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PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Students got musical at the Cadenza Summer Music Week in Winkler this past week. The five-day camp featured a host of musical classes and daily concerts. See Pg. 10 for more.

'A number of lessons learned'

Emergency responders run through SERC mass casualty scenario at GVC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Regional emergency responders continued to work the kinks out of their rapid response system with the Southern Emergency Response Committee's second large-scale training exercise of the year last week.

On July 2, over 100 people representing 20 different agencies—including the Winkler and Morden police departments, Winkler Fire and Rescue, and Boundary Trails Ambulance, to name just a few responded to several emergency scenarios unfolding at Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler.

The goal, says SERC emergency coordinator Chris Kalansky, was to allow emergency responders from multiple agencies to work together to resolve the situation, while also allowing SERC to test communications between all the different groups involved.

"This was the first big police-led exercise in Winkler, so we knew there would be a number of lessons learned, and there were," he said.

Similar to the training exercise held at Morden Collegiate this spring, one of the scenarios included armed assailants and mass casualties.

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Training for the worst-case scenario

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Police had to secure and clear the school, apprehend the assailants, and evacuate the 25 volunteers acting as GVC staff and students, some of whom exited with major mock injuries that required paramedics to begin triage treatment.

"We tried to design that scenario to be as realistic as we reasonably could," Kalansky said, noting the actors, who donned realistic makeup to illustrate their injuries, were coached on how victims in these types of situations often act.

Ôff-site, at the emergency command centre, workers received dozens of phone calls in connection to the exercise, simulating all the questions and information that would pour in in a situation like this.

"I think the biggest thing we got out of this was the fact that we had all these agencies working side-byside, and they were all able to see what each others' roles would be in a situation like this ... their roles and responsibilities and limitations," Kalansky said.

In a debriefing held immediately after the afternoon's events, emergency workers discussed how the scenarios played out and what some of the challenges were.

"It was extremely useful," said Winkler Police Chief Rick Hiebert of the training, noting it's not often police get the chance to run through largescale scenarios like this in real-time. "It assists us with discovering deficiencies that are very difficult to test without running an exercise like this."

The issues identified will be discussed further as SERC works to fine-tune its emergency response plans, Kalansky said.

> "WE TRIED TO DESIGN THE SCENARIO TO BE AS REALISTIC AS WE REASONABLY COULD."



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE In one of the scenarios during SERC's large-scale training exercise at GVC last week, officers were faced with an irate teacher (above, below) who they had to subdue. Later, a more complicated exercise included multiple armed assailants and mass casualties of staff and students who had to be evacuated (right) and treated by paramedics (bottom).









Morden Fire & Rescue ready to hit the water

Enbridge, Morden Area Foundation fund department's first rescue boat By Cori Bezan

Thanks to a couple of large donations from Enbridge and the Morden Area Foundation, Morden Fire and Rescue has been able to add a rescue boat to its fleet of emergency vehicles.

The boat arrived in Morden last week and is ready to go in the case of an emergency on the water.

"The equipment that we've got presently is here for water rescue, whether it's here at Lake Minnewasta or in the region," explained Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen.

While there have not been any incidents so far where Morden Fire and Rescue have lacked access to a boat, Thiessen stressed that it is far better to be safe than sorry.

"We hope we never ever use it for that—we want to wear it out training—but that's what the main objective is for it," he said. "We've had a number of instances over the years where we've been fortunate enough to obtain a boat that's already on the water, but that's not something that we can depend on."



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Morden Area Foundation executive director Lynda MacLean presented Morden Fire and Rescue Chief Andy Thiessen with a donation of just under \$7,000 last week towards the purchase of the department's new rescue boat, which was also partially funded by a \$10,000 donation from Enbridge.

"It may be just the two boats that are on the water that actually collide with each other, and now we have nothing to go and do our rescue with," he added. "This is something we can depend on that we can use for rescue purposes."

The boat will not only be used at Lake Minnewasta, but can also be accessed within the mutual aid district, and so could see time in other waterways such as Mary Jane Reservoir near Manitou, Thiessen noted.

Thiessen added that regional law enforcement officers could also use the boat to monitor criminal activity on the water.

Enbridge helped to get this project off the ground with a \$10,000 donation in February. The Morden Area Foundation recently stepped up to donate the remaining funds needed to finally purchase the boat, giving the department a total of \$6,950.58.

"The Morden Area Foundation was looking to make bigger and more impactful grants, and Andy came and spoke to us, we knew that he was looking for a rescue boat," said MAF executive director Lynda MacLean. "Enbridge was going to pay part of it ... and they needed the extra \$6,000"THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN DEPEND ON THAT WE CAN USE FOR RESCUE PURPOSES."

plus. We thought this would be a good project for us to get on board with, so we did, we took him up on his offer."

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Pedestrian safety, mosasaur emblem bills receive Royal Assent

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen's first two Private Member's Bills received Royal Assent from Manitoba lieutenant governor Janice Filmon last week.

Friesen introduced Bill 203 on pedestrian safety last December in response to the death of Northlands Parkway Collegiate student Carina Denisenko, who was killed in 2013 attempting to cross the highway that runs alongside the school.

The bill, which received unanimous approval from the Legislature, will make pedestrian safety a key part of the design of all new schools or major school renovations in Manitoba, and ensures schools will only open when the appropriate speed limits and traffic infrastructure is in place to meet the increased pedestrian traffic needs.

"We now have a bill in Manitoba that ensures that when all those groups come around the table in the early stages of the planning of a new school, that included in that group will be MIT or the local traffic authority," Friesen says. "So hopefully that is a safe-guard measure that will ensure whatever needs to be



Bruce the mosasaur—also known as Tylosaurus pembinensis—is now officially Manitoba's fossil emblem thanks to a recently-passed Private Member's Bill from MLA Cameron Friesen.

repaired, upgraded, or implemented will get done in a reasonable amount of time to ensure that when the school opens, things are in place to ensure public safety." Friesen also saw his Bill 200 (an amendment to the Manitoba Tartans

and Emblems Act) made law, official-

ly naming the Tylosaurus pembinensis mosasaur—the largest such fossil specimen of which is located at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden—as the fossil emblem of Manitoba.

"The CFDC has an outstanding marine reptile fossil collection, and this bill reinforces that the mosasaur is important not just for our local area but for the whole province," Friesen says.

Bruce is the province's eighth official emblem. Others include an official flower (prairie crocus), bird (great grey owl), tree (white spruce), soil (Newdale soil), fish (walleye), mammal, (plains bison), and even a grass (big bluestem).

Friesen said he's now working with the CFDC and the Manitoba Protocol Department to find a fitting way to mark the mosasaur's new role as a provincial emblem, perhaps with an official visual representation to use on commemorative products.

These two bills mark Friesen's first Private Member's Bills to be passed since his election in 2011.

He says he learned a lot about the process, and he's already contemplating new issues he'd like to tackle with additional bills in the near future.

ACU pays it forward to help Imagination Library



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Access Credit Union's Marge Kuhl, Imagination Library committee members Carol Ann Braun, Louise Fultz, Terry Penner, Joyce Sawatzky, Judy Unrau, and Debbie Doell, and ACU's Terry Hamm at the presentation of a \$1,500 donation from the credit union to the early childhood literacy project.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Access Credit Union Winkler branch presented the Imagination Library with a giant-sized, \$1,500 cheque last week.

ACU's Marge Kuhl says the donation came from the staff's Pay It Forward May initiatives, which also included donating several boxes of used books towards the Imagination Librrary's fall book sale.

The İmagination Library's Joyce Sawatzky says donations like this keep the early-childhood literacy program—which mails out free monthly books to registered pre-schoolers alive for kids in the Garden Valley School Division catchement area.

"We want it to be a sustainable project, so we're going to have to have fundraisers every year in order to keep this going," she said. "The more donations that we can get from businesses that see the value in this and are willing to donate to us every year, the easier our job becomes and the more good we can do, the more futures we can change for children in the city of Winkler."

"WE DON'T WANT TO DENY ANY CHILD. WE WANT EVERY CHILD TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE BOOKS."

The program currently has over 700 kids registered to receive books each month, with another 50 or so on the waiting list.

"We're working, whittling away at that waiting list, and hopefully nobody's going to have to wait longer than three to four months to get their books," Sawatzky said. "We don't want to deny any child. We want every child to be able to receive the books."

