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Trekking for Eden

The largest group of participants ever came out for Eden's sixth annual Visit the Villages Tractor Trek on Saturday. The ride featured 46 antique tractors travelling 40 kilometres from Reinland to the Pembina Threshermen's Museum.

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Eden Foundation's Visit the Villages Tractor Trek had one of its most successful years ever last weekend.

A record-breaking 46 tractors took part in the parade through the Pembina Valley on July 13, kicking off after breakfast in Reinland to head on a 40

kilometre course through the valley and end up at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum several hours later.

Though Eden was still crunching the numbers as of press time, foundation director Earl Reimer said on Monday that it looks like well over \$50,000 was raised this year.

"It's wonderful," he said, noting the funds will go

to Eden Health Care Services' many mental health programs and projects, including ongoing plans to renovate the housing complexes it runs in both Winkler and Steinbach.

The Tractor Trek has only grown in popularity since it was started in 2008, Reimer said.

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Trek raises over \$50K for Eden

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"It's fun to be at and I think the guys are enjoying themselves. I think people are eager to become involved with mental health recovery when it's tied to something positive and fun in nature."

Being able to share their vintage tractors—tractors must be at least 40 years old to take part—is a yearly highlight for many of the drivers, Reimer said.

Add to that hearty meals, fellowship, entertainment, and prizes, and you have a recipe for success, he said.

Organizers also added a new element this year: Tractor Olympics.

When the group arrived at the museum at the end of the day, they got the chance to put their tractors through their paces in a variety of events.

It was met with much good-natured competition and laughter, Reimer said.

The Olympics' slowest tractor event went to Bill Reimer, Jack Thiessen of Morden won the egg-cracking competition (backing into an egg without cracking it), Don Engbrecht won the barrel pushing competition, and John Driedger of Carman won the hay wagon backing challenge.

The day was wrapped up with dinner and prizes in a



The line of tractors stretched off to the horizon as Eden's Tractor Trek left Reinland Saturday morning. Below: Tractors of all ages (all 40 years old or older) and makes (though John Deere models seemed to be the favourite) took part.

variety of tractor categories, including:

- Best non-restored tractor: George Klassen of Winkler for his 1960 John Deere 630.
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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Left: WAC board members Ray Derksen, Bev Friesen, Lori Rietz, Eileen Blatz, Wes Hildebrand, and Pam Hiebert at the former Winkler water treatment facility, which is ready for renovations to turn it into an arts and cultural centre
Right: Tiago Oliveira (second from left) was the winner of WAC's Canada Day bead guess contest. He won a tower t-shirt the group is selling to raise funds for the \$1 million project.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Water tower project moving forward

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The pieces are starting to come together for Winkler Arts and Culture's push to turn the old water treatment plant on Park St. into the city's art and culture hub.

Since getting approval from city council last fall to use the site, WAC has spent the last several months hashing out the details for the project, says board member Pamela Hiebert.

"Our business plan is about 95 per cent done," she said. "We're just waiting on the layout drawings to be finished so we can get some tenders out."

Hiebert said the early blueprints—expected to be completed in the next few weeks—will give them a firmer idea of just how much money needs to be raised for the project, which could range from about \$800,000 to \$1.2 million.

The city donated the land and building to WAC, but the rest of the funds are going to need to come from the community if this project is going to become a reality, Hiebert said.

The group hopes to be well on its way to reaching its fundraising goal by year's end, which is why they're preparing to launch a major corporate sponsorship campaign within the next few weeks, and a public fundraising drive later in the year, she said.

The group has already started to raise public awareness about the project in earnest, starting with a booth at Winkler's Canada Day celebrations earlier this month.

There, supporters got the chance to purchase the first edition of WAC's new t-shirts and to enter a design for a second t-shirt to be unveiled at next month's Harvest Festival and Exhibition (shirts are available for purchase at

Jonny's Java and Steeltree Design).

WAC members will also be making appearances at other community events throughout the summer with t-shirts and project information in tow, so keep an eye out for them, Hiebert said.

When it opens, the Winkler Art and Culture Centre will allow WAC to really reach out to the community to promote the arts and all the positive benefits they can generate, celebrate

our local artists, and provide resources for the arts community.

"Winkler has always been a very practical, business-focused community," Hiebert said, but art and creativity have always played a vital role in the city's growth, and this facility finally pays tribute to that.

WAC has broken the entire renovation project into four phases.

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Adding thousands to the leafy spurge battle

By Allison Friesen

In a small field half a mile west of Morden, thousands of beetles are joining the fight against the invasive leafy spurge.

By proliferating, the beetle's larvae feeds off of the roots of the weed, slowly killing it off in fields throughout the region.

At least that's the hope, as a program run by Stanley Soil Management Association's aim is to collect and redistribute the beetles in order to control the spread of leafy spurge.

Funded by the RM of Stanley, the project involves collecting *aphthona lacertosa* or "leafy spurge beetles" and distributing them in areas of the municipality where the weed has taken over green space, especially the pastures of livestock farmers.

Last Thursday, the SSMA's Richard Warkentin and members of the public took to a small section of land just outside Morden to sweep for the beetles.

After about an hour of sweeping with nets, Warkentin estimated over 25,000 beetles were collected by the eight partic-

ipants—a fine addition to the war against the pesky plant.

"Leafy spurge is a problem in pastures for people," he said. "It can take over pastures. It's quite a problem."

Leafy spurge "takes up grass acres that are meant for pastures," said John Penner, a volunteer from the Winkler area who was out beetle collecting last week with Warkentin.

He explained that leafy spurge was inadvertently imported from eastern Europe, but a natural enemy was not.

"Out there they have checks and balances for the weed," he said. "Over the years our federal government has imported natural enemies . . . five different types of beetles have been brought over the years."

That's where the leafy spurge beetle comes in, Warkentin said, noting it only eats the spurge and damages nothing else in the field.

Field days like those held last week are a big part of the battle against the spurge, he

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The Stanley Soil Management Association's Richard Warkentin held a Leafy Spurge Field Day last week, where six-year-old Bryce Visscher of Graysville got the chance to help collect the beetles that battle the pervasive weed. Here, Bryce is checking out a hawk moth larva.



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The Hoatzin has one more odd characteristic that scientists find the most puzzling of all. Ninety five percent of its diet is leaves. It's the only bird known to digest its food the same way cows and other ruminants do. Just like ruminants, the Hoatzin uses bacteria to break down the plant material it eats in a special chamber above its stomach.

How do evolutionists explain this oddity? As one evolutionary scientist who has studied the Hoatzin for decades said, "Hoatzins don't seem to follow the rules of evolution." While he admitted to being creative in being able to come up with evolutionary explanations for creatures, he said that he was never able to arrive at an evolutionary explanation for the Hoatzin's digestive arrangement.

This leads us to glorify God for one more aspect of His creative work. In creating the Hoatzin, He was able to design a creature that defies any explanation humans might try to invent to deny that He is the Creator. Truly, the creation declares His handiwork!

Prayer: Dear Father, I thank You that Your work bears witness to Your existence far better than could any human being. Yet, You depend on us human beings who know of Your love to us in Christ to communicate the gospel of forgiveness through Christ to others in this world. Enable me to offer a better witness. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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> LEAFY SPURGE, FROM PG. 4

said.

"What we're doing is getting them together, we're providing a match-making service," he said. "They lay eggs, the eggs hatch into larvae, they crawl underground and eat the leafy spurge roots."

"The insect spends 80 per cent of its life underground," he added.

Leafy spurge is something the association has been fighting for "years and years," Warkentin said, but the

beetle warriors seem to be starting to win the war wherever they're deployed.

Data collected last year at some of the 15 field sites show an average of 90 per cent control of leafy spurge.

"SOME SITES HAVE ALMOST 100 PER CENT CONTROL OF LEAFY SPURGE."

"Some sites have almost 100 per cent control of leafy spurge," he said, noting the beetle program has been up and running for about 10 years now. "You'll see one or two of the weeds now and then ... at that time it's self-sustaining and that's what you want to see."

Collection of the beetle is best done from mid-June to mid-July, he said, noting that the best collection sites are in North Dakota, for which Warkentin has a permit to collect and bring the beetles

across the border.

If you're interested in collecting your own beetles or obtaining some from the Stanley Soil Management Association for your fields, contact Warkentin at 204-362-0352.



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John Penner and Sara Visscher were among those who came out to collect the bugs last week for redistribution to local fields with a high concentration of leafy spurge.

> ART AND CULTURE CENTRE, FROM PG. 3

The first phase—to procure the building and get it ready for renovations—is already complete, as the city helped clear out the treatment plant earlier this month.

"The building itself is now cleaned out and ready for construction," Hiebert said.

Phase two will be turning the 6,000 sq. ft building into an art gallery with room for studio space, art classes, cultural performances, and more.

"Artists are creating great things in this city, but they're in their basements and nobody here gets to see them," Hiebert said. "This will change that."

Hiebert said WAC also hopes to tackle the issue of preserving local art, ensuring valuable collections aren't lost with the passage of time.

"[Art] is an important part of our culture, our heritage," she said. "It's where we came from, it's our roots, and we don't want to forget that."

