

A vintage 1914 wooden caboose is moved and lowered into place at the Miami Railway Museum Friday. See inside this edition of the Voice for more on this story.

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Three years and counting

Katie's Cottage celebrates its anniversary

By Lorne Stelmach

Three years on now from its founding, Katie's Cottage has come a long way.

Not only is executive director Ruth Reimer proud of what it has become but she feels her daughter Katelyn would be as well.

"My thought is how proud Kate would be to see this place, to know that it's helping so many people," Reimer suggested last Tuesday at the third anniversary open house of the respite home located across from Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The facility has seen its usage steadily rise over those three years, Reimer noted.

For example, the number of room nights just in May increased from 70 one year earlier to 112 this year, and the July usage similarly rose from to 106.

The people making use of Katie's Cottage have come from all over including from across the United States as well as Mexico and even Australia and the United Kingdom.

"So the word is getting out, and it is all by word of mouth," Reimer noted. "We don't really do much advertising; we do a little bit, but our budget does not lend itself to something like that."

There have been a numbe of additions and improvements ranging from a back patio and gazebo to the completion of a walkway to get guests to and from the hospital.

The interior has also seen the addition of another dining table and a coffee bar, noted Reimer.

"We've added a number of different things," she said. "You look around, and you think it's such a nice place for people to come ... people come and say how beautiful it is and how welcoming it is, and I'm just really happy about that. They can get away from that hospital even for a few minutes and be able to relax.

"We pride ourselves on doing a good job here," she added, noting also that "one thing I take the most pride in is that this place is very, very clean, and it has to be very clean so that people who are experiencing chemo aren't wondering what might I catch here?"

Reimer said they have developed a great working relationship with not only Boundary Trails Health Centre but also facilities including the Tabor and Salem personal care homes as



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Ruth and Randy Reimer enjoy some time with visitors at the respite home's third anniversary open house last Tuesday.

well as Eden Mental Health Centre.

"Those are all places that can use us ... we are able to facilitate those families as well," she noted.

"Also one of the biggest things that's happened this year is we have a relationship with public health," added Reimer, explaining that means the area medical clinics can get the Katie Cares beanie baby gifts to hand out to children.

"So we've expanded that program quite a bit. That's a big, big deal for us, being able to hand out more beanie babies. They were asking for that, so that is something we can provide for those places ... because kids are scared

when they go in to these places."

As for what may come next for Katie's Cottage, Reimer said there are no certain plans at this point.

"I've always got something in mind ... to say that we might be expanding next year? No. The numbers have to make sense before we would do something like that," she said. "Five years from now? It's possible ... that we would be starting to think of or already in the works of doing that ... I have ideas of how I would like to do that. You get that feeling ... what can we do better or where can we make an improvement?"

Ruth Reimer to be honoured as 2019 citizen of the year

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler's 2019 citizen of the year welcomes the honour but only wishes the person she feels truly deserves it could be here to receive the award.

The executive director of Katie Cares, which runs the Katie's Cottage respite home, upon learning of the honour last week turned her thoughts to the memory of her daughter Katelyn, who inspired it all.

"It's bittersweet ... it is something I would gladly have her accept and not me," said Reimer. "I only wish that Kate was here to be the one to receive it because she is actually the one who came up with the idea. She is the one who said let's do this. She was the mastermind behind the whole thing."

The citizen of the year award is presented to an individual who continually gives of themselves and helps many others in the process, and Reimer is certainly a fitting choice, suggested Winkler Community Foundation president Scott Doell.

"Ruth's passion has impacted so

many people as they journey through health challenges with loved ones," said Doell. "Her impact has also spread to children and youth as they have been inspired to organize their own fundraisers in effort to fulfill Katie's dream and help fund Katie Cares projects."

"It is a big honour. i was blown away, and I still am blown away with the fact that I have been selected to receive this award. I was shaking, I was crying, just with the emotions of it all," said Reimer.

"You never do something like this expecting something back. The only thing I wanted back at this place was that the charity would do well. That is my biggest reward."

With that thought in mind, Reimer said the recognition is an encouragement for her to keep moving forward.

"It's been well received, the work that is being done here, and I can only say thank you. The charity itself is so good, and I love that it's local ... I love everything about it and that we can do something good through something

tragic."

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her choice at

She also welcomes the additional publicity for the organization, which just celebrated the third anniversary of Katie's Cottage last week as well.

"The charity relies on public awareness ... we are not government funded at all, so when

we get this type of publicity, it's great, because **"YOU NEVER DO SOME**then we can THING LIKE THIS EXPECTmaximize what we are doing," ING SOMETHING BACK. said Reimer. THE ONLY THING I WANT-As the citizen of the year, Re-ED BACK AT THIS PLACE imer will have opportu-WAS THAT THE CHARITY nity to present WOULD DO WELL." a grant of \$1,000 to a charitable organization of

the banquet at the Days Inn Conference Centre Thur., Oct. 3.

This year's speaker will be Chris Koch (pronounced Cook) - a farm boy turned world traveler who has set out on his latest adventure bringing his 'If I Can' message global.

Koch was born without arms or legs, and his family could have treated his disability like a total tragedy but instead chose to take it all in stride and

make the best of the situation

He has not let limitations or obstacles in his life stand in the way of achieving his goals and dreams, and he encourages others to do the same. More information can be found at www. IfIcan.ca.

Tickets are available through the Winkler Community Foundation office located in Winkler city hall, call-

ing 204-362-9292 or e-mailing myra@ winklercommunityfoundation.com.

All set for Corn and Apple

By Lorne Stelmach

Tim Hodge looks forward to his first Corn and Apple Festival not only as a Mordenite but also now as its executive director.

Having just moved to Morden last December and taking up the role earlier this spring, Hodge has attended the festival in the past but is now enjoying getting a different perspective on Morden's signature event.

"It's been a very interesting experience for me seeing the festival from the other side and really getting a first hand look at just how much work the volunteers do and how many different parts of the festival there are; it's quite remarkable," Hodge said last week as final preparations wrapped up for this weekend's festival.

"It really is remarkable the work the volunteers do to put on the festival," said Hodge, noting how fortunate they are to have such a large and dedicated army of volunteers - so much so that it is almost like the festival runs itself.

"Sitting in on the monthly committee meetings, we've got 30 people acting as the heads of their own committees for the festival ... all responsible for getting their own volunteers. We'll have well over a thousand volunteers, probably more like 1,300 or 1,400 this year in total during the festival," he noted.

Hodge said everything had fallen

into place nicely from an organizational standpoint.

"There's always last minute prep to do, but for the most part I'm just excited to get the festival going now," he said.

"Things have been shaping up really well this year. We've got a couple new things that will be exciting, but for the most part it's going to be the festival that everyone loves and enjoys," he continued.

"Our entertainment is always good. We're thrilled to have Charlie Major headlining our country night and Trooper for our classic rock night," he said. "We're really excited about some of our new art walk features this year. There's going to be a really neat interactive graffiti art project going on near the youth stage this year."

Otherwise, he said there never is much to be changed or added to the festival each year.

"It's such a successful street festival. It's the largest street festival in Manitoba. There's been 52 before this one, and it's always gone over really well," he said.

"You don't want to mess with a good thing too much. There's a good rhythm with the Corn and Apple Festival, so there's no need to fix what isn't broken," he concluded. "Everybody knows and loves the Corn and Apple Festival. We're pretty lucky to have a really good image all over Manitoba."



VOICE FILE PHOTO

People will soon be lining up for the festival's feature attraction - the free corn on the cob.







A whole lot of reading

By Lorne Stelmach

It's always rewarding for Cathy Ching to see kids getting excited about reading.

That was the bottom line for the director of library services as the TD Summer Reading Club program of the South Central Regional Library wound up for another season.

"It is about the reading, and the kids can be so excited about the books. It's been really good as far as the literacy part of it because it's good to see kids so excited," Ching said last Thursday as the summer reading windup in Morden took place in Confederation Park.

The other branch libraries also held windup celebrations this week including Winkler on Monday, Altona on Tuesday, Manitou on Wednesday and Miami on Thursday.

Children of all ages are welcome to participate and are encouraged to read through the summer and keep a log of the number of minutes they have spent either reading independently or with an adult.

The program follows a different theme each year with registration usually during the final week of June, and it runs until mid-August.

The final numbers were still being tallied, but Ching estimated there were around 1,300 kids registered in total across the five branch libraries including well over 400 in Morden as well as a similar number in Winkler. The program managed to continue in the latter this summer despite the Winkler library being closed as a result of renovations due to significant water damage that occurred in June.

"Morden was exceedingly busy this year just because I think the Winkler branch closing for a bit kind of changed things up a bit. There were some people from Winkler coming here (to Morden) as well," she suggested.

"That is probably close to other years , but I think we've had more participation. Sometimes kids register but then they don't come back," she added. "This year, it has been a lot of returns each week. Sometimes, kids get their reading logs and we don't see them for weeks, but this time there's been a lot more returning regularly."

She thinks the kids were having fun with it all and enjoyed having their 'brag tags' that were like dog tags that they could add to and show how much they had been reading.

"It has been an amazing summer for us," said Ching, who added they would welcome input from the families who took part. "We're going to be asking for feedback. We're going to try to reach out to the parents and see how they felt about it."

