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Local youth took a break from summer vacation for a week of hands-on learning at the University of Manitoba's WISE Kid-Netic Energy day camps in Morden last week. Here, campers extract DNA from a banana as part of their Genetics Day activities. For the full story, see Pg. 4.

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“It’s complicated”

Diversitas speaker talks Judaism, Israel, and Palestine

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Diversitas speaker series tackled a contentious issue July 26 with a presentation from Dr. Ruth Ashrafi, Judaic studies advisor at the Gray Academy of Jewish Education.

Ashrafi fittingly titled her speech on Judaism, modern Israel, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: It’s complicated.

“Being Jewish is not only a religion. There are many aspects to a Jewish identity,” Ashrafi began, explaining it includes religion, yes, but also language, cultural traditions, and a uniquely shared history.

“People can convert to Judaism, of course, but it’s also not only the religion that you’re converting to—you become also part of a people.”

A big part of it as well is the Jewish people’s relationship to Israel.

“Israel is in our DNA. Israel is just part of us and what happens in the land of Israel always affects us very strongly,” said Ashrafi.

In light of all the persecution Jews have suffered over the years all over the world, they have always held a strong belief that they need a country of their own.

“Given the events in the Second World War, we need a state—that was really clear for me—so that we have somewhere to go if they start killing us again,” Ashrafi said in recalling her childhood in the Netherlands, where the war loomed large in the Jewish community even decades after it ended.

The placement of Israel in the Middle East is dictated by a promise made by God to the Jews, she explained.

“We need to live in the land of Israel because that is what God wants,” Ashrafi said, pointing to passages in Genesis in which God tells Abraham to leave his homeland, promising him a new home in the land of Canaan. “Eventually that turns out to be the land of Israel.

Dr. Ruth Ashrafi fields questions from the audience after her Diversitas speaker series presentation on Judaism and Israel in the 21st century.

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“Now, there is a Jewish joke about this. Of course there is a Jewish joke about this,” said Ashrafi, laughing. “Why did God have to promise the land of Israel to the Jewish people? Couldn’t he have given us the land of Hawaii in the middle of the ocean? Wouldn’t that have been much more peaceful?”

Instead, the creation of the state of Israel in 1948 has led to decades of violence in the area, including the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ashrafi has lived in Israel on and off over the years and has seen some of that violence firsthand, including after the assassination of Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995.

“There was a lot of hatred,” she said. “People that you know, their parents were being shot, their children were being murdered, killed. Arab-Israelis were being killed just as much as Jewish-Israelis. It was a horrible time to be living in Israel.”

Atrocities have been committed by both sides of this conflict, and Ashrafi isn’t sure how the area will ever find a path to peace.

“What sort of a mess have we found ourselves in? And what is a way of getting out of this quagmire?” she said. “Am I optimistic? Not so much.”

For peace to happen, the region needs to overcome the extremism, bitterness, and politics that bog it down today.

There are people fighting to do just that, but they have a long struggle ahead of them, Ashrafi said.

“There are many people on both the Palestinian and the Israel side who believe this conflict ... we have to stop

this,” she said.

And while she doesn’t believe the politicians will find a solution, perhaps peace can be forged when regular people stand up for it.

“There are all sorts of grassroots movements where Israelis and Palestinians are starting to work together and establish businesses together or to establish organizations together in order to foster relationships between themselves and to show their Israeli neighbours and their Palestinian neighbours that this can be a way forward,” said Ashrafi, stressing that open communication is the key.

“The moment that you stop talking, the whole thing falls apart,” she said. “But talking alone is not enough. You also need to listen to the other, and you also need to understand that the other is coming from a different culture.

“Jews are smart. Muslims are smart.

We have to find a way out of this. With God’s help, hopefully in the future things will be better. In the meanwhile, I have great hopes for the Jews and the land of Israel in the 21st century.”

Upcoming Diversitas speakers include Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba executive director Dorota Blumczynska on Sept. 27, The Daily Bonnet founder and writer Andrew Bergman on Oct. 25, and Chandananda Thero, resident monk of the Manitoba Buddhist Vihara and Cultural Association, presenting on Nov. 22.

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Winkler's new handi-van hits the streets Aug. 14

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After years of making do without, the mobility impaired in Winkler finally have access to a community handi-van service once again.