The third phase of the project takes the work outside with the development of a horticultural/sculpture garden. They also hope to have an outdoor stage area for musical and dramatic performances.

The fourth and final phase focuses on the water tower which, in WAC's biggest dreams, will one day have an

observation deck to allow visitors to view the entire Pembina Valley.

"To get up there and see the whole Pembina Valley and see its mosaic, see the beauty," Hiebert said.

The hope is to have the gallery and the rest of the site up and running sometime in 2014, though it's likely the water tower upgrades will be a

project for further down the road, she said.

"Once the gallery's open, the sky's the limit in what can happen next," Hiebert said. "We have a lot of dreams and hopes."

You can stay up-to-date on WAC's plans and fundraising efforts by checking out their page on Facebook.

Organizer needed for Winkler Terry Fox Run this fall

Winkler's annual Terry Fox run is looking for an organizer to help ensure the fundraiser is a go this fall.

This year marks the 33rd anniversary of the run, created in honour of cancer fundraising advocate Terry Fox, who attempted to run across Canada in 1980 to raise awareness and funds for a cure.

Since then, over \$600 million has been raised for the cause, including over \$26 million last year.

The run has been in Winkler for the last several years, but this year the Terry Fox Foundation is looking for someone new to carry the torch.

With the run slated to take place on Sept. 15, the foundation needs to find someone soon if Winkler's event is going to happen.

The foundation helps walk organizers through every aspect of the planning process.

If you're interested in organizing the event, contact Angela McNabb, Terry Fox Foundation community development coordinator, by e-mail at madmin@terryfoxrun.org or by phone at 1-888-836-9786.

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> PETER CANTELON

We're wired up the wazoo

I cannot remember my world without e-mail and text messaging. There is no such thing in my memory as a time without cell phones, laptops, gaming consoles, social media, digital cameras, and the ever-connected world. It vanished a long time ago.

Of course what I really mean is that these and other new era technologies have become so pervasive and ubiquitous that I have a hard time imagining the world without them, without the connections they provide.

Many of us are already cyborgs in that the marriage of technology to ourselves is nearly complete and is only lacking a strict physical connection (something already being worked on).

The other day I read about a new type of contact lens that has a 2.5 times optical zoom feature. How cool is that? Or is it scary? I am not sure any more.

Each of us is different in our adoption of technology. I have to go waaaaay back prior to Gr. 7 before I find a time when technology held no sway over me at all (except for T.V.) . . . it was all science fiction and unreachable and I spent most of my time on my bike or reading.

Then came the Commodore PET computer in junior high (I'm dating myself with that, aren't I?) and the audio cassette drive that recorded simple programs in BASIC programming language. I remember bringing the cassette home and playing it on the stereo to hear the alien modem-like sounds of the computer world. I was hooked. The next year I used the tip money I earned from running a coat check at a party to buy a Coleco-Vision gaming console and I never looked back.

Today a piece of technology, like spiders apparently, is never more than 10 feet away from you. Test this theory, I dare you. Right now I have the following pieces of technology within 10 feet of me: telephone, laptop, mouse, iPhone, calculator, and three USB drives.

Do the test for yourself right now: count the number of technology devices near you.

Even when we attempt to "get away

from it all" by camping and vacationing, we cannot really. Do you fish? Do you use a fish finder? Campers and hikers, do you use a GPS device? Road trip? Portable DVD players and in-car GPS (not to mention the high-tech of the vehicle itself).

All of these things are useful tools no different than a hammer or a screwdriver in many ways . . . except, when was the last time you broke out in a cold sweat because you went for a walk and forgot your hammer at home? There is a difference with technology: it plays on our innate wiring to be connected, to be in community. In this sense it is a good thing that can be a bad thing; it can become addictive.

The only way you can know the impact and potentially unhealthy intrusiveness of technology in your life is to intentionally shut it off once and a while. Do me a favour (and I will promise to do the same): as a test try to spend a full 24 hours without technology. No internet, gaming, cell phone, iPod, iPad, laptops, computers, GPS, television, radio, or technology of any kind (and if you go fishing leave the fish finder at home).

How did it feel? Let us know—send us a letter. I will report on how my tech-free day went in a future edition.

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Swing for Safety raises \$1,000

By Allison Friesen

Genesis House's annual Swing for Safety golf tournament raised \$1,000 for the regional women's shelter on July 5.

Thirty-three golfers took part in the event at the Miami Golf Course, which ended off with a dinner and door prizes for participants.

Executive director Sharon Morgan said the event "went very well."

"We had a beautiful day for it," she said. "We may not have broke the bank on the money we raised, but we certainly got the information out there" about Genesis House.

The tournament is held to raise funds for various shelter services and to raise awareness about issues surrounding domestic violence and abuse, Morgan said.

The funds raised will help the shelter replace toys, cover transportation costs, and host special events such as "self-care days" for residents.

"It just gets our name out there," Morgan said. "We also put notices out to other communities about events—the more that happens, the more people are aware of us."

Morgan noted that they are very grateful for the financial support from golfers and donors.

"It gives everybody that good feeling of helping," she said. "We hope to see the same people and more next year."



Locals inducted into MB Ag Hall of Fame

PHOTOS BY ALLISON FRIESEN/VOICE

Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame president Bill Anderson (left in both photos) presents Winkler's John Kuhl (above) and Wilfred (Butch) Harder of Lowe Farm (left) with their induction certificates at a ceremony in Winkler last week.

By Allison Friesen

Pembina Valley residents John Kuhl and Wilfred (Butch) Harder were inducted into the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame last Wednesday, along with several other industry contributors and the 4-H leaders of Manitoba.

In a ceremony held at the Winkler Mennonite Church July 10, six nominees in all were inducted into the Hall of Fame, joining 154 others previously inducted.

Acting Deputy Minister for Manitoba Agriculture, Food, and Rural Initiatives Dori Gingera-Beauchemin brought remarks on behalf of Minister Ron Kostyshyn at the event.

"Induction into this hall of fame means many Canadians can learn about [these inductees] and 4-H achievement . . . our province is what it is because of these people," she said.

The inductions began with Charles Froebe of Carman, followed by Harder, who lives in Lowe Farm.

The Harder family produce wheat, barley, canola, and speciality crops on their 5,000 acre farm northeast of Winkler.

Farm policy issues at the local, provincial, and national levels have been the playing field for Harder for many years, including involvement in the Canadian Seed Growers' Association for over 30 years.

In 1987, Harder was elected to the advisory committee of the Canadian Wheat Board, which he chaired for four years. After the CWB's legislative restructuring in 1998 he served as an elected director until 2004.

Harder was also involved in organizing a number of farmer rallies in support of the CWB, has been actively involved with the National Farmers Union since 1969, was director of the Manitoba Pool Elevators (later Agricore), and appointed to the boards of X-Can Grain, Western Co-op Fertilizers, and the Canadian Co-operative Association.

Since 2005 he has been an elected director of the Manitoba Canola Growers Association, serving as secretary this year, and he was concurrently appointed by the province to the Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporation.

What some people term as success others may not, reflected Harder, moments before the ceremony.

"I guess I took it upon myself to speak about agricultur-

al issues and therefore not everyone will necessarily agree with you," he said. "I consider myself extremely fortunate to have had opportunities" to do so, nonetheless.

There were some milestones working with the CWB, he said.

"There was a problem at one time marketing wheat, when I brought some farmers in—not necessarily wheat board supporters—to the wheat board to meet with commissioners to discuss . . . wheat, and the policies changed. I felt I had some influence on that," Harder said. "As well as the labour strike on the west coast. Farmers always talked about going down there. We were the first organization that met with the unions and the operators to try and resolve some of the issues."

Working with Manitoba Pool Elevators was also a highlight tinged with some regrets, Harder said.

"My disappointment with the pool is that I probably didn't work hard enough that we have lost them . . . we were going to have the three prairie pools going together, but that didn't happen."

Last year, Harder decided to put decades of being in the public eye behind him, but eight months later he took on the role with the MCGA.

"Too many people say that they like that we live in a democratic country but not too many people want to put the time to it," he said. "I don't know if I really wanted to be in public life, but I felt it was something I should do."

Next up was Herbert and Helen Kletke of Teulon, fol-

lowed by Winkler's John Kuhl.

In 1960, John and his brother and brother-in-law founded the Southern Manitoba Potato Company in Winkler, growing the vegetable and developing climate-controlled post-harvest technology.

With success in meeting the most demanding industry standards for the production and storage of chipping potatoes, seed potato production became another important focus for the company.

Kuhl said it was the involvement of friends and family that helped bring the company to fruition and eventual success.

"We managed to start very small and organized our company in 1960 and started growing potatoes, not very many in the first couple of years but as time developed" the business continued to grow, he said.

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Left: Raul Betelli Arakaki and grandmother Maria Amelia Latorre Betelli were part of a group of Brazilian visitors travelling throughout Manitoba with Friendship Force Winnipeg last week. Their stops included several locations in the Pembina Valley, including enjoying a traditional Mennonite buffet at Triangle Oasis in Winkler (above) on Thursday.

Brazilians stop by Winkler, Morden on Manitoba tour

By Allison Friesen

Twenty-three travellers from Brazil made stops in southern Manitoba last week as part of their visit through Friendship Force Winnipeg, a travel club dedicated to promoting "friendships and understanding by bringing people together from all over the world".