In the meantime, they can now look ahead to next year, and she also planned to submit information about their program to a TD Summer Reading Club competition to showcase what have done and perhaps also



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Carnival games were enjoyed in Confederation Park in downtown Morden last Thursday and Monday in Winkler as the TD summer reading club wound down for another year.



earn a little bit of money that could go towards next year's program.

"I think it's somewhat unique ... we are a smaller community, but we've got 1,300 kids registered, which I think is phenomenal ... we've done really well here."

Teachers handing out books

Teachers from the Morden area will be part of the Corn and Apple Festival parade this Saturday morning and distributing mini-books to help mark the 100th anniversary of the Manitoba Teachers' Society.

Western Teachers' Association president Shawna Dobbelaere participated in the Carman Country Fair's parade, and she is looking forward to seeing students from the community in the crowd.

"In Carman, the teachers had such a positive response from their students and the community. The kids just lit up when they saw their teachers, and parents were happy that we were handing out books and not candy," she said.

"School might be out for summer, but reading should remain a priority," added Dobbelaere, noting how important it is that kids continue to read over the summer break to help retain and strengthen their reading skills. "Let your child choose the books to keep reading fun and interesting. Reading is key for lifelong learning and success."

This year, the society has distributed more than 7,500 mini-books across the province through its participation in rural parades, the Teddy Bears' Picnic in Winnipeg and the one-room school house warming hut on the 2019 Red River Mutual River Trail at the Forks.

According to Statistics Canada, nearly half of Canadians have some difficulty with reading materials encountered in everyday life, and 29 per cent of individuals with low literacy levels are from low-income households compared to eight per cent of individuals who are ranked in the highest two categories of literacy.

Students living in poverty face many barriers to accessing education which the province must address in its K-12



The Manitoba Teachers' Society has been distributing books at events across the province throughout the summer.

education review, noted said James Bedford, president of the Manitoba Teachers' Society.

"Manitoba has one of the highest rates of child poverty in Canada. When students are coming to school hungry, reading is the last thing on their mind. Illiteracy will follow these students for the rest of their lives. Those with low literacy skills are far more likely to live in poverty, have poor health outcomes and miss out on opportunities to participate fully in society and the workforce."

Caboose makes its move

Miami excited about addition to museum

By Lorne Stelmach

A vintage 1914 wooden caboose made perhaps its final journey Friday to Miami where it is now becoming part of the railway museum.

A crowd turned out to see the caboose hauled into town by Windy Lane Towing and then moved into place by Cobra Crane of Morden.

"We were very, very happy to have all of the help that we had with the volunteers. It's set up now on a section of rail that we actually had built for this," noted Joan Driedger.

The museum can't divulge details of where the caboose came from other than to say that "it was another museum that deaccessioned it, and we're very thankful that they considered us for this."

"We think it's going to add a lot to our museum," suggested Driedger.

"We're very relieved to have it in place, and we're looking forward to working on it. We intend to remodel it and then have it open for the public to go through and enjoy."

She noted it is going to take both some time and money now for them to get it fixed up.



Our fundraising so far went to the move ... but we've accomplished that at least, and we're pleased about that," said Driedger, noting further work is

going to have to wait until next year.

"Our summer student **"WE THINK IT'S** is done, and then we're only open for a couple **GOING TO ADD** more weekends. We'll A LOT TO OUR be open for the Pembina Valley Studio Art Tour and that will be it," she said. "We've got plans for next year ... and we

are going to look for grants as well."



After its road trip on the highway into Miami, the vintage caboose had wheels moved into place in preparation for it to be installed on tracks at the Miami railway museum.



Traffic stop leads to drug charge

A man is facing multiple charges including assaulting an officer after an August 14 incident in Winkler.

MUSEUM."

Police went to the home after getting a complaint regarding a man who was harassing the occupants of the house.

The man was told to leave and stay away from the home, but his troubles worsened then when he turned on and threatened an officer.

He is charged not only with assaulting a peace officer but also criminal harassment, resisting arrest and uttering threats.

Meanwhile, in another incident August 13, a routine traffic stop also led to a drug charge.

While on patrol, police saw a ve-

hicle being driven by a man who was known to have a suspended driver's licence, and they also learned the licence plate affixed to the vehicle did not match the vehicle being driven.

During this whole process, the police then also found a quantity of methamphetamine, so he was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine, breaching probation, driving while disqualified and operating a motor vehicle with an unauthorized licence plate.

On August 14, Winkler police also responded to a report of a break-in to two locked utility trailers parked on the property of a local business. Several tools were found to be missing from one of the trailers.

And on August 17, Winkler police investigated further after several 911 calls were received but no information could be gathered from the caller.

After 911 dispatch provided police with the location from which the calls originated and the name registered to the phone number, officers arrived and learned several individuals were no longer wanted inside the home and had been asked to leave.

Police learned one of the women was under conditions to not have contact with another individual at the residence, so she was subsequently arrested for failing to comply with an undertaking.

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umour has it that gossip is a pretty strong force in our region.

wish to foolishly assume that we are the only ones who gossip. No, no, it is a global force of nature that sweeps through people like a tornado, hur-

ricane, and tidal wave combined, always leaving devastation in its wake. I grew up in a family fueled by gossip. Of course,

AGRICULTURE REPORTER Harry Siemens





By Peter Cantelon cern" for others and the terrible, shock-

ing choices they were making.

"Did you hear about so-and-so and who she has been living with?"

"Oh, my yes...what a—" (you can fill in the blanks).

I like to think my being nurtured in a

rumour and innuendo filled environment eventually was turned to good and inspired me to become a journalist. Still, the temptation to gossip is VERY strong in my life.

The grapevine yields a bitter wine

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Why? Why do we care so much about what is going on in other people's lives? Especially the trauma? Maybe the old axiom misery loves company holds true, except that I am not miserable ... I am quite happy.

I think the human impulse toward the evil of gossip is a complex one fed by many and various needs, wants, and emotional shortcomings.

Whatever the case, I can say unequivocally that gossip is devastating. It destroys lives, families, workplaces, and whole communities.

How do you know you are listening to or spreading gossip? Good question. Here are some signs:

• It might be gossip if what you are being told is not coming from the person it is about.

• It might be gossip if you are talking about someone else in a way you would never directly talk to them.

• It might be gossip if what you are

communicating could hurt another's reputation.

• It might be gossip if what you say starts with "don't tell anyone but..."

You know what? Just imagine the person/people you are talking about standing next to you as you are talking. Are you comfortable? No? It's gossip. Stop it.

(NOTE: Some people would not care if a certain person heard them talking about them in a gossipy way. If you are one of these people just purchase duct tape and put it over your mouth every time you leave the house. Problem solved.)

If you hear gossip, just tell the person speaking to you to stop. It is uncomfortable to do this but maybe it will send a message.

Here's a rule I rigidly follow which guarantees people stay away from me with gossip: I go straight to the person someone was talking about and simply tell them exactly what I heard and who told me. It is amazing how quickly gossip stops when the one spreading it is confronted by the subject of said gossip.



Robocalls and texts a scourge on our political landscape

To the editor:

Robocalls and robotexts have become a scourge on our political landscape. I can deal with a call that begins with something like "this is a message from Elizabeth May of the Green Party." But that era of full disclosure seems to have passed. Over the last week, our home phone line has received two instances of the same robocall from the Conservative Party of Canada using voice recognition to make it seem as though you are talking to a live person.

This is deceptive at best and just plain dishonest no matter how you slice it. The purpose is to keep us on the line as long as possible so the party can deliver its message. I feel

for our seniors who are by far the largest cohort of people still using landlines and less likely to spot the technological trickery.

Smartphone users aren't spared the creeping barrage of political messaging either as evidenced by Sarah who has been frantically texting Canadians asking whether the Conservative Party can count on their support—yes or no?

As you might recall from the robocall scandal that co-opted the CPC voter database a few years back, any kind of response, positive or negative, is recorded and can then potentially be weaponized to suppress specific voters.

Political parties aren't subject to

the same privacy laws as other entities in Canada and that needs to change. As the federal Green Party candidate for Brandon-Souris, I am advocating within my own party to voluntarily adopt strict privacy rules on the data we gather on Canadians. As an MP, I will champion legislation to end the double standard.

Sarah the texter and the friendly but artificial voice on the phone trying to sell me on the CPC message need to be put on a tighter leash. We shouldn't stand for them weaseling their way past our defences with sophisticated lies.

Of course, we do not

we did not call it gossip. Usually it was veiled as "con-



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Five candidates in race for Borderland

LOREN BRAUL LIBERAL

Loren Braul will carry the Liberal banner again in this fall's provincial election in Borderland after having placed second in the 2016 election in what was then the Emerson riding held by former Conservative MLA Cliff Graydon.



Loren Braul Liberal

Having placed secocnd with about 20 per cent of the vote to Graydon, who is seeking re-election as an independent, Braul says the constituency needs responsible representation and an active voice in the Legislature.

He suggests there is a desire for new energy, voices and ideas like what the Manitoba Liberals have to offer. "I think they have practical solutions for

a wide range of issues," says Braul. "I think that when you are part of a team in the Legislature, you can be more effective than when you are operating by vourself."