Operating under the umbrella of the Winkler Senior Centre, the Winkler & District Handi-Van hits the streets on Monday, Aug. 14.

It offers rides to anyone who, due to illness, age, injury, or other permanent or temporary disability, is unable to easily utilize other available transportation services in the city.

The senior centre has been mulling over starting up a handi-van program for some time now, but it was the donation of a vehicle by an anonymous donor last year that finally made that dream possible, says handi-van committee chair Mike Chute.

"It's something that we've always wanted to do ... the donation of the van helped us to do it," he said.

The van seats 12 passengers, including spaces that can be used to strap-in wheelchairs, and features a wheelchair lift.

"There's definitely a need for it," Chute said, noting that the senior centre regularly fields requests for an accessible transportation service. In its absence, many Winkler area residents have been using Morden's program.

"So now it'll cost them less because we have a local service," Chute said. "We're very confident that it's going to be a success."

The program will serve not just Winkler but also the rural municipalities of Stanley and Rhineland.

Rides will be available during flexible hours by appointment, which must be made 24 hours in advance by calling 204-362-9252 or sending an email to winklerhandivan@gmail.com.

BREAKING EVEN

Utilizing the services of one paid driver and several volunteer drivers will help keep the cost of the service down.

"We've done a pretty careful bud-

The Winkler & District Handi-van was unveiled at the Winkler Senior Centre last week. The vehicle will be offering rides to the mobility impaired starting Aug. 14.

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get and we believe and the numbers are such that we think we can for sure break even," said Chute.

To that end, the program has already secured several corporate sponsors, a start-up grant from the provincial government, and a commitment from the City of Winkler to cover any year-end losses, if need be.

"But we're not expecting that to happen," Chute stressed.

Additional private donations and corporate sponsors are more than welcome (there's plenty of room on the van for a few more business logos, Chute noted). Contact the senior centre for more information.

The centre is also the place to call if you'd like to get involved as a volunteer driver.

WSC executive director Nettie Dyck said the role is a flexible one.

"Whatever they're able to do, we'll take what we can get," she said, adding drivers need to be licensed to drive the van and willing to take part in a short training course.

ADDING VALUE

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder, on hand for the handi-van's unveiling last week, said the service will undoubtedly add "value to our senior

population within the city of Winkler." The old handi-van program that operated here many years ago was disbanded due to disuse, but things are very different in the community today.

"I think conditions have certainly

changed in the community since," Harder said. "Number one, there's more seniors and number two, I think that there's more mobility in seniors today than there was 15, 20 years ago.

"So therefore the need is certainly of greater importance."

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Hands-on learning at summer day camps

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The next generation of scientists and computer programmers got the chance to learn something new at the WISE Kid-Netic Energy day camps in Morden last week.

Students from the University of Manitoba were in town to lead the annual Science & Engineering Camp, which has set up shop in École Morden Middle School for several summers now, and the brand new Codemakers Camp.

Morden is the first community outside of Winnipeg to host a Codemakers Camp.

"We thought we should really try to do a rural version of it and we thought Morden would be perfect for it," said program administrator Jill Lautenschlager, noting their other camp has been very well-attended here.

The camp, aimed at kids heading into Gr. 7-9, is an introduction to the building blocks of computer programming and hardware.

"So they start off working with some simple devices that simulate coding so they can get an idea of how it works," explained Lautenschlager. "Snap circuits is an example of one of the things they work with, and then they kind of progress every day from

there."

By the end of the three day camp, the kids got to play with a variety of computer and electronic devices on the road to learning what makes them tick.

The activities certainly got the thumbs-up from camp participants.

Lowan Froese, who is heading into Gr. 8 in Winkler this fall, said he was drawn to the program because it gave him the opportunity to explore everything from programming robots to making video games.

"I just really like technology and I want to be an engineer one day," he said.

On July 26, after taking a spin in a virtual reality program, Froese got back to work on his Lego Mindstorm, trying to program it to navigate a maze.

"It's a lot of testing and a lot of failure to get it right in the end," he said.

"It looked like fun, and it is," added fellow Winklerite Tristan Driedger, Gr. 7, as he installed a touch sensor on his robot to see if that would help it make it through the maze.

