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Keeping it country

Country star Joe Nichols was a huge hit at the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition last Friday night, thrilling a crowd of thousands with his traditional country style and a few new songs off his upcoming album. For more festival coverage, see Pg. 12-13.

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Boot drive, BBQ raises \$22K for Winkler family

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The area residents lining the parade route on Saturday were generous indeed when Winkler firefighters put their boots out for donations to help one of their own.

Winkler Fire & Rescue's annual Parade Boot Drive brought in an unprecedented \$16,539 on Aug. 8. Coupled with the \$6,185 raised from the charity barbecue held by the firefighters after the parade, this year's fundraiser brought in a total of \$22,725—a far cry from the \$6,000 or so the campaign usually collects.

At the heart of it all was seven-year-old Kadyn, son of firefighter Henry Giesbrecht and his wife Maryanne.

Kadyn is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia. He's also recently been diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder known as Louis-Bar syndrome, the symptoms of which he'll be struggling with for the rest of his life.

Upon learning of the challenges Kadyn will be facing in the years to

come, the Winkler Firefighters Association decided to donate the proceeds of this year's boot drive to the family to help with the many costs associated with regular trips into Winnipeg for treatment.

Giesbrecht, who has served with the fire department for five years, said on Monday that he and his wife are overwhelmed by the generosity the community has shown their family.

"We weren't expecting anything like that," he said of the final tally. "It was just a shocking number."

Giesbrecht said people were dropping large bills into the boots and even writing cheques. Some of the donors he spoke with shared their own stories of childhood illness.

"A lot of people came up and said, 'We know what you're going through. We've been through it too.' It was just overwhelming support. Lots of hugs."

"In Southern Manitoba we're known for giving, and it's amazing to receive that love from everybody," he added. "We want to say a huge thank-you to everyone. And thank-you to the firefighters association for making us a priority in the boot drive... it

"WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS WHAT WE'VE RECEIVED AND HOW JUST A SIMPLE LITTLE BOOT DRIVE CAN LIFT A FAMILY UP."



Winkler firefighters put their boots out during the parade on Saturday, raising over \$22,000 for seven-year-old Kadyn Giesbrecht, shown at right with parents Henry and Maryanne and little brother Asher.



goes to good causes every single year and we feel very blessed that they chose us this year."

Giesbrecht said they intend to pass on whatever excess funds from the campaign they can in the years ahead.

"We feel very blessed and we feel undeserving, in a way... it's more

than we need," he said. "We're going to pay it forward. There's lots of things that we can do... this isn't all just for us."

"Words can't express what we've received and how just a simple little boot drive can lift up a family," he added.

Head-on crash claims life of Winkler man

A 36-year-old Winkler man was killed in a head-on collision east of Plum Coulee last Friday morning.

Carman RCMP report that a car travelling eastbound on Hwy. 14 about four miles east of town was attempting to pass two vehicles when the driver realized that an oncoming vehicle was too close to complete the pass.

The two vehicles collided after both drivers veered in the same direction in an attempt to avoid an impact.

The driver of the oncoming vehicle,

an adult male, was transported to hospital by ambulance and is in stable condition.

The Winkler driver of the passing vehicle succumbed to his injuries. His name has not been released by police.

An RCMP Forensic Collision Reconstructionist is assisting with the ongoing investigation.

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Life in the trenches

By Angela Lovell

The danger escalated as we headed down the communications trench towards the front line and infantryman Dallas Ewen reminded us to keep our heads down because of snipers.

As we followed the duck boards designed to keep our feet dry when the trench floods, we heard a bell ring and a cry of: "Gas, gas, gas."

In the front line fire bay, Private Frederick Carsted of the 43rd Battalion Cameron Highlanders quickly tore his gas mask from the pouch around his neck and pulled it over his face before the poisonous mustard gas could reach the trench.

Above, the blue sky was mercifully devoid of incoming shells or grenades, and we saw no German soldiers coming over the top, bayonets fixed. But it wasn't hard for visitors to the simulated Western Front trenches at the Manitoba World War I Museum to imagine the conditions the real soldiers would have lived under.

That was the intent of the heritage event "In the Trenches" held last Sunday, said museum owner Bruce Tascona, who has been collecting memorabilia from the First World War since he was a boy and has since written five regimental history books. "The focus of this event is to interpret the experience of trench warfare during World War I."

The Manitoba WWI Museum is located at Silver Springs Bed & Breakfast three miles west of La Riviere. The permanent museum exhibit is in the basement of the house, but Tascona has added seasonal outdoor displays this year, including a simulated trench headquarters, a bell tent where up to 12 soldiers would sleep on straw-stuffed mattresses, and a simulated to-scale trench system.

Last weekend there was a steady stream of people walking through the trenches that Tascona has had dug on the property. Volunteers from the Queens Own Cameron

"MANY OF THEM NEVER CAME HOME, AND THIS IS OUR WAY OF REMEMBERING THOSE MEN."

Highlanders Museum in Winnipeg—dressed in authentic period uniforms—were on hand to explain what everyday life consisted of on the front line.

Military artifacts collected and preserved by the Royal Winnipeg Rifles

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"Infantryman" Dallas Ewen explains everyday life in the trenches to visitors at the "In the Trenches" event at the Manitoba World War I Museum last Sunday.

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> IN THE TRENCHES, FROM PG. 3

Regimental Museum were also on display, as were the stories from veterans who fought at Vimy Ridge, where mustard gas was used by the Germans for the first time.

Soldiers in the trenches often took old bullet and shell casings and turned them into trench "art" like letter openers and knives, which were also part of the exhibits.

A volunteer from the XII Manitoba Dragoons and 26th Field Regiment Museum in Brandon manned the underground trench headquarters, about 200 yards behind the front lines, where supplies and ammunition was stored. It was also the place where operators sent and received messages via the telegraph and field telephone and gave them to runners

PHOTOS BY ANGELA LOVELL/VOICE
Above, from left: Volunteers Dallas Ewen and Grant Tyler helped Bruce Tascona, owner of the Manitoba WWI Museum, bring history alive at the "In the Trenches" event at the museum Sunday. Left: "Lieutenant" John Ball mans the trench headquarters with a telegraph operator in the background sending and receiving messages.

who carried them to the front trenches.

"We sometimes think about WWI as having happened a long way away in France and Belgium, but many

of the Canadians who fought there came from small, rural communities like this one," said Tascona. "Many of them never came home, and this is our way of remembering those men."

Bergen cuts ribbon on Winkler campaign office

By Lorne Stelmach

Kicking off her re-election campaign, Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen looked back to her beginnings in the political world.

"I got involved as a volunteer. I

never imagined that I would be a Member of Parliament," Bergen commented as she opened her campaign office in Winkler on Monday. "When one thing led to another, I thought I think this is a job I could do and I can do well."

First elected to the House of Commons in 2008 and then re-elected in 2011, Bergen touched on some of the key campaign themes for herself and the Conservative government under Prime Minister Stephen Harper in the lead-up to this fall's federal election.

"I think the economy, certainly some of the global uncertainty, the issues around dropping oil prices," she said. "Canadians are concerned about the economy, and I think the proven leadership of this prime minister, as well as the fact that we have already taken Canada through one of the worst recessions since the Great Depression . . . and taking Canada through and coming out in a very strong way, is something that Canadians and voters will be looking at."

"I think Canadians do want to continue with proven leadership."

Bergen said she was proud of the Conservative government's achievements, citing such examples as ending the long gun registry and ending the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly.

Other recent initiatives she cited as being important for the Portage-Lisgar riding ranged from expanding the universal child care benefit to

pursuing an expanded trade agenda, including the Trans Pacific Partnership.

She also noted issues around flooding have taken on increased importance for her as the riding now takes in both the town and rural municipality of Morris. She cited federal funding to help build additional channels and make the Lake St. Martin channel permanent, adding her concern was not only flood mitigation but also supporting those who have been impacted.

Bergen said it has been an honour to serve in this riding and she hopes to be able to continue to do so.

"I think that there's more work that we need to do," she said.

"I think the risk is all the things that we've accomplished over the last nine years could still very easily become undone. I think that's what's motivating me . . . and then to be able to do it with a government where we've seen such positive changes come to Canada."

"I don't want to see all of the good work that we've done as a Conservative government under Prime Minister Harper undone."

Bergen's campaign office is located at 272 1st Street in Winkler.



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Winkler Mayor Martin Harder (second from left) joined Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen (centre, left) and her supporters for the ribbon cutting that opened her campaign office in the city on Monday.

New Walking Club takes its first steps

By Lorne Stelmach

There are many benefits to walking, and a group of Mordenites want to convince others in the community of them.

They are starting up the Morden Walking Club not only as a way for people to get more active, but to also enjoy some fellowship while getting out and exploring Morden by foot.

The group dynamic of joining others in walking can be a motivation for people, said Stephanie Dueck, recreation programmer for the City of Morden.

"There is that social aspect of it as well," she said in advance of the Morden Walking Club holding an introductory meeting and registration—complete with a short walk, of course—last Thursday at the Access Event Centre. "And it will also be promoting some of the beautiful local spots we have here. It just builds community, as well."