Braul brings a range of local experience to the fore including serving as a vice-chair of the Altona Community Foundation and as moderator for the Altona Mennonite Church. He has also been serving as the board chair of Regional Connections, which provides settlement, language and employment services to newcomer's in the Pembina Valley.

Braul sees one key issue in this election as being reliable funding for municipalities so"that they can continue to make the investments in infrastructure that we will need to improve our communities."

Municipalities need to have the tools to take care of those priority areas, whether it be roads or water, and they need to be able to plan for the long term, he suggests.

He also emphasizes the importance of having strong partnerships with both provincial and federal governments to address areas like infrastructure.

"We have to have a tax system that allows for that kind of investment," he adds, noting he sees the need for a comprehensive review of the tax system. "I do like the idea of taking a step back on the tax review and looking at the system and saying how does it work when we are drawing money from taxpayers here and there ... are we using that money responsibly and sustainably to provide the ongoing investment that we need to continue the growth that we are seeing?"

LIZ CRONK NDP

It just seems natural to Liz Cronk that she would be on the ballot for the NDP in next month's provincial election.

The candidate for the Borderland constituency very much grew up with her family originally being strong supporters of the Co-operative Com-



Liz Cronk NDP

monwealth Federation which led to the NDP.

"My parents were CCF ... so it just seemed natural to be NDP ... I like the policies and the philosophy," says Cronk.

Cronk now hails from Winnipeg, but she has strong rural roots through having been raised in Austin.

She has now worked as a registered nurse for over 35 years, and she is currently a front-

line worker in an in-patient mental health unit at St. Boniface Hospital. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and psychology, and she has been involved with the NDP in the past.

Given her background, it's no surprise what most gets her attention in this campaign.

"I think health care is the key issue ... I think Borderland deserves a strong voice on health care," she says.

"I've seen people who come in from the Borderland area for health care services, and I'm concerned about the health care cuts that the Pallister government has instituted," she continues. "I've seen the damage that his cuts and cancellations have caused our health care system."

Cronk also sees examples of resources being wasted or not used to their potential, citing the example of Emerson having an ambulance that is sitting being unused as a direct result of the cost cutting.

'I think other issues are things like affordable hydro and MPI and also strong supports for kids in the classroom," says Cronk, adding she also sees another concern for many areas being the lack of cell phone service." I think all Manitobans should have access to cell phone use."

Overall, Cronk feels positive about the new direction being taken by the NDP under the leadership of Wab Kinew.

"I think some of what's occurred in the past ... I think we're still healing, but we're on the road to recovery."

CLIFF GRAYDON INDEPENDENT

Cliff Graydon seeks re-election for a third time in what is now the Borderland riding, but it is different this time with the former Conservative MLA after another term this time as an independent candidate.

The veteran of 12 years as an MLA for what had formerly been the Emerson riding was first elected in 2007, re-elected in 2011 and handily won the riding again in 2016 with almost 73 per cent of the vote.

"My goal going forward is to continue to represent the people of the riding the same as I have in the past," says Graydon, who sees some significant benefit to being able to represent the riding as an independent by not being limited by having to follow party line."I believe I have an advantage ... you can bring up issues, and you don't get told 'no, you

can't say that'. So I will be standing up for the good people of Borderland."

Graydon cites a number of issues as well from the burden of education tax on agricultural land to wait times to get into personal care homes and the need for more support for municipalities.

He notes that he has long addressed the issues around education tax and specifically on farm land, noting he had lobbied for that long ago as a councillor for the RM of Franklin.

"I said no to the carbon tax, I said that very strongly ... and I will continue to be opposed to a carbon tax both provincially and federally," adds Graydon.



Cliff Graydon Independent

Another area he feels strongly about, especially given the geography of Borderland, are issues around the border.

country "A that doesn't protect its borders isn't going to be a country long ... I will be promoting that we have a strong border," he says, suggesting you can do that while still supporting legal immigrants to the country.

Graydon also touches on health care invest-

Conservative candi-

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suggests Guenter, an

Altona-area resident

who has worked for

both Portage Lisgar

MP Candice Bergen

and Morden-Winkler

challenges.

ment and questions how much of what is being promised will come to rural Manitoba.

As well, he stresses the importance of supporting the infrastructure needs of municipalities including roads, noting that not only has funding been cut but the budget then has also been under spent.

Finally, Graydon also noted issues around crime and policing, suggesting that "we have a shortage of RCMP in the province."

JOSH GUENTER CONSERVATIVE As the Progressive



Josh Guenter Conservative

MLA Cameron Friesen.

"There was a mess in every single portfolio and every single file, so the last three and a half years we've had to do a lot of clean-up and fixing things,"

> BORDERLAND, FROM PG. 8

says Guenter.

"We have a strong record of the things we promised we would do in 2016 and 90 per cent of those are done, and the other 10 per cent are in progress," he adds."I think the real key thing though is we've been able to straighten out our fiscal house."

For Guenter, who attended the University of Ottawa studying economics and political science and also worked for an MP from Saskatchewan, among his overall concerns are the rising cost of living and affordability in all aspects, whether it be taxes or key sectors like the education and health care systems.

"I've been hearing a lot about taxes, a lot about services," says Guenter, noting he has been busy not only going door to door but meeting with key stakeholders including municipalities.

"I think the key thing is to lower our taxes and preserve our services," he stresses.

Guenter also suggests people in this area want someone who is not in the opposition or on the back benches but someone who can play a role in the governing caucus and "who can have a strong voice for our rural and small town way of life."

He cites the progress the government is making in funding for more schools and more investment in health care as well as infrastructure including roads.

"There is an infrastructure deficit here in Manitoba ... we've announced we are going to be boosting infrastructure funding," he notes.



kitchen table."

Ken Henry Green Party

terms as chief at Roseau River.

His experience is varied including as a policy analyst position with a provincial territorial organization working with 33 Northern Manitoba communities and helping champion projects benefiting northern Manitoba including broadband internet connectivity.

"What I'm really excited about is what's coming

down the pipe, and we've announced some excit-

ing measures already," he concludes. "It's about

making life more affordable for Manitoba families

and taxpayers and putting more money back on the

At Roseau River, the achievements included reducing the debt by \$15 million reduction as well as

KEN HENRY GREEN PARTY

Ken Henry has always been involved in politics, so letting his name stand as the Green Party of Manitoba candidate for Borderland seems like a natural progression.

Hailing from the Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation, Henry is ... fifth member of his family to serve as chief or headmen including two rebuilding a community centre, purchasing 19 new homes for the community, conducting renovations on over 75 homes and bringing services such as a new fire truck to the first nation.

Henry has engaged in multiple ventures with surrounding communities including the development of cross country trails, river and water planning, emergency preparedness, educational endeavours, and farming activities, and he sees the Green party as really speaking to him and his beliefs.

"I really believe the Green Party is ready to make that next leap and hopefully we can catch a Green wave."

He stresses the idea that the Green Party looks at sustainability in all sectors and to build "long term growth and sustainability for our communities."

Henry also sees a need to build a more co-operative approach whether it be among levels of government or even between the region's diverse communities.

"Coming from a First Nations community, I also hope to build some bridges here," Henry suggests.

"We kind of like to think of ourselves as not within that spectrum of left, right and centre," he concludes. "We can give people another option, an option with a sound plan. We have an action plan for everything that every other party has been talking about ... I see it all as sustainable, and it speaks to a lot of the issues that are really important to the area."

- Candidate profiles compiled by Lorne Stelmach; Winkler Morden Voice.

The mighty Casey strikes out

My brother Jimmy, without any encouragement from his parents or sisters, was already a young sports fanatic at the age of eight years.

I can still see him dashing into our house at noon. He was completely out of breath after running all the way from Maple Leaf School on 15th Street to our home on 1st Street.

"Turn the radio on. Please, Mom," he pleaded. "Brooklyn Dodgers are playing New York Yankees. It's the World Series."

Mom did not know one team from the other but she usually obliged him. Jimmy was probably the only one who could get her to

change that dial.

Sports for girls—both in school and in the c o m m u n i t y were non-existent during the years I was growing up in Morden. So I played street hockey and football with the boys.



By Florence Dyck

At school and in our neighbourhood, we played baseball. If we had enough players, we picked teams. If not, we played scrub. Often a disgruntled child would pick up his bat and yell, "If that's the way you're going to play, I'm taking my bat and ball home!" Sometimes we tried to appease him or her and other times we just scrambled to find another bat and ball. Bases could be made out of anything and gloves were shared.

Jimmy was able to play on a real baseball team. As he grew older, he was passionate about becoming a pitcher and practiced for hours to perfect a variety of pitches. I wanted to become a good back catcher and didn't mind catching for him.

I had more chores to do than my brother, so there were times he practiced alone. A garden shed in our back yard was perfect for practicing on. He aimed for a target he marked on the shed. We used an official baseball when the two of us practiced as I needed to improve my throwing. When he practiced alone, he used a hard rubber ball that bounced back to him.

One day when I was about 14 years old, Mom asked for my help with the laundry. We were outside pinning the wet clothes on the line while Jim, now 12 years old, was practicing his pitching against the shed wall a distance away on my left.

Suddenly, without warning, I hit the ground hard. I was knocked out, or so Mom said. She saw me fall and came running, her clothespin bag flapping at her waist.

Crying hysterically, I heard her call my name. Her voice sounded far away. My head was spinning and my throat felt raw. I could not answer. "What happened? What happened?" she repeated frantically.