Meanwhile, the nine to 12-year-olds at the Science & Engineering Camp were having a blast learning the ins and outs of space, medical science, mining, sustainable energy, and ge-

At the Codemakers Camp in Morden last week, Lowan Froese got to try out a virtual reality program designed to help detect Alzheimer's disease.



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netics, each theme getting its own day of activities.

"It's exposure to science and engineering so that kids can learn that it's fun," said Lautenschlager, adding that the hope is it will get kids thinking about pursuing education in fields they may not have considered otherwise. "They might consider it because now they've been told a little bit about different careers

connected to all sorts of skills."

Thirty kids took part this year, including Noel Boulet from Somerset.

The Gr. 4 student said the space discovery day was his favourite because they got to build and launch bottle rockets.

Also high on his list of highlights was making casts on medical science day and extracting DNA from a banana on genetics day.

"This camp is fun," Boulet said.



Left: Codemakers camper Tristan Driedger tries to program his Lego Mindstorm to successfully navigate a maze. Right: Over at the Science and Engineering Camp, kids got their hands dirty with a variety of fun experiments.



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ACU helps Salem wrap up entranceway project

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home was able to put the finishing touch on its front entrance project last week thanks to a donation from Access Credit Union.

The financial institution stepped up to donate the final \$15,000 needed to cover the cost of redoing the personal care home's entranceway.

"I think that it says a lot about a community the way you look after your elderly," said Winkler branch manager Rob Unruh. "A lot of the residents of Salem Home have given to our community for many, many years, so I think as a responsible corporate citizen it's our job to give back."

Salem Foundation board chair Arlen Hildebrand noted that the project, which was completed last fall, is one of the most visible ones Salem has

undertaken in years

It completely reshaped the facility's entrance, installing new south-facing automatic doors that allow residents and guests to enter the building without having to cross the adjacent driveway.

The renovations also put in a longer sloping ramp to make it easier for residents to come and go under their own power, as well as a spacious foyer area with huge windows to allow residents to more easily see the comings and goings outside the building.

"The new front entrance is a true gift to the residents," Hildebrand said, adding that it breaks down "barriers that kept residents trapped when they couldn't press the door opener or navigate the two sets of heavy doors.

"This gift is improving their quality of life through independence and user-friendly access to and from their home."

Salem Foundation spent approximately \$310,000 on the renovations, plus another \$140,000 or so in in-kind gifts.

"We had so many people step forward and offer their services," said Hildebrand. "We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring community."



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From left: Access Credit Union's Wesley Ngwenya, Rob Unruh, and Trevor Wiebe presented Salem Foundation chair Arlen Hildebrand and Salem Home chair James Peters with a donation of \$15,000 July 27 to help the personal care home finish its entranceway project.

ACU's donation allow Salem to move the project off its books once and for all.

"It was a complete surprise for us," Hildebrand said. "They knew we were near the end of our project ... and they came and asked if they could help us clean up the project. It was a great gift."

This project done, the care home can now turn its attention fully to the next item on their to-do list: building a new Cottonwood East dining room.

Proceeds from the first annual Building for Tomorrow dinner Nov.

2 are earmarked for the estimated \$400,000 expansion. On tap that evening is guest speaker Marie Monville, author of *One Light Still Shines: My Life Beyond the Shadow of the Amish Schoolhouse Shooting*.

Ticket sales for the banquet have been brisk—over 100 were sold the first day alone—and there were just 84 out of a possible 360 seats left as of last week.

Tickets of \$100 each are available by contacting Salem Home at 204-325-4316.

"WE ARE TRULY BLESSED TO BE PART OF SUCH A CARING COMMUNITY."

Winkler police chief announces retirement

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler is on the hunt for its next police chief.

Chief Rick Hiebert has notified the city's police board of his intent to retire at the end of next March.

Hiebert, who began his police career in Winkler in 1983 and has served as the department's chief since 2000, said it's not a decision he came to lightly.

"My decision to retire was difficult, but it was time," he said. "The announcement was given early in order

to give the police board plenty of time to look for a replacement. I didn't want to leave the police service in a lurch with a sudden announcement."

Police board chair and city councillor Henry Siemens says the news means they'll be speeding up their plans to hire a deputy-chief for the department.

"We had already had two major retirements with our sergeant and our inspector retiring," he said, referring to Insp. Brad Kehler and Sgt. Ray Friesen, longtime veterans who left the force earlier this year.