Most of the visitors hail from Piracicaba, a city located in the Brazilian state of São Paulo. They spent July 4-11 being spirited around Manitoba by Friendship Force Club members.

Friendship Force is a network of 360 clubs around the world which are paired up with like-minded clubs to visit and receive visitors from.

Three clubs exist in Manitoba, including two in Winnipeg and one in Brandon.

"The whole idea of Friendship Force is we talk about faces, not places. When we go to meet various clubs, we're more interested in the people that are there as opposed to what the places are," said Friendship Force Winnipeg exchange director Joe Keenan. "Our motto now is 'it changes the way you see the world'."

On the itinerary for last week's tour

were stops at the Neuberghal National Heritage Site, the Plum Coulee Museum, the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden, and the Triangle Oasis restaurant in Winkler for a traditional Mennonite buffet dinner.

Club president Paul Hauixbeck said the goal with visiting Friendship Force clubs is to provide them with a range of cultural experiences.

"Experiences in and around Winnipeg; we always go to the Manitoba Museum, the Legislative buildings in Winnipeg, we try to get them to the Forks, we try to provide them with some of our history."

"When we try to decide on a program to give these people we look at various areas in the province [so] we can show them what we are sort of like here in Manitoba," Keenan added. "We're trying to give them a little bit of an idea of the multicultural heritage that Manitoba has."

Nineteen-year-old Raul Betelli Arakaki was travelling with his grandmother Maria Amelia Latorre Betelli, who took him to Canada as a birthday present.

Arakaki said the trip had been fun so far and called Manitoba a nice place to visit.

"It's a good place to visit and lots to learn . . . it's clean, beautiful," he said. "People are very respectful here."

His grandmother added that in Brazil the traffic is heavy and noisy, making Manitoba's much fewer traffic woes a welcome experience.

A member of Friendship Force for several years, Betelli has travelled all over the world. Her stop in Manitoba was the second time she had been to Canada, having visited Toronto on her first trip.

"I love it," she said. "The people are so friendly . . . good education, that is good . . . Brazil is more stress."

Charlene Hauixbeck said hosting a family is a good way to learn about the person and their culture.

"You are immersed with them for seven nights in your home, you have breakfast with them, I did the boys' laundry yesterday. You get to know them so much better than you just see them once in a while during the program."

"Hosting from other countries is not a problem if there is not a language barrier," said Paul Hauixbeck.

"If there is a barrier it becomes a little more challenging."

The Hauixbecks were hosting Arakaki and another young grandson on the trip.

Since 2002, the couple has hosted people from Russia, Brazil several times, Japan, the United States, Northern Ireland, Australia, and Germany.

Travellers "are very open to learning about your country, about your culture, your customs, what you eat," said Charlene. "They come and have seven days to learn about your region, the food you eat."


"They're all very willing to try something, whether it be the food, or doing sporting events of some type," added Paul. "They're all willing to try any program we put in front of them."

After their week-long visit in Manitoba, the group was scheduled to travel to Milwaukee in the U.S. this week.

For more information about Friendship Force, visit www.friendship-forcewinnipeg.org

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arts & culture

Candlewick Productions bringing Disney's Tarzan to the stage



By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's going to be a jungle at the Manitou Opera House next week, as Candlewick Productions brings Disney's *Tarzan* to life.

The theatre troupe performs the Broadway play—based on the classic Edgar Rice Burroughs novel and with music from Phil Collins—July 26-28 and Aug. 2-3.

Tarzan tells the tale of an infant boy orphaned on the shores of West Africa and raised by a gorillas. He gets reconnected with his human side for the first time when as an adult he encounters a human expedition to his jungle home.

With a cast of over 40 and the unique challenge of having more than a few

of those actors performing not as humans, but as apes and other jungle animals, *Tarzan* is a show unlike any other Candlewick has tackled in its seven years of summer performances.

"We've never done something in which we've had humans playing animals like this," said director Richard Klassen. "The movement, the choreography is different, the physicality of the gorillas—trying to get a solid gorilla look for everybody."

That physicality also applies to Tarzan himself, played by Rosenort's Alex Loewen.

A Candlewick regular, Loewen said this role has proved a rewarding challenge.

"[Tarzan's] been raised by apes,

so he moves like one, in a way," he said. "Being apelike and using your body in ways you're not used to. The movement, the physicality of it all is certainly a physical challenge for everyone."

"And then with Tarzan, he's human and ape, so at what point am I going to have to move more like a human?" Loewen said of his work on the part. "It's been a lot of fun working it out."

Playing Loewen's ape father, Kerchak, is Joel Klassen of Morden, who said he's hoping the research he's done into gorilla mannerisms will come across in his performance.

"How they move and what they do with their faces," he said, adding the actors have worked hard to make sure they're all on the same page with that.

Since the actors need to be able to move freely, the costume design for the gorillas takes a page from contemporary dance productions and features lightweight body suits with fabric designed to move like fur and distinguish the ape actors from their human counterparts.

"We couldn't just put them all in gorilla suits—they had to be able to move, it couldn't be too hot," Richard Klassen said.

The show's main set is was another unique challenge since, as Klassen says, "we had to have something for the apes to move around on in the background."

As a result, the jungle canopy is

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Above: The cast of Candlewick Productions' upcoming performance of *Tarzan* on stage at rehearsal last week. Right: Real-life husband and wife Joel and Erin Klassen of Morden run through a scene as the mated gorillas Kerchak and Kala.



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Members get to show off their work

Pembina Hills Art Gallery Members' Exhibition on now

By Allison Friesen

The bi-annual members' exhibition is now hanging on the walls of the Pembina Hills Art Gallery and Gift Shop in Morden. About 14 different regional artists have one, two, or even three pieces featured as part of the exhibition, which was officially opened last Thursday with a reception and open house. "Everything from painting, photography, quilt, fused glass, and pottery,"

said the gallery's Tammy Hendrickx of the show's pieces. "It's a somewhat annual show [that] happens twice a year at Christmas and the summer months," said Hendrickx of the members-only show. "We run it so don't have to change it up for the Corn and Apple for artists to promote their material." Corn and Apple brings in thousands of visitors to the gallery every year and is a perfect opportunity for local artists to display their work, she said. Hendrickx noted that the gallery is also working in partnership with the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce to consistently display member works in their offices on Stephen St.



PHOTO BY ALLISON FRIESEN/VOICE Sarah Bergen and Elyse Loewen perform for a small crowd at last week's opening reception for the Pembina Hills Art Gallery's summer members' exhibition.

"It's an extension of the gallery, not this particular show, but it will always be members' pieces," she said. Executive director Alix Reynolds said last week's open house was a change up from usual receptions, as it was held the same time as the Morden Farmer's Market. "We thought we would change it up and have it coincide with the Farmer's

Market to get more people through," she said. "We typically do a reception and open house when we have an exhibition. We'd like to have more people come out." Live music, food and drinks are always part of the event, she noted. Stop by the art gallery during regular hours anytime over the next several weeks to enjoy the show.

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punctuated with climbable objects and hanging bars, so the actors can really get in touch with their inner ape. "It's going to be visually amazing," said Joel Klassen. "The set and the costumes is just beyond anything I've been a part of before, except maybe *Beauty and the Beast*." As with their performance of *Beauty and the Beast* a few years ago, Richard Klassen said this show is one the entire family can enjoy, packed full as

it is with action, a moving story, and iconic songs. "It's about relationships and family," said Joel Klassen. "It's got songs and action and a story that everyone—especially kids, but entire families, too—can enjoy." Tickets are on sale now at the Opera House box office (204-242-3160) or Mueller's Hardware in Manitou. For a complete list of cast and crew or other production information, visit candlewick.ca.

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A glimpse into the past

Mordenite pens family memoir, paints a picture of 100 years of farming

By Allison Friesen

Basil Agnew didn't always live in Morden.

Agnew, a "Stedman's man", spent many years of his life travelling across Canada with the chain department store, only to settle and run the Stedman's in Morden in 1970.

He's had a storied life, but it's the origin of his family that is the focus of the centennial memoir he recently finished writing.

Titled *100 Years of Successful Farming: 1914-2014*, the book recaptures the years the Agnews spent on their dairy farm in the Ottawa Valley, from its early years to the transition to modern methods such as automated milking.

In 2014 the Agnew farm will be designated an Ontario Century Farm by the Junior Farmers of Ontario Association.

Though Agnew never inherited the family farm (it was split between his two older brothers, Gerald and Leo) he felt inspired to pen their family history for the occasion, starting as far back as his grandfather who came over from Ireland in 1856.

The book is not just about dairy farming, though that is its focus, but also includes stories about the impact

of the Spanish Flu in 1918, the lean years of the 1930s, times of war, how people dealt with the high interest rates in the early 1980s and, more recently, the BSE crisis of 2003.

Basil's grandfather arrived from Ireland more than 150 years ago and was the only one of the Agnew family to survive the voyage to Canada, the rest having died en route of yellow fever.

Ambrose Agnew, Basil's father, bought the farm in the Ottawa Valley in 1914 and in 1961 sold it to his two oldest sons for just \$1.