The program will hold its first annual fundraising book sale this October. Sawatzky notes they will also be hosting a Drive a Ford fundraiser in September. Sections > views > winkler > morden > surrounding areas

Bergen gearing up to hit the campaign trail

By Cori Bezan

It may still be a few months away, but Portage-Lisgar Member of Parliament Candice Bergen is already preparing for the upcoming federal election taking place this fall.

"I think it's going to be one of the most important elections that we've had in a very long time," she says, noting Canadians have a very big decision to make when choosing the country's future leader.

"A very stark difference and a choice for Canadians to make in terms of staying with tried and true, stable, strong leadership in the leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, or going with somebody who's untried and very inexperienced in the Liberal leader, or the NDP, which is a hightax and a high-spend agenda, so I think a really stark choice for Canadians to look at."

"I'm very confident that in Portage-Lisgar and across the country, Canadians will choose Stephen Harper and the Conservative government in terms of stability and going forward, keeping our economy strong and our communities safe," she added.

Bergen said that she intends to campaign to maintain her position as the Portage-Lisgar Tory MP.

"This is the first time that I've been aware that we know when the election day is going to be . . . so we're able to plan a lot better than when we didn't know," she said. "Right now, we're working. We've got our [campaign] office secured, we're going to have our main office in Winkler and we also will have a satellite office in Portage la Prairie."

With the offices set up and her team put together, Bergen is working hard to create her new signage and prepare for the campaign push this fall.

"We're going to be talking to as many people as we can," she said. "Really what I've done since being elected is spend as much time as I can in the riding, meeting with people, going to events, meeting with every age group that I can, and I'm going to be doing the same thing."

"I'm just looking forward to spending time with people and talking



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Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen (seated, back left) and the Conservative Riding Association campaign team have started work on Bergen's re-election campaign in the lead-up to this October's federal election.

about our plan to keep Canada strong and safe."

Bergen said her campaign will focus mainly on economic stability, growth, and prosperity. She added that she expects a lot of talk about balanced budgets, low taxes, and the economy, as well as security both abroad and at home.

"We're able to tell Canadians that

not only have we balanced the budget, but while balancing the budget we've created 1.2 million net new jobs and we've lowered taxes, and I think that's going to be a large part of this campaign," Bergen said. "Canadian voters will in the end decide, but I expect a very strong campaign, a vigorous campaign, vigorous debate and discussion about the policies."

Student charity bake sale raises \$535

From left: Minnewasta Gr. 3 students Chloe Douglas, Kiera Beobeu, Erica Plett, Miranda Wuersch, Kai Rach, Kiru Keith, and Mataya Gerbrandt set up shop on Mint Street on June 30, selling cookies and other yummy baked goods alongside punch and lemonade to raise money for South Central Cancer Resource and the Pembina Valley Humane Society. The day's sales brought in \$535, which will be divided evenly between the two organizations. Missing from photo: participating students Alex Fehr and Gabe Ward.

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> . . . nothing happens. They're not moving. You look at

them and they smile nicely and wave you through.

magine this: you are

driving along trying to

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stop where another vehi-

cle has also arrived about

two or three minutes ear-

Has this happened to you? Of course it has, probably numerous times. There are loads of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians out there masking their uncertainty and lack of confidence and skill behind the wheel (or handlebars) in a thin veneer of politeness.

The problem of politeness over proper driving is that it is a seriously unsafe way of existing on the roads, and it puts people at considerable risk.

When this happens to me I get unreasonably frustrated. On occasion when the stand-off occurs after I have arrived at a four-way stop where some other poor, uncertain driver has been sitting for about 17 years waiting until not a living soul is in sight before creeping through the intersection, I ponder a variety of responses.

I have thought about simply putting my vehicle into park, getting out and cleaning the trunk while they decide if it is safe to go; or perhaps I should wash my windows while I wait, or maybe rotate the tires?

At the end of the day it is very simple: if you arrive at a four-way stop first, you need to proceed first. Don't politely wave me and others through. The same goes for pedestrians. If you are waiting at a corner to cross BEFORE I arrive at my stop sign, then you need to cross before I proceed through the intersection. Trust me when I say I am not waiting until you get in front of my car to suddenly run you down.

Sometimes, rules are a good thing

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While I am on this nice little rant, a point about stop signs and turn signals: these are not suggestions. A stop sign is not a yield sign—you are to stop at it, completely. And turn signals are there to keep you and others alive. Also, stop passing on the right simply to save the 28.13 seconds you would lose having to wait for the car in front of you to turn.

And now a word about cyclists.

If you read The Highway Traffic Act you might be surprised to learn that bicycles are actually supposed to be on the road with cars and trucks. In fact, it is illegal for cyclists to be on sidewalks. Cyclists and motorists are supposed to "share the road with respect."

For their part, cyclists are supposed to "ride as close to the curb as practicable" and it is illegal for cyclists to ride side-by-side-they are, in fact, supposed to ride in single file.

As drivers we are supposed to recognize a cyclist's right to be on the same road and, if we find it difficult to pass with safety, simply signal a lane change and pass when it is safe to do so. Not very difficult. Simply do not crowd cyclists. Have a little patience.

Finally, for good measure, let's talk about those sections of yellow painted curbs in our downtown areas. These innocent but fairly obvious

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sections of curb at intersections that clearly mystify an enormous number of drivers who either don't know what they mean or are unable to see the colour yellow.

These sections are painted bright yellow to remind drivers that you are not supposed to park there. Ever. At all.

"What about if I'm just running in to the store for a moment?"

Nope. "But what if I have to park an entire 10 metres further up the street?"

Oh well.

"What if only the back half of my car is in the yellow zone?"

Still illegal.

It is difficult enough for drivers to enter into downtown intersections at the best of times without having to try to see around your vehicle parked adjacent to the yellow curb. Just don't park there.

Whew, I feel better already . . . though I wonder how many of these rules I am going to break myself before the end of the day?

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By Peter Cantelon

A taste of Mexico

By Cori Bezan

A taste of authentic Mexican cuisine is closer to home after Flavors of Mexico opened its second location in Winkler yesterday.

The restaurant, which has taken over the old Co-op Café location downtown, has been a dream for Luz Hernandez Muñoz and her family, who immigrated to Canada from Mexico.

"It really comes back from my family, from my dad and mom," Hernandez Muñoz said. "It was their initial idea. We did have a restaurant in Edmonton before, and we had it for two years, and then we moved here to Manitoba and that's when my dad had the idea of opening a restaurant here in Winkler."

Flavors of Mexico will bring fresh, authentic Mexican food to town with a menu that showcases the best that the country has to offer.

"We are wanting to present all the flavours that are in Mexico," Hernandez Muñoz said. "There's many regions to Mexico . . . so there's all kind of different foods."

"It is authentic Mexican food, so there won't be burritos, and that's a big surprise for people," she added. "That is Tex-Mex food. We are serving authentic Mexican cuisine, so all the recipes that we use are brought down from my great-grandmother."

Dishes include things like enchiladas, soft shell tacos with steak beef, and chile rellenos. The menu also offers options for vegetarians, vegans, and those in need of a gluten-free diet.

"Everything that we cook is very healthy, because we use fresh produce like tomatoes, tomatillos, cilantro, onions, and it's all from local vendors here," Hernandez Muñoz said, adding they also bring some products in straight from Mexico.

"A lot of people are scared that Mexican food is spicy, and I do want to make that very clear that it is not spicy," she added. "Everything is on the side. You choose how much hotness you want in your food ... a lot of our recipes are going very orientated into healthy, not spicy, very simple dishes that they can handle too."

The family-run chain of Flavors of Mexico opened its first local restaurant last month in Plum Coulee. They are also considering opening a third restaurant in Altona in the near future.

"It's definitely a dream come true," Hernandez Muñoz said. "Personally,



RBC gives back to SCCR

From left: RBC mortgage specialists Brendon McFarlane and Mark Elyk handed over a \$2,278 cheque to the South Central Cancer Resource's Julie McNeice on Monday. RBC's mortgage specialists team raised the money through an auction at their annual realtors party in April and through three charity barbecues held at RBC locations in Winkler, Morden, and Carman. SCCR clinical coordinator Norma Hildebrand said that the money will go towards their transportation program, which is on target to cost around \$80,000 this year. PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Special guests got an early taste of Winkler's newest restaurant, Flavors of Mexico, on Monday. The restaurant opened it doors to the public in the former Co-op Café location on Wednesday.

my dream with my sister is just phenomenal . . . we always talked about one day, we should have a restaurant together. Now we do, so it's a great blessing for us. We're very, very excited and happy and thankful for everything that we're going through with this new adventure."

