room for dandelions.

In fact it is thought that the dandelion was actually intentionally introduced into North America by European settlers who wanted the useful

flower for medicinal purposes, to eat, and to remind them of home.

Even the name is lordly, derived from the French "dent de lion" meaning Lion's tooth for the jagged edge of its leaves.



By Peter Cantelon

I call it a useful flower because evidence suggests that throughout human history the dandelion has been

harvested and eaten as part of a regular diet. Useful also because as a tap root it was often planted in gardens because its deep roots brought nutrients up to the surface for newly planted vegetables.

Aside from being edible, the stem contains a milky white form of latex rubber. In fact, a methodology to harvest the "sap" has been developed and research is being done in Germany currently to create the first rubber tires made from dandelions.

Dandelions also factor into the birds and the bees (grin). Some species of birds eat dandelion seeds and of course bees collect nectar and pollen from them.

How far this useful flower has fallen in a mere century or so. This after having spent 30 millionish years since it evolved somewhere in Eurasia simply minding its own business looking pretty and providing food.

Each year literally billions of dollars are spent on dandelion eradication in North America alone. In 2016 the city of Calgary proposed to budget \$1.7 million as part of the chemical warfare effort against the yellow-headed hell spawn.

I, for one, have no real issues with

dandelions and so was pleased to learn that our general cultural hatred of them is relatively recent.

When you stop to consider this for a moment you begin to realize how ridiculous it is that people invest so much emotion into this humble yellow bloom.

I mean, people have been known to actually fight with their neighbours over dandelions. Shouting matches have erupted in town halls because of them. Bylaw officers have been called and it wouldn't surprise me if fists have flown—all because of our vanity.

The way some people respond to dandelions one would think their town had been recently overcome by the Black Plague.

One of the reasons I was pleased to delve deeper into its history was the perspective it puts our current (silly) hatred into.

It's nice to think that perhaps one day we will come to value the various plants we like to call weeds and instead spend the billions of dollars currently dedicated to their eradication from our yards on something actually beneficial like, say, feeding and clothing people.

> STARS, FROM PG. 5

portant skills that could come in handy in any number of situations.

"We actually get to do some survival training and first aid training, so that's going to be interesting," Wiebe said. "I hope I never have to use the skills that I learn out there."

She sees being part of this event as very much reflecting the commitment of Access Credit Union to support local volunteerism.

"The great thing for me is just walking alongside and working alongside these amazing people who give of themselves and have such extensive training to help all of the communities," Wiebe said. "It aligns so much with what Access Credit Union does ... it takes a community ... and we are all

about community support."

Though she already has nearly \$4,000 in donations collected, Wiebe still has a ways to go to reach her fun-

draising goal.

You can help her out by donating online at support.stars.ca/goto/RescueMyrnaWiebe.

> LAKE SAFETY, FROM PG. 3

a no wake rule after 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there is supposed to be a maximum of six power boats on the lake at any one time.

The onus for enforcement largely falls on the Morden Police Service, who work in partnership with lake staff.

Chief Brad Neduzak said they do get a few complaints each season about unsafe practices such as boats going too fast or too close to other users.

"The unfortunate part is that we don't have the time or the resources to always get out on the lake on a regular basis," he said. "Maybe we're going to have to look at that in the near future ... if it continues to get busier.

"I think the main thing is trying to monitor how many boats are on the lake at one time. I think the numbers are the big issue," he suggested.

"The staff will call us if they have issues with boaters who are being uncooperative ... and we'll come down and speak with them," Neduzak added."And we have gone out on the water with boats before just to do some checks with the boats."

Golf tournament raises nearly \$32K for SCCR

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was Christmas in July for South Central Cancer Resource last week-

Organizers of the Mike Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament presented the charity with a donation of \$31,943 Sunday morning.

The funds represent the lion's share of the \$51,943 the 20th annual edition of the tournament brought in July 8 at the Carman golf course. Also receiving \$20,000 was the Carman Area Foundation.

"It was the best ever," said organizer Darren Pritchard of the event. "We had 190 golfers ... we had to open two extra holes on the golf course and put a putting contest on the putting green just to get everyone through the course."

It certainly sets a high bar for future years.

"It's overwhelming. I really just can't describe it. Last year we raised \$21,000 ... we just wanted to crack \$30,000 this year, but it just kept going and going," Pritchard said. "We don't want to go backwards ... every year you just want

to top it ... it's already got the whole committee thinking about what we're doing next year."

Pritchard attributes the tournament's success to the fact that it's a fun event for a great cause.

"When people the next day get up and say, 'Can I save my spot for next year?' you know you have a fun tournament, that people want to be there" he said. "It's very touching."

It's also a fitting tribute to its namesake, Pritchard's brother Mike.

"Mike was big into golf," Pritchard said, explaining his brother worked as superintendent at both the Carman and Minnedosa courses and helped to build the course at Grand Pines.

Mike Pritchard lost his battle with cancer in 1997. Since then, the tournament held in his memory has raised thousands of dollars for cancer care organizations and other local charities.

"We're over \$120,000 in the last five years since we brought it to the Carman golf course," noted Pritchard, adding that they're thrilled to be able to support SCCR so significantly this



Organizers of the 20th annual Mike Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament presented South Central Cancer Resource with a donation of nearly \$32,000 on Sunday.

Indeed, SCCR board chair June Letkeman was blown away by the size of the donation.

"I got tears in my eyes when they told me how much money they were going to give us," she said. "It's an amazing thing for us ... we're very, very grateful that they have chosen us."

The money comes at a perfect time for the agency.

"We have a couple of new program starting up," Letkeman said, explaining they now offer a service called Beautiful U in which representatives

from Pure Anada help cancer patients look their best.

"If you look good you feel good," she

SCCR has also launched an art program, Expression of Art Through Your Eyes, to give clients a place to relieve

"We're always looking to start new programs," Letkeman said, explaining that the funds will also go a long way toward helping cover the costs of the organization's popular transportation program for cancer patients.

Jumpstart Month sets donation record

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley had its most successful Jumpstart Month ever this

Canadian Tire owner David Dunseath announced last week that the annual fundraising campaign hit new heights in 2017, raising about \$4,600 through in-store donations from cus-

As Dunseath personally matches the total raised each year, the final amount comes to \$9,200—more than double what was raised in 2016.

"It's actually quite something," Dunseath said, stressing that it was the enthusiasm of the store's cashierswho asked customers at the till if they'd like to support the cause—that led to the success of the campaign, coupled with the generosity of the

Winkler's Canadian Tire actually ranked 13th in fundraising across all of Western Canada, he noted.

"I always marvel at how giving the Pembina Valley is," Dunseath said. "I know it can be a hassle sometimes; it seems like everywhere you go to now you're asked if you want to donate. But certainly that small amount, the price of a cup of coffee, it builds up and because of it we're able to help hundreds of kids."

Canadian Tire raised over \$1.5 million across the country to help upwards of 15,000 kids get involved in sports and recreation.

Locally, over 300 children in the Pembina Valley received approximately \$30,000 in Jumpstart funding last year, and all signs point to similar numbers for the year ahead.



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Blind bike ride raises funds for local man

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden man is near the halfway mark of his fundraising goal for a device that will give him sight.

Evan Froese surpassed the \$6,000 mark on his online GoFundMe campaign after completing a bike ride across the province earlier this month.

The journey took Froese and wife Christine from the Saskatchewan border to the Ontario boundary over a five-day period that started on the Canada Day long weekend.