Sheena Kilpatrick of the Manitoba Fitness Council was on hand for the introductory meeting where they touted some of the benefits of walking, including relieving stress, increasing your energy level, helping with weight management, improving your self image, and just making yourself feel good.

Dueck said the idea for the Morden Walking Club came from the Healthy Living Together program through Southern Health. It led to an active living facilitator course offered through the Manitoba Fitness Council.

"Healthy Living Together is all about getting people active and trying to make it easier for people to do and trying to create more resources that help people to get active more easily," she said.

"We had 16 people come to the Access Event Centre for this course... a day long course," Dueck noted. "And from that we had Casey Gall step



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Members of the new Morden Walking Club took their first walk together after an organizational meeting last week Thursday.

forward as wanting to start a club in Morden."

With the introductory meeting, the club worked out some of the nuts and bolts of when and where they'll be hitting the streets of Morden.

"We'll try to do hour walks and change up the route... and incorporate different stretches and strengthening exercises," said Dueck.

"We were thinking maybe two dif-

ferent times a week. We're thinking possibly Mondays and Wednesdays," she added, noting the time will depend on when most participants might be available.

For more information on getting involved with the Morden Walking Club, contact Casey Gall by email at casey.gall@icloud.com or Dueck at 204-822-5431 or sdueck@mordenmb.com.

Youth job centres winding things down

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

After a successful summer of helping kids hunt for jobs in the Winkler-Morden area, the Manitoba Youth Job Centres (MYJC) in both communities are winding things down for the season.

The centres helped older youth find employment through their job referral system, while younger kids spent the summer earning extra money and building up a resumé by working at Odd Job Squad events.

"We've been really busy. We've had lots of registrations this year," said Briar Hildebrand, the Winkler youth engagement leader, who says that the MYJC has had an eventful and productive summer.

The Odd Job Squad, especially, was very popular this summer, says the Morden centre's Emily Gerbrandt.

"A lot of the kids are very excited. Every time they do an event they want to know what's coming up next," she said. "They are very excited to see the amount of profit they've made."

The Odd Job Squad in both locations kept kids busy with a roll kuchen and watermelon sale on Canada Day, window washing at local businesses, barbecues, and doughnut and pizza sales.

"They are all very hard working this year," said Gerbrandt of the participants.

For older youth, the job referral system got them

in touch with area employers looking for workers.

"I think the most popular is the job referral," said Gerbrandt. "In general it helps them find what jobs are out there... and get connected."

Youth who used the MYJC found jobs with causal and permanent positions. Gerbrandt explained that they've had many job-seekers that have been a very good fit for the job they were matched with.

"They were very excited to work," she said, "They say they are enjoying themselves there."

Hildebrand says that throughout the summer they have had a good feedback from the community and employers, as well.

"A number of employers were extremely satisfied with the kids. They were eager to use the services again," she said. "As soon as employers see how eager the kids are, they are interested."

"I think it's going to keep growing," she added when asked about next summer. "Employers are seeing how it affects them and the community. Next year the goal is to connect with more employers and hopefully get more kids out into the community."

Both Gerbrandt and Hildebrand would like to thank businesses in the Winkler and Morden area for their support as well as the youth who participated in the programs.

The MYJC will be closing for the summer on Aug. 21, so youth have one more week to stop by for help with their job hunt.



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Members of the MYJC's Odd Job Squad were kept hard at work washing windows at local businesses this summer.

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Finding peace when dealing with death

Death. This might seem weird, but death has been on my mind recently.

Death is like the ultimate statistic: 1 out of 1 people die. Pause for a moment and say aloud to yourself, "I am going to die." Let that reality settle in; your life will come to an end.

This feels kind of depressing doesn't it? And yet, strangely, death doesn't scare me or bother me one bit. I mean the process of how I might die causes me some fear, but death itself? I am not afraid. In fact, there is real hope and anticipation, and let me tell you why.

First, let's be honest with each other, we don't really like talking about death, do we? We do our best to avoid the subject altogether. I mean, we are all racing toward this "brick wall" called death, and at some point we're all going to smack into it, but we just basically block it out of our thought process

and move forward.

Of course the consequence of ignoring death is this sad shallowness to life. We need the sobering reality of the end to make us go deeper; to reflect on why we exist, to tell our loved ones what they mean to us, to overcome petty differences that keep us a part, to move our hearts and minds beyond the shallowness of sports, the weather, and our latest purchases.

I think our other coping method for death is that some of us try to control our bodies, keep it from breaking down. I've been doing an exercise program called P90X3 and the main guy is Tony Horton. He's 56 years old, and the dude is just ripped, he looks like he could be in his thirties!

But, despite his or your best efforts to maintain a healthy lifestyle, no matter how healthy or strong you are, at some point you'll hit that brick wall. In fact, God could miraculously heal you, even raise you back to life, and you'll still die at some point. Death is coming.

I've been thinking about death because my father-in-law passed away recently. He spent the last three and a half years battling cancer. Someone made the comment to me after his death, "I'm sorry to hear that your dad lost his battle with cancer" and almost immediately I thought to my-

self, "That's not right. Dad didn't lose at all. Dad won!"

You see, the Bible teaches that we die once and then we face judgement, which again, sounds pretty scary, but the Bible also teaches that God rescues us from death and judgement.

Here's what we read in one of the letters written in the Bible to a church in Corinth: "It was sin that made death so frightening and law-code guilt that gave sin its leverage, its destructive power. But now in a single victorious stroke of Life, all three—sin, guilt, death—are gone, the gift of our Master, Jesus Christ. Thank God!"

In other words we can be set free from the life of trying to save ourselves, trying to please God, and simply trust that God sent his son Jesus to overcome the brokenness, guilt and shame that would keep us from knowing him and a life of freedom and joy.

Like my dad, I believe that there is more to this life than what we can see, touch, hear, taste. I believe that death is in not the end and eternity awaits.

Death is on my mind, and instead of fear, I am filled with hope—wow! I encourage you to join me in finding the better life in Jesus.

- Terry Dueck is an associate pastor at the Winkler MB Church



By Terry Dueck

letters

Tipping a critical part of food service industry

I was very proud to graduate my two children this year, both of whom have found employment in the food services industry.

I am disheartened to hear of repeated stories of little to no tipping, which is a critical economic factor in these challenging jobs.

My son entered into a contract

with a national organization to deliver pizzas for \$6/hour. Six dollars! Using his own vehicle and providing his own gas. The understanding behind this is that tips are inherent in the wage earning potential of this under-appreciated job.

My daughter informs me of 15 cent tips on \$15 meals. How disappoint-

ing! "I'd rather get nothing than pennies," she states.

I am unsure if people in the region are unaware of tipping as a recognized industry standard, or if there is a willful disdain for this accepted practice in a vital industry.

Denis Tremblay,
Winkler

> Got something you want to get off your chest?

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Letters

Kudos to everyone involved in making the Miami Library a reality

I would like to pass on my compliments to a group of people and a service that quite a number of years ago I thought I would never use: the Miami Library.

I took out a membership to help get it started. Peggy Lesniewski, a retired school teacher in Miami, and a lot of young people and students saw a need for such a service. They got together a group to meet with the RM of Thompson to get the ball rolling.

The late Brian Schwartz, the reeve, was always a supporter and promoter of something new in Miami—the golf course, municipal office, and a library.

And their dream never left.

It was this past week that I had a reason to go to the library to use the computer, which you have to phone ahead and book a time. When I called, I was told it was quite busy, come in about an hour. I did. Well, I got part of my job done and then I had to excuse myself because of the traffic.

In a small area, while waiting, I watched a young lady, the librarian, Cherie Debreuil, working with mothers and children.

I thought, yes, Miami has a great service, but we are so lucky to have someone like Cherie who is gifted, one of a kind, a person to handle the rush of little people coming and going. Yes, she has volunteers who put

in a lot of hours finding books, returning, organizing in a little place. You are all doing a bang-up job.

So I thought, get some information on the happenings for a few people who didn't think Miami needed a new library along with the dream of a new municipal office.

Here's what I found out.

There are over 90 children signed-up for the summer reading program. They had read over 1,400 hours up to now and now are over.

It is not uncommon to have 50 to 60 people a day go through, and on one or two days a week, including as many as 30 to 35 adults on average. Great, eh?

Miami joined the South Central Regional Library with Mary Toma, another great promoter of the service. And then a co-op group was put together with the Miami ladies—great leaders—in getting this

accomplished, opening the doors to a lot more contacts.

So, to all involved in this great idea, it took a lot of hours of volunteers to get it where it is today.

Congratulations to all, past and present. Your reward is on its way. The cement is poured, the framing will be going up shortly.

Miami will be a place to be proud of with a well deserved new library and a municipal office. A dream of a few people coming true, and for a lot of young people to say in the future, 'I was there.'

Congratulations to the present reeve and the council and the support of the community; it will serve us all as a place to be proud of.

Miami: the community of many volunteers.

Wes Vanstone,
Miami

'Artisans, Crafts, and More' raising funds for Donate Love

Still room for a few more vendors at Corn & Apple sale

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Donate Love is teaming up with Hillside Community Church and local crafters to raise funds for families in need during Morden's Corn & Apple Festival weekend.