"We would love to see this grow into expanding inside this building," Hernandez Muñoz added. "Probably next year, we really ambition to have a patio space for you guys in the back."

"Also, we're implementing a product line which will be available at Coop very soon. So then if you want to make your own enchiladas at home, you purchase your own enchilada sauce from Flavors of Mexico product line. There's many things coming to get everyone this delicious food in their plates, whether it's here or at home."









Turkey Fest & Duck Race kicks off festival season

La Riviere's 7th annual Turkey Fest and Duck Race kicked off the summer festival season on June 27. Attracting the largest crowds ever, the event included children's activities like the three-legged race (top) and a chance for kids like Tanner and Emilee to meet Smokey the Bear (top, right), do-it-yourself drinks at the bike-blending station (right), and, of course, the popular duck race itself, which was won by Rose and Warren Huebner (above), whose duck made it across the Pembina River first out of the 700 ducks that made the trek. The Manitou couple took home the \$875 cash prize. Funds raised from the race will be used to purchase a vinyl canopy for the Blair Morrison Hall entrance.





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Decor Cabinets Charity Classic spots going fast

By Cori Bezan

Registration is now open for the Decor Cabinets Charity Classic golf tournament, which raises funds for charities both at home and abroad.

Locally this year, the Aug. 14 event will support the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, Pembina Valley Coun-

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seling Centre, and Morden Youth For Christ.

"I think really those three charities are at the heart of what Decor does," said Decor CFO Dave Schellenberg. "They really serve a great need that we have in our community and really serve every age category that exists in society right from birth through the Pregnancy Care Centre, through Youth for Christ on the youth side, and the Pembina Valley Counseling Centre for those who are in need of counseling as they get older."

"I think it hits really close to the heart of our ownership group, the mission that those three charities have," he added.

Decor has also selected WorldServe Ministries as this year's global charity to receive funds. WorldServe is an organization dedicated to helping pastors in developing countries, as well as overseas missions work.

"We've worked with them for a number of years. They do a great job overseas in the developing countries that they work in," Schellenberg said."Larry Dyck, who is the president and owner of Decor, he's been on their board for a couple years."

Dyck will also be the event's guest speaker after the day of golfing.

Through registration fees, donations, and Decor's commitment of matching 50 per cent of the funds raised after expenses, Schellenberg said that they hope to raise around \$60,000 from the tournament this year.

Registration is open now, though the tournament is nearly full to capacity.

The cost to participate is \$175 per golfer. There are also various levels of sponsorship still available.

You can find more information or register online at charityclassic.decorcabinets.com, or visit the factory office at the corner of Grant Street and 1st Street/Route 100.

The tournament takes place on Friday, Aug. 14, at the Minnewasta Golf Course.

Digging up some fun at Dino Day Camp

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre kicked off another summer of Dino Day Camp last week.

Every week until Aug. 21, the Morden museum hosts morning and afternoon activity sessions for kids age 3-10.

"Each week we have a different theme with corresponding activities and exhibits," says field and collections manager Victoria Markstrom, explaining that they run the program for the three to five-year-olds in the morning from 9-10 a.m. and for six to 10-year-olds in the afternoon from 1-4 p.m. "We think it's nice for the kids to get involved and use the facilities and educate them in a fun way."

The kids spend time outside playing games, exploring the museum itself, and making crafts that match up with each week's theme, which includes Shark Week, Croc Attack, Space Camp, Pirates, Age of Extinction, Volcanos, and Gold Rush.

In keeping with last week's Under the Sea theme, the kids made underwater iSpy jars by adding small toy sea creatures and blue food coloring.

The camp was a big hit with participants Ethan and Savannah last Friday.

"I liked the museum tour," Savannah said.

"I like seeing Bruce," added Ethan, referring to the museum's famous mosasaur fossil, whose 43-foot long remains wrap up every tour of the facility.

There is still space to register your child in the CFDC's Dino Day Camp sessions—either by the week or by the day—at a cost of \$20 per day. To register, call 204-822-3406 or email info@discoverfossils.com.



Morden receives Hockeyville grant

From left: At the city's Canada Day celebrations last week, Morden community services director Clare Agnew, Mayor Ken Wiebe, Kraft rep Michael Wilton, and deputy mayor Irvin Wiebe celebrated the city's top 10 finish in the Kraft Hockeyville competition with the presentation of a \$25,000 grant from Kraft. The funds will go towards a host of projects at the Access Event Centre, including new skate flooring in the Huron Arena player benches area, upgrading the Co-op Gold Arena dressing room showers, and the installation of tankless hot water systems in the Zamboni rooms of both arenas.



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Organizers and participants of the CFDC's Dino Day Camp—which kicked off last week—with Bruce, the Morden museum's star attraction, after a day of fun underwater-themed activities and games



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Celebrating music at Cadenza Music Week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Cadenza Summer Music Week got students fired up about music through five days of intensive classes and performances in Winkler last week.

The day camp-now in its third year and run by the Douglas Kuhl School of Music-took over Winkler Elementary School July 3-8, giving violin, cello, and piano students the chance to hone their musical skills in a collaborative environment, says program director Rochelle Drudge.

"We have such an amazing teaching faculty. The teachers bring such a wealth of knowledge, experience and creativity to our program, and the students are thriving under their instruction," she said. "It's delightful to see the students develop an interest in composition and improvisation as well as learn many aspects of music complementary to the instruction they receive during the year."

"Many students are playing in orchestra and chamber groups for the first time and finding such joy in that," she added.

This summer's camp had 86 students registered, the majority of whom were 16 years old and under,



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Cadenza Summer Music Week not only included daily classes for participating students led by worldclass instructors, but also offered the general public the chance to enjoy the free daily Lunchtime Concert Series at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall. Saturday's show (above) wrapped up with a rousing performance of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

though they also had eight adult musicians take part this year.

Feedback from the students was certainly positive on Saturday just after one of the daily noon-hour concerts had wrapped up at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall, featuring performances from many of the pro-



"It's like school, except a lot better," said 11-year-old violinist Mei Stoesz-Gouthro, who says she enjoys spending the day immersed in music and musical theory. "I like the theory or composition or orchestra [classes]. And you make a lot of friends. It's definitely worth it."

"I just wanted to try something different, see what I could learn," added pianist Jessica Siemens, 16, who noted they were certainly packing a lot of learning into the handful of days.

Cadenza managed to get several

musical heavyweights as instructors this session, including Canadian composer Christine Donkin, who flew in from Ottawa to mentor the young musicians.

Donkin is an awardwinning composer whose works have been performed by ensembles all over the world, including

at such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall and the Moscow Conservatory. Many of her pedagogical compositions also appear in the Royal Conservatory of Music graded repertoire and studies books.

Donkin's instruction focused on musical composition, and she said she was impressed with the level of skill and creativity she saw from many of

"I want them to really do their own thing. So they have to be able to come up with ideas, be able to expand on those ideas and make them into pieces of music, and I don't want it to be a case of me telling them, 'You have to do this, and this, and this."

"They have to take charge, and they are taking charge. It's very exciting to see."

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For Donkin, the act of composing stretches right back to the very first time she sat down at a piano as a child. "I started composing pretty much when I started playing piano, which

was when I was five," she says. "Creativity has always been a really big thing for me. I always loved making things, making art, writing stories, even creating computer programs . . . but the composing is what has endured. It narrowed down to music because music is what seems to be the most expressive thing to

me. It was the deepest emotions that could be expressed."

Though she loves composing new music, Donkin admits the process can be a daunting one.

"It involves a lot of frustration, honestly," she says, going on to describe the hours of work just a few minutes of music can take to create. "I come up with an idea by improvising at the



Week instructor leads two young violinists through a piece of music. The fiveday camp gave kids the chance to hone their musical skills under the tutelage

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Music

the students.



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Canadian composer Christine Donkin was one of several accomplished professional musicians who headed up the Cadenza Summer Music Week faculty this year.

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piano or imagining an instrument like a cello or something, how a cellist would play a certain melody, and then from there it's very, very slow [to the finished piece]."

"Someone was asking me not too long ago how many minutes of music do I write a day? But it's not minutes, it's seconds. If I write five seconds of music that I think are good, then that's a really good day."

To the young musicians at Cadenza who hope to follow in her footsteps

and become the next big Canadian composer, Donkin has a few pieces of advice:

"Compose all the time. And keep your ears open—keep on listening to different kinds of music and new music all the time, because everything that goes in, comes out."