As I regained consciousness, I saw Jim approaching slowly. With head bowed, a ball in one hand and his glove in the other, he looked up at Mom and quietly said, "I'm sorry. The ball slipped." Mom believed him but I knew better. Could a ball that had slipped out of his hand be thrown fast enough and hard enough to knock me down and out cold? I don't think so. Could an up and coming pitching sensation allow a fastball aimed for a mark on a wall veer so drastically to the right as to hit me? I don't think so. I knew that he had not meant to hit me dead centre in my throat, but he had definitely meant to hit me somewhere.

I recovered with no long-lasting ill effects and still caught for Jim as he relentlessly practiced his pitching



The author's brother Jim at bat.

skills. But he knew he had struck out with that near fatal pitch and never again purposely threw the ball at me or anyone else.

All that practicing paid off for me as well. Some years later, at Teacher's College, those of us who wished to play ball were divided into 12 teams. I was the back catcher for our team the year we won the championship.

> Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

Raising fun and awareness

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Genesis House holds Kids in Motion summer camp

By Lorne Stelmach

First and foremost, it's just meant to be fun, but the annual Kids in Motion summer camp can also play a small role in promoting Genesis House.

Raising awareness is always a goal for the area family shelter, noted children's counsellor

Samantha Toews. "It kind of gets our name out there a little bit more,

a little bit more, gets us involved with kids and different community events. This gets our name out and maybe opens eyes to see that kids are involved in Genesis House ... we do deal with a lot of children," said Toews.

Held August 12 to 16 based out of the Winkler park, the Kids in Motion summer camp held each summer was free but limited to no more than 25 youth.

The weather last week meant they moved indoors a couple days, but they were still able to make that into a movie day, noted Toews.

"We did a scavenger hunt where we walked to various parks in the community, which was really good," she said. "Thursday was our carnival day, and then Friday Winkler park and rec let us take everybody into the pool, so that was really fun as well.

"We have done camps in the past where we've done two or three weeks, but this year we only had time to do the one week," noted Toews, who sees a benefit in bringing a variety of kids together.

"We have some who come every year," she said. "We get a mixture of

people. We offer it to our own clients first and then to the general public after that ... so we kind of get a really good group, a different mix, which I think is really good for the kids. They get to make friends that they might not meet otherwise.

"To be involved in a day camp that's free, I think, is pretty rare ... that part is also nice; it kind of opens it up

to kids who maybe otherwise maybe can't really afford it," said Toews, who again noted it helps them to have a presence in the community throughout the year. "We do a lot of different things in the

community, try to get out and about in the community as much as possible."



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Kids enjoyed fun contests and a bit of costume dress-up as part of the carnival day last Thursday at the Kids in Motion summer camp.



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Under new ownership



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE A ribbon cutting last Thursday marked the grand reopening of Coffee Culture under the new ownership of Lisa and Vern Zacharias, who have operated the Morden location for over six years. "I just love the hospitality part of it all," said Lisa Zacharias, who noted they get very positive feedback and the people appreciate the seasonal changes to the choices of food and drinks. "I really love what I'm doing in Morden ... and I would love to do the same in Winkler here," she said. "The citizens of Winkler have been so supportive."



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Old fashioned cruising



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There was a waiting list of people wanting a ride from Allan Peters last Wednesday at the Buhler Active Living Centre. The Carman resident spent the morning taking people for a spin in his antique Model T, and his time was very much appreciated, said centre director Nettie Dyck. "A while back, we were reminiscing about the old times ... I grew up next to Allan in Carman, and he's got all kinds of classic cars ... I asked him if we would be interested in coming out to Winkler and giving rides, and he was more than happy to do that for us."



Keeping our heritage alive

Threshermen's Museum set for annual Reunion Days

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Reunion Days does more than just showcase what all is part of the Pembina Threshermen's Museum.

The annual September long weekend celebration really does bring it all to life, museum manager Kim Striemer said last week as they prepared for the August 30 and 31 event at the museum, which is now in its 51st year.

Striemer suggested what appeals to people is the interaction, the handson and the actual living history that is being taught through the volunteers and the many displays.

"There's people who come from a long ways away to come to this event," said Striemer.

"We just always have the place full with the parade and activities ... all the meals and entertainment, it all adds so much to it. It's pretty much the same each year because it's already so packed full of things to see and do."

One new feature this year though will be a heritage market on the Saturday.

"I believe at one time they did have something like it, but it was a long time ago," she noted. "It's going to be various vendors of 'vintage age', so it's not going to be your typical vendors ... it's not going to be huge, but there will definitely be a fun little craft market. They just have to kind of fit in with the ambience of the event."

Striemer also suggested the corn maze - added two years ago - has also become a popular draw.

"It's been going already for a while, and people are loving it again."

If you haven't been to the museum for some time, also added in recent years was a wildlife exhibit as well as the 4,000 sq. ft. indoor Brimberly Village that features a variety of the museum's antiques and artifacts in a pioneer street scene.

And, of course, you can tour all of the museum buildings such as the Morden CPR station, Haskett store, Reimer house, Braun log house, Pomeroy School, Roseisle United Church, Pelser's Barber Shop, North West Mounted Police outpost, Morden research station barn and more.

There are an array of demonstrations throughout the grounds each day including the sawmill and blacksmith shop as well as activities like rope making and corn grinding.

The antique tractor pull and wheat threshing demonstrations are always big draws, and another feature attraction each day is the parade of vintage tractors.

The kids can also enjoy activities including barrel train rides and the petting zoo, and of course the general store is open for business and serving up ice cream and treats. The general store is popular even for the veranda, where people just hang out and chat like in the old time days.

Meals are available each day in the Valley Harvest Maids dining hall, and there is entertainment as well in the evening with the Glencross Quartet



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The old fashioned, steam-engine powered threshing demonstration always draws a crowd at the Reunion Days, and a popular newer addition is the corn maze.



Friday and James Fehr and Friends Saturday.

The gates open at 9 a.m., and admission is \$10 or with children 10 and under free, and you can find more

information online at the threshermensmuseum.com website as well as on Facebook.

PHAC reaching out to kids, young adults with festival activities

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Hills Arts Council is reaching out to kids and young adults with its Art Walk activities during the Morden Corn & Apple Festival this weekend.

"This year we have decided to develop an Art Walk that yields positive outcomes in skills and personal development, and a greater understanding of society and the youth's place in it," says PHAC programs and outreach coordinator Tricia Dyck, stressing that arts programming not only helps kids develop their own artistic skills but also improves their self-image and social commitment.

With that in mind, the gallery has several things planned for Aug. 23-25.

First off, the Kids Art Tent sets up shop in Confederation Park 1-5 p.m. daily to offer free children's crafts. Projects include watermelon plate fans and tambourines Friday, apple ornaments and bug hats on Saturday, and tin can drums and elephant party blowers Sunday.

"We're offering more art projects than ever," Dyck says.

Meanwhile, down the road by the

Youth Stage, street art takes centre stage.

"Friday and Saturday afternoon we will have artists who are facilitating street art with spray painting," says Dyck."We'll have large wooden panels up that people can paint on, contributing to the artwork ... we want as many people to come out as possible to help."

Local artist Bernie Loeppky and Nereo Eugenio from Graffiti Art Gallery in Winnipeg will lead this project. The finished piece will be on display to view at a pop-up outdoor gallery on Sunday. "We're going to make some really cool pieces that we feel will highlight the youth in our community," says Dyck.

The gallery itself also hosts artist Scott Bell's interactive art installation all weekend long. *Stars of the Panels: Comic Selfies* gives visitors the chance to star in their very own reallife comic strip.

"You'll be able to take selfies and become a part of the art," says Dyck, noting Bell will be on hand to answer questions at 3 p.m. on Friday.

Ridley Bent kicks off Manitou fest

A musician praised as a is a passionate story teller and song writer who draws from real life experiences on the road will highlight the Honey, Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival weekend.

The Manitou Coffee house Musicians arebringing in Winnipeg based Ridley Bent and his band The Killer Tumbleweeds for the feature Friday night show Sep. 6 at the Manitou Opera House.

It is a highlight of the two day festival that includes a range of activities such as a pancake breakfast, craft showfarmer's market, honey, garlic and maple syrup vendors, free entertainment, cooking demos, town tours, a gourmet alley and topped off with a delicious buffet supper.

Known to be among Canada's strongest singer-songwriters and an exceptional, incisive and witty lyricist, Bent delivers a high energy performance which will keep you entertained with tales of wisdom and intrigue, truck drivers, outlaws and love stories.

He is a seven time winner of the British Columbia Country Music Award and a 2009 Canadian Country Music

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Award nominee, and this 'alt-country' beat-poet artist draws influence from the likes of Dwight Yoakam, Little Feat, Tom T. Hall, Tom Petty and Johnny Cash.

His latest CD release Wildcard showcases a collection of some of Canada's best country musicians. It is a followup to Rabbit on My Wheel, which showcased his keen fascination for characters whose life on the straight and narrow rarely lasts past the nearest exit to a short, crooked road.

While much of Ridley's new material is drawn from real life experiences he's gathered up on the road, Wildcard still has its share of shady characters, jackknifing tractor-trailers and whiskey-fuelled bar fights.