Hillside, located in the Log Cabin at 10 Thornhill St., is hosting *Artisans, Crafts, and More* on Friday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Aug. 22.

"We're pulling in some community artists and home-based business owners, people that are local," says organizer Kim Klassen. "And they're giving 10 per cent of whatever they make that weekend to Donate Love."

"I just thought what a great opportunity this would be to bring in some local people and, at the same time, raise money for Donate Love," she adds. "They have over 80 families that

they're servicing in the community and they need all the help they can get."

Volunteers from Donate Love will also be on hand to talk about how the organization helps financially struggling families in the Winkler-Morden area make ends meet. Additional donations to the cause will be gratefully accepted.

As of last week, the show already had about a dozen vendors signed-up, though Klassen hopes to see several more register over the next week.

"We're really hoping to fill it right up," she says, noting the displays run the gamut from homemade jewelry, crochet, and woodwork products to vendors like Tupperware and Zija International (nutritional products).

"It's going to be quite a mix of hopefully a bit of everything," Klassen says.

If you'd like to sign-up for a table, contact Klassen at 204-823-1487. Tables cost \$50 for the two-day event.

Artisans, Crafts, and More runs from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Friday and from noon to 7 p.m. on festival Saturday.



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Park Days sessions nearly full all summer long

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden had the answer for parents who needed some fun things for their kids to do outdoors this summer.

The city's popular Park Days (formerly known as Park School) wrapped up its three week summer stint Aug. 4-7.

The program for children aged six to 12 ran each afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m., with two earlier sessions held in July.

Program co-ordinator Josh Enns said it is simply about having fun and giving the kids interesting and engaging activities for an afternoon.

"It has a maximum of 15 kids, and we were full almost every day," he said. "We will be returning next year."

Enns said they aimed to have a variety of games, crafts and activities to engage the kids.

"Every day, we go to the spray park.

We do crafts, play beach volleyball. We play games in the park."

"Then we also have our Dino Day where we go to the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre. And we also have a Boston Pizza pizza party on Friday."

Enns said they were pleased with how it turned out this summer.

"We're very happy this year. We had smaller numbers last year, but I think the program is getting a little stronger every year," he said. "I think people are getting to know about it a lot more."

And, of course, being an outdoor program, it relies on good weather, and they had that in spades for the three weeks.

"There was one day where it rained, but we did some crafts in the park shelter and we still played beach volleyball in the rain."

Enns couldn't say if there was any chance the program could be ex-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Coordinator Josh Enns helps with some finishing touches to a craft creation of one of the 15 kids taking part in the final week of the three week Park Days program in Morden Aug. 4-7.

panded in the future, but he seemed to think it could be considered given the positive response.

"Maybe we can grow the program a

little bigger. I think it's been so well received here. I could see it being a possibility, for sure."

Tractor auction raises \$12K for Teen Challenge

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A project to restore and auction off a 50-year-old tractor in support of Teen Challenge snowballed into raising over \$12,000 for the charity through the sale of three separate tractors last week.

Pete Peters and his nephew Jake spent the winter fixing up a beat-up old Case 530 tractor with an eye to auctioning it off at Bill Klassen Auctions' annual consignment auction on Aug. 3.

The painstakingly restored vehicle eventually brought in \$8,750 on the auction block, much to the delight of Peters.

"There were quite a few bidders," he says, noting it ultimately went to a farmer in Schoenwiese. "I didn't have an aim for how much because I had no idea what to expect. Obviously, the more, the better. This

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was a fine amount."

Peters was also thrilled to see two other tractor sellers decide to donate the proceeds of their auctions to Teen Challenge as well, bringing the total tally for the Christian addictions program to around \$12,000.

"This community has a very big support for Teen Challenge," he says. "They've seen it work and they know it works."

Teen Challenge outreach director Terry Thiessen says it was heartening to see this kind of support from the region.

"We're overwhelmed with gratitude. It's encouraging to see that there's so much support that comes from your area," he says. "We're very touched and very moved to know that the impact we're making in rural areas is making a difference."

Teen Challenge operates out of facilities in Brandon and Winnipeg and has helped many

young adults from the Winkler-Morden area successfully battle addictions with drug or alcohol.

"If you would look at Morden, Winkler, Altona, Carman area, I'd say we probably have between five and 10 students right now," Thiessen says. "It really shows the confidence the community has in our program."

The money raised last week is no small amount for the charity, Thiessen stresses.

"This is going to sound cliché, but it really is life or death," he says. "This helps people who were, maybe a month ago, literally breathing their last few breaths on some overdose and now they've found out about our program and are on the road to overcoming their addictions. Any donation that comes in can potentially be a life-saver for someone."

You can learn more about Teen Challenge online at www.teenchallenge.mb.ca.

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Regional library gearing up to mark 50 years

Branches are collecting your library memories in lead-up to October bash

By Cori Bezan

It's hard to imagine that the cities of Winkler and Morden were without public libraries only 50 years ago, but it's true, and now, half a century later, the South Central Regional Library is celebrating its history.

On October 20, 1965, two library branches held their grand opening ceremonies together. The day began in Winkler, where the first library opened in the former town telephone building, and then a motorcade traveled to Morden to open its first library in the old RM of Stanley office, before it eventually moved to the old post office building.

"Lots [of the original books] were donations," said Winkler branch manager Elaine Dyck. "They wouldn't have had a very big budget."

The SCRL has certainly seen its fair share of growth over since those early days. In 1976, the RM of Stanley joined the library, allowing thousands more area residents to take advantage of the growing number of tomes.

"I think it was called the Morden-Winkler Regional Library at first," director of library services Mary Toma explained. "[In 1976] the RM of Stanley entertained and passed a motion to join the Morden-Winkler Library. That's when it became the South Central Regional Library."

In the following decade, the Winkler library moved into the civic centre in 1981, Morden expanded within the post office building in 1983, and Altona joined the group in 1988.

In the 1990s and 2000s, the SCRL saw the addition of Gretna, the RM of Rhineland, Plum Coulee, and Miami to its community membership list.

"When the other communities saw the success of the library, they wanted to be part of it," Toma said. "I think that we live in a community—and when I say community, I mean the south-central community—of very

education-minded individuals. They realize the importance of education, they realize the importance of libraries to their children, and it stems from there."

Even as they welcomed new members to the partnership, the first three SCRL members continued to grow, with the Morden Library setting up shop in its current home on Stephen St. in 1996, Altona getting its own branch library in 1999, and Winkler moving to its spacious new facility by the Bethel Heritage Park in 2006.

But the library has certainly also grown over the years in more ways than just participating municipalities and larger buildings.

Going through the old annual reports, the Morden and Winkler libraries had 1,416 registered borrowers and 3,528 books and magazines available in the early days.

In contrast, by the end of last year, the SCRL had 22,608 members and 131,233 holdings across all of their branches, including books, magazines, DVDs and CDs, and other materials.

"In 1966, they spent \$3,580.39, that

was their budget for books," Toma said. "In 2014, we spent \$176,758 [on materials]. That includes everything."

With the technological revolution of recent years, the library system has faced its fair share of challenges but still come out ahead, embracing change and new ways of catering to the educational needs of patrons.

Most notable among them is the library's e-book system, Toma said, as well as the popular Mango Languages software, an online program that helps people learn new languages.

New technology has also changed the way the branch librarians work day-to-day, Dyck added.

"I'd say the technology is the most obvious change," she said. "You change from doing everything manually to putting things on computer and having databases and being able



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Head librarian Mary Toma flips through 50 years of South Central Regional Library history, all recorded in a stack of scrapbooks filled with photos and news stories from over the years.

to keep track of things better . . . also, Wi-Fi is available."

"And the access, we can get books from anywhere in Canada," Toma added. "We now offer audio books online, e-books online . . . we have NNELS [National Network for Equitable Library Service] for visually-impaired people."

versary this October.

In the meantime, they're turning to their members for help. A book of memories is currently being compiled detailing the many stories patrons have about using the library over the years.

Library memories can be submitted online at scrl.mb.libraries.coop or dropped off in written form at all four branches. A great deal many people

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The SCRL plans to hold community celebrations for its milestone anni-

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have already been eager to share, Toma said.

"Reading is such an important part of our lives," she said. "Certainly

The SCRL's Mary Toma and Winkler branch librarian Elaine Dyck with a painting of the original Winkler Library building, which was the town's telephone office before becoming the library.

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the collections have changed over the years . . . but people's thirst for knowledge I think is constant."

The SCRL is also looking for vintage vehicles to join a motorcade parade that will travel from Altona to Winkler, Morden, and Miami on Oct. 20, stopping at each branch for a celebration.

"There's going to be birthday cake at every place," Toma said, noting vintage vehicle owners can find information about taking part at their local branch.

City putting in bike lane along Wardrop St.

By Lorne Stelmach

Cyclists will soon have a dedicated lane to use in the City of Morden.

The city is establishing its first official bike route on Wardrop Street from 5th Street to Morden Park.