In 1967, the sons split the dairy operation and today operate two separate farms a stone throw from one another.

"They're a quarter mile apart. When they split them there were 28 cows. Each had 14 cows and the one just walked up and over the field to start his own farm," Agnew said with a chuckle.

Since then the farms have been handed down to Basil's nephews and their wives, Tom and Lynn Agnew and Kevin and Nancy Agnew.

"My father and brothers were good farmers. The reason they are successful is not luck," Agnew stressed, noting that a method called total mixed

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Long time Morden resident Basil Agnew recently finished a memoir of his family's farming history, which spans almost 100 years. The book is also full of Agnew's own memories of growing up during the tumultuous mid-20th century.

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Winkler musician Drew Friesen took part in this year's Galaxie Young Performers Program put on through the Winnipeg Folk Festival last week. Friesen was mentored by Vanessa Kuzina of the Manitoba band Oh My Darling. Mentors work with the performers on Thursday and then on Friday the musicians take the stage at the festival.

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Pembina Valley Rendezvous and Trade Fair on this weekend

By Allison Friesen

There's only one weekend a year where you can toss a frying pan guilt free and only hours later be eating pork right off the pig.

The Pembina Fur Council's annual Pembina Valley Rendezvous and Trade Fair begins tomorrow night and runs until Sunday at noon at the Stanley Park about 10 km south of Morden.

Organizer Ike Klassen is expecting several new craft tables in the large display tent this year due to the change in the fee for crafters.

As an added enticement for fair-goers, the first 1,000 visitors will receive a complimentary \$20 gift certificate to Cabela's Canada.

"That's the first year we've done that," said Klassen, noting there will be other door prizes involved with the weekend's events, too.

Other than that, things are pretty straightforward and not much is different than last year, he said.

Entertainment for Friday night is the North Border Band after a hog and beef roast at 6 p.m., while Ron Braun and Fender Bender play Saturday night after the 6 p.m. fish fry.

Supper is \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under.

Sunday morning will feature a church service and music with D'Friesen Family and The Freedom Bank.

Camping is free at the Stanley Park this weekend, as is admittance to the Rendezvous, said Klassen.

"Basically [we're] trying to teach the younger people about renewable resources that are 100 per cent green," Klassen said of the event's overriding purpose. "Teach kids how to humanely use animals and respectfully, respect for outdoors as well—it's not just about animals."

Klassen also stressed that the weekend "is not just for guys. This is for anybody."

Artists, chainsaw carvers, leather and fur displays, a blacksmith—you name it, it's there, Klassen said.

"We have a new ladies fry pan contest," he added, chuckling. "There will be a mannequin dressed up like a man so they can take their frustration out on it."

Knife throwing and trapping demonstrations, black powder and .22 rim rifle shooting competitions, and kids' activities are also part of the weekend's agenda, with most events taking place Saturday afternoon.

The Pembina Fur Council has been organizing the event for roughly 14 years, Klassen said.

"It's a very unique festival, the only one in Manitoba of its kind."

Funds from the weekend—which routinely draws upwards of 1,200 people—go to the local Game and Fish Association.

For more information or to reserve a camp site, contact Klassen at 204-822-6087.

VOICE FILE PHOTO

Demonstrations, displays, and fun activities abound at the annual Pembina Valley Rendezvous and Trade Fair every year. This year's Rendezvous is this weekend in Stanley Park.



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rationing of feed (more fully explained in the memoir) is why the Agnew farm has high production numbers to its name.

The book contains photos of the land's original deeds, an aerial view of the original farm, and current photos of the separate dairy operations.

Agnew took a different path in life from his brothers, having gone to school for business and then working for Stedman's for over 40 years.

"There was only room for two on the farm," he said. "My older brothers finished just Grade 8 and went into farming."

Agnew was inspired to tackle writing his family history at a meeting he attended at the Morden Friendship Centre about 10 years ago.

A lady who lead the meeting suggested those in attendance should write about their own history.

"I came back enthused about it and wrote ten pages," said Agnew. "I set that aside for a few years and my daughters kept bugging me to do more."

"We always wanted to do [a book], and with their insistence I did."

About three years ago Agnew and daughter Theresa got more serious about finishing the memoir.

"What makes this book successful is Theresa's professional writing service," he said of his daughter's help with organizing and editing the stories. "I sent her scribbles of stuff, and you wouldn't believe how it's come out."

Agnew's brothers were the biggest source of information about the farm itself, but many of the personal stories are based around his own memories.

"It's a history of dairy farming, but it's also meant to be about what it's like to grow up in the '30s and '40s," he said. "Back in the '30s we didn't know we were poor. We all went to a country school, wore secondhand clothes. We just had fun . . . we didn't realize we were in hard times. We were all in the same boat."

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Access Event Centre renovations now complete

By Allison Friesen

Washroom upgrades are now complete at the Access Event Centre in Morden, one of the final touches of the centre's major renovation project.

It took eight weeks from start to finish to upgrade the old washroom fixtures and fittings to meet commercial standards and be much more energy efficient, said community services director Clare Agnew.

"Now everything has been upgraded as far as major projects," she said of the centre. "It upgrades the whole look of the building."

Renovating the washroom facilities was something the centre wanted to do when the other big renovations were finished, Agnew explained.

The final grant came through for the project months ago, but it wasn't until the hockey season was over that construction could begin, she said.

"We knew we had to wait until hockey season was done and we made sure it was ready for the Base-

ball Hall of Fame Banquet for June 1 and graduation," she said. "We were changing mirrors the Friday before, that's how close it was."

Agnew added that some painting and new light fixtures were put in after the June 1 Hall of Fame event.

The new washrooms feature barrier-free entry from the north side, meaning no door but an extra turn in the entrance to maintain privacy.

Automatic flushing and sensor taps also enhance the efficiency of the washrooms, Agnew said.

"I'm really happy with the outcome," she said. "This project really completes the renovations at the Access Event Centre."

Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit granted the AEC \$20,000 for the project, \$11,000 came from the province's Community Places program, and the remainder of the roughly \$80,000 project came from the city.

"I appreciate what we received," Agnew said of the grants. "It makes projects like this much easier."



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Renovations to the Access Event Centre's washrooms have given them a new look and brought them up to code.

Sport Manitoba also contributed to the centre's renovations by matching funds for the new water bottle filling station outside the washrooms beside the water fountain.

About \$1,200 was spent for the sta-

tion. Agnew said the contribution is part of the capital investment Sport Manitoba makes for the Winter Games, which are to be held jointly in the communities of Winkler, Morden, and the RM of Stanley next March.

> MORDEN CITY COUNCIL

Crosswalk in the works for Mountain, Parkhill

By Allison Friesen

A City of Morden request to Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation for a crosswalk at Parkhill Ave. and Mountain St. in July of 2011 has finally received a reply from the province.

The type of crosswalk MIT intends to install, if the budget permits, is an overhead sign without pedestrian-activated flashing lights, a treatment yet to be installed anywhere else in the province.

A trial of the new design will be done in Winkler over the next year

and, subject to its success, the Parkhill St. location in Morden will be considered in the future year's budgets, MIT told the city recently.

Until then, a signed and marked crosswalk including side-mounted signs and pavement markings will be installed this year for the intersection.

To accommodate the crosswalk, on Monday city council approved the additional expense of installing a \$2,500 landing area at the site with the intention that it will eventually connect to future footpaths.

Council. Hank Hildebrand said that citizens from the area spoke up about

the amount of traffic at the intersection years ago, prompting the request to MIT.

"In a 70 km/hr area, vehicles are coming in pretty fast . . . Mountain St. is a heavily used in that area for crossing," he said.

"We need a crosswalk there," stressed Mayor Ken Wiebe.

In other council news, the city's Parks and Recreation staff are almost in the clear to use city owned off-road vehicles to get their jobs around town done.

A bylaw introduced at Monday's meeting will allow city staff to use off-

road vehicles within city limits.

Use of all-terrain vehicles on city roads would make some jobs easier for the staff, such as watering flowers or hauling equipment across town to rake the ball diamonds, said Wiebe.

"According to the province, all we need is a resolution from city council to allow us to operate off-road vehicles in the city," he said, noting that the bylaw only applies to city-owned vehicles and city staff, and not to the general public.

The bylaw received first and second reading on Monday and needs a third and final reading to be passed.

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One year later, RHA merger 'pretty much done'

By Allison Friesen

About a year after the process began, Southern Health board chair Denise Harder says the journey to merge the former Central and Southeastman regional health authorities is essentially complete.

"I would say we're merged," she said last week. "There are a lot of functional things to do . . . but from a board position I think we're pretty much there."

It's been one year since the former separate RHA identities began the process of becoming one, and Harder said the experience for the board was "like a family coming together".

"We were tasked with an extraordinary job of bringing together two vibrant and different areas and I think we were very successful in that."

Work began with the goal of building a solid foundation, Harder said, and "looking at our vision and finding that new identity were some of the steps we needed to take."

Blending members from the two former RHA boards into a new board of 15 directors from across the region helped to get the process going last year, she said.

"There's a lot of heart, passion, and compassion in this new region," said Harder. "Coming together has brought a lot of good energy within the board."

"We were working together in some areas before,

which has made it a more seamless transition," she added.