"Overall, it went fairly well ... the weather was certainly favourable," Froese said of the journey, which served as an opportunity for him not only to raise funds but awareness as well.

Born with a number of congenital eye conditions, Froese does have a somewhat functional level of vision but is still classified as legally blind.

His conditions are linked to each

other in one way or another, but the biggest issue is a condition called Nystagmus. People who suffer with this are subject to varying degrees of impairment.

His hope is in new technology in the form of electronic glasses called eSight that will enable him to see like a normal person for the first time in his life.

With the estimated cost of about \$15,000 for a pair of glasses, Froese and his wife are turning to the community for help, and events like this month's bike ride go a long way toward getting the word out.

The ride went mostly according to plan, Froese said, though on the last day Christine had to stop early and so he finished the final 150 kilometres by himself.

He basically followed the Trans-Canada highway corridor, averaging about 100 km a day for an overall distance of just under 500 km.





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Evan Froese and his wife Christine were well outfitted for their five day bicycle journey across Manitoba at the beginning of July. It is part of their efforts to raise \$15,000 for eSight glasses that will allow the Morden man, who is legally bind, to fully see for the first time in his life.

"You often find yourself ... kind of in the middle of nowhere ... wondering how on earth you got yourself into this," said Froese, who noted that aside from minor trials and tribulations, like the horseflies, the main challenge at times came with his vision difficulties.

"There were certainly moments where, especially with navigating within Winnipeg and a little bit again when I was riding solo ... where the visual acuity does become an issue," he said. "It's one of those things that I've learned to live with ... so this isn't going to stop me ... it's just one of those things that you learn to deal with."

What struck him most along the way was not the scenery but the people they encountered, including many also on bike.

"We did actually come across quite a few people who were touring by bicycle across the country," said Froese, recalling a French Canadian couple who had started in B.C. and another one who was bound for New Brunswick.

"I was stunned and a little bit humbled by that," he said "That was really interesting ... the people were actually the most interesting part of it."

With his campaign at about 40 per cent of his goal, Froese said they will be doing a few more fundraisers before summer's end.

"I would like to be done kind of by fall or before winter," he said.

You can support his GoFundMe campaign at www.gofundme.com/help-evan-see-with-esight.

CFDC hosting birthday bash for Bruce Sat.

By Lorne Stelmach

The star attraction of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre gets his birthday bash this weekend.



Bruce the mosasaur celebrates his 80,000,043rd birthday Saturday with an afternoon of family fun.

"It's a whole day of activities for all ages. We want to make it fun for everyone," said field and collection manager Victoria Markstrom.

The party gets started at noon with a round of "Happy Birthday" followed by cake and party games, wrapping up with a pinata at around 2 p.m.

New this year is an adult-only bash. Bruce's Karaoke Social takes place at the museum from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The social features a cash bar and a raffle with prizes from the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club, Morden Home Hardware, Tiny Haven, Gamers Disco, Morden's Appelts Diamonds, Prairie Sky Promotions, Jayme Giesbrecht, illustrator Nyco Rudolph, and the CFDC.

The gift shop will also be open for the social as will all of the museum's regular exhibits.

"This is also kind of a thank you for the people who visit here," said gift shop administrator Leslie Zacharias.

"The museum is something people really want to support," she said. "I've seen a lot of people walk out full of excitement ... and people really want to get involved and support it ... so this is to help encourage that."

Tickets are \$5 and are available at CFDC in advance, at the door, or by emailing giftshop@ discoverfossils.com.

Winkler to host Live2Lead leadership simulcast

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler will be part of a global simulcast this fall that aims to give leaders of all stripes the tools they need to succeed.

The P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall hosts the Live2Lead simulcast event the morning of Friday, Oct. 6.

Brought to the area by Al Ruttan, a local John Maxwell Team executive director, the event provides the opportunity to hear from several inspirational speakers.

"It's four great speakers, all different styles, speaking on types of leadership, leadership development, and personal growth," said Ruttan, noting this isn't aimed at just business leaders, but anyone who is in any kind of leadership role or who wants to refine their leadership skills.

"One thing that John Maxwell talks about is that we all lead at least one person, and that's ourselves," he said. "If we can grow in the area of leadership, then we can add value to the people around us."

Joining Maxwell as a speaker at the event, which is hosted in Atlanta and



The Live2Lead simulcast featuring four leadership experts comes to the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall on Oct. 6. Tickets are on sale now.

streamed to sites around the world, is personal money expert Dave Ramsey, restaurant industry executive Cheryl Bachelder, and former NFL running back and Atlanta Falcons partner Warrick Dunn.

"Growth doesn't just happen—you have to be intentional with it," noted Ruttan, "and this is a great way to come in and hear from some really high-quality speakers ... and learn from them."

There's already been a lot of interest in the event, Ruttan said, and he encourages people to book their ticket soon to avoid disappointment.

"There are only 500 seats available," he said, noting he's also looking for a few more corporate sponsors."We've already had sponsors jump on board,

which is exciting to see.

"The people I've talked to have been excited about it."

For more information or to book a seat, head online to www.L2LPembinaValley.com or contact Ruttan at 204-384-5477 or alruttan@johnmaxwellgroup.com.

Access CU offering financial literacy workshops

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union is training its staff to in turn train people in their communities to be better managers of their financial affairs.

Access Credit Union has launched the financial literacy initiative called Each One Teach One, which was created by Vancity Credit Union in 2008.

The program will see Access staff deliver basic financial skills workshops across the region without selling any products or services.

Access CEO Larry Davey said they have recognized a need locally for this kind of service.

"I think it will empower people with the ability to make better financial decisions," he said. "So whether they're applying for a credit card or buying a house, this will just make it a little bit easier, give them a little greater knowledge to make those types of decisions."

The Each One Teach One program offers 17 different workshops for all age groups and demographics. The workshops can be delivered in settings such as workplaces, church groups, schools, and community cen-

Topics include basic banking and

budgeting, debt smarts, senior financial abuse prevention, and home ownership readiness, to name a few.

"It covers basically all facets of financial literacy, so members would be able to pick and choose what is the requirement they have at this stage of their life," said Davey.

He said the program capitalizes on the fact that the Access Credit Union employees who will administer these sessions are passionate about giving

"The financial well-being of our community members is a top priority for Access Credit Union," Davey said.

"IT WILL EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH THE ABILITY TO MAKE BETTER FINANCIAL DECISIONS."

"We know there's been a big push from our staff for financial literacy, so we're anticipating a number of people will want to be involved."

He suggested there will eventually be a minimum of one trained person per branch at the smaller ACU

branches and perhaps at least three to five in the larger ones.

"We do plan to train eight more employees by the fall," he added.

If you would like to learn more about the program or schedule a workshop, e-mail financialliteracy@accesscu.ca.

Bergen to continue as Tory House Leader

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen will continue in her role as Conservative House Leader.

Tory Leader Andrew Scheer made the announcement last week when he unveiled his new leadership team. Bergen was first appointed to the role by Interim Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose last September.

"I am pleased and grateful to have been asked to continue to serve as House Leader," said Bergen. "Andrew Scheer has put together a strong team of capable and experienced individuals who will build upon the momentum we had when the House rose in

"We will continue to hold Justin Trudeau and the Liberals to account while being the voice of the taxpayer in the House of Commons."

In addition to Bergen, Scheer also named Lisa Raitt as Deputy Leader, Mark Strahl as Chief Opposition Whip, Chris Warkentin as Deputy House Leader, and Alain Rayes as Quebec Political Lieutenant.