Officials hoped to have the work completed by the end of August, depending on the delivery of all the materials and co-ordinating the painting of the lane.

"It's something we had been looking at for a while, and location was always the issue . . . where do we put it?" Mayor Ken Wiebe said last week.

In the end, the city opted for Wardrop primarily because it is used by many children going to and from the schools at each end of the route.

"You see a lot of kids down the street, particularly in May, June and September, October," Wiebe said. "I've been down there at various times of the day, but particularly early in the morning and three or four in the afternoon, and the bike traffic down there is unbelievable."

Other factors cited by the city in its choosing of Wardrop included:

- It currently has low traffic volumes along most of the proposed route, and each end has one block designated for reduced speed school zones.
- There is existing width that can accommodate the proposed bike lanes without costly reconstruction
- The connection to one of Morden's largest public parks is an important destination for children and adults of all ages.
- There are relatively few properties with direct driveway access on to Wardrop Street, which reduces the possible conflict between reversing

vehicles and on-street parking. Displaced on-street parking should be accommodated on the nearest crossing street with less inconvenience

The bike route will be marked out and identified with new signs, reflective flexible posts and on-street paint markings.

The idea of a bike route builds on the city's corporate plan citing active transportation as a priority, as it is an

accessible means of transportation for people of all ages and abilities. City officials suggested the number of cyclists in the community is increasing every year.

The hope is that a dedicated bike lane will help reduce the risk for accidents involving motorists and cyclists on the road.

There will be a need for some policing and enforcement with the route,

especially for the first little while, but Wiebe said "the police chief is always very proactive about things when it comes to safety.

And he suggested the city would consider doing more bike lanes in the future.

"We'll be open to more if this turns out well. This has got to prove itself first."

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Thieves target Thrift Shop donation bins

Morden police were called to the Morden Thrift Shop twice recently because of people who thought they could just help themselves to whatever they wanted from the store's donation bin.

A July 28 theft from the Thrift Shop remains under investigation. Surveillance footage shows a car driving up to east side of the store around 3:30 a.m. and a woman getting out of the vehicle and loading up some items from the donation bins.

Police noted this was the second such recent theft of items that had been dropped off for donation to the store.

Although they are donations, these items are the property of the Morden Community Thrift Store and taking them is considered a theft, police stressed.

Another possible theft was averted Aug. 3. Police were again called to the Thrift Shop to deal with a man who was going through the drop-off bin. Staff had asked him to leave several times, but he refused to go.

Police said the man claimed to be looking for items to take to recycle, and he was angry that he had not been allowed to take things.

He eventually did leave and was warned not to come back.

Meanwhile, in Winkler, police had to step in Aug. 5 when a woman was assaulted and threatened.

Officers were called around 1 a.m. by a parent who reported his daughter had been assaulted by her common-law husband, who also threatened to kill her.

Officers arrested the man, who was clearly intoxicated, at the couple's home, while the woman was located away from the home with a serious injury to her face.

The husband was out on bail as of July 8 and already on probation with one of the conditions being not to consume alcohol.

The 24-year-old is now facing several charges including assault causing bodily harm, utter threats, obstructing an officer, resisting arrest, and breach of probation. He was remanded into custody.

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

- Morden Police were called Aug. 5 to an accident at the intersection of Thornhill Street and Route 100 involving a semi-tractor and a car.

The tractor and trailer was going north on Route 100 and turning east on to Thornhill Street. The semi was in the median lane in order to make the wide right turn, but a car following the semi moved into the curb lane to also turn right, attempting to make it before the semi

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Miami museums host Show & Shine



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Organizers were pleased with the turnout for the Miami Show and Shine Saturday, August 8. The day featured a variety of classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and antique tractors on display along Norton Avenue. The proceeds of about \$6,300 will be divided between the Miami Railway Museum and the Miami Museum. The Miami Railway Museum is hoping to build a platform to allow access for those with mobility issues, while the Miami Museum needs to repair its roof. The money was raised through a barbecue lunch, rainbow auction, and a 50/50 draw.

Winkler Family Resource Centre announces fall programs

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Believe it or not, the summer is rapidly winding down and now's the perfect time to start planning out your fall activities.

Parents with pre-school age children need look no further than the Winkler Family Resource Centre, which announced its September line-up last week.

"We like to offer a variety of programs each session," says coordinator Terry Penner, who notes this fall's programming gets underway for multi-week sessions starting mid-September.

On the line-up is:

- Rock n' Read for ages 3-5 on Fridays from 10-11:30 a.m. from Sept. 11 to Oct. 9.
 - Preschool Party on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. from Sept. 15 to Oct. 20.
 - Book Babies for toddlers eight months to two years on Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. from Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 in Winkler and on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. from Sept. 15 to Oct. 20 at Southwood School.
 - A still to-be-determined program in Plum Coulee on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. from Sept. 24 to Oct. 29.
- All these programs give parents and their kids a chance to get together for a few hours of educational fun,

Penner says.

"Parents are looking for something fun they can do with their kids, something that's a good way to learn literacy skills and socialization skills," she says, noting the programs include story-telling, crafts, and physical activities.

If none of the programs suit your needs, you and your child are always welcome to stop by for the Jolly Tots Drop-in play time for kids under five every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at Central Station in Winkler starting

Sept. 16.

"This is an important aspect of what we do," Penner says, "as building community and providing a common place to gather is one way to meet the needs of young families."

The resource centre will be accepting registrations for the fall programs on Aug. 24 right up until three days prior to each program's start. All programs are free.

You can register online at www.winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com or get in touch with Penner at winklerfrfc@gmail.com or 204-332-9418.

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If you'd like to learn even more about the ins and outs of the Winkler Family Resource Centre, pencil in their annual general meeting on Sept. 21 at the Winkler Centennial Library at 8 p.m. The evening will include a run-down of highlights from the past year.

The centre is also looking for individuals with a passion for early education and the community of Winkler and surrounding areas to join their board of directors. Contact Penner if you're interested in getting involved.

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turned. The semi failed to see the car in the curb lane, and the vehicles collided. There were no injuries.

- Winkler Police were contacted on Aug. 8 by a resident of Pineridge Place. Officers were told someone had just smashed a bedroom window of the resident's house as well as a garage window and a window on his vehicle, apparently using chunks of concrete.

- Winkler officers were also called to the festival grounds over the weekend in response to an incident between a festival-goer and security.

The incident began when a man on the ferris wheel was pouring beer on to people below. Security personnel

identified a suspect and approached him after having the ride stopped.

When approached, he tried to flee and punched the security person in the face. He was detained by several people after that and turned over to officers when they arrived.

The 19-year-old male is facing charges of assault causing bodily harm and drug possession of marijuana.

- On Aug. 1, Morden Police were called around 3 a.m. by a woman walking home who believed she was being followed by a man.

Police remained on the phone with her until she was spotted on 7th Street, walking north while still being followed.

Police stopped the man and quickly learned he was drunk. He admitted trying to speak to the woman, who he did not know.

Police then searched him and found a folding knife in his pocket.

Officers attempted to place the man under arrest, but he resisted. He was eventually subdued, at which time police found small tin-foil balls containing marijuana in his pockets and on the ground where he had been struggling with police.

The 19-year-old Morden resident was later released but faces charges including possession of a concealed weapon, drug possession, and resisting arrest.



What a weekend!

The weather couldn't have been more perfect for the 30th annual Harvest Festival and Exhibition in Winkler last weekend, which saw record-breaking crowds. Clockwise from above: There was certainly no shortage of festival food; the petting zoo was a big hit; the Stanley Ag Society filled the arena with exhibition entries; the kid's activity tent offered a bunch of fun carnival games; a gang of young bikers enjoys one of the new midway rides; competitors showed off their varied riding skills in Friday's Gymkhana..



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Clockwise from above: Fishing for prizes on the midway; the Saturday morning parade was full of colour thanks in part to Regional Connections' multi-cultural entry that featured dozens of immigrants in ethnic garb; a competitor in the Strong Man event gives it his all; Ed Penner and the North Border Band performed on the newly-returned Showcase Stage on Saturday; Ethan Fairlie drops from his galloping horse in the steer wrestling event at the rodeo; Prairie Exotics once again brought along a host of creepy crawlies to display, including this python.



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Play Day at Manitou Regional Library



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The Manitou Regional Library hosted a Play Day on the Street on Monday, inviting young patrons to come out for an afternoon of T-shirt decorating (above) and other crafts (above, right), playing a high-stakes game of Twisters, complete with coloured shaving foam (right), and running through an obstacle course. Organizers estimate at least 70 kids and their parents came out for the fun.

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Protect yourself from the skeeters: City

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Morden is reminding residents to take steps to protect themselves from mosquitoes as the summer starts to wind down.

"Currently the city has been experiencing lower adult mosquito populations than compared to last year and earlier this year," says Morden parks manager Shawn Dias. "Although the adult population is low, the City would like to remind its residents that Culex Tarsalis, the carrier for West Nile Virus, are present at this time."

Dias says the trap counts in Morden have remained quite low in recent weeks and there have been no reports of West Nile Virus cases in the area. Still, people need to take precautions, just in case.