An area of concern for some board members was about smaller communities losing their voice in the new organization.

"For the board it has been an evaluation of thought and really coming together on 'How do I go into this big region and make sure the voice of my community is still heard?'"

Once the process began, though, those fears were quickly put aside as members came together to form Southern Health.

"We very quickly went from yours and mine to ours," Harder said. "I hear 'ours' around the board table and that makes me really happy."

Harder said as the merger was in its infancy the decision was made for a board of directors to be formed instead of an executive committee.

"It's a different leadership style," she said. "It's a great way to . . . a more cohesive team."

The new board has just finished a four-year strategic health plan for Southern Health, the result of a year-long process.

The new document will serve as the roadmap for the future of the RHA, Harder said.

"It's where we are going to be in 2016 and how do we get there?" she said. "After looking out into the future it answers 'What are we going to do now to affect health care in the future'."

"The challenges are very similar between the two communities, with both having francophone and aboriginal populations there are some of those same dynamics at play there," said Harder.

A new French Language Services plan has also been implemented based on the two former RHA's FLS plans.

The plan provides a framework for meeting the priorities of the French-speaking communities of southern Manitoba, states the board's latest newsletter.

In preparing for the future, Harder said they looked at what each RHA had previously been doing, but going forward they focused on where the board wants Southern Health to go as a new entity.

"I think that [CEO Kathy McPhail] and her senior leadership team and all the workers here have done a great job accepting this merger," she said. "We have not heard any big complaints and thanks goes to the frontline staff and all the way up through the organization. They've done a great job and I think that's tremendous."

The annual public meeting of the Southern Health board is scheduled for Oct. 2 in Sanford.

The RHA's Strategic Health Plan and French Language Services Plan are both available online at www.southernhealth.ca.

Police briefs

MOTORCYCLIST KILLED

A Winnipeg man is dead after losing control of his motorcycle a mile east of La Riviere on Saturday.

Manitou RCMP were called to the scene just after noon on July 13 after a 75-year-old man riding westbound on Hwy. 3 with a group of other riders was thrown from his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

The man, who was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, was brought to hospital where he was later pronounced dead. Police are not releasing his name.

Police say the weather and road conditions were not a factor in the crash.

They continue to investigate the incident.

BURGLAR NABBED - TWICE: Just before 7 a.m. on June 27, Winkler construction workers arriving at a job site to start the day were met with a pickup truck parked next to the tool trailer.

When they approached, a man exited the trailer and jumped into the truck, attempting to flee the area. He became stuck in the mud of a nearby ditch and was held by the workers until Winkler Police officers arrived.

Police determined the man had broken into the locked tool trailer and transferred nearly \$9,000 worth of tools into his truck. He now faces theft charges, as well as charges for breaching the probation he was already under in another criminal matter.

He was released from the Winnipeg Remand Centre on his own recognizance with conditions

two days later.

Then, on July 10 just after 3 a.m., a homeowner on 7th St. South in Winkler called police after seeing a man pry the door open on her locked shed and enter it. The caller chased the suspect away and police caught up with him as he fled the area on a bicycle.

After refusing to stop for an officer on patrol on a bicycle, the suspect was arrested when another officer in a vehicle joined the pursuit. Police soon identified the man as the same one arrested for the tool shed break-in two weeks earlier.

A search of the suspect's backpack revealed numerous items of break-in instruments and stolen property.

The man now faces a second round of charges of theft, possession of property obtained by crime, trespassing, breaching probation and recognizance, and resisting arrest.

He was once again transferred to the Remand Centre in Winnipeg where he remains in custody.

RHINELAND TEEN KILLED

RCMP have identified the victim of a fatal motor vehicle accident on July 14 as a 17-year-old male from the RM of Rhineland.

Emergency crews were dispatched to the site of a collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian just after 4 a.m. on July 14 on Hwy. 30 south of Altona.

Police say that a 2000 Oldmobile Alero was southbound on the highway when it hit the teen, who was lying on the road.

The boy was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle, a 33-year-old man from the Altona area, was not injured.

Police continue to investigate. No further details on the incident have been released to the public.

CHEQUE BOUNCERS CHARGED: A 37-year-old female and a 38-year-old male are facing charges of False Pretences for issuing personal cheques with insufficient funds at businesses in Morden and Winkler.

Morden Police report the couple are charged with three counts of False Pretences for their actions, with more counts possible to follow as the investigation plays out.

The pair will appear in Morden Court next month.

HIT AND RUN: Morden Police are looking for information in connection with a hit and run that happened just before 3 p.m. on July 11.

A man parked his 2007 Ford Ranger at Shopper's Drug Mart and when he came out noticed two dents on the driver's side door.

Anyone with any information is asked to call police at 204-822-4900 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

BREAK AND ENTER: A Morden woman reported a break-in at her home sometime on July 12.

The woman returned home in the evening and didn't initially realize anything was missing until the next morning, when she realized a wallet with money in it was gone, as was some food. Police continue to investigate the matter.

VANDALS SOUGHT: Morden Collegiate reported on July 13 that someone had been up on the roof of the school overnight.

Minor damage to the exhaust stacks removed and thrown to the ground was reported.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call police at the numbers listed above.

sports & recreation

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Morden athletes come out ahead at triathlon

By Allison Friesen

Results are in for the 2013 Morden Triathlon and two Morden residents placed first and second in their respective events.

Over 150 race athletes showed up on Saturday for the 31st annual Morden Triathlon, which kicked off and wrapped up at Colert Beach at Lake Minnewasta.

Colin Sibelleau of Morden placed first in his category and overall for the Duathlon event—a 5k run, 30k bike ride, and 10.5k run—with a time of 2:12:00.

In the Foilman event—which is a 950m swim, a 30k bike ride, and a 10.5k run—Morden's Kevin Earl came in second with an overall time of 1:57:53.

Race director Leanne Nausse said this year's event was very well received.

"Race participants said they loved it. I have received e-mails from volunteers about how much they enjoyed it and will be back next year—that's all the feedback a director needs to hear."

Sunday's Kids of Steel and Try-A-Tri and Try-A-Du events saw about 100 participants, which Nausse said is slightly higher than last year's turn-out.

There weren't any major hiccups over the weekend, but Saturday's thunderstorm did wreck a bit of havoc on the equipment set up for Sunday's events, she said.

"We had a little destruction onsite Sunday morning," she said. "We had a couple tents wrapped around trees... it was kind of a disaster."

Luckily, volunteers and officials were on hand early enough to have everything back in place in time for the events.

About 11 athletes participating in



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Over 150 athletes from all over the province took part in the various events at the Morden Triathlon last weekend, including the Half-Ironman, the Foilman, and the Duathlon, swimming, biking, and running their way throughout Morden and the surrounding area.

events this year were from the local 3rd Wave Tri-Club.

"I was very excited to watch a lot of our club members come across the finish line," said Nausse. "I'm very excited for them. I think these are athletes that over the year have [improved a lot]."

Proceeds from this year's race will help the club purchase new race facing, with the remaining funds donated to the South Central Cancer Resource and Morden Caring and Sharing. An amount was not available as of press time.

"We're looking to develop the race a bit with new fencing," said Nausse. "We are loving putting this on for the community, but it is a non-profit, there isn't a lot of money we can invest in the race, but there are some small things we can do to keep it exciting and fun."

Keeping things safe is also a key focus of the weekend, and Nausse said things went very well on that front.

"We ran a safe race with no major injuries," she said. "We were very grateful to the vehicles that passed the cyclists with caution."

More than 100 volunteers gave their time to help out on the race route last weekend and it's that community support that helps make the event so successful, Nausse said.



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Above: Morden Triathlon athletes hit the water at Lake Minnewasta for the swimming leg of their event. Right: Hitting the road for the bike section. Below: Volunteers lined the route to hand out water to the runners. Bottom: An athlete heads to the transition area at Colert Beach after finishing her swim.



> TRIATHLON, FROM PG. 17

Family, friends, businesses, community members, and youth groups helped man the aid stations and donated everything from cookies for the athletes to coffee to wake up directors and race officials in the morning, she said.

Several businesses also got in on the support, with Focal Point donating sunglasses for the winners of the Half-Ironman and Foilman events, and Image Promotions designing and printing t-shirts for the volunteers that read, fittingly, "Keep Calm, Tri On".

In all, over 20 different businesses supported the event in a variety of ways, Nausse said.

"Quite a few businesses have put a lot into this and I just want to acknowledge their support," she said.

utes prior to Morden resident Kevin Earl.

Mark Struck of Winnipeg came in third place five seconds over two hours.

The Gross Boyz versus the Gross Girlz in the Foilman relay saw the boys finish first by about half an hour, with respective times of 2:47:24 and 3:21:23.

Following Sibilleau in the duathlon event was Romel Marquez of Winnipeg; he came in seven minutes after the Morden resident with a time of 2:19:23.

In third place was Stephanie Gerbrand of Steinbach with a time of 2:22:37.

THE WINNERS

Of 56 participants, Dan Morwood of Kenora came in first in the Half-Ironman event with a time of 4:24:32, Greg Penner of Steinbach came in second 21 minutes later, with Les Friesen also of Steinbach coming in five minutes after that at 4:50:51.