"Under the leadership of Andrew Scheer, our Party is strong, united and energized," said Bergen. "Our leadership team has roots in every region of Canada and Canadians can rest assured that we will work tirelessly to replace Justin Trudeau's reckless and ethically challenged Liberal government."

Winkler Golf Course marks 50 years with new bridge



The Winkler Golf Club celebrated its 50th anniversary and Canada 150 with a special tournament Saturday where head pro Greg Hesom officially cut the ribbon on a new bridge on the 9th hole along with Lloyd Elias of Lode King, which built and donated the bridge. "They are very good supporters of the community," said Hesom, who estimated it was about a \$25,000 project. "We love to support the community ... and we've always been supporters of the golf club," said Elias. "it was a challenge, but the guys enjoyed building something else than trailers for a change." The 50th anniversary celebrations also included an evening banquet and Cold Hard Cash concert.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

United Way looking for combine pull teams

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District United Way wants to bring people together this summer to be "pulling for Morden."

The organization sees its combine pull on the weekend of the Corn and Apple Festival as very much fitting with its mission of building and supporting community.

"We think this is going to be good entertainment for everyone ... we're looking to make it a good time," said organizer Terry Gibson.

The combine pull is a special event to help the United Way mark its 50th year of operation.

The challenge is to put together a team of 10 people (of which at least two have to be women) to see who can pull the combine 30 feet. The competition will be limited to 10 teams.

There will be prizes for the team who can do it the quickest and for the group with the most spirit.

"It is just people power ... and it's amazing how fast they can get that combine going," said Gibson.

To add a bit more to the fun, the teams will also be auctioned off before the competition, with the proceeds split between the United Way and the buyer of the winning team.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$100 per team. Aug. 11 is the deadline for registration. The event will take place Aug. 26 in the parking lot between Shoppers Drug Mart and the Mor-

den Activity Centre beginning with the auction at 2 p.m.

"The combine we're pulling is going to be in the parade in the morning ... we're going to decorate it up," said Gibson, who noted they have already done some canvassing of businesses to get them involved, but they very

much want to make it a community event.

"We would like to reach other people too ... perhaps hockey teams ... but anybody else really who is interested ... anybody is welcome," he said, adding that he's been very encouraged by the response and support to date. "It's

amazing ... pretty much everybody that we've asked to help have said yes. So we're getting really good response from the community."

For more information, including the event's sign-up sheet, head to united-waymorden.com

A comfy new place to relax

The success of this spring's perogy and ham fundraiser allowed the Morden Legion to purchase new patio furniture for Legion Houses One and Two. Recently some of the residents joined Comrade Harvey Kinsman and Tammy Petkau for a coffee on their new furniture, which includes a large glass patio table, six chairs, umbrella and stand, and 12 high back red mesh chairs.

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Winkler Aquatic Centre season coming to a close

Final public swim is Sunday, Aug. 6

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There's just a little over a week to go in the Winkler Aquatic Centre's truncated season this summer.

The final day of swimming is Sunday, Aug. 6, after which time work will begin on installing a new liner in the 21-year-old facility.

"We'll start mobilizing things Aug. 7 and then troops will be on the ground Aug. 8," said Winkler parks and recreation director Rick Denison. "We need to get the old liner out and then we'll get the chance to do some investigative work to see what hidden gems we might find ... we know we

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have had some very serious leak issues that we've been dealing with for the past number of years."

The project also calls for improvements to the facility's plumbing, lighting, and mechanical systems. The City of Winkler has budgeted about \$600,000 for the upgrades.

Depending on the problems that might crop up once the old liner is removed, Denison said they hope to have enough money in the budget for a few other improvements that will be more noticeable to the general public.

Among them is a climbing wall in the deep end, an expanded kiddie pool, and possibly a cabana selling snacks and drinks.

"We've got a lot of ideas that we're looking at," he said, noting they'll know more about which of these ex-

Environmental Stewardship



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

There's just a little over a week to go before the Winkler Aquatic Centre closes its doors for the season. The early closure will allow for the installation of a new liner in the 21-year-old facility.

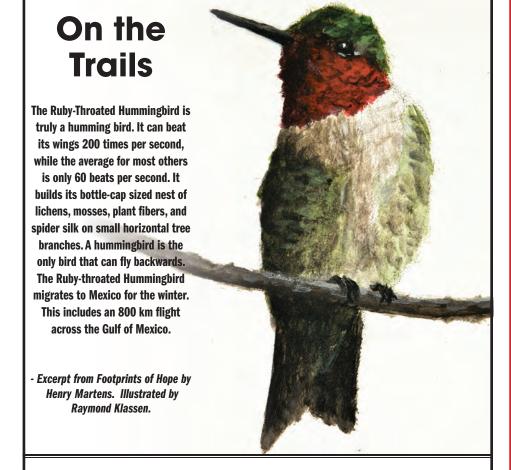
tras they'll be tackling in the next few weeks.

Although closing the pool down a month earlier than normal isn't ideal, it will give construction workers the time they need to complete the bulk of the project this year so that the pool can open on schedule next summer.

"There's never a good time to do it," Denison said. "We thought long and hard about when we were going to do this ... we needed to be able to have a look at it all while we still have some decent weather."

Even waiting an extra week for the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition to be over wasn't feasible, he said, noting festival weekend is, in fact, not traditionally a particularly busy one at the pool, despite the increase in people to the Parkland area.









Cripple Creek fest a hit



PHOTOS BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Hundreds of music fans came out to enjoy the 36th annual Cripple Creek Music Festival last Sunday. The day was filled a local line-up of gospel, country, and bluegrass performers. Left: First Stop Heaven takes the stage. Above: Rosebank Road performs. Below: A few festival-goers enjoy an impromptu jam session off stage.





Little Mermaid musical takes the stage Aug. 7

By Lorne Stelmach

Little Mermaid The Musical is coming to Morden Aug. 7.

The stage production by Montreal-based Tohu-Bohu Productions is a completely original version of the classic tale written by Hans Christian Andersen.

Families coming to the show at the Access Event Centre will obviously enjoy some similarities to the classic Disney movie, but this production has much to make it distinct.

"It's not a copy of the Disney movie, however it's a very colourful, interactive and fun musical," said Maryse Fortin Dupuis, executive producer with Tohu-Bohu Productions.

"It's all original songs, so there are no songs from the Disney movie," she noted. "It's not so much different from the movie ... so there are many resemblances, but it's our version of the original

"All the songs were composed specially for this show ... and I think it can be a good introduction for kids to musical theatre."

The performance is for the entire family, but it is more specifically intended for children age 10 and under.



The 90 minute show will be followed with a meet and greet with the characters.

Little Mermaid The Musical premiered in Ontario in July and is now touring across Canada until the end of September.

Tickets are available online at www. littlemermaidthemusical.com or by calling 1-855-561-3602.





The Pembina Fur Council hosted the 21st annual Rendezvous in Stanley Park last weekend. The event celebrates the traditions of the fur trade and trapping lifestyle. Feature events include demonstrations on everything from black-

smithing (above, right) to flint knapping to skinning, archery and shooting competitions, artisan vendors (left), and displays manned by volunteers well versed in the lives of traditional trappers (above, left).

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National Month Your eyes will thank you



Tips for better eye health

Since 1989, August has been recognized as National Eye Exam Month. Tens of thousands of Canadians lose their ability to see each year, but in many cases, vision loss is preventable if eye health issues are detected early on. That's why regular eye exams are important for everyone. People with good eye health only need to visit their optometrist once every two years, but those who have visually demanding occupations, wear corrective lenses or have health issues such as diabetes or high blood pressure should have their eyes examined every year. Seniors over the age of 60 should also visit an optometrist annually.