"Get used to frustration and don't get discouraged," she adds. "The people who succeed are the ones that just don't give up."

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Lift for Kids raises \$1,300

Winkler's Core Fitness held its first annual Lift For Kids event on Canada Day to raise funds for the Ancla de Amor Orphanage in Sonora, Mexico. The afternoon included a hot dog lunch, car show, raffle prizes, and a Lifting Competition. Competitors proved their mettle in a variety of events, including deadlifts, squatting, bench pressing, and a Farmer's Walk.

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Distracted driving just got even more costly

Here's hoping you didn't start off this month getting caught texting while driving.

Manitoba's tougher sanctions against distracted driving went into effect on July 1, targeting high-risk drivers who put others at risk by using hand-held electronic communication devices while driving.



Motorists convicted of doing so will now drop a full five levels on Manitoba Public Insurance's Driver Safety Rating (DSR) scale.

Such a drop can have a significant impact on the cost of one's driver's licence and vehicle insurance over the five years it takes to return to your pre-conviction placement, ranging from \$300 for the very best drivers to upwards of \$3,000 for those with poor driving records.

Before this change, a conviction for talking on a cellphone or texting while driving resulted in two demerits in addition to a \$200 fine.

Now, Manitoba leads the country in having the highest demerit sanction associated with talking on hand-held cellphones or texting while driving, said Attorney General Gord Mackintosh, minister responsible for Manitoba Public Insurance.

"This change sends a clear message to all Manitobans that our government is committed to ensuring the safety of everyone on the road," he said. "We know that distracted driving is a serious problem in our province that contributes to collisions, fatalities and serious injuries."

An average of 28 people are killed due to distracted driving each year in Manitoba, while nearly 2,500 distracted drivers are involved in collisions annually.

"There is no denying that talking on a handheld cellphone and texting are both major distractions while driving," Mackintosh said." Even the quickest phone call or shortest text message when behind the wheel can result in tragedy."

More information on the Driver Safety Rating

system, including the financial impacts of moving up or down the scale, is available online at www. mpi.mb.ca.







Support for PVPCC

From left: Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre board member Linda Hoeppner and executive director Linda Marek recently accepted a \$2,000 donation from the Winkler Co-op's Michelle Sawatzky. The funds will be used toward completing the renovation of recently acquired space in the ALG Professional Centre, an addition of about 300 square feet for the PVPCC's Winkler offices. "Our client numbers have been really high lately—we have seen over 35 new people so far this year. We need the new space to accommodate all the needs that are coming our way," Marek said. "We are a small charity and appreciate that Co-op has a heart for local organizations like ours."





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Happy birthday Canada!

Winkler and Morden celebrated Canada Day in fine form last week, taking over Bethel Heritage Park and Colert Beach, respectively, for an afternoon and evening of entertainment. Clockwise from top left: Morden wrapped up the day with a spectacular fireworks show; Winkler's varied stage entertainment included Irish step dancing; Winkler Co-op served up its new Community Pizza to thousands of hungry partygoers; Kiera Kropp, 11, displayed her patriotism with the help of Morden face-painter Jada Budz; kids were wowed by the howitzer that local military reps displayed at Bethel Park; Ben McKay, 7, took aim to keep his friends cool in Lake Minnewasta.







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The Brittania Rovers Alon Lichtenstein stretches to try to keep the Winker Storm's Cornelius Siemens from getting his scoring attempt past goalkeeper Adriano Sacco on Sunday. Winkler qot the win 6-2.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Storm crush Rovers, 'Canes fall to Shooters

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm bounced back from a pair of losses in recent weeks to crush the visiting Britannia Rovers 6-2 Sunday night.

Chris Dyck contributed two goals while Emmanuel Ntangano, Waldi Friesbus, Steve Klassen, and David Gruen added singles for the victory. Friebus and Alvin Rode split netminding duties.

The win puts the Storm in third place in their division in the Manitoba Major Soccer League with a record of 5-3-0.

This Sunday the boys host Pescara at 4 p.m. at the 15th St. field.

Meanwhile, in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, the SC Hurricanes returned home from an away game against the SE Shooters with a narrow 2-1 loss to their names.

The 'Canes struggled through the

exhausting match with no substitutes. Mel Warkentin scored the team's lone goal

The ladies next face Victorious Secret in Winkler this Sunday at 6 p.m. The team is 3-2-3 so far this season, putting them in fourth place in the 10-team Division 1.

Orioles wrap up season in fifth place

By Cori Bezan

The Pembina Valley Orioles wrapped up the regular season this week, taking a few final losses before dialing in a couple of wins over the weekend.

The Orioles hit the road on Canada Day for a double-header against Winnipeg South.

Winnipeg scored five runs in the first inning and pocketed another five in the second for a strong lead against the Pembina Valley boys.

Winnipeg added a few more before the Orioles managed to get four on the board in the fifth. Neither team made it around the bases again, and the Orioles took the loss 14-4.

Game two got off to a stronger start for the Orioles, who were up 1-0 after the first inning, but the tide quickly turned and Winnipeg came out on top once again, this time 13-3.

The Orioles went on to make it a trio of losses for the week by falling to the Carillon Sultans 8-6 on the Friday.

They bounced back, though, on Sunday, facing the St. James A's in a double-header.

Pembina Valley came out on top in those games 15-4 and 10-6.

The Orioles went on to play their fi-

nal regular season game on Wednesday, also against the A's. Results were not available at press time.

As of Monday, the Orioles were sitting in fifth place in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League behind the Elmwood Giants in fourth. The Altona Bisons rested comfortably in first place.

The 2015 Manitoba Junior Baseball League Playoffs will kick off next week with the first games taking place on Tuesday, July 14. A schedule was expected be released later this week online at www.mjbl.ca.

Rocking W Barrel Series wraps up sixth season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Rocking W Barrel Series wrapped up another hugely successful season of barrel racing last month.

The six-jackpot series, operating out of the Wiebe family ranch near the Winkler Bible Camp, saw both its prizes and its participant numbers grow exponentially this year, says organizer Dusty Wiebe.

"It went very well this summer. We had quite a few more entries this year—probably, on average, 20 new people over the open and youth events combined."

In all, there were over 60 entries in the open, youth, and peewee divisions at the finals, which were held on June 27.

"People are starting to realize that this is going on," Wiebe says, stressing the event provides local barrel racers with a closer-to-home venue to showcase their skills, no matter what level of competition they may be at."You don't have to be the fastest to win-this is for any skill level, and we really want to push that because I know there's still lots more girls out there with horses that would really like to do it but they're kind of scared to come because they don't think they're at a good enough level yet. But this is for anybody—it doesn't matter what level you're at."

Helping to bolster excitement at the competitions are the big prizes up for grabs thanks to the generosity of Rocking W's many sponsors.

"Our sponsors really stepped up this year. We were able to get about \$3,000-\$4,000 worth of prizes," Wiebe says. "I'd like to thank all my sponsors. These prizes are a pretty big deal to a lot of the girls—for them, it's their big shot. They might not go anywhere else to win a saddle or a buckle, so for them it's really their NFR [National Finals Rodeo]."

Winning brand new saddles sponsored by Delmar Commodities was the Open Hi-Point Champion Leanne Plett of Grunthal and the Youth Hi-Point Champion Memory Macdonald of Edwin.

The Series Average champions—the fastest time based on all six jackpot wins—were Edwin's Crystal Macdonald in the open category and Memory Macdonald in the youth event. The pair both brought home custom leather purses.

Winning event prizes at the finals which included prize buckles for the champs and leather halters for the reserve winners—were:

• Open 1D: champion was Leanne Plett, reserve went to Crystal Macdonald.

• Open 2D: champion was Crystal Macdonald, reserve prize to Cyndi Hummel of Walhalla, North Dakota.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Rocking W Barrel Series organizer Dusty Wiebe presents Open and Youth Hi-Point Champions Leanne Plett (left) and Memory Macdonald (right) with their prize saddles, sponsored by Delmar Commodities. The six-week series wrapped up with the finals on June 27.

• Open 3D: champion was Cyndi Hummel, reserve was Lavonne Janzen of Winkler.

• Youth 1D: champion prize went to Leanne Plett, reserve to Memory Macdonald.

• Youth 2D: Lenna Macdonald was named champion. There was no reserve winner.