And for those who identify strongly with Ridley's less reasonable characters - the ones who tend to prefer to stir things up with a pistol in one hand and a bottle in the other - there's also The Blood Trilogy - a companion EP recorded during the same sessions and offers a three-song western epic of violence and vengeance informed by Ridley's ongoing fascination with the bleak worlds of writers like John



PROVIDED PHOTO Ridley Bent and The Killer Tumbleweeds perform on the Friday night of the Honey, Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival.

Steinbeck and Cormac McCarthy.

The dynamic Killer Tumbleweeds back up this engaging show with, guitar, bass, steel guiltar, and drums. The show starts at 8 p.m. at the Manitou Opera House with doors opening at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door with 12 and under free. Call or text 204-242-4415. for more information.

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A plum of a party



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Plum Coulee hosted its annual Plum Fest Friday to Sunday with a range of entertainment and activities throughout the weekend. The stage featured a variety of acts including Dale Maksymik and the 78 RPMs, while displays ranged from Prairie Exotic Animals to a virtual reality demonstration, and a feature event Saturday afternoon was the fireman's rodeo.

Strong support for French camp in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Summer camp was not only a fun time but also an opportunity for more learning for a group of local youth in Morden last week.

The summer camp of the Morden chapter of Canadian Parents for French had local French Immersion students doing a variety of activities that give them an extra chance to practice their language skills.

"We're able to get two French university students to come out and offer a week long camp for any kids who are in French Immersion, and they have to be going into Grade 2 French Immersion and this year up to Grade 6 French Immersion," noted president Sara Convery.

"They do crafts and games and outdoor activities, and they do some sports, but it's all French. Everything is in French just to enhance their French Immersion experience."

The Morden chapter has held the summer camp for a few years now,

and both last year and this year it was expanded to two weeks.

The first session this summer had seven students, and last week's second session increased to 18, and Convery was pleased to see the level of interest and involvement in the community.

"We've had a really good response from our Morden parents. They seem to be really keen to find French activities for their kids. It's awesome to see so many people looking for ways to give their kids more French opportunities in the area," she said.

"We've have a really good community here. We try to put on different events. We've done movie nights, we've done a French dance. We hire different French entertainers to come for the kids in the schools, and we've always had a really good response. It makes it worthwhile with all the work that goes into planning some of these events.

"I hope it reinforces what the kids have learned in school in terms of



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Students taking part in the summer camp of the Canadian Parents for French Morden chapter show off some of their artwork.

their French," she concluded. "It gives them a good chance to use their language skills in a different environment, and it's all in an informally, relaxed way."



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"With that, we've got a very wide network backing us as far as investment specialists, insurance specialists, group specialists, estate and financial planning specialists."

LaPeare grew up in Calgary but has called the Winkler and Morden area home now for about 10 years. Formerly a teacher, he has worked as a financial advisor now for six years including the last two with Sun Life Financial.

LePeare said he works with a wide range of clients from newcomers to the area to larger businesses, and the services cover a wide range of needs from insurance, mutual funds and RRSPs to retirement savings and estate planning.

"One of the areas that I find have the most demand I would say are probably what I would call family financial planning and small business," he suggested.

"There's a lot of families in the area, so there's a lot of people who are in need of some protection on that side, as far as life insurance, disability insurance and things like that," he continued. "There's also, in this area, a lot of entrepreneurs, so there's a demand for group insurance and small business needs.

"Those are two markets that I would say I concentrate the most on right now."



Justin LaPeare is a Winkler-based financial planner with Sun Life Financial.

No matter what their needs may be, LaPeare said it is all about building strong relationships with their clients and finding out what their needs are now and for the future.

"We get a good picture of who they are and then build from there," said LaPeare, suggesting his clients come from an area that stretches about an hour radius from Morden and Winkler

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Local therapist honoured

By Lorne Stelmach

Earning national recognition goes beyond just the personal success for local physiotherapist Ashley Froese.

The staff member of Morden Physiotherapy recently received an honour from the Canadian Physiotherapy Association, and Froese said it spurs her on to keep broadening the scope of services that can be provided here in specifically in relation to women's health and her specialty of pelvic floor physiotherapy.

"That's kind of where I want to see the program go ... see if we can build on what we're doing here," said Froese. "Once I opened the door to this service, it really surprised me how much of a need there really was in this area."

The Canadian Physiotherapy Association includes a women's health division, and it annually offers awards and scholarships to members including one for those who are working in rural and remote regions, and Froese was selected as that recipient this year. "The award goes to a practicing physiotherapist who has to travel significant distances to participate in courses and continue their education," she explained.

"It's taken a lot of work and studies and travel. I've been to Minneapolis, Boston, Tampa Bay and then I finished my advanced training in Grand Rapids this past May. So they recognized the amount of work I've put in over the last year to now bring a program here which women used to have to travel two hours for," she said.

Froese said it felt meaningful to get this kind of recognition and especially at a national level.

"I don't think it was every anything I would have imagined that in my career I would receive a national award for my profession," she suggested.

"It's a huge encouragement for me ... A lot of sacrifice has been in terms of family time and the amount of studying that goes into pursuing this kind of service. It does feel good to be rewarded for a lot of hard work, and it encourages me to continue on with it." Froese said what also encourages



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Ashley Froese of Morden Physiotherapy recently received an honour from the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

her is simply the realization that there is a real need for these services geared to women, and it is something she gained additional appreciation for in having her first child.

"The wait at one point was up to eight weeks long to get an appointment," she said, noting they have now recruited another pelvic floor specialist as a result.

"I think the success of this program in this area is because the physicians in the area are on board, the nurses and the allied health care professionals are on board," she concluded. "If I didn't have that kind of support from people, word wouldn't get out that this is available."

HEALTH CORNER Why parents should fear measles, not the vaccine

he oxygen flow was at maximum but it wasn't enough to keep Aliyah alive. Her measles-damaged lungs failed in the night.

Aliyah was one of hundreds of children with measles that I looked after in a special ward of Kenya's national hospital in 1972, before the measles vaccine was available. I saw all of the possible complications of measles, many of them life-threatening. They left me with a deep respect for this oncecommon viral infection of childhood.

As an infection specialist, I celebrated the grad-

ual disappearance of measles cases in Canada following the introduction of the routine measles vaccination in the mid-1970s. Today, most physicians have never seen a case. Parents too are unfamiliar with measles, with some doubting the need to avoid it, even viewing it as a trivial illness.

Given the recent measles outbreaks in Canada, the Unit-

ed States and globally, it is a good idea to remind ourselves what this illness is really like.

By David W.

Scheifele

Measles is not trivial. It is the most severe of the

once-common childhood infections. It is highly contagious and difficult to recognize until the rash appears later in the illness.

Six decades later, I remember having measles myself as a child: the fever that lasted for days, the headache, shaking chills and drenching sweats. I recall lying on the floor beside my bed, too sick to sit in a chair, while my mother changed the sheets.

This is the normal progress of measles, which causes considerable distress to a sick child and their parents for seven to 10 days, even in the absence of complications. No antiviral drug is available to treat the illness or its complications.

The infection begins in the respiratory tract, with nasal congestion, sore throat, red eyes and increasing cough. Unlike common colds, measles gets worse over several days, causing increasingly high fever (often to 40 C or 104 F) and putting children in bed with nausea, vomiting, chills and headache.

This pre-rash phase lasts about four days, during which the infected person sheds huge numbers of viruses into their surroundings, accounting for measles being highly contagious. One person with measles can infect 75 to 90 per cent of susceptible members of a household by coughing and sneezing viruses into the air.

Communicability is especially high in group settings such as daycares and school classrooms but can also occur with just brief exposure to an infected person.

Measles hides its identity. It is often not until the

fifth day of illness that the distinctive rash covers the body, revealing the diagnosis of measles. Children are contagious, however, from three to four days before the rash onset, when symptoms mimic a cold or flu infection.

Unlike colds and influenza, measles infection extends beyond the respiratory tract, spreading through the bloodstream to the skin and other organs. The rash of measles results from the child's immune system "catching up" and attacking viruses in the skin.

Any delay in immune activation, as may occur with malnutrition or immune disorders, prolongs the virus infection and increases tissue injury.

When the rash appears, this marks the peak of illness and signals the beginning of recovery. The fever will soon subside although the child will still be contagious for several more days, and cough for another one to two weeks.

Hospitalization rates for measles are highest for children under five years old — ranging from nine per cent to 25 per cent in Western countries.

Complications occur in about one in three young children with measles.

Common complications in the United States include middle-ear infection (otitis media) in 14 per cent of reported cases, diarrhoea with risk of dehydration in eight per cent and pneumonia in nine per cent, the latter caused by the virus or invading

The Winkler Morden Voice Thursday, August 22, 2019 17 Landowners needed for sustainable slopes project

Currently there is a trend to remove natural cover on steep slopes across Manitoba, as well as other areas where natural cover provides significant watershed benefits.

With increased pressures such as high commodity prices, increased land values and equipment size, the current tax system, and the lack of ecological goods and services (EG&S) programs available, much of the longterm forest and ground cover protecting these highly vulnerable areas are being lost.

If the current trend continues, the loss of these important natural features will increase soil erosion and nutrient loading, will contribute to increased habitat loss, result in reduced water quality and ecosystem biodiversity, and a reduction in ecosystem resiliency to mitigate the effects of climate change.