HEALTHY EYES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Besides getting regular eye exams, there are a number of things you can do to keep your eyes at their healthiest.

- Eat a balanced diet that includes plenty of leafy greens and other fruits and vegetables. Omega-3 fatty acids, found in fatty fish like salmon as well as in nuts, are also beneficial to eye health.
- Maintain a healthy weight to reduce your risk of developing diabetes. There is a strong correlation between diabetes and certain eye diseases, including glau-
- Wear sunglasses that protect your eyes against harmful UV rays. In many cases, cataracts and other eye health problems can be traced back to retinal overexposure to the sun.
- If you wear contact lenses, always wash your hands before putting them in or taking them out, and only store your lenses in fresh solution. These actions will help reduce the likelihood of developing eye infections.
- Quit smoking. Tobacco use increases the risk of macular degeneration (a precursor of blindness), cataracts and optic nerve damage, among others.
- Wear safety goggles when using power tools and performing any task that involves potential eye hazards.

Four reasons eye exams are important

Early disease detection

Many people mistakenly believe that if they don't need glasses, there's no reason for them to have their eyes examined. But a visit to the optometrist isn't solely about assessing your vision; it's also about checking your eyes for diseases and conditions that could impact their long-term functioning. If left untreated, certain eye conditions — macular degeneration and cataracts, for example — can result in permanent vision loss or even complete blindness. However, if caught early, eye issues can usually be resolved with no long-term effect on vision.

Prescriptions change over time

Those who use prescription eyewear are advised to have their eyes examined every year. Prescriptions change over time, and following the right treatment is vital to healthy vision. The right prescription will both optimize your ability to see and prevent eyestrain.

Cure headaches

One of the most telling signs that you may need vision correction is a recurring headache. Eyestrain can result in debilitating pain around the temples that can't be explained. A visit to the optometrist may allow you to resolve the issue once

A glimpse into your overall health

Examining your eyes gives optometrists a view of the overall state of your health. An eye exam can detect high blood pressure, an early onset of diabetes, and even high cholesterol. This August, visit your optometrist to protect both your vision and your general health.



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Keep an eye on your child's ocular health

Two of the most common eye problems experienced by children are amblyopia (lazy eye) and strabismus (crossed eyes). Eye exams can also detect color blindness, retinitis pigmentosa, uveitis (an eye inflammation), conjunctivitis and vision problems such as myopia, hyperopia and astigmatism. It's also important to have regular exams for children that have diabetes, childhood glaucoma or any chronic illness that can affect the eyes.





"Protecting two of your most valuable assets"

Dry eyes, blurred vision and throbbing headahes are but a few surefire signs that it's time to cut down on screen time. Spending hours on

Avoid overstraining

your eyes with these

screen-smart tips



end in front of the computer or the TV is highly taxing for your eyes, and over training your peepers can trigger a host of unpleasant effects. Here are a few best practices when it comes to safe screen use.

- Blink. Humans blink an average of twelve times per minute, but intense concentration brings that frequency down to five. Consciously remind yourself to blink once in a while during periods of increased focus to avoid ending up
- Adjust your lighting. Avoid looking at screens in dimly lit spaces: the harsh contrast between the bright display and the surrounding darkness takes its toll
- Eliminate glare. Don't let any light shine directly on a screen that's in use. This creates an annoying glare that forces your eyes to constantly refocus.
- Take breaks. Keep the 20-20-20 rule in mind any time you find yourself in front of a screen for an extended period. The idea: every 20 minutes, focus your gaze on a spot that's 20 feet away and hold it for 20 seconds. This relaxes the muscles that your eves use to focus.
- Position your screen adequately. When you sit at your desk, the top of your computer screen should be at eye level and there should be an arm's length of space between you and the monitor. Similarly, for watching TV a good rule of numb is to sit four screen widths away.
- Only wear glasses when needed. Because you look at screens and books from a different distance, your reading glasses might not be suitable for computer

If you believe that your eyesight is declining, consult your eye doctor without delay.





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The cowpokes were out in full force in Morris last weekend for the 54th annual Manitoba Stampede and Exhibition. Upwards of 20,000 visitors took in this year's activities, which included a host of competitive rodeo events, including (clockwise from top left) saddle bronc, tie-down roping, bull riding, and barrel racing. Festival-goers also enjoyed the midway, Saturday morning parade, cultural displays, and musical entertainment.

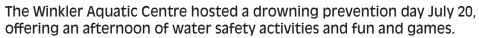






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Storm, 'Canes post wins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm came back strong after a nearly two week break in league play.

On Friday, the Storm downed Dunvegan Castle 3-2 on the road. Lukas Shulz scored twice while Nico Nickel contributed a single.

The win bolstered Winkler's record to an even 5-5, keeping them in the middle of the pack in the Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 1 standings.

The team will hit the field next on Aug. 12 when they host last-ranked Pescara.

The South Central Hurricanes also had a winning week, soundly trouncing Hanover Elite 13-0 in front of a hometown crowd July

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Taking full advantage of their short-handed opponents, Amber Wiebe and Esther Schwartzkopf both scored hat tricks.

Rounding out the score were two goals each from Selina Steiger and Colleen Penner and singles from Erica Heppner, Emily Harder, and Lauren Hildebrandt

With that, the ladies are 8-2-4 so far this season, putting them in third place in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's 2nd Division behind SE Reunited and Synergy.

This week the 'Canes play Fusion Wednesday in Winnipeg. They then kick of August with a home game against Tri-S United on Aug. 9.



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The stands were packed for the first annual Brad Wall Memorial at the ALH Motor Speedway west of Morden on Sunday. The day was dedicated to the memory of Wall, an avid racer at the track. The 19-year-old was killed in an unrelated motor vehicle accident last year. Above: James Wall with his son's car. Right: Brother Cody Wall celebrates his win in the Mid-West Modified event with wife Morgan and mother Kim. Below: During a warm-up lap in the Street Stock race, drivers pass the grandstand in a "missing man" formation—all four wide except for the first row, which left a space for Brad—led by Cody and James Wall. The day also saw Ward Imrie take first place in the A-Mod event, Cody Wall in the B-Mods, Aiden Fehr in Junior Slingshots, Kevin Smith in Pure Stock, Dean Miljure in Sports Compact, and Justin Vogel in Street Stocks.





Morden finishes in second, Winkler in fifth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Whips ended their regular season on a high note with a 9-1 win over Clearwater last week.

The July 18 game bolstered the team's record to 8-10, putting them in fifth place in the seven team league.

The Morden Mohawks are three spots up on them in the standings in second place. Their 11-7 record falls behind only the first place Pilot Mound Pilots, who were 13-5 this

summer.

Morden looks to knock the last place Clearwater team out of the playoffs this week with a best-of-three series. Game one took place in Morden Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Game two is in Clearwater on Thursday, with game three, if necessary, back in Morden Sunday night.

Winkler, meanwhile, goes up against the Killarney Lakers, who were just one up on them in the standings. That series started Tuesday in Killarney and continues Friday in Winkler. Game three is scheduled for Sunday back on the Lakers' home turf.

PROVINCIAL WIN

Several local players took a break from league play to take part in the Senior AA All-Star Provincials in Brandon over the weekend.

Border West clinched the title by going undefeated throughout the tournament, besting Santa Clara 9-1, St.

James 12-10, and Stonewall 7-2 in the round robin.

They then shot down South West 5-2 in the semi-final and crushed St. James 8-1 in the final.