Avoid going out doors during peak mosquito periods of dusk to dawn, use appropriate repellent when you are outside, and wear light, loose-fitting clothing.

To minimize the risk to the community as a whole, Dias also asks resi-

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Brent Butt brings his stand-up comedy show to Winkler Dec. 17 Tickets go on sale this Friday.

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Brent Butt coming to Winkler Dec. 17

By Ashleigh Viveiros

No one can say there's not a lot going on in Winkler this December—especially with *Corner Gas* star Brent Butt coming to town.

The Canadian actor and comedian brings his stand-up comedy show to the stage at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall on Thursday, Dec. 17.

The news was announced at the Harvest Festival Main Stage last Friday, and concert hall manager Deb Penner says they couldn't be more excited.

"He'll be bringing his brand of Prairie, folksy humour

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Optimism prevails at TPP discussions

No agreement made after Hawaii meeting, but global representatives expected to meet again soon

By Harry Siemens

With so much of what Canadian farmers produce going for export, trade agreements have become more and more vital to the long-term viability for those who directly make their living off the farm in all sectors.

With that in mind, Manitoba Pork chair George Matheson remains confident Canada will be a full participant in the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Representatives of the 12 nations involved in negotiations aimed at securing a Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement met in Hawaii recently. They failed to finalize a deal but are expected to meet again, possibly as soon as later this month.

Matheson says the stakes for Manitoba's pork industry are high, and given the progress they made

at the last meeting, he remains in good spirits.

Matheson says they'd like to see the discussions completed but, at the same time, are fully cognizant it's more important they complete the negotiations satisfactorily, however long it takes.

"In the end, really what we want, at the very least, are the same tariffs on our exports that the U.S. has," he says. "The U.S. is the world's largest pork exporter. We're number three behind the European Union, so we do not want to be in any way disadvantaged in regards to these other main exporters."

Matheson says Manitoba exported \$67 million worth of pork to seven of the 12 TPP members in 2014. He notes Canada exports close to \$1 billion worth of pork to Japan, making that country a key player in these negotiations.

Martin Rice, the executive director of the Canadi-

an Pork Council, says he's also optimistic a suitable agreement is close at hand.

"It was disappointing to not see the agreement completed last week," he says. "Clearly the negotiators and the ministers came with the idea of bringing it to a close. It is not a case though of us being left out of a deal that others were going to join and that was something that many participants in the agri-food exporters sector were concerned about."

"Certainly they would have finished the deal in Hawaii had there not been a couple of areas of very significant challenge to finish up, and that includes autos, it includes some agri-food sectors, likely dairy, and it probably was a little bit too far a bridge to cross without certain governments going back to confirm an opportunity to negotiate further," Rice says

Rice doesn't particularly put Canada in that category, feeling our nation was ready to bring the negotiations to a close.

"I think there were some other countries that didn't seem to have the mandate for the negotiators to finish up in some key areas," he says.

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Southern RHA releases community health assessment

By Lorne Stelmach

A comprehensive report from the regional health authority offers a mixed portrait of this area of southern Manitoba.

It is a vast and diverse region that is growing, as Southern Health-Santé Sud owns the distinction of being the fastest growing RHA in the province with a population increase of 20 per cent over the last decade.

However, that burgeoning population faces varying access to health care services with some health disparities across a region that serves over 190,000 people in four cities, 12 towns, five villages and 29 rural municipalities.

And more of them are living with chronic diseases, a little more than one-fifth are considered to be obese, and wait times have risen for some medical services and for placement in personal care homes.

Those are some of the summaries in the community health assessment released recently by Southern Health.

The report completed in March after more than a year of research compiles a range of health data and “provides a picture of the overall health of people in the region,” said CEO Kathy McPhail.

“We tried to look at the indicators that have proven over time to be really good for measuring population health,” she said. “One thing that has emerged through this process is the health disparities in the region. So not just looking at populations as a whole, but drilling it down so we can understand what the data means and how it reflects on the health of different population groups.

“The data provides a starting point for conversations about health equity in our region,” McPhail stressed.

The community health assessment focuses on some ongoing, key themes and issues which help provide Southern Health with some areas to focus on in its strategic health plan. That ultimately then can help the region plan and deliver the programs and services that are most needed.

The new strategic plan for 2016 to 2021 will serve as the region’s road map with patient input a top priority for the board, said RHA board chair Guy Lévesque.

“Listening to the patient and making sure the patient is part of the decision-making process is important to the board and is something we emphasize,” he said.

“The format of this strategic plan incorporates new perspectives in that we have included feedback from

patients and staff in their own words about their expectations and roles,” agreed McPhail.

INCREASING PRESSURE, SHORTAGES

Southern Health has a diverse population which is growing at a rate of around two per cent a year, which is faster than any other health region in Manitoba.

The challenge then is that level of growth is increasing demand for health care services. The report notes there continue to be shortages of some health care professionals in the region. The pressure on staffing and services will continue, with some projections estimating the area’s population could reach 230,000 by 2024 and over 270,000 by 2034.

And as the population ages, the demand for longer term care in particular will rise. The RHA estimates the increased need for personal care beds over the next 20 years will range from 67 per cent to 117 per cent across the region.

Currently, the average wait times for personal care spaces are higher than the provincial rate. The wait times for admission from hospital has risen from 8.2 to 10.8 weeks compared to the provincial average of 5.14 weeks.

Findings provide a ‘road map’

By Lorne Stelmach

A report that assesses the state of health in the Southern Health-Santé Sud will be a vital tool in guiding where health care services go from here across the regional health authority.

The Community Health Assessment report looks at a region that is overall one of the healthiest in the province, yet still faces challenges.

One of the report’s authors said it is important for them to put into perspective some of the concerns cited in the report, such as disparities in the level of health and care services within the region as well as increasing rates of chronic diseases and some other conditions.

“Some of the rates actually look like things were improving, however when you look at how much our region has grown over time, it actually doesn’t look that good,” said Alice Morgan.

“For one thing, people are living



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A comprehensive report submitted to the Southern Health RHA reveals the region has an annual growth rate of two per cent—far ahead of any other health region in Manitoba.

The average wait time for placement from the community is up from 17.4 to 22.6 weeks while the provincial average is 11.3 weeks.

HEALTH DISPARITIES

The report also showed there are increasing wait times for some community services in such areas as mental health and rehabilitation.

Many residents also have to go outside the region to see specialists, with over 85 per cent of these visits need-

ing to be outside of the region—primarily in Winnipeg.

The number of residents who do not have a family doctor is also higher than the provincial average.

And even though Southern Health has one of the healthiest populations in the province, some disparities still exist in different geographical areas and across different population groups.

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longer . . . but also because of the population growth, more people are actually living in the region with a chronic disease. So you have to look at both: not just the rates, but the number of people.”

There was a mixture of good news and bad news in the report, Morgan said.

Incidences of cardiovascular diseases and heart attack rates have increased, but the cancer rates in the region were lower than the Manitoba average.

“And so not only are we lower than the provincial average, survival rates have increased, especially with what

they call the big five main types of cancer.”

When considering areas such as mental illness, Morgan said one has to consider that incidences will rise to some degree just due to the strong population growth in the vast region, which serves over 190,000 people in four cities, 12 towns, five villages and 29 rural municipalities.

“Even though we had a lower prevalence rate compared to Manitoba, that has increased over time in terms of the number of people that have been affected by the disease.”

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Animal shelter holding cat shower Aug. 20

The Pembina Valley Humane Society has had an influx of cute kittens in recent weeks, so it is holding a 'baby shower' next week. The event is just a fun way to show off the cute little cats and get some community support to help care for them. Come with a baby shower gift—kitty litter or cat treats or other supplies—to help out the shelter. "We have more than we can really handle here," said shelter manager Anita Hatcher. "So we're asking people to come out Aug. 20 from 6-9 p.m., bring a 'baby shower' gift in the form of a donation ... something that would help our animals out. Have a look at the many babies that we have, and hopefully you'll fall in love with one and adopt it."

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Health disparities identified across the region

From Pg. 18

The report explores some of the factors affecting this inequity, such as education levels that are lower than the provincial average and income gaps between people living close to large centres and those in rural areas.

About 12 per cent of the region's population identifies themselves as aboriginal, and a large portion of them live in areas considered to be among the less healthy districts. A key factor identifying districts and less or more healthy is premature mortality rates, which overall have decreased slightly in Southern Health and is the lowest in the province.

As the region's population continues to grow, the number of people living with chronic diseases is expected to further increase.

For example, more are living with diabetes, arthritis, hypertension and mood and anxiety disorders, and the heart attack rate has risen slightly. However, less are living with heart and respiratory diseases and the stroke rate has decreased, while incidences of cancer are below the provincial rate.

The report also shows a need for improved healthy lifestyle choices, such as increasing physical activity, quitting smoking, eating healthier foods or reducing binge drinking.

Twenty one per cent of local adults would be classified as obese, with low rates of self-

reported physical activity levels—53 per cent inactivity among adults and

18 per cent among youth.

The complete community health as-

essment report is available online at www.southernhealth.ca/cha.php.