"Anywhere you have steep slopes there is a risk of too much water moving too fast down the slope and often bad things can happen" says Pembina Valley Conservation District vicechair Walter McTavish. "Fast uncontrolled runoff can damage municipal roads and bridges and even yard sites can be threatened by that type of floodwater. Having natural vegetation like grasses and trees on and above the slope generally increase infiltration and the water that runs off comes more gently."

Over the next two years, the Pem-

bina Valley Conservation District, La Salle Redboine Conservation District, Whitemud Watershed Conservation District, and the Manitoba Forestry Association aim to reverse this trend and raise awareness of the importance of natural landscapes by assisting landowners in managing their properties for multiple priorities, including the provision of ecological goods and services. The project will target 13,200 acres of the most vulnerable areas of the three conservation districts.

"The conservation districts and the Manitoba Forestry Association are trying to show the value in leaving a natural landscape around steeply sloped land," says McTavish.

The objectives of this project are to: conserve natural habitats on the erosion-prone and steep sloped areas of the three districts, especially along the Manitoba Escarpment; increase landowner's understanding that they are able to manage their properties for multiple-use benefits; encourage landowners to take into consideration the EG&S impact when determining both short and long-terms goals/ investments for their properties; and ensure landowners have access to planning tools to assist them with informed decision making.

This proposed project builds on the success of a similar project developed by the three conservation districts in partnership with the Manitoba Habi-



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The Pembina Valley Conservation District is taking part in a project designed to raise awareness about the importance of leaving a natural landscape around steeply sloped land.

tat Heritage Corporation called the Sustainable Slopes Initiative. This 2013-2018 project was funded by the Habitat Stewardship Program from Environment Canada and aimed to protect and enhance these sensitive areas through the establishment of conservation easements, conservation projects, and development of resource management plans.

Support for this new project has been provided by the Conservation Trust, a Manitoba Climate and Green Plan Initiative delivered by the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation. The Conservation Trust came into existence in 2018 as part of Manitoba's Climate and Green Plan to fund activities that create, conserve, or enhance natural infrastructure for the benefit of Manitobans.

If you are interested in participating in the program, you can contact any one of the participating conservation districts or the Manitoba Forestry Association.

The PVCD can be reached at 204-242-3267 or pvcd@goinet.ca.

-Submitted by the Pembina Valley Conservation District

Several old bank notes to lose legal tender status

You may have heard the term "legal tender" thrown around a lot recently.

That's because the Government of Canada has announced that as of January 1, 2021, it will remove legal tender status from some bank notes, namely the \$1, \$2, \$25, \$500, and \$1,000 bills.

This step comes after legal changes following the 2018 federal budget gave the government power over the legal tender status of bank notes.

The bills targeted in this announcement haven't been produced in decades and some people might not even recognize them as valid forms of payment.

By removing legal tender status from these older bills, the government is helping ensure that the Canadian bank notes in circulation are current, easy to use, and equipped with modern security features that make them hard to counterfeit.

Wondering what this all means for you?

First, let's define the term "legal tender."

Bank notes issued by the Bank of Canada, along with the coins issued by the Royal Canadian Mint, are what is known as "legal tender." It's a technical term, meaning our government has deemed them to be the official money we use in our country.

In legal terms, it means "the money approved in a country for paying debts."

By removing legal tender status from the \$1, \$2, \$25, \$500, and \$1,000 bills, the government is essentially saying that you shouldn't use them in cash transactions or to pay debts.

But rest assured, this does not mean these bank notes will lose their value. The Bank of Canada will honour their face value even after legal tender status is removed.

Have some of these notes? You have a few options.

First, you can redeem them. The simplest way to do this is by going



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The Canadian government is removing legal tender status from several old bank notes, including the \$2 bill.

to your financial institution, where they will exchange them for new bills or deposit the amount into your account.

You can also send them to the Bank of Canada, which will continue to honour these bank notes at their face value. For details on how to redeem your notes at the Bank of Canada, you can go to www.bankofcanada.ca/ banknotes/bank-note-redemptionservice.

Whips after Border title

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Whips are taking on the Pilot Mound Pilots for the Border Baseball League championship.

The best of five final kicked off Monday night with the first place Pilots hosting the third place Whips, and Winkler grabbed home field advantage with an impressive 8-0 win in Game 1 of championship series.

Winkler hosted game two Tuesday night with the result not available at press time. Game three was scheduled for Monday back in Pilot Mound, and it would then be game four Tuesday and game five Wednesday if the series was to go the limit. Pilot Mound took both regular season meetings with Winkler with victories of 16-10 and 6-4.

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Winkler had advanced by taking down the rival Morden Mohawks in four games.

Morden had staved off elimination last Wednesday when the the Mohawks capitalized on a couple defensive errors and scored four more runs in the sixth inning on their way to the 8-2 victory.

The Whips however then rebounded Thursday to close out the series with a 5-3 win.

The Pilots advanced by eliminating the Cartwright Twins in four games after putting it away last Wednesday with a 5-4 victory.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Tanner Bergman may have shattered his bat but not his dreams as the Mohawks stayed alive last Wednesday in winning three of their best of five semi-final with Winkler.

Struggles continue for Hurricanes

The South Central Hurricanes remain winless in the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League 1st division.

The Titans blanked the Hurricanes 6-0 last Wednesday, and then a rematch Monday night saw South Central edged 2-1 to see their record fall to 0-11-2, which leaves them in last place. Melanie Warkentine scored the lone Hurricanes' goal.

Meanwhile, in the Manitoba Major Soccer League 1st division, the Storm were credited with a 3-0 win Sunday as a result of the Rovers forfeiting.

Their record improves to 4-10-1 for 13 points and lifted them to sixth

place in the standings.

And in 5th Division action Friday, the South Central Riot were edged 4-3 by Sinjar FC, and it saw their record slip to 7-6-3 for 24 points, leaving them in the middle of the pack but still shy of the top three.

Scoring were Darren Minchnik, Thomas Klassen and Eldon Niessen for the Riot, who Friday travel to face Interlake and then next Tuesday are at Kucame.

The Storm play next Monday at Scotia United, while the Hurricanes next see action Sept 3 against the FCNW Titans to wrap up their season.

Strong showings at swim meet

The Winkler Barracudas hold the lead into the final championship of the season this weekend in the summer swim meet of Swim Manitoba.

The Barracudas remained first among the seven rural Manitoba teams following Sundays meet in Manitou followed by the Neepawa Blue Dolphins in second.

After Winkler at 1515.5 and Neepawa at 803.5 are Pilot Mound at 457, Swan Valley at 411, Beausejour at 410, Treherne at 397 and Manitou at 215.

At the Manitou meet, Winkler came out on top with 455 points followed by Neepawa at 188, Manitou, Treherne and Pilot Mound at 143,

Beausejour at 137 and Swan Valley at 106.

Winkler swimmers again had strong showings with a number of competitors setting records including the following:

• Jace Zacharias - 25m breaststroke

• Cole Wiebe - 25m freestyle

• Finn Soltis - 50m butterfly and 100m butterfly.

• Cohen Hildebrand - 25m backstroke.

• Cadence Harder - 25m backstroke.

The final championship meet of the season is hosted this Sunday by Neepawa.



The Winkler Flyers announced the hiring of Jamie Corbett as their new assistant coach.

The Winnipeg native rounds out the Flyers new coaching staff which is busy preparing for the start of 2019-2020 MJHL season.

"We are very excited to be able to add Jamie to our group," said general manager Jeff Jeanson. "He has good experience in our league as well as at the midget and bantam levels. And the fact that his coaching philosophy falls in line with Kelvin Cech (head coach) and what we are trying to do here, we think it is a perfect fit."

"I am thrilled to be joining a great program and a great group here in Winkler," said Corbett. "Everyone seems to be on the same page and has the same vision and passion for being successful, and I can't wait to be a part of things here with the Flyers."

Corbett started last season with the Interlake Lightning of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League before finishing the year as the interim head coach of the OCN Blizzard. The season prior to that, he was an assistant



PROVIDED PHOTO Jamie Corbett joins the junior team's staff for 2019-20

coach with the Swan Valley Stampeders. Corbett also has extensive coaching experience with the Winnipeg AAA midget and bantam programs over the past eight years.

The Winkler Flyers main camp and rookie prep camp will kick off Wed., Aug. 28 and conclude with the intrasquad game Sat., Aug. 31.

Sharing his passion for the game

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Tim Morison leads charges at week-long goaltending school

By Lorne Stelmach

The ultimate reward for Tim Morison may be seeing some of the hockey players who have been through his camp getting ahead in the sport.

The new goaltending coach for the Winkler Flyers reflected on that last

week as he led his TM Goaltending School in Morden.

Two of his past charges have been drafted b y NHL organizations including Matthew Thiessen by Vancouver and Cole Kehler by the Los Angeles Kings.

"I didn't make it to that level, but it's kind of neat seeing how maybe some stuff you did here helped them to get to that next step," said Morison.

The players participating in the Morden camp last week were benefitting

from the expertise of someone who has been recognized as a finalist for a Coaching Manitoba excellence award on multiple occasions.