Representing the Whips on the team were Bill Fehr, Josh Ginter, Marv Quiring, John Elias, and Pete Fehr. From the Mohawks was Chris Moffatt, Derek Holenski, Manny Lanigua, Blake Hartry, Jesse Mutcheson, and Pearce McDonald.

Local youth athletes off to Canada Games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Seven Morden-Winkler youth join the more than 4,000 athletes and coaches taking part in the Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg starting this week.

The best in the nation are in our province's capital July 28 to Aug. 13 to compete for supremacy in 16 summer sports.

Among them are Winklerites Kyle Dyck (baseball), Tristan Peters (baseball), Talia Peters (basketball), and Nathanu Botha (swimming) and Mordenites Spencer Norrie (golf) and Abbey Sager (softball).

Sixteen-year-old Botha, who qualified for the Games after a successful season of competition with the Manitoba Marlins, initially didn't set out to make Team Manitoba.

"It was my first official year [with the Marlins] so I decided I was going to just try my best, try as hard as I can and just improve, improve, improve," he said. "I didn't think much about the Games, but when I started to improve more and more my coach told me I could make the Canada Games if I really worked hard. So I did. I trained hard and I worked hard and I made it."

Botha travels into Winnipeg several days a week to train with the Marlins,

and while he's hoping to achieve new personal bests at the Games, he also plans to take the time to really enjoy the experience itself.

"I hope to have as much fun as possible," Botha said. "It's an incredible experience and I want to live every moment of it to the fullest."

For Norrie, 17, the road to the Games included having a good showing at the qualifying rounds held at courses throughout Manitoba over the past year.

"I played pretty consistently," he said, adding that, like Botha, he wasn't initially thinking of taking part in the national competition. "I wasn't really thinking I was going to make the team at the start of the season, but then I started playing pretty well and as soon as the qualifiers started I got pretty excited about it."

Norrie said he had a blast competing in the Manitoba Games several years ago. He hopes the Canada Games are a similarly positive experience.

"They were pretty cool and this is just like a way bigger version of that, so it should be great," he said. "I'm definitely excited to meet some new people and see what they have to offer, but even also to see some of the other sports at such a high-level of competition."

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Representing Manitoba at the Canada Games in Winnipeg starting this week are Morden-Winkler youth (clockwise from top left) Abbey Sager, Kyle Dyck, Nathanu Botha, Tristan Peters, Talia Peters, and Spencer Norrie.

able contribute to to Team 'Toba on the basketball court.

"I love basketball, so I've always wanted to make a provincial team and this is the first time that I've been able to try out for something like this," she said, adding that, like Norrie, she's taken part in the Manitoba Games and found it to be a great experience both on and off the court.

"I'm nervous," she admitted about the level of competition on display,

"but I just hope to help my team however I can. We want to win."

The Voice spoke with baseball players Peters and Dyck this spring when they made Team Manitoba. Both expressed excitement to represent their province at the event and to showcase their skills for the scouts in attendance.

Sager could not be reached for comment as of press time.

Orioles face off against St. James A's in semis

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles are taking on the first place St. James As this week as they continue their MJBL playoff run.

The sixth place Orioles advanced to the semi-finals after a two game quarter-final sweep of the fifth place Altona Bisons.

Pembina Valley pulled their game together after an up and down regular season, and they did it in dramatic fashion in following up a 3-2 game one win last Tuesday with a 9-8 victory in game two Thursday.

"It was some game ... I'm still on a high right now," said Orioles coach Joe Wiwchar late last week.

Game two was a back and forth af-

The Bisons first went up 2-0 before

the Orioles tied it. Pembina Valley then got ahead 4-2, but the Bisons evened it up again before scoring four runs at the top of the seventh to pull ahead 8-4.

The Orioles came back to score five in the bottom of the inning, with Justin Odlum getting to play the hero.

"We had the bases loaded with one out ... hit one to the fence and scored all three," said Wiwchar.

Game one had played out in similar fashion, with the Orioles trailing 2-1 before scoring two in the 6th inning.

"They were both exciting games," said Wiwchar, who lauded his team for coming together and coming up big when they needed it.

"I like the fact that we didn't quit," he said. "And we got some hits, and this time we bunched our hits togeth-

That perseverance came through for the team in the opening games of their best-of-five series against St. James this week.

Game one swung St. James' way 3-2 on Sunday, but the Orioles got that back in fine form with a 12-5 rout Monday night in front of a hometown crowd.

A seven-run first inning contributed greatly to the win for the Orioles, who were slated to play games three and four on Tuesday and Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Game five, if necessary, goes Thursday night at St. James.



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Esso Cup legacy fund pays it forward

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden playing host to the national female midget hockey championship this spring is having a lasting impact.

Local organizers recently made their final report on the ninth edition of the Esso Cup, hailing the event a success that generated just over \$57,000 in legacy funds for the community.

"You have all this positive energy in the community, and now we have some money to go along with it," said host committee chair Clare Agnew. "We're just thrilled with that dollar amount. We knew things were going well during the week, but until all the bills are in you're just never quite sure where you're going to be."

Agnew noted the committee had set a goal of a break-even budget prior

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to selling a single ticket. That was achieved thanks to corporate sponsorship, grants, and city funding, creating the possibility of a financial legacy. It was boosted by higher than expected ticket sales, merchandise sales, silent auction proceeds, and 50/50 profits.

"We always said right from the very beginning that making a financial legacy wasn't our goal ... we were more interested in the event ... we really did try for the event to do everything that we wanted to do," Agnew said. "Game day ticket sales increased every day, and the atmosphere was amazing ... it was the place to be."

The legacy funds will support Pembina Valley Minor Hockey with player and official development as well as provide a scholarship for two Pembina Valley Hawks for each of the next five years.

In addition, there will be some support for Morden Minor Hockey and for the City of Morden towards arena upgrades.

"Where we were able to, we wanted to include other groups as well," noted Agnew. "For example, the towels that were used for the week were cleaned and passed on to Genesis House and Katie's Cottage."

In addition, the funds from the sale of merchandise available at a reduced



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Esso Cup chair Clare Agnew, left, presented Sport Manitoba's Leanne Traynor with a donation of \$1,255, representing some of the proceeds from the tournament's surplus funds. The money will be used to support KidSport, which helps underprivileged youth get involved in recreational programs. "it goes a long way to helping kids in the area," Traynor said, noting over 400 kids in the Morden-Winkler area have received funding totalling nearly \$50,000 over the last five years.

rate to the volunteers have been donated to KidSport.

"I think the event included the whole community, and we really want to give back to the whole community," said Agnew.

PAYING TRIBUTE

The committee is also paying tribute to one of its volunteers who passed away just six days after the Esso Cup.

A donation has been made to Jump-

start and Canadian Blood Services and a bench will be installed in the Access Event Centre in honour of Todd Krassman, who served as the VIP transportation chair.

"Todd was an important part of the Esso Cup committee and Morden's hockey community. We felt it was important to recognize his contribution," Agnew said. "We really felt like it was important that our committee recognize his contribution to the success of the Esso Cup."

Pembina Valley Hawks receive scholarships

Three former Pembina Valley Hawks have benefitted from the 2017 Esso Cup's financial legacy in Morden.

Thanks to the success of the event (see story above), a legacy fund has been created to promote the development of female hockey in the region.

Part of that support includes scholarships of up to \$2,000 for the next five years to graduating members of the AAA female midget team who plan to pursue their education.

The first round of recipients includes Erin Doherty of Morden, Mackenzie Hutchinson of Manitou, and Katie Heppner of Winkler.