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Morgan said the assessment also showed them that the issue of disparities in the RHA in terms of both the level of health and the level of services is an issue which needs attention.

"Health equity is a really important thing when you're looking at a population overall ... especially for our region, as, overall, we are one of the healthiest regions in Manitoba. But once we start looking within the region, the rates do vary quite a bit."

"There's pockets within our population that actually aren't as healthy ... and probably even less healthy than the average," Morgan said. "So, as we are looking at all this information, we always have to keep that in mind."

"For this time around, we didn't really delve into why that is ... but

what we tried to do was just to highlight that it is important to look at it through that lens. And now, in order to do something about, you need to start looking within some of those areas so we can make a difference."

It is a complex issue, and how the region addresses that concern is something that will need a lot more study on its own, Morgan added.

"This is something that's a huge thing to undertake. There are so many factors ... like socio-economic factors and determinants of health," she said. "It's a huge thing, and it's not something that one board or one region or one group of people can do alone. It's something that has to be done all together."

"We're hoping that, as our region

looks at health equity, and other regions are also doing the same thing, that maybe together as a province we can start to look at that and put in policies and make change that makes a huge difference for people."

Morgan said the main aim of the assessment is to guide the health authority in setting out its longer term strategic plan for the region. They want it to be based on strong and clear evidence, which comes from the assessment, and it will be used to guide their health care planning and programs.

"It's like the compass that will guide the region, and then we work together to come up with strategies over the next five years in order to achieve some of those directives."

> MOSQUITO PROTECTION, FROM PG. 14

dents to remove any pools of standing water on their property, such as birdbaths, gardening cans, wheelbarrows or puddles.

Morden hasn't had to fog for mosquitoes yet this summer and won't unless it receives either an order to

do so from Manitoba Health or the local trap counts start to come in at over 1,000 nuisance mosquitoes per trap over two nights, or over 2,000 in one trap (recent trap counts have come in at below 300), Dias said.

"We haven't reached our threshold

yet," he said, noting the city has been larviciding since May.

Should fogging be warranted, the city would give 24-hour warning by posting public notices and online at mordenmb.com.

> BRENT BUTT, FROM PG. 15

to Winkler," she said. "He's a legend in comedy in Canada, so for him to come to our concert hall, it's a pretty big deal."

The Saskatchewan native is best known for creating and starring in

the award-winning Canadian comedy *Corner Gas* for six seasons.

Butt reprised his role as Brent Leroy in *Corner Gas: The Movie* last winter, and is currently developing a new show for television.

Tickets to his show in Winkler go on sale this Friday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. for \$40 each.

Ticket information is available by calling 204-325-5600 or online at winklerconcerthall.com.

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'Cudas, Storm hang on to top spots

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With a win and a tie this past week, South Central Hurricanes have risen through the standings in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League.

The Division 1 team currently sit in second place after downing the CSSE Impact 1-0 Friday night in Winkler and tying the St. James Legend on Monday in Winnipeg.

Friday's game was won with a final-minute goal scored on a free kick by Andrea Hildebrand, finally breaking two halves of scoreless play.

That gave the team four wins in a row, which they couldn't quite stretch to five when they faced the Legends shorthanded on Aug. 10.

Instead, the game was fought to a 1-1 tie thanks to a goal from Kayleigh Wiens and goaltending from Jen Martens and Jeanine Redstone, who each took a half.

The Hurricanes' record is now 7-2-4. They trail the first-place Victorious Secret and lead the third-place FCNW Titans.

The team next takes the field on Thursday, Aug. 13 at home against the Portage Blaze. Game starts at 7 p.m. on the 15th St. field.

STORM CLAIM FIRST PLACE

Meanwhile, the Winkler Storm men's team claimed first place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League.

The team have been swapping the top spot for the last few weeks, but, after splitting two games last weekend, regained first place.

On Friday the team fell to Scorpions FC 2-1 on the road. They then bounced back with a 2-1 victory over Selkirk FC in front of a hometown crowd on Sunday, bringing their record to 8-4 and giving them two points over the second and third place Pescara and Brandon Inspire FC.

In Sunday's game, Tobias Marasch got his team on the board in the first, scoring the half's only point. In the second, Christian Dyck bolstered the lead with goal two. Selkirk managed to sneak a lone goal past Storm keeper Waldemar Friebus late in the half,



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The South Central Hurricanes downed the visiting CSSE Impact 1-0 last Friday with a late free kick goal from Andrea Hildebrand. The team went on to tie the St. James Legends 1-1 on Monday.

er Waldemar Friebus late in the half, but Friebus held the line after that to give his team the victory.

The Storm next take to the field this Sunday at home against Scotia United at 4 p.m.

Mohawks take game one vs. Regals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mohawks started off the Border West Baseball League finals on the right foot last week.

After knocking out the Pilot Mound Pilots three games to two in the semi-final round, the Mohawks found themselves up against the Baldur Regals on Aug. 4 in game one of the championship final.

In the regular season, the Regals came out ahead of the Mohawks, placing first to Morden's second-place finish. The two teams went head-to-head in three games this summer, with Morden winning two.

That winning streak continued in last week's game, with Morden getting the victory 3-2.

Both teams got a week to rest before taking to the field for game two this Wednesday in Morden. Game results

were not available at press time.

Game three takes place in Baldur on Thursday, game four is back

in Morden on Sunday at 5 p.m., and game five is scheduled for Baldur on Monday.

Driedger sets new record

The Winkler Barracudas had just six swimmers in the pool at the meet in Swan River last Sunday, and still they managed to bring home records and accolades.

Aidan Driedger (shown at right) came in first in all five of his races and also broke the 100 metre butterfly record for boys 13-14 with a new time of 1:30.42.

Overall, the swimmers had 18 first-place finishes, with Ryan Driedger earning a "Swim of the Meet" nod for his 100m backstroke race, and Peter Semenov winning a Bell Heat honour in one of his races.

The Swim Manitoba Summer Swim league continues with a meet in Manitou this Sunday and the championship final in Winkler Aug. 23.



Remembering Clark

Saturday was a beautiful day to hit the diamonds, and people again showed their support in turning out for the fifth annual Clark Elder baseball tournament in Morden.

No information was available yet on how much money the event raised this year, but it has on average raised about \$5,000 annually and has so far put about \$21,000 back into the com-

munity.

The proceeds will go towards the Morden police and fire department for their outdoor ice rinks as well as the Morden Area Foundation for sports programs and the City of Morden for ball diamond upgrades.

The event is held in memory of 18-year-old Clark Elder, who died tragically in June 2009.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A competitor in the fifth annual Clark Elder baseball tournament gets a hit on Saturday.



Local athletes represent Manitoba across country

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A host of Winkler athletes have been doing their community proud by representing Manitoba at national baseball events being held across the country this month.

This week, Tristan Peters dons his Team Manitoba uniform at the Western Canada Summer Games in Fort MacMurray, Alberta Aug. 10-16.

At 15, Peters is one of three under-age players on the team, having made the cut after several rounds of competitive tryouts earlier this summer.

"They had close to 100 guys at the start and they cut it all the way down to 20," Peters says, noting he's relished the challenge of playing with the team in its various tournaments so far this summer. "I'm not usually playing with older players in AA or AAA."

Peters plays shortstop and pitcher. This will be his first Western Canada Summer Games and he says he's pretty excited about competing.

"I've been to Westerns before . . . but nothing like this," he says. "There's going to be a lot of really good teams and players and it's going to be a challenge. We'll see how we stack up against them."

Meanwhile, fellow shortstop/pitcher Katie Heppner is Quebec-bound this week to take part in the Girls 17U Nationals.

This will be Heppner's third time at the event, but she's no less eager to take the field.

"I cannot wait," she says. "Our team has gotten drastically better every year. The first year we got last place and then last year we got bronze."

This time around Heppner is confident they can beat that, coming home next week with silver or gold

to show for their efforts.

Other Winklerites donning Team 'Toba jerseys in recent weeks include:

- Outfielder Liam Giesbrecht, who competed at the 17U Canada Cup in Saskatoon Aug. 5-10. Manitoba went 4-2 in the tournament, but didn't make it to the medal matches.

- Caitlyn Haney, Jennifer Smith, Cali Penner, and Iliana Dyck, all of whom played with one of the six Manitoba teams at the U16 Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championships in Calgary last weekend.

Haney and Dyck's Central Energy team were Plate Division Silver Medalists at the event.

The cup itself went to the White Rock Renegades 99.



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Winkler athletes Katie Heppner and Tristan Peters are at the Girls 17U Nationals and the Western Canada Summer Games, respectively, this week with Team Manitoba.

Flyers name '15-'16 scouting staff

The Winkler Flyers are intent on scouting out the best young talent from across Canada and the northern U.S. for future seasons of junior hockey.

To that end, the club have announced their scouting staff for the 2015/16 season will include Craig Anderson, Scott Unger, Rick McConnell, Chad Cossey, Kori Pearson, and Jordan Humphries.

"We're trying to expand our presence in Southern Manitoba and across western Canada and into the United States," says Flyers head coach and general manager Ken Pearson. "We try to build our team through the draft and having quality scouts goes a long way in doing that."