Morison has been part of championship teams while coaching with the Pembina Valley Hawks and Winnipeg Hawks organizations and has been an assistant/goalie coach where his team has won multiple AAA bantam and midget titles including a silver and bronze at the Western Canadian championships.

After his playing days were over, Morison worked with goalie coach Rick St. Croix for ten years before establishing TM Goaltending as an elite goaltending school.

The camp featured all ages of players from age eight years up to 16 years old including older ones who are trying out for junior hockey.

"A Lot of my kids have come back multiple years," said Morison, noting his first camp here seven years ago had 12 students, and this year it was up to 30.

"The kids mature, they grow up, they start at the bottom and they work their way to the top," said Morison, adding he likes the idea of older players then being able to be role models for the younger kids.

"Over the years, it's worked out well. There's been a lot of good leaders in the group," said Morison.

The first day of camp focussed on basics around skating and transitions before the second day progressed to going from the knees to backside



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Players ranging in age from eight up to 16 took part in the TM goaltending camp last week in Morden.

pushes and progressing to things like rebound control and moving in the crease.

"So we've got our foot work down, we've got our rebounds, our strength down, so now we're working off our posts and doing a little bit of post play," continued Morison. "Day four, we get more into puck playing and then day five is a mixture of the kid's favorite drills."

Morison said he always looks forward to running his camps because he feels it is very much meeting a need.

"I have a passion for the game. I'm a school teacher, so just being with kids is kind of my career," he said. "Back when I was playing, there really was nothing as far as training like this happening in rural Manitoba, so I took it upon myself once I was done playing to put together a camp, a clinic, one on ones with the kids.

"I always want to be strictly a goalie coach ... as soon as you get involved with the full team, you're losing your opportunity with those kids. Being a goalie coach is almost more of a life coach. It's a different position, you play with different emotions.

"I've always wanted to work my way up to coaching at a higher calibre, and this year I actually just signed on with the Winkler Flyers. That's a new step for me which I'm looking forward to now," he concluded.

Local area teams compete at Westerns

Morden Hawks earn third place in 13U AA

By Lorne Stelmach

The provincial champion Morden Hawks came back from the Western Canadian 13U AA baseball championship with a third place finish.

The Hawks had two wins and two losses in the tournament held in Strathmore, Alberta and came up one game short of the final.

Morden opened the tournament strong with a 10-7 win over the Muenster Red Sox of Saskatchewan then outscored the host Strathmore Reds 17-12.

The Hawks then took their first loss

in being edged 9-8 by B.C. champion Ladysmith 49ers, and they then saw their tournament end with an 8-5 loss to the Innisfall Hawks of Alberta.

Ladysmith went unbeaten and took the title with an 8-5 win over Innisfall. Meanwhile, a south central team had a good run as well at the Western Canadian 13U AAA championship in Cloverdale, B.C.

The team kicked it off with wins of 9-3 over Red Deer and 16-12 over the Saskatoon As, but they then dropped a pair by scores of 10-7 to Cloverdale and 14-8 to Burnaby.

Their 2 & 2 record in the tournament got them to the bronze medal game where they fell 5-2 to Bonivital.

An Altona team returned home with the title from the Western Canadian 18U AA championship. The Bisons went 3 & 1 through the preliminary round and then edged Leduc, Alberta 4-3 in the gold medal final.



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The Morden Hawks followed up their provincial title with a third place finish at the Western Canadians.

Agriculture

Disastrous loss for dairy farm

By Harry Siemens

A horrific fire that killed 800 dairy cows destroyed not only four barns but the income for the Pennwood Dairy farm family for at least a year if not two before milk production will be back on par.

It took about 60 firefighters from surrounding municipalities to tame the blaze, and only 200 of the 1,000 animals survived.

While a small group of animal rights activists brought flowers and held up signs along a gravel road near the far, northeast of Steinbach, the dairy industry hurt for the family that suffered this loss.

David Wiens, a fellow dairy producer and chair of the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, said how the entire dairy industry family hurt with the Penner family.

"Well, I was shocked when I first heard the news. I mean it's been a devastating loss to the industry but particularly for the Penner family. I can't imagine how difficult that must be for them to experience something like that," said Wiens.

"They were one of the larger dairy farms representing 2.6 per cent of the total production in the province, so obviously it'll have an impact on the overall milk production in the province," he continued. "We will continue to meet all the markets, meet all the demands of the processors. Our first focus here is on the family first, but it has an impact on all the other dairy farmers in the province. That's for sure."

Cleanup and rebuilding this dairy farm will take some doing and, not the least, some time.

Wiens said many things have to happen here step by step. The family right now is focused on the fire, and the office of the fire commissioner is doing the investigation as it does after every fire.

Next is cleaning up the carcasses plus the cleanup of the entire yard site.

"Then they have to start planning for a new facility. So, it'll be months before they're under construction. And then, of course, these barns are not put up overnight either, so yeah, I would fully expect that there'd be at least a year, probably closer to two years, before they're actually in full production again," suggested Wiens.

He said in terms of income loss or production, that is all handled through insurance.

"I can't speak for this particular farm, but for the most part, dairy farms would have insurance that also covers loss of income. Because this is very real that they're no longer selling any milk and shipping any milk to the



PHOTO BY MATT WIEBE

The Pennwood Dairy northeast of Steinbach started the clean up immediately after a fire destroyed 800 cows and four barns that housed a 1,000 cows.

processing plants," he said.

"That's just going to take a while. But we certainly, from all dairy farms in Manitoba, look to support the family in whatever way we can. So we will coordinate the milk pickups to the farm that the surviving cows went to, and of course, we'll be working closely with them as they plan for the future."

Wiens meanwhile had this response to those protesting in the name of animal welfare.

"I think it's much too soon to be putting out those kinds of accusatory statements about regulations or the family. And, in fact, there's been some things being said that are patently

false," he suggested.

"For one, the latest revision in the fire code for dairy barns was in 2017. And so that is an ongoing process where to experience, they continue to review the code and make changes as required. And right now, it's important for the investigation to happen, to see exactly how and why it happened.

"I'm sure there are many questions. From all concerned, and the families would have a lot of questions. But certainly, it's much too soon to start making those kinds of comments or accusations."

SIX SIMPLE STEPS OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Step 2: Critical Illness Insurance—protect your financial plan



Most have never heard of it before, and most people will never get around to owning this important product. I make a point of including Critical Illness in group plans that I manage so the employees will have the coverage.

First off, Critical Illness insurance is a lump sum benefit paid out upon the diagnosis of one of the covered conditions. Most insurance companies cover between 25-30 conditions the

ance companies cover between 25-30 conditions, the main five being: Chris MacPherson, CHS

cancer, heart attack, stroke, coronary artery bypass surgery, and MS. These five conditions make up 95 per cent of all Critical Illness claims. Cancer makes up about 60 per cent of claims on its own! That is not surprising since 1 in 2 people will have cancer at some point in their lives.

Like disability insurance, Critical Illness insurance is a "living benefit." Meaning it is for you. Generally you should have one year salary in Critical Illness coverage.

So what is it for? You can use it for whatever you want or need. Some common examples: Medication not covered by your group plan or by the government, maybe you need to modify your home or vehicle, or maybe you want a second opinion on treatment by the Mayo Clinic. And there is always your bucket list: take your kids to Disney World or even cover your spouse's salary so he/she can stay home and take care of you.

Those are all good reasons. From a planning perspective, advisors want you to have this coverage for yet, another reason: to protect your financial plan. Nothing destroys your retirement plan like not being able to work for a year and, due to unexpected costs, having to either deplete your savings OR rack up some debts.

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Looking back in history, this is the reason why Critical Illness coverage was invented in the first place. As medical advancements started saving more lives, the survivors had a similar complaint. While being grateful they were alive, they were financially devastated. Solution: an influx of cash when you need it most.

Also, it is there to help you heal. Not having to worry about finances has been shown to aid and speed up recovery.

Lastly, once you are healed and back at work, your retirement savings/plan/goals all continue on unaffected.

Of course, having this insurance in place must fit your budget. If you cannot afford a policy that replaces one year salary, consider half. Generally, the smallest size policy you can get is about \$25k,

but even that takes care of a lot of expenses. Expenses you would rather not have on your credit card.

In the next article, we will move to Step 3: Debt Reduction.

If you would like a free copy of the complete book, need help or have any questions, please reach out to me at chris.macpherson@ manulifesecurities.ca.

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> HEALTH CORNER, FROM PG. 16 bacteria.

Brain inflammation or encephalitis with convulsions and coma is the most feared complication, occurring in one per 1000 cases. One in three survivors of encephalitis has residual brain damage. A fatal outcome was reported in two per 1,000 measles cases in the U.S., mainly in children with impaired immunity.

In short, measles is not trivial. It is distressing at best and life-threatening at worst. Parents should fear it. The sensible alternative is to ensure children are fully immunized against measles, given

> BANK NOTES, FROM PG. 16

Finally, you can decide to simply keep your vintage bills.

Some bank notes, such as the \$25 and \$500, may be worth significantly more than their face value. Check with a collector's catalogue or obtain an evaluation

the excellent safety record and protection that the measles vaccine offers.

David W. Scheifele is an emeritus professor of pediatrics at the University of British Columbia and the recently retired director of the Vaccine Evaluation Center at BC Children's Hospital.

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from two or three money dealers who cater to collectors to find out if yours are one of the rare ones.