Doherty plans to attend Assiniboine Community College in Brandon to play hockey and take business administration courses.

Hutchinson will play hockey for the







From left: Erin Doherty, Katie Heppner, and Mackenzie Hutchinson have received Esso Cup scholarships.

University of Regina, also majoring in business administration.

University in North Bay, Ontario to physical and health education.

Heppner plans to attend Nipissing play hockey and pursue a degree in

Winkler Barracudas host meet this Sunday

Twenty local swimmers made a splash at the Swim Manitoba Summer Swim league's third meet of the season July 23.

The Winkler Barracudas headed to Neepawa for the event, coming home with 53 top-three finishes.

Finn Soltis, Jace Zacharias, Libby Penner, and Flora Penner all earned podium finishes in each of their races.

The team's newest swimmers have also come into their own this summer, says team manager Mike Sum-

"Brittany Chavarria competes in the 13/14-year-old category and has earned nine top three finishes in her first three meets," he noted. "Dawson Penner competes in the 9/10-year-old category and has earned eleven top three finishes in his first three meets of the season."

This Sunday, July 30, the Barracudas

Members of the Winkler Barracudas hit the water in Neepawa last weekend. The team had 53 topthree finishes at the meet. They host the **Summer Swim** program's next meet of the season on Sunday.

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play host for the league's second-last meet of the season.

Races begin at the Winkler Aquatic Centre at 9 a.m. and will run until

mid-afternoon.

"Anyone interested in coming to check out what the competitive summer swim program is about is wel-

come to attend," said Sumner, "as is anyone hoping to come cheer on our local swimmers."

Trying something new at sports camp

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a summer camp that is not only getting kids active but opening their eyes to the wide world of sports.

Morden Recreation is again offering its summer sports camp program, giving local youth the chance to try out a variety of activities last week and this week at the Access Event Centre.

Summer program co-ordinator Courtney Yeo said they specifically wanted to focus on something different from the mainstream sports like hockey and baseball.

"My idea for this year was to give the kids an opportunity to sort of experience sports that they don't play," she said, noting last week they tackled everything from archery to lacrosse to drum fitness.

We wanted them to be able to know there are other sports ... and there's a lot more involved in sports than just what you've learned,"Yeo said. "And you're learning a variety of different skills at the same time."

Fifteen kids age eight to 12 took part, and they showed a lot of interest in trying something new, she added.

Yeo said she sees the kids benefitting in a number of ways even beyond the physical activity.

"I think one of the biggest things is even that they're making new friends," she said. "A lot of them didn't know each other when we started, and already we are all a good group. They're getting along well.

"There's also a mixture of new kids to Canada as well as kids who have been here all their lives ... so they're experiencing kids from other cultures as well while all learning a sport.

"They're getting the benefit of knowing that just because you're from somewhere else doesn't mean we can't do the same things," Yeo said. "Other than that, they're just being active rather than sitting at home all week ... and they're having fun all week."

The camp, which this year is funded by Sport Manitoba, continued this week with half-day activities for kids age four to seven. Another round of activities for both age groups is planned for July 31 to Aug. 4 and Aug.



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Kids got a feel for a variety of sports and activities ranging from drum fitness to lacrosse last week as part of the Morden summer sports camp.



Agriculture Optimism on the rise in dry bean world

By Harry Siemens

The dry bean industry in Manitoba, western Canada, and beyond isn't big by any stretch of the imagination, but it continues to be a significant niche market for farmers.

"If you are involved in production or marketing of dry edible beans, have a vested interest or are wanting to cultivate relationships with dry bean growers, consider signing up with drybeanworld.com," reads the website owned and operated by Alvin Klassen of Winkler.

And true to his word, Klassen toured western Canada and has a great handle on what is happening in the dry edible bean world.

"It's working pretty good. We are gaining members every month and some strength," he said about the website launched just last year. "We're finding new ways to support dry bean growers.

"Some farms would like market information, some farms would like production information, some farms want to sell equipment or buy equipment," Klassen said, noting that with farmers becoming busier and busier, they are turning to more specialists to help with the things outside their scope of experience.

"When I first built the website, I wasn't sure exactly what I was doing, but I've learned there's a variety of ways to communicate with farmers," he said. "My initial plan was to build the website and put all the information on the website and everyone could go to the website and find the information.

"I found that to be unsuccessful. I started emailing the members regularly whenever I do a new report and then posting it to the website. I find the farmers get the information in a timely fashion by email and they always know when there's something new available."

Klassen travels it seems almost every day somewhere of consequence to the dry bean industry, most recently through Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

"In some places the crop is pretty much made," he said. "I started my trip in Manitoba where the crop has a variety of stages. When I toured the area July 13 and 14, some beans had pods on them, some were just starting to flower, some were still in the third trifoliate stage ... for the most part, the Manitoba crop is looking really good.

"We do see some compaction issues that are keeping the plants from developing to their full potential because we didn't have a frost last winter," Klassen said. "A driving frost will loosen the ground up and make it easier for the roots to develop."

Klassen said Saskatchewan has a fairly significant increase in dry bean acres. They normally would grow about 10,000 acres but this year they're probably growing 18,000 to 20,000 and they're trying some different classes of beans.

Most of those beans are grown under irrigation and since they've only had one inch of rain since planting. They have full control of disease and water, and the crop is looking really good.

In southern Alberta, the acres are up a little bit from last year and the crop there has also only seen three inches of rain since planting. Every bean is grown under irrigation.

"That is probably where the crop is the most advanced and some of the pods are filling," said Klassen. "The small reds that I looked at, the color was coming in around the hilum in the pod already. They're expecting to start harvest before the end of August.

"I think as far as these three Canadian provinces, the crop looks pretty good right now and we've got some strong potential. Ontario has had a little more trouble with water. There's been some flooding and some heavy rains. It's kind of a mixed bag, you know. The beans are good in some places and in some places, pretty poor."

Klassen said there is an attitude of bullishness developing in the industry. "The attitude of bullishness comes from production in the U.S.," he said. "In Canada, we have roughly 250,000 acres. There are 6.7 million acres of beans in North Dakota and Minnesota, so that's where the majority of the acres are. They are experiencing some of the driest conditions in a lot of places that they've seen in a long time

"Although the beans are best suited for dry conditions and warm conditions, they do need some water. In Nebraska, there were temperatures up to 107 degrees Fahrenheit during flowering, which will definitely reduce the pod set. Colorado's is extremely hot. Western North Dakota is experiencing a severe drought. Southern Minnesota's experiencing a severe drought. I can hardly wait to get on the road next week and travel the U.S. and see how everything is actually looking."



The next step in internet technology

By Harry Siemens

I embraced technology early in my life. I think it was 1982 when I spent \$3,500 on my first Osborne computer, a tiny five-inch screen, green in colour, with two floppy disk drives, 187,000 kb, and no ram or memory.

It was slow and clunky, but I could use a program called WordStar, a word processor that was the precursor to Microsoft's Word and a nobrainer program I could use in my sleep.

Next came dial-up internet service. Slow but it worked.

Fast forward to so-called "high-speed" internet service—five megabytes per second, and upload an amazing 0.5 MB/s. Uploading a single photo takes so long I can make a cup of coffee and drink it before it's done

Which is why when I first saw and heard the news about Valley Fiber's plan to bring the fastest internet on the planet to Winkler, I could hardly contain myself.

Half a megabyte a second compared to 1,000 MB/s is a no-brainer.