• Youth 3D: Jezimay Watson of Walhalla was champion, while Natalie Krahn of Winkler took the reserve prize. Without the generosity of the barrel racing series' many sponsors, none of these prizes would be possible, Wiebe stresses.

Anyone interested in sponsoring next year's series can contact Wiebe at rockingwbarrelseries@yahoo.ca.

More information on the Rocking W Barrel Series can also be found on its Facebook page.

Froese signs with Leafs

Another Winkler native has risen to the ranks of the NHL.

Byron Froese has signed a two-year, two-way contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs, the team announced last Friday.

The 24-year-old forward collected 42 points (18 goals, 24 assists) in 46 regular season games and four points (one goal, three assists) in five playoff games with the Toronto Marlies last season.

Originally selected by the Chicago Blackhawks in the fourth round (119th overall) of the 2009 NHL Entry Draft, Froese has recorded 59 points in 143 career AHL games with the Marlies, San Antonio Rampage and Rockford Icehogs.

Froese will take part in the Maple Leafs' training camp this fall.



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Peewee 3 on top

The Winkler Peewee 3 team clinched the South Central Peewee A league championship, downing the Winkler 1 team 13-12 in the finals. The team now heads to Dauphin this weekend to compete for the provincial banner. On the team are: (back row, from left) coach Pete Peters, manager Merlin Heppner, assistant coach Ryan Giesbrecht, (middle row) Justin Rempel, Brendan Friesen, Hayden Wiebe, Myron Peters, Justin Neustaeter, (front row, kneeling) Zackary Rempel, Ryan Giesbrecht, Luke Strempler, (front, holding bats) Jason Letkeman and Michael Heppner.

Mardli swims his way to '16 championships

By Cori Bezan

Abdalla Mardli achieved some pretty big goals this past weekend, hitting his personal best while claiming two qualifying times at the 2015 ManSask Championship swim meet.

Mardli's swimming career began when he was eight or nine years old when he joined up with the Winkler Barracudas swim team.

"They only go through June to August, so it's not a very serious league," he said." When I turned 13, I started thinking about swimming more competitively and I looked into Winnipeg leagues. In my first year of high school, grade nine, which was last year, I joined the Manitoba Marlins."

Since then, Mardli has had to train hard and attend sessions in Winnipeg six times a week, ten months out of the year. He heads to the city right after school and usually doesn't get home until around 10 p.m. each night.

"It was a very big jump," he said, but notes it was worth it as he began to see his abilities grow in response to the intensive training.

Training throughout the year includes dry-land exercise three times a week as well as two hours a day in the water, Mardli explained.

"There's four different strokes in swimming – butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, which is my specialty, and free-

Morden Triathlon on this weekend

One of Morden's biggest sporting events of the year has arrived: the Morden Triathlon takes place in and around the city this weekend.

From a spectator standpoint, things get started bright and early Saturday morning when the Half-Ironman competitors hit the water at Colert Beach at 7 a.m.

After a 1.9 km swim, Half-Ironman athletes will head west of town for a 90 km bike ride before returning to race through Morden for the 21 km running leg.

Foilman, Duathlon, and Sprint competitor will swim/ bike/run shorter distances, with Foilman/Duathlon getting started at the beach at 8 a.m. and the Sprint Triathlon/ Duathlon beginning at 9 a.m.

On Sunday, the Kids of Steel and Try-a-Tri events get started at 9 a.m. and 9:50 a.m., respectively.

Race director Colin Sibilleau urges Mordenites to come out and cheer the athletes on.

"It's a great way to see what triathlon is all about," he says, adding the support is a big motivator for athletes." It helps big time. It's these little things that make being an athlete so much fun."

If you live along the race route, Sibilleau invites you to consider setting up a sprinkler system at the edge of your property so runners can beat the heat as they pass by.

"The sprinkler is just the best thing ever," he says. "If some people on Gilmour and some people on Alvey could set up some sprinklers, that would just make so many athletes so happy."

For more information on the Morden Triathlon—including a detailed course map—go to www.mordentriathlon. com.



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Abdalla Mardli (light cap) swam his way to a personal best and two qualifying times for major Canadian swim events at the 2015 ManSask Championship swim meet in Winnipeg last weekend.

style," he said. "We would usually do really intense sets . . . and you could see yourself improving."

Mardli said that it's the people and the places that keep him swimming his best.

"I have met some very, very cool people. I've gotten a lot of cool opportunities to travel," he said. "I've gone to the States a few times, to Nebraska, Minneapolis. This March, my team went to Maui in Hawaii for 10 days for a very intense training camp." All the hard work he has put in certainly paid off, as Mardli returned from the 2015 ManSask Championship, held at the PanAm Pool in Winnipeg from last Thursday to Sunday, with some big news.

Mardli competed against upwards of 400 highly-ranked swimmers from across the provinces and, in his 16+ category, finished in the

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U17 girls soccer team #1

The combined Morden and Morris U17 girls soccer team had a successful season which recently included winning their league playoffs and obtaining a well-earned trophy on June 15. The girls, who improved steadily throughout the season, were undefeated in the playoffs, giving up just two goals. Despite some last-minute injuries, the ladies prevailed to beat Beausejour 1-0. The game was 0-0 after two overtime periods and was decided in a shoot-out, with Sam Neudorf scoring the winning goal. The team sends out a big thanks to the volunteers and parents for their help throughout the season, and to Cleaus Aschberg for coaching.

Agriculture TPA passage to speed up negotiations

By Harry Siemens

While Mexico and Canada wrangle with the United States on M-COOL through the World Trade Organization, the U.S. has gone on to pass the Trade Promotion Authority, which has received kudos from many farm commodity groups.

The Canadian Meat Council says U.S. passage of the TPA will open the door to a speedy completion of the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement.

Last week, American President Barack Obama signed into law the TPA bill, clearing the way for the U.S. Congress to either accept or reject a U.S. free trade agreement in its entirety.

Ron Davidson, the director of international trade, government and media relations with the CMC, says that without the TPA, the other 11 countries involved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations did not wish to place their ultimate concessions on the table. So with passage of the bill, it's now finally possible to move forward quickly toward completion of the negotiations.

"When you have 12 countries participating everyone has their own sensitivities, so it necessary to address those sensitivities," says Davidson. "This is a very ambitious trade agreement which started out with the intent of having true free trade among all 12 countries and the negotiations have proceeded along that track. We don't expect it will eliminate all tariffs by the end of the agreement, but certainly we expect most of them will be."

He thinks most of the Canadian economy sectors it would be fair to say are urging the government to be fully-committed, fully-involved in these negotiations and to be a full partner at the end of the day.

"Given, as I said earlier, the coverage of 40 per cent of the world economy already—and that's before new countries may enter—it is most important that we be part of that deal," Davidson stresses. "So we're looking forward to quick movement and quick conclusion of the deal among all 12 countries, including Canada as a full partner." Davidson says that as additional countries join the TPP, the best place to be is in at the beginning because those who come in a year later will have to pay.

Canadian Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz has repeatedly called on the U.S. to secure TPA before Canada considers making any concessions on the agriculture file.

Manitoban and Canadian Pork Council president Rick Bergmann concurs.

The CPC released a report outlining the potential impact participating in a Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement will have on Canada's pork industry. The report, prepared by Kevin Grier

Market Analysis and Consulting, ex-

amines the importance of pork exports to the Canadian economy, with a particular emphasis on exports to Japan.

Bergmann says being part of this agreement with the 11 other countries involved in the negotiations could result in a rapid increase in exports to Japan and greater access to other export markets.

"As far as Japan alone, in 2014 Canadian pork exported nearly a billion dollars worth of product to that country so it's currently a very significant customer for us," he says. "It's a highend customer with the types of cuts that they do purchase from Canadian processors and meat traders."

Bergmann says it's significant for

Canadian pork producers because these exports create over 46,000 jobs across the ag sector, and that's a huge output of approximately \$11 billion for Canada.

Bergmann warns that if Canada isn't part of this agreement, we could see those exports to Japan decline.

He refers to a previous experience, where other nations reached free trade agreements with South Korea and Canada didn't, resulting in declining exports to that market.

"That shows us just the importance of these types of free trade agreements, and I don't want to see a repeat of that with nations involved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership," he stressed.

> HARRY SIEMENS Augo Weather, crops, and GMOs feeding the world

hovering, and thick smoke turning a powerful

entity like the sun from something you dare look at during clear skies to a pink ball with an eerie ring around it, and varying crop reports coming in. it is summer.