Covering Manitoba will be Anderson, Unger, and McConnell, Pearson

says.

Anderson has been the head scout and assistant general manager for the Flyers for the last four seasons. The former junior and CIS hockey player and AAA coach also scouts and evaluates players for the Edmonton Oil Kings of the Western Hockey League.

Unge is currently a scout with the Vancouver Giants (WHL). He was previously a scout for the Saskatoon Blades and Steinbach Pistons.

McConnell played for the Winkler Flyers from 1988-1989 and was also the head coach of the Pembina Valley Hawks for 11 years (1992-2003). He is currently the assistant coach at Pilot Mound Hockey Academy.

Cossey will focus on scouting Alberta. He played for the Flyers for two seasons from 1999-2001 before going

on to the NAIT Ooks until 2004. He was the head scout for the Sherwood Park Crusaders (AJHL) from 2012 to 2014.

Covering Minnesota and North Dakota will be Pearson and Humphries.

Pearson played at the collegiate level with Minot State University and Concordia College following a three year stint with the Neepawa Natives. He is currently coaches high school hockey and is a scout for the Amarillo Bulls (NAHL) and an ISS hockey scout intern.

Humphries is currently at the University of North Dakota looking to attain his marketing and sports business degree. He also works for Veritas Hockey with a focus on high school and junior hockey players.

Getting ready for Esso Cup

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers got a good glimpse this past week at what will be involved when Morden hosts a national hockey championship in two years.

In preparation for hosting the 2017 Esso Cup, local representatives headed to Calgary last week to take part in the national event seminar hosted by Hockey Canada.

Hockey Canada holds the seminar each year to give event hosts a chance to learn about everything involved in hosting such a large-scale competition—from games operations and volunteer management to media procedures, sponsorship packages, and social media use.

"They are a very enthusiastic group, and you can tell they love their jobs," host committee chairperson Clare Agnew commented upon returning to Morden. "They are just so good and so helpful and positive. And they really talk about how each of these events is helping to show the Hockey Canada brand across the country.

"It will be up to us to fill the seats . . . to draw the fans," Agnew added. "Otherwise, there's a lot of direction and support from Hockey Canada. They want to make sure that the event is hosted well and increasing the popularity of their brand."

Joining Agnew at the seminar were Ginnette Major, team operation chairperson, Morgan Mullin, games

operations, and Darcie Reimer, special events chairperson.

Some of the other host reps at the seminar had events coming up in four months time already, but Morden has more time on their side with 2017 Esso Cup still being over a year and a half away.

The host Pembina Valley Hawks will be joined by five regional representatives April 23-29, 2017 to compete for the ninth annual national female midget hockey championship.

The Hawks will try to become the first host team to win the national title, and the first team to win multiple gold medals, as Pembina Valley was crowned Esso Cup champion in 2012.

Hockey Canada estimates that Morden can expect to generate in excess of \$1 million in local economic impact.

Much planning still needs to be done, but Agnew said they were estimating they will need at least 150 volunteers. And she noted that the seminar had already helped give local organizers some direction, as they immediately made some changes to the committee structure as a result of what they heard in Calgary, which was hosting the World Junior Hockey Showcase.

"We observed the ins and outs of hosting an international game. This was a great way to kick start our planning, and it reinforced how important this event will be for our community,"



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Esso Cup organizers Ginnette Major, Morgan Mullin, Clare Agnew, and Darcie Reimer made up a delegation from Morden that attended a Hockey Canada seminar in Calgary in preparation for Morden hosting the 2017 national championship.

she said. "It gets us understanding the big picture so we can bring that back here and start to put the right people in the right place."

"I am confident that we are able to host it. And the aspect that is exciting is that it is a national event," added Agnew, noting Hockey Canada through its social media like Twitter "have over 500,000 followers, so this will help Morden's recognition as a community."

"There was a lot of helpful information packed into two days. I'm excited to get going. There is a lot of work to do," said Major, while Mullin commented that "this was a fantastic opportunity to connect with and learn from other national and international

hosting committees from across Canada."

"It's exciting to have a national hockey event in Morden. There are so many things necessary to make it successful, but we are confident we can do it," added Reimer. "We are using these events as a chance for us to be creative in showcasing Morden and what the community has to offer."

Agnew said the host committee will now be able to start moving ahead with planning, which includes organizing volunteers and offering sponsorship packages.

Anyone who is interested in more information can contact Agnew at 204-822-5431 or by email to cagnew@mordenmb.com.

Eric Fehr eager to find his place in Pittsburgh

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler native Eric Fehr is looking forward to suiting up for the Pittsburgh Penguins this fall.

The 29-year-old forward signed a three-year, \$6 million contract with the team last month, putting an end to his long tenure with the Washing-

ton Capitals.

"I was very excited," Fehr said on the phone Saturday from Winnipeg, where he spends part of the off-season each year. "The Penguins are obviously a team I've faced a lot in the past and a team that's very skilled and an exciting team to watch. So hopefully I can become a big part of

their team."

Fehr has played nine of his 10 years in the NHL with the Capitals, so leaving Washington will certainly be bittersweet.

"There definitely some mixed feelings with that. I have a lot of friends there," Fehr says. "I really appreciate all the fans that I had in Washington . . . it's not easy to leave."

It will also be a change of pace to play for a team that's long been a major rival, he says.

"My whole NHL career the Penguins have been the enemy and now I'm going to be joining them," Fehr says, laughing. "But as much as the two teams always hated each other, they always respected each other and I'm really looking forward to the opportunity."

On a personal note, Fehr says he's



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Eric Fehr begins the next chapter of his career by joining the Pittsburgh Penguins this fall.

> ALH MOTOR SPEEDWAY RESULTS - AUG. 9

Speeding across the finish line at the ALH Motor Speedway outside Morden last weekend were:

- Midwest Mods: Aaron Blacklance in first place, Ryan Cousins in second, and Rick Fehr in third.
- Street Stock: Shawn Teunis, Pete Letkeman, and Shawn Holden.
- A-Mod: Jerome Guyot, Scott Greer, and Ward Imrie.

- Four-Cylinders: Terri Burke, Brandon Rehill, and Dean Miljure.
- Pure Stock: Brad Wall, Jaden Varnoson, and Kevin Smith.

The season continues this Sunday with races starting at 4 p.m.

The track wraps things up for the summer Aug. 22-23 with its Corn & Apple Special.

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Agriculture

Exploring canola presscake, expeller options

By Harry Siemens

There is research happening on behalf of Swine Innovation Porc showing the inclusion of canola presscake or canola expeller in the diets of early weaned pigs as an economically viable alternative for hog feeders.

Unlike canola meal, presscake and expeller occurs without the final step of solvent extraction of oil and desolventization toasting, resulting in much more residual oil remaining in these feedstuffs.

Dr. Ruurd Zijlstra, the chair of the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Sciences with the University of Alberta, explains how 15 to 20 per cent of residual oil can remain in canola presscake or about 10 per cent in canola expeller compared to about two per cent in canola meal, making these products particularly attractive for hog producers to include in the diets of young pigs with a high energy demand.

"On the young pigs we're quite surprised in how well pigs can tolerate these novel feedstuffs," he says. "We've gone as high as 20 per cent in diets for pigs one or two weeks after weaning. I would not recommend to do this at weaning but . . . one or two weeks later you could switch actually to substantial levels of these canola co-products and still maintain animal performance."

Zijlstra says it's really the finances that will determine how much of these co-products the producers will include in their feeding plans.

Generally in the energy dependant phase of a pig's growth, it is likely cost advantageous to add more of these co-products into the diets because you provide a lot of energy.

Zijlstra says it depends on the price

the producer pays for the products, but he recommends very comfortably to use these co-products in the diets for latter stage nursery and grow finisher pigs.

He says for markets that have con-

cerns about the fat quality of the pork, a producer doesn't want to add a lot of plant based oils to the diets for finisher pigs.



Early impressions from Chaco

> HARRY SIEMENS

As I sit in Elmer and Nettie Kehler's home on Sunday night writing this, I'm thinking back over our great experiences meeting many people and learning what the people in the Chaco are really like.

Before we arrived here Aug 1, we had no idea where the Chaco was, what it is, and how progressive, educated and well-to-do the Mennonites really are here.

More on that later. This time around I want to bring you up to speed regarding our time here giving an overview of what we are doing here, so far.

We spent several days in Asuncion from the 20 hours it took us to get here, enjoying a great hotel and even greater hospitality.

On Friday, Elmer and Nettie, friends who lived in Canada for seven years and who now farm in Chaco, met us for dinner and drove us the 500 km from Asuncion to Loma Plata.

After having dinner in a local restaurant with our host and program director Adolf Harder of the Cooperativa Chortitzer Ltda, I conducted the first seminar with the first group of representatives.

In another time I will write about the uniqueness of the cooperative, which did \$750 million in 2014 operating schools, hospitals, personal care homes, milk and meat processing plants and everything in between.

Together with farmers they farm over 1.5 million acres of land, with each farmer running their own business in a totally free enterprise sys-

tem.