As a proof of concept, the Rosebrook development north of the city will be first in line for the new underground fiber optic network. Then it's onto the rest of the city.

It doesn't stop there. When things settle down in Winkler, farmers in southern Manitoba will have access to the same fast Internet service.

"Valley Fiber came out of a passion for customer service and, with working with VISP for many years and the tech industry, we've looked at different technologies as to how can we solve, mainly, local problems," says Valley Fiber's Hank Wall. "That being internet access, internet connectivity, and how can technologies that exist out there or that are close to existing be further developed and eventually implemented in a rural environment like Winkler and the surrounding area?"

The company has spent thousands

of hours developing the technology, Wall says, and they're eager to roll it out in the community.

"We will very shortly be running our first speed test to be able to show the community and the world what we can do," he says.

Frankly, what's in store for the rural agricultural area and the farmers who depend on high-speed and upto-date market information to make their decisions is breathtaking.

This company has a real passion for the area they serve.

"We are local. We care," says Wall. "At the end of the day, we go home because customer service is king.

"We have the ability to create the economic development to see the economy grow and to see this region keep on prospering into the next generation and ultimately into many different revenue streams.

"I've personally witnessed having the local intellectual properties

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Outstanding issues could cause delays in CETA benefits

By Harry Siemens

Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance president Brian Innes says the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement involving Canada and the European Union will mean about \$1.5 billion in increased Canadian agrifood exports to Europe, but outstanding issues will cause delays.

"On day one certainly some of the tariff concerns we've had with canola oil, around quota concerns that we have on low protein wheat, those things enable us to export right away," said Innes. "Whereas other things that we gained in the agreement like access for beef and pork have some difficulties associated with them, primarily around food safety recognition between Canada and Europe.

"While some of our beef plants will be able to export once they have the required certification, there are some inconsistencies with the way Europe looks at certain provisions in our processing plants and the way that Canadian regulatory officials see those same requirements."

Innes said that means that not all of Canada's current beef and pork processing plants will be able to meet European requirements on day one.

"There are potential barriers around crop inputs like crop protection products and biotechnology traits that we include in our canola, corn and our soybeans that are potential barriers," he added, "but the main concerns do revolve around those meat processing recognition requirements."

Innes said it remains to be seen how much of the negotiated quotas Canada will be able to use in the near term.

Canadian Meat Council spokesman Ron Davidson is hopeful these kinds of barriers will be resolved.

He noted two key technical barriers-health mark labeling and antimicrobial intervention—will delay commercially viable access to Europe for Canadian beef and pork.

"The first one pertains to where the health mark is placed on packages of meat that are going to Europe," he explained. "This is of concern because when we have an animal, only pieces of it will go to Europe—other parts of the animal go elsewhere. If we are putting the health mark on the boxes at the production plant before they go into cold storage, this causes a problem for our companies because the product that is not going to Europe is going to have this health mark on it, so we wish to be able to place the health mark on immediately before the product goes to Europe."

It's not an insurmountable problem and Davidson is surprised it hasn't already been resolved.

Meanwhile, the antimicrobial interventions is particularly of concern to the bovine sector, beef producers, and to some pork producers. That's because the European Union has not approved all of the antimicrobial interventions that we have in Canada and they will not permit the importation of meat products using those interventions until Canada has achieved European approval.

That matter is unlikely to be resolved by CETA's Sept. 21 implementation date, said Davidson.

TPP MOVING FORWARD

Meanwhile, Innes said the prospects of the Trans-Pacific Partnership moving forward without the participation of the United States presents a tremendous opportunity for Canada.

Canada is losing ground to countries like Australia and the E.U. who already have or may soon have free trade agreements with Japan, Innes

"Japan is such a high-value market for Canadian agriculture, it's so critical that we have competitive access in that market," he said. "And with Europe now signaling that they may have an agreement and Canada not having an agreement, that could be really bad news for our sectors that export where Europe could fill that market with better access."

Innes used pork as a prime example because clearly there is a globally competitive pork industry, but it succeeds because of competitive access with other countries.

He said the Danes are also major pork exporters in the world, as are other European pork producers.

"If they have better access to Japan than we have, that puts us at a disadvantage which means we get less value for our product or the Europeans beat us out of the market."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 22

having to leave because their development can't sustain in the current economy.

"The only thing that we see that is limiting is the lack of infrastructure. Much like taking gravel roads and

upgrading them to superhighways, that's what we're doing today. That is our goal, and that is our passion."

I've used the word no-brainer a few time already in this column, but let me use it again: embracing this advanced technology is a no-brainer.

Its adoption in our area will, I believe, help generate economic activity and development the likes we've not

Trying their hand at lacrosse

Morden's series of Try It activities continued last Tuesday with participants introduced to the game of lacrosse. The sessions have covered a wide array of different sports that have helped give Morden the lead over Winkler in the ParticipACTION 150 playlist challenge. Another session Wednesday gave people a chance to learn about taekwondo.

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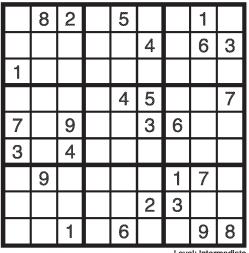
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Kids were discovering the magic that happens when you melt crayons as one of the varied activities offered as part of the summer art camp at the Pembina Hills Arts Council last week. The camp continued through this week with a wide array of crafts that have ranged from glueing found objects onto frames for chalkboards to fabric art and tie dyeing.



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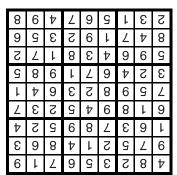


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Sudoku Answer



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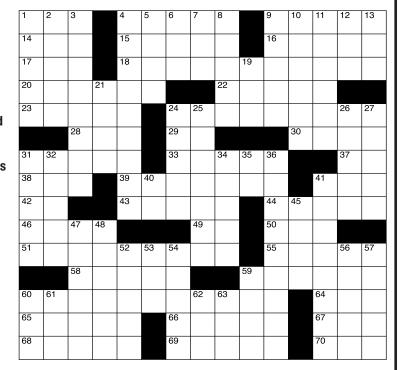
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Defunct phone company
- 4. Rural area in Guinea
- 9. Hairstyles
- 14. Makes a good meal
- 15. Nats' CFer Adam
- 16. El ___, painter
- 17. Midway between south and southeast
- 18. Baseball's "The Big Hurt"
- 20. A serialized set of programs 22. A woody climbing plant
- 23. Japanese metropolis
- 24. Whirlpool
- 28. Toddler
- 29. Integrated circuit
- 30. WWII British fighter Blackburn
- 31. Ancient Briton tribe
- 33. Injurious weeds (Bib.)
- 37. Nonredundant
- 38. Turf
- 39. Canned fish
- 41. Team's best pitcher
- 42. Touchdown
- 43. Woody perennial plants
- 44. Rattling breaths
- 46. Smaller quantity
- 49. Of I
- 50. When you'll get there
- 51. Adventures
- 55. Type of chip
- 58. Having wings
- 59. Mutilated
- 60. Considered
- 64. Wrath
- 65 A citizen of Iran
- 66. American state
- 67. Explosive
- 68. One who challenges
- __ senilis
- 70. Affirmative

CLUES DOWN

1. Move rapidly in music



- 2. Brief are one type
- 3. Repeated
- 4. Quitter
- 5. Paddles
- 6. Broadway actress Hagen
- 7. Politician Paul
- 8. Joint
- 9. Ottoman military men
- 10. Covers for illegal operations
- 11. Comment
- 12. Office of Consumer Affairs
- 13. Distress signal
- _ death do us part
- 21. S. Korean boy band
- 24. Bishop's hat
- 25. Learning environment
- 26. Measurement
- 27. Equines 31. Hard plant fiber
- 32. Protocols