Learn more about legal tender and Canada's bank notes online at bankofcanada.ca/banknotes.

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Abram (Abe) J Petkau



1914 – 2019 On Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Abe J. Petkau passed away at the age of 105.

He is survived by his children. Art. Evelyn and Albert Toews (son, Jeffery), Delores and Garry Christoff, Walter and Barbara (children, Phillip, Vanessa), Edward and Tammy (sons, Conrad and wife, Rebecca and their children, Altas, Arlo, Evey, lain and wife, Megan and their son, Bernard), Howard and Theresa, Gorden. He is also survived by his in-laws, Esther Schlichting, Anne Dyck, Trudy Rempel, Nellie Schlichting, Bertha and Alfred Dahl, Martha Schlichting and Adolph and Betty Schlichting. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Elsie (nee Schlichting in 2002), granddaughter, Erin Petkau in 1994, two sisters, seven brothers and their spouses.

Celebration of life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2019 at the Morden Mennonite Church with interment at Southside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Abe's memory to the Tabor Home Fund or to the CNIB.

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Margaret (Marge) Enns (nee Hildebrand) 1949 - 2019

Margaret was born July 13, 1949 She was the 4th child of ten. Margaret was baptized upon the confession of her faith and joined membership at the Morden EMM Church in 1967. At the age of 15, she met the love of her life, Jack and they were married October 25, 1970. Together they lived in Winkler, a farm in Thornhill and in Morden. There were no children in this union. She also worked at Triple E and the Hospital. Together they started up a health store in Morden called 'Remedies for Health' until they retired a few years ago. Margaret had many gifts and talents. One of her biggest enjoyments now in the recent years was to get on the motorcycle and go for a ride. It didn't matter where, just ride. Approximately six years three months ago, she received the devastating news

that she had cancer and would need an operation and treatments. Treatments were not always going well but she fought valiantly and kept going, doing what she could and taking what doctors recommended. She went into Jesus' arms on Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

Margaret leaves here on earth with many memories to cherish, her best friend and loving husband, Jack; her three brothers and six sisters and their families. Jack's two sisters and their families. Margaret was predeceased by her parents, Abram A. and Helen Hildebrand, one brother-in-law and one nephew-in-law.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at the Morden EMMC with private interment prior at Southside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Marge's memory to either Cancer Care Manitoba or Youth for Christ Morden.

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David Marvin Enns 1930 - 2019

David Marvin Enns passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at the age of 89 at Salem Personal Care Home in Winkler, MB.

Marvin will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Anne; his five children, Van Enns, Leora Epp (George), Marlee Enns (Russell Plett), Corinne Enns, and David Enns; by his seven grandchildren, Matthew Epp (Ece), Nathania Sharpe (lan), Tobin Epp (Joelle), Rebekah VanHell (Dennis), Riley Epp, Abby Matchet (Miles), and Ashley Epp; additionally by 10 great-grandchildren, one surviving sister and many other relatives and friends.

Marvin was born in Carman, Manitoba on June 23, 1930 to Frank M. and Maria (Loewen) Enns. He grew up with one brother and four

sisters on the family farm just north of Winkler in the Burwalde School District. Marvin attended school at Burwalde before moving on to help his father on the family farm. He enjoyed machinery more so than tending animals. Marvin met Anne Harder at the Winkler Bergthaler Church as a young man. They were married in 1951. Together they attended and graduated from Briercrest Bible Institute in Caronport, Saskatchewan. Following this education, they moved back to Burwalde where they took over the family farm, converting it from a mixed operation into a grain farm. It was here that they raised their five children; three girls and two

boys. Marvin was an inquisitive man, always wanting to know more about the latest farming practices and new machinery in particular. He welcomed university crop researchers who would work test plots on his land. He involved himself in the community as a member of the local Manitoba Pool board, the school board, and as a deacon at Grace Mennonite Church where he and Anne were members for many years. In his later years, he enjoyed some traveling and finding opportunity to spend more time with family and friends.

The funeral service for Marvin was held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 4, 2019 at the Grace Mennonite Church in Winkler with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

The family wishes to extend words of special thanks to staff from the Home Care program at Garden Park Estates and to those at Salem Home for their years of care.

Donations in Marvin's memory may be made to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

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Cornelius Mack Elias 1948 - 2019

On March 29, 1948 Cornelius Mack Elias was born to Justina and William W Elias, farmers in the Stanley Municipality. Thanks to wonderful teachers, Mack received public education at the one-room Wakeham School and formed friendships that lasted his whole life. He liked arithmetic and transferred those skills to fixing equipment and building things from steel in the shop. Two highlights of his young adult life include earning his Grade 10 upgrading and touring the John Deere plant in Illinois. At the Morden Pentecostal Church Mack's faith was fashioned and it continued to deepen throughout his life. Faithfulness in attendance always mattered to him and his trust that "our loving God knows best" never wavered. For many years Mack kept soft drinks in the

shop refrigerator so that the community people had a place to visit and share ideas. A little tin can sat in the fridge for change money and people, young and young-at-heart, came by bicycle, motorcycle, snowmobile, or car to enjoy a cold Pepsi or 7Up. Mack liked being among people. For harvest season, Mack was the trucker and he took pride in backing up to the auger correctly with the first try. In winter, he loved to be on the road during the early morning hours with the snowblower helping neighbours get to their destinations on time. In all seasons he loved to "schlep" home impossibly large loads of parts and stuff that "someone might need someday," especially tires or steel for the shop and treasures from the Bill Klassen auction sales which Mack followed closely. Many folks, indeed, were spared a trip to the parts store because they checked Mack's inventory first. A very favorite winter pastime was playing Bid Whist with neighbours.

These precious neighbours continued to include Mack even while his body was being gripped by Parkinson's from 2003 onwards. By 2013, Mack needed to claim Tabor Home as his new home and, again, friendships helped to ease the pain of adjustment. By phone, Mac continued to contribute helpful, and quite often unconventional, solutions to questions concerning mechanical problems or general parts information. His cellphone was his lifeline. Because of a partially twisted large intestine, Mack became seriously ill on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 and vas transferred to the Boundary Trails RThank you to each doctor, nurse, and paramedic who helped Mack so gently and thoroughly during his final 24 hours.

Mack is survived by his sister, Verna Pfrimmer; brothers, Bert and Edwin (Helen); niece, Diane; nephews, Darryll (Justina), Darwin, Douglas (Janelle); great niece, Hunter and great-nephew, Elijah. He was predeceased by his parents and one brother-in-law, Ralph Pfrimmer

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at Christian Life Centre in Morden with interment prior at the Haskett Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank each of the many staff and volunteers at Tabor Home for their years of dedicated attention to Mack's needs. The many, many hours spent at the puzzle, bingo, or crokinole tables, the daily faithful greetings, the afternoon drives to see the area around town and have Dairy Queen treats, and the self-appointed position as the official doorkeeper all contributed richly to Mack's life. Thank you again and again. Donations in memory of Mack can be made to the CNIB or to Tabor Home Inc.

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Annie Peters (nee Friesen) 1929 - 2019

Annie Peters of Morden, MB passed away in the early hours of Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at her residence at the Tabor Home.

She was born January 22, 1929 in the RM of Stanley (Osterwick) to her parents, Isaac and Anna Friesen. Annie was the oldest of four children. She attended school in Osterwick and at the age of 19, she was baptized upon the confession of her faith in Jesus Christ at the Glencross Church. Annie married Dave Peters on July 17, 1949 and they were married for 36 years and together, they had four children. Throughout their life together, they lived in Morden, Roseisle, Killarney and Graysville. Dave passed away in 1985, which lead Annie to move to Morden to be closer to her family. In her lifetime, Annie raised her family and took house cleaning jobs

and lunch hour duties at the Graysville School. Later in life, she received her Red River Home Care Attendant certificate. She served several clients in that field and also volunteered at the Morden Thrift Shop and the Tabor Home. Annie loved to garden and harvest in abundance from the garden plots she planted. Aging and with failing health, she moved to the Buhler condo in Morden in 2012. Eventually she moved to the hospital for four months and then to her residence at the Tabor Home in February 2018. Throughout Annie's life, church involvement was very important to her; serving in various capacities including teaching Sunday School, being part of the ladies sewing circle, janitorial work, childcare during services and hosting five-day clubs. She also enjoyed helping out in camp kitchens. Annie prayed for and wrote many missionaries for many years. She also prayed diligently for her children and it concerned her greatly that each would come to eternal salvation and their own faith walk with the God that she loved.

Annie was predeceased by her husband, Dave; parents, Isaac and Anna and her brothers, Dave and Isaac. She is survived by her four children, 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren: Ken (Brenda) Peters, Kim Suski, Trish (Simon) Klotz, Jen; Barb (Larry) Bluhm, Leanne, Travis, Amber; Ron (Betty) Peters, Brad (Holly), Sydney, Elin, Isla, Charlotte, Byron (Carrie), Harlow, Christal (Jason) Hildebrand, Lennon; Verna (Cliff) Neufeld, Quinn (Benjamin) May, Chase (Maureen). She is also survived by one sister, Helen (Henry) Gerbrand, five sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the Morden EMMC with interment at the Glencross Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff and volunteers at the Tabor Home for the care that was given to Annie throughout her stay there.

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