Our daughter Lynn texted me from Vancouver Sunday night, where in her short stay it hasn't rained for a long time.

"The forest fires are so bad around the lower mainland that it is raining ash in downtown Vancouver," she writes. "It smells like fire throughout the lower mainland . . . also, the mountain that I live at the bottom of started on fire this morning. No precipitation expected in the long range forecast."

In Alberta, the crops are drying up in many places due to lack of moisture. The same holds true for parts of Saskatchewan, where forests are burning and the wind is sending the smoke our way.

While farmers in the Pembina Triangle welcomed the recent rains, so did Jim Wickett, who farms at Rosetown, SK.

They were really, really dry and Saturday morning last, when I called him, he said it rained about an inch on average over a fairly large area.

It gave relief to parched crops out there, while here in Pembina Triangle it basically topped up the moisture for a crop that is looking great.

Then there are areas further east, including Gretna and then on to Randolph, where Jason Rempel tweeted a picture of a small lake resulting from the five inches of rain on Friday. There are also reports of fields under water in Indiana and Texas, and points in between.

I talked to Shannon Friesen with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture on Thursday, and at that time they weren't using the word "drought" just yet—just a real lack of moisture.

Further afield, my friend Mike Lee of @AgronomyUkraine tells me the crops in Ukraine look much better than he thought after take a tour through the biggest growing areas.

Earlier, because of the war and a bad economy, he told me that farmers would cut back on inputs, restricting crop potential. There is no evidence of that at the moment when walking some of those fields, he says.

At the beginning of June, he travelled over 4,000 kilometres across Ukraine and Russia to objectively record the condition and yield potential of small grain cereals and the post establishment condition of the recently planted maize, sunflower and soya crops.

The team used a rapid crop appraisal technique to make 745 crop assessments and carried out 85 infield yield assessments of winter wheat crops.

Mike said the Ukraine crops are looking very good and currently have the potential and foundation to yield well, while the Russian crops are looking less good, with official

Canterra, Limagrain team up for research centre

By Harry Siemens

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association is happy to see Canterra Seeds and Limagrain announce they will be developing new varieties of wheat and other cereals for Canadian farmers at the new joint venture: Limagrain Cereals Research Canada in Saskatoon.

"This is an exciting new development," says Levi Wood, president of the Wheat Growers. "We welcome investment by any company that can bring value to prairie farmers."

The Wheat Growers see this new venture as a direct benefit of the February passage of Bill C-18, which modernized Canada's Plant Breeders' Rights legislation.

"Bringing Canada's seed regulations up-to-date has created opportunities for new investment in crop breeding in Canada," says Jim Wickett, chair of the Wheat Growers."This announcement demonstrates the value of creating a policy environment that encourages investment. Prairie wheat growers will be the main beneficiaries."

Canterra Seeds CEO David Hansen says the partnership will focus on developing new varieties of cereals, with a specific focus on wheat, using the most advanced technologies currently available.

Limagrain is a farmer-owned cooperative in France and one of the most extensively integrated agricultural companies in Europe. In addition to being the fourth largest seed company in the world, they are a global leader in wheat and other cereal grains.

Bruno Carette, CEO at Limagrain Field Seeds, is also looking to the future in Western Canada. Limagrain Cereals Research Canada will work collaboratively with the extensive global cereal breeding network Limagrain has built, he says, as well as partner with existing programs in Western Canada.

Beyond this joint venture, Limagrain and Canterra Seeds have strength-

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ministry estimates unlikely to be realized.

It is good to get in-the-field reports from people all over the world.

One last stop in this column: South Africa, where the drought cut their maize, corn crop short by several ened their partnership to enhance the distribution of cereals in Western Canada.

To that end, Limagrain has agreed to acquire a minority stake in Canterra Seeds and Limagrain will have the right to appoint representatives to the board of directors.

CANADA RATIFIES UPOV

In related news, the members of Partners in Innovation are celebrating Canada's June 19 ratification of the 1991 convention of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), stating that it sends the message to the world that Canada is open for national and international investment.

Immediately following Royal Assent of Bill C-18 on February 27, new vari-

million tonnes, says my friend Hans Lombard, a long-standing farm journalist.

On the GMO front, Hans says 50 million people eat maize as a staple food, and with 90 per cent genetically modified, it's a pretty good test of

eties of wheat, oats, flax, and potatoes, that would never have come to Canada without the updates to Canada's Plant Breeders' Rights legislation, have become available.

Cam Dahl, president of Cereals Canada said this has already spurred needed investment in Canadian cereals research.

"We have been operating under the UPOV 1991 Convention since February, but now it has been announced to the world," adds Dave Baute, president of the Canadian Seed Trade Association"After 22 years of hard work, Canada's formal ratification of the 1991 UPOV Convention places the agricultural sector solidly on the world stage and confirms that the door is open for international and domestic collaboration and innovation."

how safe GMOs really are.

They have a thriving, self-sustaining dairy industry, and the milk doesn't turn sour from the genetically modified feed farmers give to the cows so they can make that milk, he notes.

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top 12 in five categories, including the 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke, as well as the 4x50 metre free relay and the 4x50 metre medley relay.

He also set a personal best in the 50m breaststroke with a time of 32.94 seconds. The qualifying time

to beat to qualify for the championship was 33.16 seconds.

"I beat [the qualifying time] by a considerably large amount for a short distance race, and it was very exciting," Mardli said.

"It's a very good way to end my season this year," he added. "It will definitely motivate me to continue working out and stuff throughout the summer, and then it will make me excited to get back to swimming in September."

VERY EXCITING."

Mardli's time qualified him for the 17 and Up age group in the 2016 Western Canadian Championships, which will be held in Winnipeg in early February. It also earned him an Age Group National Time in the 50m breaststroke, which is a swim meet in Quebec that Mardli will be unable to attend.

"I'd been going for this West-

ern Canada Championship time since September, and every time I had failed by a little bit, so it was kind of discouraging," he said. " Unfortu-

nately I won't be competing in [the Quebec meet] . . . but it's cool to say that I qualified. Age Group Nationals and Western Canada Championships are both very high-up meets that a lot of people strive to achieve those qualifying times for."

"In that one race, I qualified for both, which is exciting for me, my coach, and especially my mom," he



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Abdalla Mardli (right) qualified to compete in the Western Canadian Championships in Winnipeg next February.

added. "Especially them, putting so much money and time into driving me six days a week into Winnipeg."

Sunday marked the end of the 2015 season for Mardli. With the next Manitoba Marlins season kicking off in September, Mardli said he will continue to train throughout the offseason before returning for his third year on the team.

He hopes to work towards qualifying times for the 2016 or 2020 Olympics trials and World trials while he strives for an athletic scholarship that will allow him to swim competitively through university.

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Thank you to our loving family, relatives and dear friends for sharing in our 70th Wedding Anniversary, June 25th, at Homestead South. Thank you so much for your visits, cards, gifts, phone calls and warm wishes. You made us very happy! Do come again. Bless you all. -With love.

Norman and Daisy

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU - two small words with such a huge meaning. First, we thank the people that stopped at the site of the accident on the highway and helped in any way they could. To the ambulance personnel who transported us to Health Science Centre in Winnipeg for immediate treatment, we are so very grateful. A huge thank you to the doctors, nurses and health care aids who did their very best for us. Thank you to our friends and family who came to visit or sit with us in those early days and weeks at HSC. Even though we weren't always conscious, your presence was appreciated. Once we were transferred to Boundary Trails Health Centre for rehabilitation, we received excellent care from the doctors, nurses and health care aids for which we are truly thankful. We thank our friends and family for everything they have done, and continue to do for us. We wonder if we could have reached this point in our recovery without your prayers? We so appreciated the get-well cards, flowers, prayer shawls, text messages, gift cards and food vou brought to lift our spirits, and sustain us. We are also thankful for the continuing offers to help, in matters great and small. We especially thank Brent, Megan, Evan and Kathy for all they have done for us and for their continued support.

And lastly, a very special thank you to Pam Maxwell who has been here for us since day one, and who continues to look after us in so many ways. Pam, you truly are our angel.