- 34. Stands up
- 35. Linear unit
- 36. Songs
- 40. One of the six noble gases
- 41. Cheerful readiness
- 45. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 47. Having only magnitude
- 48. Containing salt
- 52. Chadic language
- 53. Fed
- 54. Beef or chicken intestine
- 56. Hill in Australia and London
- 57. "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
- 59. A list of available dishes
- 60. Have already done
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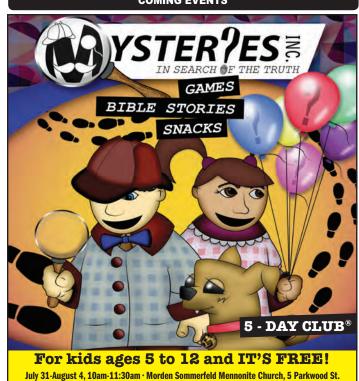
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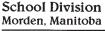
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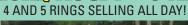
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Announcements



The family of **Tina Penner** invite you to her 80th Birthday Celebration Sunday, July 30th 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. **Gateway Resources** 1582 Pembina Ave. W. Short program at 2:00 p.m. Your presence is a gift



Walter Hildebrand April 12, 1946 - July 27, 2016 When you meet someone You never imagine you would, You are taken by surprise. You feel excited, happy and fortunate That's what I will always remember-That wonderful feeling That day you came into my life, For it fills my heart to this very day You will never be forgotten.

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David Henry Hiebert 1943-2017

Dave Hiebert (73) of Morden, MB passed away suddenly on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Beverly (Dyck), daughter Lawanda and Ike Friesen of Morden (Kelvin and Kim, Krista and Dylan (great-grandchildren Cassidy, Hudson and Rowan), and Nathan, son Rodney and Karen Hiebert of Morden, and son Murray and Jennifer Hiebert of Pambrun, SK (Joshua, Natasha, Lauren, and Nahum).

He will be missed by his brothers Jake, Bill (Sandi) and Rudy (Ruth) and sisters Mary Penner and Nellie (John) Wiens.

He was predeceased by his parents Cornelius and Katherina Hiebert, parents-in-law Peter H. and Agatha Dyck, sister-in-law

Betty (Hoeppner), and brother-in-law George Penner. Dave was born in Winkler, MB on December 27, 1943, the third child of six children.

He was baptized upon confession of his faith in 1963 in the Winkler Bergthaler Church.

On June 27, 1965 Dave married Beverly Dyck. They were blessed with 52 years of marriage. They began their married life in Zion district. He worked at DA Fehr Implements in Morden. In 1967 he started his career at the Morden Research Station and continued working at the station until 2001 when he retired. Also in 1967 they were blessed with their daughter Lawanda, followed by their sons Rodney in 1969 and Murray in 1975. After moving to Morden in 1973 and the family farm in 1976, they settled back in Morden on Gilmour St. for the remaining years in 1990. In retirement Dave kept himself busy in many different ways. He loved to spend every spare moment in his shop building, creating and working on a multitude of projects for others and the regional Credit Unions. Until the very end Dave did a job he loved, working for Bill Klassen Auctions.

Dave was a very loving husband, patient father and proud grandpa and great-grandpa. He was always ready to assist others, giving helpful advice at just the right moment. He had the ability to connect with anyone, anywhere, especially when he and Beverly went out for coffee and breakfast each morning.

A special bible verse Dave shared recently with one of his grandsons was:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

Dave's wish for each and every one of us was to seek God and follow Him.

The family wishes to thank Dave's co-workers at Bill Klassen Auctions, Altona EMS and the Altona Hospital staff for all the care they provided.

A celebration of Dave's life was held at the Morden EMM Church on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 project) 650 S. Railway, Winkler MB. R6W 0L6. at 2pm with a private interment for family and close friends prior to the service.

Donations can be made in his memory to Union Gospel Mission, Winnipeg.

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John Richard "Jack" Hart 1940 - 2017

On Friday, July 14, 2017 Jack Hart age 77 of Morden, MB passed away at the Rock Lake Personal Care Home, Crystal

He is survived by his wife Mayis Hart (nee Rothenburger): two sons Jamie (Melanie) Hart and Kevin Hart; one sister and one

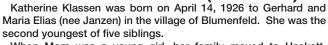
Cremation has taken place. A private graveside committal has taken place at the Chapel Columbarium, Morden, MB.

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When Mom was a young girl, her family moved to Haskett. She attended the Haskett School, but was unable to continue her education past grade seven. Her youngest brother John had whooping cough and she was considered to be a carrier. Shortly thereafter her mother became ill, and Katherine was needed at home. Although she loved school very much, these circumstances prevented her from furthering her education.

On August 11th, 1946 she married Jacob D. Klassen at her parent's farm in Haskett. They were blessed with six sons and two daughters. In 1949, Mom and Dad established a farm east of Blumenfeld where they farmed for the next 53 years. As a farmer's

wife, her work was never done. She assisted Dad with all aspects of farming, and excelled in making major financial decisions.

Katherine was baptized in 1946, but at the time she did not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Later she received clear Bible teaching from a good friend Mr. Jake Neudorf and she also listened to Back to the Bible. One day in the late 1950's, while she was tending the coalfired furnace in the basement all alone, things became clear to her and she made a decision to receive Jesus into her life. Through the years, mom's faith in Jesus was evident in her daily life. She encouraged her children to attend church and cultivate a personal relationship with Jesus.

Mom was a passionate and exceptional cook, fully capable of concocting tasty meals out of practically anything. Throughout her life as a farm wife, she not only cooked for her family of 10, she also happily served guests, invited or not. She was involved with catering events such as weddings, high school graduations and banquets. Mom was a founding member of the Valley Harvest Maids, an organization which still exists today. The ladies started by serving a threshing crew at the W.V. Elias farm east of Blumenfeld. For many years Mom was also involved in the Blumenfeld Sewing Circle.

Mom and Dad moved to Winkler in 2002. In 2009, after Dad was admitted to the Salem PCH, she moved to Crocus. Dad passed away on July 1, 2014. Mom kept up an active social life. In June, 2016 due to declining health, she moved to the Buhler Active Living Centre. She enjoyed her new apartment and the congregate meal program immensely and made many new friends. Mom was hospitalized on June 24th. She passed away peacefully in the morning on July 15 with her two daughters by her side.

We are so thankful to God for all the wonderful years we had with Mom. We loved her and will miss her dearly. We are also deeply grateful for the kind, professional care and attention she received from homecare, Boundary Trails Hospital staff, Buhler Center staff, Pfahl's drugs, Dr. Dhala and his office staff and Jake Giesbrecht at Wiebe's Funeral Home.

Katherine was predeceased by her husband J.D. Klassen, her parents, all five siblings (George, Mary Reimer, Peter, William, John) and one grandson Dwight Jacob Klassen in 1999. She is survived by her daughters Kathy (Irvin) and Marty; her sons Bill (Karen), George (Mary Ann), Jake (Mary), Dick (Lotti), Peter (Loressa), Abe (Luella); 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She will also be missed by her sister-in-law Betty Elias, JD's two sisters Susan Fehr and Tina (John) Schmidt, his brother George, and many nieces and nephews.

The memorial service was held on July 20, 2017 at the Winkler Mennonite Church at 11:00 a.m. with burial at the Haskett Cemetery prior to the service.

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