Team Vbe of Winnipeg finished first in the Half-Ironman relay at 4:58:04, while Pelasos of Panama City came in roughly a half hour later at 5:22:40, and Morden's Two and a Half Men team finished with a time of 5:55:07.

Clayton Heppner of Brandon finished first in the Foilman event with a time of 1:55:24, two min-



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Storm tie Phoenix

The Winkler Storm battled the visiting Phoenix FC to a 1-1 tie in Manitoba Major Soccer League action last Friday.

The Storm, who are now 3-2-4 for the season and in seventh place in the Premier Senior Division 2, had hoped to bolster their record by besting the last-place Phoenix, who they lead in the standings by several points.

Nico Nickel drew first blood for the Storm 17 minutes into the first half. Though it took Phoenix FC 25 minutes into the second to get the tying goal, they often managed to keep the ball in the Storm's half, preventing Winkler from widening the gap.

The team continues its home game run by hosting the Britannia Rovers on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Scotia United on Sunday at 5 p.m.

In ladies soccer news, the SC Hurricanes had the past week off but were to hit the field on Wednesday in Winkler against the California Raisins. Results were not available as of press time.

The 'Canes also host Tri-S United on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

The team is currently unbeaten this summer, with an 11-0 record and a firm hold on first place in the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League's Division 2.

ALH MOTOR SPEEDWAY

The winners of the ALH Motor Speedway's July 14 races were:

- Midwest modifieds: Brodie Dobson in first, Austin Hunter in second, and Rick Fehr in third.
- Super trucks: Glen Manning, Rene Poluyko, and Jamie Vernaus.
- Modifieds: Darian Boyce, Jerome Guyot, and Tyson Turnball.
- Street stock: Shawn Teunis, Shane Holden, Cody Wall.
- Four-cylinder: Rob Reese, Mark Syvert, and Alan Beamish.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler Storm and the visiting Phoenix FC battled it out to a 1-1 tie in Winkler last Friday night. The tie brings the Storm's record to 3-2-4, putting them in seventh place in their division..

Starting the season with a splash

Winkler Barracudas rule at Beausejour meet, head to Swan River on Sunday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Barracudas swim team kicked off another summer of swimming with their first meet in Beausejour last Sunday.

Twenty-six of the club's 30 swimmers took part in the meet, walking away with a number of individual first-place finishes and getting a good collective start on retaining the league title once again this summer.

The 'Cudas have claimed the Swim Manitoba Summer Swim League trophy seven years running, owing in large part to their being the biggest team in the league, said team manager Ansi Blignaut.

But while Winkler often has the most team points thanks to the number of swimmers they have in the pool, it's the individual successes the team really strives for, she said.

"The main goal has always been that the kids swim against themselves really because they want to beat their own times, work to improve," she said. "And they do that every meet."

Among the standouts at Sunday's meet—where Win-

kler had no less than 39 first place finishes, 28 second place, and 19 third place—were Abdalla Mardli from Morden, Denika Corigal of Winkler, and Nathanu Botha, who each placed first in all five of their events. Mardli also broke the 50 m breast stroke record.

The team also welcomed new swimmer Hannah Driedger from Morden to the pool at the meet. At seven, Driedger is the youngest member of the team, Blignaut said, and she managed to score one first place and two third place finishes in her four races.

This year's team is led by returning coaches Kyle Berg and Jalysa Rempel, along with new coach and former 'Cuda swimmer Ian Lane.

The kids have been practising for the season for months now, Blignaut said, and they're looking pretty good.

"We had 21 that returned and nine new swimmers, so it's a really good mix," she said, noting the kids range in age from seven to 16 years old and is nearly an even split of boys and girls.

The mix of team camaraderie and individual challenge is what keeps most kids coming back, Blignaut said.

"It's both a team and an individual sport," she said. "The team spirit is great, but they also get that individual challenge."

The season continues with meets in Swan River and Neepawa later this month, followed by Winkler's home meet on Aug. 11 and the championship meet in Manitou on Aug. 18.



PeeWees at provincials

Morden's PeeWee baseball team competed in the PeeWee Softball Provincials last weekend in Steinbach. The girls went 3-1 in the round robin and lost the first round of playoffs to Virden 13-12 in an extra inning. Though the team did not place (Neepawa took the title), coach Clare Agnew said the girls hit well all weekend. "We were so close to getting into the medal round. I'm proud of the way we played." Pictured are: (back row) Tammy Duncan, coach Clare Agnew, Bryn Friesen, Cailin Enns, Jasmine Street, Alicia Brodie, Telsa Meleck, assistant coaches Haley Gardnier and Angela VanDynze, (front row) Kaneetah Currie, Erin Doherty, Sage McElroy-Scott, Jamie Odlum, Zariya Martens, and Kaitlyn Dunn.

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Pembina Valley Orioles snag second place

By Allison Friesen

The Pembina Valley Orioles have landed in second place in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League, having lost their first place spot to the Carillon Sultans after a near-perfect weekend of games.

In a series of four games against Winnipeg South—two rescheduled from earlier in the season—the Orioles fell just once to the Chiefs, but it was enough to bump them out of the top spot in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League.

Friday night the Orioles hit the road to take on Winnipeg, winning the game 7-4 after seven innings.

Riley Penner pitched the game while Blake Hartry had two RBIs and Jesse Mutcheson was 2-for-4.

"It was a good game," said head coach Brent Laverty. "Riley's been good all year . . . he's effective, he keeps teams off balance, he threw well."

On Saturday, Pembina Valley lost to Winnipeg 3-5.

"We had a couple missed opportunity and a couple errors," Laverty said on Monday. "The game was pretty close—we were up 3-2 in the second inning, then they were up 5-3."

"Our bats were kind of quiet that day."

Sunday's doubleheader saw Pembina Valley fare better with 10-2 and 10-3 wins.

Evans was on the mound and helped put the Orioles ahead 2-0 after the first inning.

Winnipeg was able to score once in the second and Pembina Valley pulled ahead from there, said Laverty.

Brent Dunn was 3-for-4 and Mutcheson 2-for-4.

Three runs were scored by the Orioles in the first inning of the second game, followed by four at the top of the sixth inning.

By the final inning, they were up 10-2 and Winnipeg scored just once more that game.

Dunn was 2-for-3 and Wade Haight was 2-for-4.

"The final two games of the season the guys just wanted to go and have some fun," Laverty said. As a result "we played well."

Four players took over the pitching, each playing about two innings, he said.

Now that the regular season is behind them, the Orioles will be preparing for playoffs on Monday.

"Playing four games in three days, the guys are pretty tired," he said. "We practise this week and will be getting ready for Monday."

"We had a really good season, pretty happy about it," Laverty reflected. "There were a few hiccups here and there but overall [I'm] happy."

Laverty said he was actually surprised with how well the team performed as he expected this year to be one spent rebuilding the team, which lost eight veteran players from last

summer.

"We've had great pitching and we've been hitting pretty well . . . we feel confident" about playoffs, he said. "The league this year has been good, a lot of parity, any team could have beat another this year. All the teams have been pretty even."

"It takes a total team effort to take the league," he said. "All of our players will be needed in the finals."

Both Pembina Valley and the Sultans have a bye to the semi-finals.

The Orioles will play home games on Monday and next week Friday, and an away game on Tuesday.

Winkler hosting PeeWee provs.

By Allison Friesen

Fifteen teams of PeeWee AA baseball players will converge on the Winkler Parkland Diamonds for a provincial championship tournament this weekend.

Two teams from the Pembina Valley—Winkler and Altona—and 12 teams from across Manitoba will play ball in a round robin tournament to vie for the provincial title.

Winkler Minor Ball Association president Milt Olfert says hosting AA provincials is a first for Winkler.

Not only will the Winkler PeeWee AA team be participating in the home tournament, but the association as a whole was also able to send seven teams to provincial tournaments across Manitoba this year, he said.

"That's the exciting part about baseball in Winkler: it's not just about one team, it's about an organization doing well," Olfert said.

Traditionally the PeeWee tourna-

ment is hosted by a community whose baseball organization is flourishing and for Winkler that's a compliment, he said.

"Baseball Manitoba likes to spread it out over different communities and to communities that show strength in what they do," he said. "It's only the last several years that Winkler has shown that we've grown."

In fact, the minor ball association has only been around in full force for roughly seven years.

"We're excited as an organization to host provincials, especially provincials in the second highest level of PeeWee baseball," Olfert said. "It's a great chance to promote ball in Winkler."

Games begin Friday at 8:30 a.m., with Winkler facing Winnipeg at 11 a.m.

Opening ceremonies take place at 6 p.m. and will feature former Olympian and fastball coach Karen Doell throwing the first pitch.

Having Doell as a coach to many of the young girls in minor ball is an inspiration, said Olfert.

"We're always increasing a little bit numberwise. Our numbers look great from our whole rookie camps to our midget boys and girls, and we're starting to see the growth," he said. "We have some good young boys and girls coming through the program."

"When you work hard you can achieve great things . . . we want kids to see that when you work hard you can go to provincials . . . you can get to Westerns," he said.

Weekend and day passes will be available at the gate for a small fee.

"We just want to encourage people to come out and watch young people perform," he said. "You have the best PeeWee players in the province gathered together for one weekend."