We are both at home now, where we will rest lots and enjoy life. It will take physiotherapy and determination, but we are confident that all will be well in time. We appreciate your continued prayers for our complete recovery. -With love and so much gratitude,

Gail Maxwell and Audrey Lone

BIRTHDAY

Birthday Congratulations Dad, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather Herman Larke who will be 101 years old on July 8, 2015 Dad moved to Morden with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Larke, from Winnipeg at the age of 2 years old -Happy birthday with love, Son David, Daughter Brenda and Steve, Granddaughter Melanie and Kent and Great-Grandson Weston



BIRTHDAY

Please join us to celebrate Ed Maddock's 90th birthday on Sunday, July 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Morden Colert Beach in the Turtle Park Campground Your gift is your presence.

ENGAGEMENT



Castellanos – Hink

Imelda and David Castellanos of Mexico City and Shelley and Vince Hink of Miami are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Valerie Castellanos and Matthew Hink. A July 18 wedding in Winnipeg has been planned.



OBITUARY Thomas Harr

Thomas Harry Ching 1926 – 2015

On Monday, June 29, 2015 at Pembina-Manitou Health Centre, Harry Ching aged 89 years formerly of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Isobel (nee Pearce); daughter Laureen Mathison and her partner, Frank Kilborn; son Richard and Mary Ching as well as seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Francis and Ron Schulz, Evelyn Ching; sister-in-law, Jean Ching and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Cheryl Scherger in 2014.

Memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2015 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at Knightcot Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Harry's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society.

OBITUARY

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John Neufeld 1929 – 2015

John Neufeld was born on March 26, 1929 in the Boissevain area and moved with his family to Manitou when he was three years old. He grew up on the family farm with seven brothers and sisters. He attended grades 1 through 11 in Manitou. He became a Christian at the age of 17 and spent two years at Elim Bible School in Altona. He married Lena Penner on July 12, 1952 and God gave them almost exactly 63 years together. They farmed together in the Manitou area for 35 years, first mixed farming and then dairy farming. God blessed their home with two children, Lorna in 1953 and Gerald in 1956. John was a dairy farmer who was also in ministry in the Crystal City Mennonite Church. In 1987, he and Lena retired to

Manitou. They enjoyed getting to know the people of the community and supporting as many community events as they could. In 2004 they looked ahead to what they would need for health care in their later years and they made the move to Winkler where they enjoyed 11 years. Even with increasing health concerns, they were good years, relatively pain free until just this last year. He was a patient in Boundary Trails Health Centre for the past three months where he passed away very peacefully on Monday, June 29.

John is survived by his wife, Lena; his daughter, Lorna Jacobson (Tim); his son, Gerald Neufeld (Bev); grandchildren, Heather (Elias), Bethany (Steve), Nathan (Allison), Juanita (Lukas), Jonathan (Kelly), Kevin and Timothy (Alyson) and great-grandchildren, Anthony, Aimee, Annabelle, Caleb and Sophia.

Special thanks to Dr. Grayling and the nursing staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre. Donations may be made in John's memory to Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Box 2000 Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

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Happy Trails: planning a family friendly vaca

For adults, the summer season is a time to kick back, relax and erase distant memories of wind chill factors and frozen toes. For kids, it means a break from homework and indoor play. For both, it can mark the start of the family vacation season.

Though taking a break from daily routines and exploring new places can be a re-energizing experience, the stress of organizing time off can leave you feeling like you need a vacation from your vacation. Below are some tips that can help you plan a memorable family holiday for everyone.

Before you and your family begin your travels, there are many triprelated considerations that you should address:

Choose wisely. Be sure that your vacation time offers a little something for everyone. Though your idea of a great holiday might be a gripping book and a comfortable hammock, your children might be bored senseless after the first day. Ask family members what activities they'd like to do so that you can create a holiday that has something for everyone. Variety is not only the spice of life, it's also a key ingredient in a great family vacation.

Plan in advance. While spur-ofthe-moment activities can be exciting, you'll be more likely to do the activity and avoid disappointment by creating a plan and sticking to it.

Let kids choose. From restaurant picks to selecting a ride at the amusement park, children savour the chance to have their say. Allow kids to create a short list of activities and the chance to realize at least one. If your children are too young to create their own to-do list, offer up two or three options to choose from so they feel part of the decision-making.

Pack snacks, games, books, activities, etc. There's no better way to keep your children in the holiday spirit than with healthy food and entertainment. Even if meals are included in your travel plans, it's wise to have a few sandwiches up your sleeve (not literally of course) should the food not be to your kids' or your own liking.

Leave time for mishaps. Allow extra time for life's little delays such as traffic jams and toddler temper tantrums. Start your holiday off on the right foot and follow the 30-minute rule: Estimate the maximum amount of time you anticipate it will take to get to your destination and add 30 minutes.

Leave notification. Rely on a trusted neighbour or friend to collect your mail, pick up phone messages, water plants and check on the house if you're planning on being away for more than a few days.

During your trip

Just because your vacation is underway does not mean the planning stops. Be sure to note the following suggestions regarding your family's safety and well-being throughout your voyage.

Keep it simple. Don't make the mistake of trying to see and do everything while on a break. Remember, a vacation shouldn't be work. Allow each family member to choose one or two activities and spare some space for spontaneity.

Capture memories. Take pictures of the action, write down impressions of places visited in a journal or create a scrapbook that everyone can contribute to, for future journeys down memory lane.

Aim for nothing less than imperfection. Realize that problems you and your family had before the holiday, are not going to evaporate over the course of a few weeks. Accept that parts of your time off will work out better than expected, while others are bound to fizzle. Take a deep breath, take it all in stride, and take the time to relax and enjoy yourself.

Give your family time to recover. Avoid a shock to your relaxed and rejuvenated system: Plan at least a day or two of recovery time so that you and your family can ease back in at work and school.

Staying well on vacation

Pack a first aid kit. Ensure it's equipped with bandages, gauze, Aspirin, disinfectant and any other items you may need to treat minor mishaps.

Drink lots of water. Though eight glasses a day is a reasonable minimum, you'll need more if you're hiking, biking or even just sightseeing. An active person should drink four to eight ounces (120 to 240 millilitres) of water every 10 to 20 minutes depending on the walking speed and the temperature outside. Drink up before you feel thirsty as the body usually doesn't signal thirst until it's already dehydrated. If you're not sure about the water quality at your destination, drink bottled or boiled water.

Wear sunscreen or a hat, even if it's overcast. It may seem like a harmless, grey day, but the sun's rays can penetrate the clouds and leave you feeling burned. Choose a sunscreen with an SPF 15 minimum and slather it on every few hours-more often if you're in the water, perspiring a lot or are out between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., when the sun is at its most intense.

Protect yourself from insect bites. When in areas where bugs are an issue-such as in forests and near water-wear light-coloured, longsleeved shirts, long pants, closed shoes and a layer of insect repellent. Avoid being outdoors at dusk and in areas where there is stagnant water. Seek medical support right away if-after receiving a bite-you begin to feel feverish, headachy, weak, sensitive to light or if there is extreme swelling around the bite.

Keep your hands clean. Carry moist towels or anti-bacterial gel to avoid exposure to unwanted bacteria and germs while out and about.

Watch what you eat. Opt for cooked and peeled vegetables and avoid raw salads if you're in an area where tap water is undrinkable. Steer clear of street vendors and run-down (i.e., dirty) looking restaurants where your chances of being exposed to bacteria are higher.

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Terms to know before going to the rodeo

The growing popularity of rodeo, which, according to the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, attracts 30 million fans each year, has piqued the curiosity of many people who have never before attended a rodeo or watched an event on television. Upon discovering the rodeo, men, women and children often find it as compelling if not more compelling than most popular mainstream sports.

For those interested in rodeo but uncertain about its terminology, the following are a few terms to know, courtesy of the PRCA.

* Barrelman: An entertainer who uses a barrel to distract a bull after a ride. Such distractions sometimes protect the cowboy.

* Breaking the barrier: This occurs during a timed event when a rider leaves the box too soon, failing to give the bull a sufficient head start. Riders who break the barrier are assessed a 10-second penalty.

* Bullfighter: An athlete who protects the bull rider after he dismounts or is bucked off. A bullfighter can distract the bull by directing its attention to the exit gate or even stepping between the bull and the bull rider.

* Chute: a pen that holds an animal safely in position.

* Covering: this occurs during

roughstock events when a rider stays on at least the minimum time of eight seconds.

* Draw: Conducted three days before each PRCA rodeo, the draw is random and assigns each roughstock competitor a specific bucking horse or bull. Time-event contestants are assigned a calf or steer in a random on-site draw shortly before each rodeo begins.

* Flags: used in rodeo's timed events so judges can signal the timers to stop the clocks. Judges in the arena will drop the flags.