We worked through the first week staying with Cornelius and Alma Schroeder and with Elmer and Nettie. On Sunday, I had the privilege of speaking in their local church of 150 members, singing two songs as a duet with Elmer, and enjoying the following of a group of Mennonites in the Chaco.

My first initial observations: the people of Chaco are caring, friendly, and have a laid back attitude.

Secondly, I'm impressed with the Cooperativa Chortitzer system and how modern it is and how effectively and self-sustainingly it runs.

The system is not based on giving to the members, but instead on self determination and how they can do things better, while still helping those who struggle.

Their health and social services system is paid for and run by the members themselves, with modern

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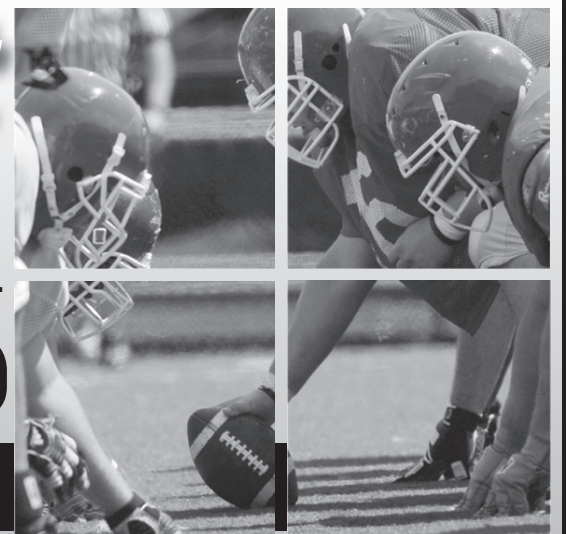
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Fehr focusing on getting healthy before hitting the ice

From Pg. 22

really looking forward to getting the chance to meet a childhood hero with the move.

"I was a big Mario Lemieux fan as a kid," he says of the former NHL superstar and current Penguins owner. "He was my favourite player growing up and one of the best players to ever play the game. So it's going to be really cool to hopefully be able to meet him when I get to Pittsburgh. He's definitely one of the guys I looked up to."

Fehr has had a chance to speak with the Penguins' coaching staff, but isn't sure just yet what role he'll play on the roster this season.

"There's a lot of new players there, so we're not exactly sure where I'm going to fit in yet," he says. "I'm hop-

ing to bring a little bit of defense, be a player that can play the shut-down role against other team's top lines. But I also want to contribute offensively. I think there's a good role for me on that team and I'm really excited to get started."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 23

and up-to-date facilities.

I don't want to make it sound as if all things are perfect—they're not. But working with a group of volunteer support people and counsellors last Thursday night, run by Ronald Reimer with six paid staff members, this is a unit mentorship program that has successful farmers and business people stepping along side those who struggle.

Often, a farmer or business person

That start will be on hold for at least a few months as Fehr recovers from an elbow surgery he had in June.

"I don't have a timeline to come back to play . . . I want to make sure that I am completely healthy before I do start," he says. "So I'm going to be

careful with it, but at the same time I'm pushing it hard to try and be ready as soon as possible."

Fehr heads to Pittsburgh with 89 goals and 177 points in 454 games under his belt, along with six points in 37 playoff matches.

take a break > GAMES

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

Sudoku Answer

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D	O	L	C			M	C	E	

Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Munich jazz label
- A lump of clay
- Showy ornament
- ___ Girl, brand of beer
- Aka Kissavos
- Warmest season of the year
- 2nd longest Bulgarian river
- Records the brain's electric currents
- Cutting part of a drill
- Colorful Italian city
- The last part
- Pouch
- "Mad Men" creator
- No (Scottish)
- Actress Farrow
- Focus cars (Co. initials)
- Snakelike fish
- One point E of due S
- Grey sea eagle
- Female "Mad Men" star
- Actress Lupino
- Time units (abbr.)
- Moses' elder brother
- 4th Caliph of Islam
- Treaty of Rome creation
- Theatrical play
- Told on
- "To tie" in Spanish
- Amidst
- Exchange for money
- Bar game missile
- Pluto or ___ Pater

CLUES DOWN

- Selfishness
- Cinnamon source

1	2	3					4	5	6	7
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- Revolutionary firearm
- Br. university town river
- Lower back region
- Relating to oil
- Soil
- Cause to lose courage
- Pushed in nose dog
- Dregs
- Part of a cheer
- Point midway between NE and E
- Female sheep
- Main
- In a way, tangled
- WWII female grunts
- Nothing
- Hoover's organization
- Before

- Patti Hearst's captors
- One point S of due E
- Film splicer & viewer
- Something curved in shape
- Possessed
- Patagonian hares
- Gave a formal speech
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- Tangles
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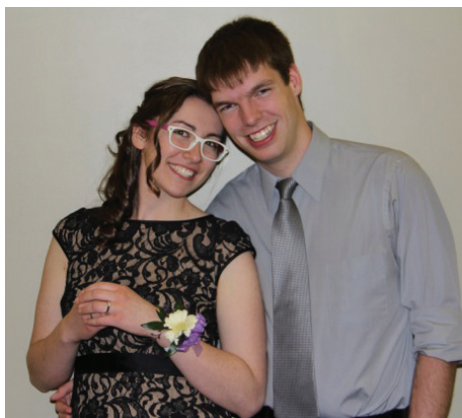
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OBITUARY



Katharina Unrau (Tina) (nee Wolfe)
1929 - 2015

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at Salem Home surrounded by her children and siblings, Mom peacefully went to be with our Lord and Saviour, who she loved very much. Mom was 86 years old.

She was born on February 2, 1929 to Peter and Katharina Wolfe and was baptized in 1948 at the Old Colony Mennonite Church in Chortitz. She married Cornie Unrau in March of 1957 at the age of 28. She went to school in Chortitz and finished grade eight. Then later in 1973, she completed the nurse's aide training course which led her into the career that she loved so much at Salem Nursing Home. While working at Salem it became obvious that this was her calling. She loved the residents she took care of and made many lifelong friends. She worked at Salem for 22 years before retiring at age 66. Earlier in life she was a Sunday school teacher at the Old Colony Mennonite Church in Chortitz for many years and worked hard all her life to make ends meet. She hoed beets, worked at Berdick Windows, the sewing factory and sold cream from the family farm. She worked a number of other jobs to keep her family going. It was her strong faith and relationship with God that helped her through the hardships in her life. Mom was the oldest girl of her siblings and from the time she was 12, she became a second mom while helping her mother raise her younger brothers and sisters. Mom will lovingly be remembered as always singing or humming while she was hard at work. Also for Mom's silly sense of humour, she was quick to have a one-liner or a funny comment. She had a contagious laugh. She enjoyed crafting and playing games, coloring and knitting many scarves that were donated and given to friends and family. Earlier in life she sewed many dresses and there was always an abundance of knitted sweaters, scarves and slippers in her home. Mom also enjoyed gardening, canning and preserving her fruits and vegetables. Mom loved to bake for family and friends and was known for her cream cookies and special apple pie. Mom and dad lived in Chortitz until 1989 and then moved to Winkler on Mountain Avenue, where mom resided until she moved to Salem Home in 2011. Mom made many friends living in Salem where she will be missed dearly. It was at this time that her health started to decline, which brought her to the end of her life when Mom rejoined her parents and siblings in Heaven whom she missed dearly.

Mom leaves to mourn her daughter, Irene Thiessen and sons, David Unrau and Peter Unrau (Bernice) and her daughter, Esther Fisher (Mike), seven grandchildren, Kevin (Andrea) Thiessen, Rhonda (Shane) Guidinger, Michael Unrau, Courtney Unrau, Stephanie Rempel (Johnny), Ella Fisher, Andrew Unrau, six great grandchildren, Jady, Rylee and Noah Thiessen, Gavin and Graydon Guidinger and Parker Unrau; also four brothers and three sisters and their spouses, many nieces, nephews and other friends and family. She was predeceased by her husband, Cornie Unrau on September 6, 2000, her parents, Peter P. and Katharina Wolfe in 1963, four brothers, Peter Wolfe, Jake Wolfe, John Wolfe and Herman Wolfe, sister, Helen Neufeld as well as two siblings in infancy.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday August 9, 2015 at Winkler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Winkler Cemetery. We as a family want to thank the Salem staff for all the love and compassionate care they have shown our Mom. You are all greatly appreciated for everything that you have done. We want to thank friends and family for your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, cards and food. Special thanks to Pastor Wilbert Friesen and the Winkler Mennonite Church. Also, thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home for the caring and professional service they provided. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salem Foundation in Tina's memory.

Come To Me

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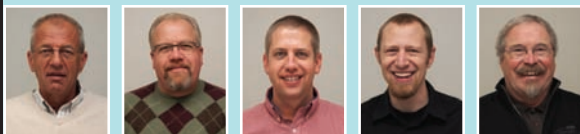
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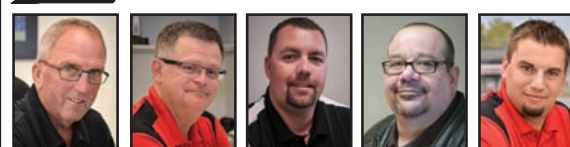
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