Olfert noted that a few volunteers may still be needed. Interested parties can contact Cam Wiebe at 204-362-7369.

ACU organizing first annual Charity Golf Tourney

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Access Credit Union is gearing up to host its very first annual Charity Golf Tournament this fall in support of an organization that helps rural residents find a place to stay while receiving medical treatment in Winnipeg.

The financial institution will be taking over the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club on Friday, Sept. 13 for the new event, with proceeds going to A Port in a Storm.

A Port in the Storm Inc. was founded in 2005 by two oncology nurses, Joanne Loughery and Patricia Benjaminson, and a patient volunteer, Greg Pilgrim.

The trio recognized the need for a homelike environment at affordable rates for patients from rural and northern Manitoba to stay while receiving treatment in Winnipeg, easing the financial burden on families.

A Port in the Storm offers nine suites at its Villa Aulneau—all of them continuously filled to capacity—with plans to expand to one day

be able to offer up to 40 units to patients.

It's a program that Access is proud to support, said ACU's Myrna Wiebe.

"They provide a service that we hope our members never have to use, but one that any one of our members can use," she said. "We thought it

was a good fit for what Access represents—getting communities together, partnering together and supporting a good cause."

There are 144 spots available at the tournament, about a third of which have already been filled.

Registration, which includes a day

of golf, breakfast, dinner, and a cart, is \$200 per person.

There are also still lots of sponsorship opportunities available, Wiebe said.

For more information or to register, go to access.golfregistrations.com.

More roster additions for Flyers

The Winkler Flyers added a few new players to their 2013/14 roster this week.

On Monday, the junior hockey club announced it has acquired forwards Paul Lamoureux and Josh Cook and defenseman Raymond Bell in a series of trades.

Lamoureux is a 5'11, 202 pound forward from Sherwood Park, Alberta and was acquired from the Yarmouth Mariners (MHL) for future considerations.

Lamoureux split the 2012-2013 season with the Canmore Eagles (AJHL) and the Mariners, accounting for five

goals in 40 games played.

Cook and Bell were both picked up from the Lloydminster Bobcats (AJHL) for future considerations.

Cook is a 5'11, 185 lb. forward from Kelowna, British Columbia. He racked up seven points (two goals, five assists) in 15 games played last season. He is currently in the United Kingdom at the World Junior Hockey Tryout Camp.

Bell is a 6'6, 220 lb. defenseman from White Rock, B.C. He contributed a goal and five assists in 57 games played in 2012-2013 to go along with 106 penalty minutes.

Coach and team manager Ken Pearson also announced the signings of defenseman Nathan Karlowsky and forward Scott Gall, both formerly of the Pembina Valley Hawks of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League.

Karlowsky, who is 6'0 and 175 lbs., was the captain of the Hawks last season. The Brunkild native had 13 points and 117 penalty minutes in 47 games.

Gall is from Morden and accounted for 51 points (25 goals, 26 assists) in 52 games. The 6'1, 180 lb. forward also had 38 penalty minutes last season.

Winkler Recreation Report

• The fall/winter submission period for Canadian Tire Jumpstart funding is on from now until Nov. 15.

Application forms are available through the Winkler Parks and Recreation Department, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler, and South Central Immigrant Services.

• Winkler Parks & Recreation in partnership with Genesis House will be offering a theme-based Kids in Motion afternoon program for children ages 7-12 years of age next week.

The program will run from July 22-26 from 1-3:30 p.m. for \$10 per child.

For further information, contact Rochelle at Genesis House at 325-9957 or the Recreation Department at 325-8333.

• Thursday, July 18 is Swim Smart day at the Winkler Aquatic Centre.

Join the W.A.C. staff and water safety mascot Buckles in games, speed slide and relay races, and other fun activities from 1-5 p.m.

> WINKLER FESTIVAL NEWS

Countdown on for Harvest Festival

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The planning for Winkler's annual Harvest Festival and Exhibition is in the home stretch, as organizers prepare to put the finishing touches on the Aug. 9-11 celebration over the next few weeks.

Festival director Deb Penner says festival planning has been running a bit behind schedule this year, but the pieces are quickly coming together.

"The schedule's done . . . sponsors and grants have all come through just fine," she said. "We're on target."

Performing at this year's festival are artists such as Faber Drive on Friday, The Colour and Kutless on Sunday, as well as performers for the A Night to Remember country tribute show on Saturday.

On the activity side of things, while all the old favourites are set to return—the Stanley Ag. Society's exhibition displays, Wonder Shows Midway, the Saturday parade, Manitoba High School Rodeo, the Low German

drama, Strong Man competition, and so on—organizers are also adding a few new things to the lineup.

"We do try to make sure we have something fresh every year," Penner said.

This year that includes a display of reptiles and other creepy crawlies by Prairie Exotics, who will set up shop in the Kid's Activity Tent area and will also host several shows throughout the weekend.

Another new event Penner's really excited about is the introduction of a Cultural Showcase, which will provide music and dance performances from around the world right beside the food court.

"We have so many cultures here that we really wanted to learn about them and recognize their importance in our community," she said, noting that the festival committee is getting some help from Winnipeg's Folklorama festival in the planning of the showcase.

For a full schedule, head to winklerharvestfestival.com.

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Agriculture

Ritz remains in federal Ag. Minister post

By Harry Siemens

Federal Ag Minister Gerry Ritz keeps his portfolio following a cabinet shuffle by Prime Minister Stephen Harper on Monday, and several agriculture organizations came out with accolades for Ritz in the wake of the announcement.

While the farming industry always wants more from the feds and get concerned when their pie gets smaller, Ritz has done a good job in keeping things going in the right direction, they say.

He was pivotal in the dismantling of the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly.

Doug Chorney, president of the Keystone Agricultural Producers, said back in January: "It's a pleasure going to farm meetings now with the monopoly of the Canadian Wheat Board off the table. We can now deal with the real issues at hand, and the antagonist attitude and confrontation is gone."

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association also expressed their pleasure to see Ritz start another tenure as Ag. Minister.

"Minister Ritz has shown great leadership in agriculture, promoting open markets and greater market access for Canadian farmers," said president Levi Wood earlier this week. "We're very pleased the prime minister has seen fit to keep him as the Ag Minister."

The Wheat Growers note the continuity will allow Ritz to continue important reforms in agriculture, including changes to the wheat variety registration system, the modernization of plant breeders' rights, and reducing costs and improving services at the Canadian Grain Commission.

"There are still several important files needing attention in agriculture," said Wood. "Ritz has the knowledge and experience to see these through to a successful conclusion."

In addition, Ritz is a strong proponent of trade agreements that enhance market access for Canada's grain and meat sectors, Wood said.

"Having a minister with this much experience and knowledge of the files will be a great benefit to the agricul-

ture sector," said Stephen Vandervalk, president of the Grain Growers of Canada. "We have seen huge changes in the grains sector over the last couple years, with the implementation of marketing freedom for wheat and barley producers being a big catalyst."

The Grain Growers say Ritz is one of Canada's longest serving agriculture ministers and arguably one of the

most influential in decades.

Currently, the government is signing new five-year Growing Forward 2 agreements with provincial and territorial governments which set out a framework for agricultural programs and strategic direction for the coming years.

"We have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Minister Ritz

and Minister Fast over the last several years," said Grain Growers executive director Richard Phillips, referring to Ed Fast, who remains as Minister of International Trade. "It's one thing for us as producers to grow top quality crops, but we need the government to continue its good work on opening markets around the world so we have premium markets to sell into."



> HARRY SIEMENS

The Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame induction ceremony last week in Winkler brought back some fond memories, a couple of good laughs, and pride in an industry that has such good people to make it work so well in this great province of ours, not to mention our great country.

First, a little look back to the year 1978 and the first induction ceremony held at the Agricultural Threshermen's Museum in Austin.

I had the privilege of serving as the first emcee and stuck around for three years doing it, also serving on the board of directors.

What an honour for me, a relatively young farm broadcaster, to be serving with the likes of people that have since been inducted into the Hall of Fame themselves.

When I arrived at the event last week I came in a little late and much to my surprise the hall was full, every chair taken.

Looking back, the first event in

1978 was what we call humble beginnings, so to see the growth of the event today makes me thrilled to have played a small part in those beginnings.

The other thing that gripped me is the people inducted this year.

The Hall of Fame's annual induction ceremony is there to recognize those who have made a significant and lasting contribution to agriculture provincially, nationally or internationally during their lifetime.

I remember Charles Froebe, now of Carman but formerly of Home-wood, as Charlie who I could call on at anytime to give me a story and sometimes a scoop. He's a square shooter—what you see is what you get. Thanks, Charlie, for being a friend in the business of farming.

As to Wilfred (Butch) Harder of Lowe Farm, while we didn't agree on farm policy, our farming and marketing practices certainly did. Had he relied only on the Canadian Wheat Board for its wheat and barley marketing, Butch couldn't have farmed 5,000 acres and bought one of the first Case-IH track tractors in the area.

I remember stopping by his farm with my then MTN 13 television crew to do an interview for the Manitoba Farm Report and he was out there on that Case-IH. As you know, they have four tracks, one for each drive wheel. I asked him rhetorically, so this unit cost \$100,000? He looked at me in his unique way and I quickly added, "Per track." We both

knew it wasn't cheap.