* Flankman: a cowboy or cowgirl who works in the bucking chutes, adjusting the flant strap around the animal before the ride.

* Go-round: each round of competition in a rodeo.

* Hazer: the cowboy who rides on the right side of the steer from the contestant to make sure the steer runs straight.

* Hooey: the knot a cowboy uses to finish tying the calf's legs together in tie-down roping.

* Piggin' string: the small rope used to tie a calf's legs together in tie-down roping.

* Rank: an adjective of praise and respect used to describe especially challenging roughstock.

* Riggin': a suitcase-style handhold customized to a rider's grip and attached to a molded piece of leather that is cinched, with a pad, around the horse's girth.

* Roughstock: the bucking horses and bulls used in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding, usually bred and raised for the job. * Stock contractors: the companies that bring livestock to the arena for rodeos.

* Triple Crown Winner: a cowboy who wins three world championships in the same year.



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Five Ways You Can Tell You Need New Windows

New windows are an upgrade that is often used by homeowners to increase their homes value and energy efficiency. But new windows can also do a whole lot more than just save you money. They can protect you from pathogens, pollen and other undesirable elements on the outside of your home. Windows also let in light and fresh air into any space. With so many uses for your windows, it's easy to see why they are one of the most important features of any home. So how do you know when they are ready to be replaced? Use these five ways you can tell you need new windows and find out for yourself if you need replacement windows or not.

Fogged Glass

The typical window is made up of two glass panes. They are separated by a small space of air or gas like argon. This air space is sealed together to prevent any debris from entering between the windows and/or the gas from escaping, increasing energy efficiency. When this seal is breached, the energy efficiency effects of the window are diminished significantly. The fog effect is actually caused by mold growth in between the window panes and can enter into your home.

Dated Energy Efficiency Back when the 50's housing boom was in full swing, America was building thousands of new homes every day for the newly arriving baby boomer generation. As they built homes by the handful and energy was cheap, little effort was put into the increasing the energy efficiency of glass windows. It wasn't until the early 80's before window energy efficiency become common place in the housing market. If your windows are older than 25 years old, you need to replace them to increase the energy efficiency of your home and lower heating and cooling costs for good.

Poor Installation

When window installations are poorly done, you'll know it. Drafty breezes, mold growth and high humidity are all effects of a poorly installed window. To make matter worse, if one window is poorly installed, chances are they are all poorly installed. Be sure that you hire a licensed and insured window installer to do the work or you may need to replace them before their time.

Sunlight Overexposure

Sunlight entering through your windows can be a great addition to your homes natural lighting feature. But too much sunlight can be a serious threat to your flooring and furnishings. If you have a problem with sunlight overexposure and your carpet, draperies or furniture is fading fast, new windows can help. Most new window glass cuts down significantly on UV rays.

Air Leaks

One of the biggest problems with increasing energy efficiency in the home is air leaks around doors and windows. In some cases, new seals and weather-stripping can help solve air leaks, but when age takes its toll on older window seals, they often fail and can't be replaced. New windows are the perfect solution to increasing your energy savings, allowing you to recoup your initial investment in no time fast.

Safety tips for summer fun

The weather is heating up and Americans are heading outdoors to soak up the fun. Warm weather enthusiasts should keep safety on the top of their minds when they're out camping, boating and barbecuing.

Camping Stoves and Lanterns

* Fuel-burning camping equipment, such as stoves, lanterns and outdoor cookers, should only be lit outdoors and at least 10 feet (3 meters) from tents, combustible materials and vehicles. Never light a stove or lantern inside a tent or vehicle.

* Before use, carefully inspect parts for leaks, blockages or damage.

* Keep loose, flammable clothing away from open flames. Carefully monitor children and pets around stoves and lanterns.

Boats and Cabins

* Ensure boats and cabins are equipped with proper emergency safety equipment, including first aid kits and fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide detectors and fire alarms.

* When first opening your cabin, carefully inspect all appliances for damage from rodents or insects.

* Always wear a personal flotation device. Never consume alcohol while operating any vehicle.

Outdoor Gas Barbeques

* Before firing up your barbecue for the first time, carefully inspect burners and burner tubes for blockages due to dirt, grease, insects or rust buildup. Clean or replace any blocked parts or have a certified technician make repairs.

* Propane cylinders must be inspected and re-qualified. A date stamp on the cylinder indicates when it was last qualified. Don't use a rusty or damaged cylinder. If in doubt, have your tank replaced.

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Sandals Slip Comfort Onto Your Foot

Sandals are one of the oldest footwears and have been in use since ancient times. A basic sandal is an open type of outdoor footwear designed with a sole attached to the foot with the help of straps passing over the instep or around the ankle. Sandals provide the muchneeded support to the foot and are easy to slip-on. You can recognise sandals in comparison to other kinds of footwears. Generally, a sandal is open in the front and leaves most of the upper part of the foot exposed, particularly the toes. The oldest known sandals were discovered in Fort Rock Cave in the U.S. state of Oregon at least 10,000 years. Historically, the sandals were made of willow leaves, twigs, or fibres. Another type of a boot sandal was designed in such a way that it rose above the middle of the leg with a thicker sole. The ancient Egyptians wore sandals which were made of natural materials like palm-leaves and papyrus.

The sole of a sandal can be made from rubber, wood, leather, tatami or rope. Usually, a sandal is constructed in such a way that it is held to the foot by a narrow thong that usually passes between the first and second toe. You can also get sandals wherein the thong is attached by a strap or lace that passes over the arch of the foot or around the ankle.

In the contemporary scenario, you can get a variety of sandals to choose from. You have a sandal to match every look and occasion. A sandal may give you the right look for a formal as well as a casual event. Sandals provide comfort in warm weather, and also serve your fashion sense. There are different kinds of sandals available in a wide range of colours, styles and comfort. Wear a sandal to a beach or with a chic party dress and grab some eyeballs. They will accompany you perfectly and give you the intended look. Sport sandals are designed for treks or adventurous sports and support your feet. While looking for sandals, make sure they are comfortable and the right size. The right sandal should provide adequate support, thereby maintaining foot care. Feet are very important as the whole body posture depends on them. Hence, ensure that your sandals are foot-friendly and allow you to walk properly.

While buying a pair of sandals, make sure that the sole is thicker and a little bit bigger than your foot. You know you have made the right decision when your toes do not cross over the edge of your sandal. Thick soles provide the much-needed protection. Go for the ones that have straps fitting perfectly onto your foot. For convenience sake, opt for the adjustable or elastic straps to stretch over time with continuous use and fit perfectly.

You can get sandals in flats, wedges or heels to match every look. A flat strappy sandal gives you a casual as well as fashionable look. You can wear them to college or office and be comfortable for long hours. You can also get gladiator sandals which look good, if teamed well with the right outfit. Gladiator sandals are available in flats, wedges as well as heels to match with the occasion. You can also select sandals which are adorned with beads or embroidery, thus making you stand out among the crowd.

Your summertime packing guide: just the essentials

For many, summer trips are the perfect escape from an otherwise busy life. They offer the opportunity to experience new places, taste new foods and generally de-stress! This summer, don't get bogged down by the thought of preparing for a trip. Keep it simple by packing everything you need and nothing you don't using these five quick tips.

1. Create a list. Tend to over-pack? Making a checklist in advance will ensure you pack only the essentials and don't throw in last-minute unnecessary items. Extra tip: coordinate with your travel buddies to share toiletries such as toothpaste and shampoo.

2. Pack light. Leave the full-sized body wash, three jackets and seven pairs of shoes at home. In fact, no matter the length of your trip, you only need three pairs of shoes. For a summer vacation, pack sandals, sneakers and a dressy pair.

3. Make your phone your friend. Having a good phone plan means your map, tour guide, translator and Internet are all in your pocket, so don't let your cellphone service limit your travel plans.

4. Leave the toy room at home. When traveling with young children, it's easy to want to pack every book, toy, teddy and blanket. Leave all that gear at home and just bring one or two new books or a favorite toy. Or better yet, update your tablet or phone with kid-friendly apps for them and bestselling books for you!

5. Repurpose your wardrobe. Choose staple clothing items such as jeans, tanks and scarves that you can repurpose with different outfits throughout your trip. Bonus tip: pick garments of the same color family. This way all of your clothes mix and match together, without overpacking.

You've worked all year for the chance to take an amazing summer trip. Don't waste it. Incorporate these packing tips for a vacation you'll remember all year long.



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