Butch work hard for what he believed in and that is why he's in the Hall of Fame today.

Herbert and Helen Kletke of Teulon, while I didn't know them well, I remember visiting their seed farm and doing a story or two with them. They're hard working and innovators in the seed business.

John Kuhl of Winkler, today still active and going strong, reminds of the pioneer of yesteryear, someone who wasn't and isn't afraid to put his foot forward to make things happen.

Whether it was in church, on the farm, or setting up organizations dealing with the products he produced on the farm, you could always count on John to give you the low-down.

Vern McNair of Winnipeg, meanwhile, taught me many things about the broadcasting and communications. Vern had forgotten more about them at that time than I knew. He represents an era of ag communications people that had the best interests of the food producer at heart.

For Vern, though living in Winnipeg, "Perimeter vision" just didn't apply.

This year they also inducted 4-H Manitoba's leaders, having one representative from the past on hand along with one current leader and one future leader.

I'm glad to see the 4-H movement recognized in this way. It is an excellent program and our country is richer for it.

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NOTICES

CITY OF WINKLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2101-13, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2101-13, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

Pineridge Place, legally described as SE 1/4 5-3-4W in the City of Winkler as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

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A copy of the above By-Law No. 2101-13, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.


DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 8th day of July, 2013.

Dave Burgess, City Manager
City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A" To By-Law 2101-13



NOTICES



Morden Police Board Meeting
Aug. 7, 2013 • 7:00pm
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Thank you for all the prayers, flowers, cards, visits, food and many acts of kindness, the help from family, friends and complete strangers. Also thank you to the doctors and staff at Boundary Trails and homecare workers for the excellent care. This has been very humbling and much appreciated. God Bless.

-Mary Toews

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The family of Iola Dickey would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the friends and family who have stopped by for a visit or dropped a little something special off. They would also like to thank the Variety Store in Miami for preparing the lunch and the ladies of the Miami Friendship Center for helping to serve. Thank you also to everyone who came by the tea to share in her memory, your acts of kindness will not be forgotten.

BIRTHDAY



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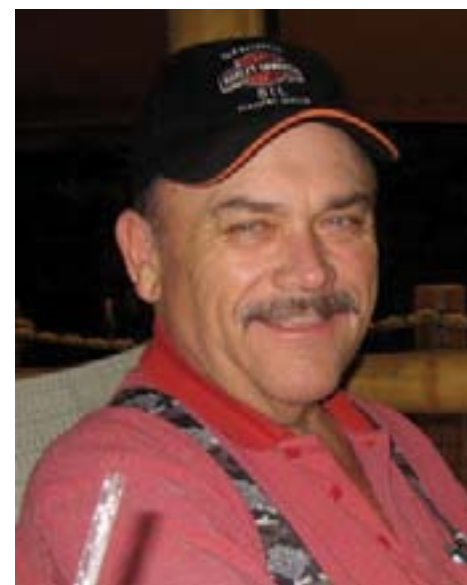
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What it meant to lose you...
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Until we meet again,
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Sherry

ANNIVERSARY



50th Anniversary
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Rudolf and Luisa Siemens
A Come & Go Celebration
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Sunday, July 28th, 2013
from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Dr. Lindsay (Schroeder) Robertson
Congratulations Lindsay on achieving
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OBITUARY

Ruth Velma Rach (nee Dreger) 1926 – 2013

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ruth Rach on Sunday, July 7, 2013 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Ruth grew up in the 1-6 area where she married Herb in November of 1943. They resided on the farm in the 1-6 district where they raised their family of five. In the early years, Ruth worked alongside Herb, milking cows, helping in the fields, tending to the garden and managing the home. Ruth's door was always open to family, friends and neighbors. It was often a busy place on the weekends where friends and family gathered for the traditional Sunday suppers. Meals always included her homemade bread, buns, freshly picked berries and baked goodies. There was never a shortage

of food when it came to meals. Ruth especially spoiled Herb with her homemade bread as he would not eat the store-bought bread. She would send it along on his fishing trips where it would very quickly disappear! After Ruth and Herb retired to Morden, Ruth spent her free time curling, playing BINGO, and taking "the odd" gambling trip. She became an honorary member of the Morden Curling club and represented the area in numerous Golden Girl bonspiels. Ruth stayed involved with the family farm as she continued to plant and tend to her garden at the farm. Later, she joined the Lioness Club where she often hosted the meetings with coffee and a few games of cards to follow. She was an avid cheerleader for her family when it came to sports and could be heard cheering loudly. Ruth cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and would do anything for them. They loved to visit her as she always had a supply of monster cookies, bread, buns, butter tarts and pancakes on hand for them. She especially enjoyed welcoming the grandchildren for meals, coffee and even a place to "hang their hats" for the night. Ruth will never be forgotten for her kind and caring heart. Her memories will always be with us as we remember her. We love you.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Joyce and Vic Fehr of Morden; two sons, Gerald and Debbie Rach of Morden, Russell and Nancy Rach of the 1-6 district; one son-in-law, Doug Phillips (Barbara) and one daughter-in-law, Claudette (Howard) as well as eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert Rach in 1998, daughter, Barbara in 2012 and son, Howard in 2012.

A private family interment took place at Hillside Cemetery prior to the funeral reception on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ruth's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Cancer Unit Box 2000 Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden
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OBITUARY

Mary Dyck (nee Friesen) 1919 – 2013

Mary Dyck passed away at Salem Home in Winkler, MB on Saturday, July 6, 2013 at the age of 94 years after a long and healthy life.

Mary will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her eight children and their families: Larry and Gloria (Ottawa), Jake and Vicky (Winnipeg), John and Henrietta (Calgary), Johanna and Don Martin (Brussels, Belgium), Peter (Winnipeg), Bill and Linda (Vancouver), George and Crystal (Vancouver) and Grace and Gerry Neustaedter (Calgary); 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Jacob Dyck in 2004, her grandson, Lyle Dyck in 2007 and her brother, Isaac Friesen in 1999.

Mary was born on May 29, 1919 in a farmhouse in the area south of Morden, MB. After the early passing of her parents, she lived with her grandparents in Reinland, MB. Following her marriage to Jacob Dyck in 1940, they lived in Blumenfeld, Reinland, Edrens, Winnipeg and in Winkler since 1984.

Funeral service was held at the Winkler EMM Church on Wednesday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. Interment followed at the Blumenfeld Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salem Foundation Inc. 165-15th St. Winkler, MB, R6W 1T8.

The family would like to express sincere thanks to the staff at the Salem Home for the tender and loving care they provided for her during the nine years she lived there, particularly in the last months as she weakened and declined.

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OBITUARY

Mary Friesen (nee Friesen) 1914 – 2013

On Sunday, July 7, 2013 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Mary Friesen aged 99 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Kleefeld and Plum Coulee went home to be with her Saviour.

Mom was the seventh child born to Peter and Margaret (nee Friesen) Friesen of Blumenhof, SK. Mary's father died in 1951 and her mother in 1965. Mary came to know the Lord and began walking with Him at an early age. She was baptized in 1933 at the Chor-titz Sommerfeld Church in Saskatchewan. At the age of 27, Mary came to Manitoba with her brother, Peter to look for work since she had relatives here. She met Henry U Friesen, whom she loved very much. They were married on November 22, 1942 at the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church in Winkler and raised three children.



Henry and Mary purchased land and farmed in the Kleefeld school district, southwest of Plum Coulee. Mary milked cows and tended to a large vegetable garden. Mary came to purchase her strawberries, raspberries and watermelons. She did a great deal of canning and was a great cook. While farming, Henry and Mary were members of the Old Colony Mennonite Church in Reinfeld, three miles from their home. Apart from Henry and Mary's families, the people of this church became the centre of their social life. When they retired in 1977, they moved to Winkler. Mary did not miss the busy life on the farm but continued gardening. Henry and Mary joined the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church. When their health began failing and were unable to attend services, they enjoyed listening to the recorded services on CD delivered to them weekly by the church. Henry and Mary moved into an apartment three years ago where Mary continued to live after Henry's passing, until she was hospitalized for the last time on June 26, 2013. Throughout this time, Mary maintained a clear mind and loved visitors, always eager to serve lunch. She suffered for years from arthritis and more recently, infections following leg surgery but always remained optimistic and cheerful eager to be reunited with her Saviour.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Margaret Elaine and Peter Hiebert, two sons, John Howard and Helen Friesen, Abram Wesley and Kathy Friesen as well as 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is survived by two brothers from fourteen siblings. She was predeceased by her husband, Henry on July 30, 2011 after 68 years of marriage.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Rosenbach Cemetery.

Thank you for the pastoral care and church facilities provided by the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church, those who visited mom in her home and the hospital, doctors and nurses at BTHC who provided medical care, the palliative care unit and volunteers at the hospital as well as Wiebe Funeral Home.

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

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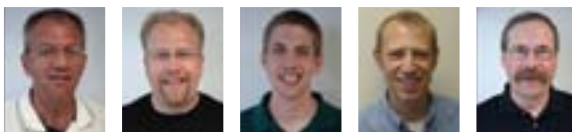
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