"We had determined that organizationally we were going to have a deputy-chief as opposed to an inspector moving forward," Siemens explained. "Now with Chief Hiebert announcing his retirement, we still want to make sure we fill that deputy position."

Hiebert's advance notice means the new hire will be able to work alongside him before stepping into the chief role.

"It allows us to hire our new chief, have him serve as a deputy in our service for a period of time to get to understand how we do things, get to

understand who we have as people," Siemens said.

The board already has a candidate in mind and hopes to begin negotiations with them immediately.

"Our hope, our expectation is we will have something in place certainly no later than the end of September," Siemens said. "We'd really like to be in a position of a full six months of having this person have the opportunity to work with Chief Hiebert."

Siemens said Hiebert will leave behind some big shoes to fill.

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> **FAITH FOCUS**

Work is a gift, not a necessary evil

God doesn't compartmentalize our lives. Let that sink in for a second.

That means the moments that I'm taking my kids to school or mowing the lawn holds the potential to reflect the goodness of God in my life just as much as when I'm in church Sunday preaching.

In fact, the book of Genesis describes God's creation of the world as work. We often think of work as this necessary evil, maybe even punishment, but Genesis leaves us with the startling truth that work was a part of the original paradise.

How do you view your work? I think some of us view it simply as a means to end. I work so I can get the money I need to buy all the things that I want. Of course, in the end it all gets taken from us.

For some of us, our work is a way for us to fulfill our ambitions, climb the ladder to the top. But there again, when you've bought all the toys, when you've achieved all the titles you were looking for, then what?

I think our culture in a lot of ways

actually tells us, don't go after money, don't go after the title. Rather, do what you love!

Steve Jobs once addressed the graduates of Stanford with this:

"You've got to find what you love and that is as true for work as it is for lovers. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do."

It's the classic, "Just follow your dreams!"

This sounds so altruistic ... but it is also very selfish. In fact, it reeks of elitism. We live in a society right now that has the luxury of choice; for many of us we can choose to pursue almost any profession we want, but for the rest of the world, and for the rest of history, this is simply not true.

Think of the thousands and thousands of people working in factories putting a specific component into the millions of iPhones that Steve Jobs gets the credit for. Is their work less valuable because they don't love what they do?

What if our work was not about

getting stuff, fulfilling my own ambitions, or doing it for my own happiness, but rather an opportunity to worship the one who gave us the gift of work? What would change in your life, if you began to view your work, not as a necessary evil, but something

to be thankful for? Ask someone who doesn't have a job and can't provide for their family whether or not you should be thankful for what you have.

I believe there is an inherent dignity to work that reflects the image of God, the creator in us. God's care, his creativity, his cultivation of creation happens through us.

Compare what Steve Jobs said to those graduating from Stanford to what Martin Luther King Jr. told a group of high school students from Philadelphia, those without power, status, and privilege:

"And when you discover what you will be in your life, set out to do it as if God Almighty called you at this particular moment in history to do it ... if it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures, sweep streets like Beethoven composed music, sweep streets like Leontyne Price sings before the Metropolitan Opera, sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry. Sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will have to pause and say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well.'"

I encourage you to see your work as an opportunity to live in gratitude, to recognize the divine gift of work. I encourage you to find the better life in Jesus.

- Terry Dueck is the lead pastor at the Winkler MB Church



By Terry Dueck

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"We'd like to thank Chief Hiebert for his 30-plus years of exemplary service. You don't see that very much anymore. He was committed to the service, he was committed to the community. He did a terrific job for us for 30 years."

"We're certainly going to miss him, but we wish him well as he gets ready to retire."

'NO HICCUPS'

Hiebert will be the third senior

member of the Winkler Police Service to retire within about a year, but, though their absences are certainly felt, other experienced officers are stepping up to ensure the quality of service hasn't been affected by these departures, Siemens said.

"We've been very blessed in our community to have a lot of long-term members," he said. "So the fact that we're down to one out of three managers, actually the service hasn't hiccuped at all. We've had people step forward. We've had people do-

ing lots of work to make sure that that's happened.

"We have a lot of 10 and 15-year members. Most of our guys are career police members. A lot of them have also been career Winkler people, so they know what's going on, they know where stuff is," he added. "They've been exceptionally well trained. We've always believed very strongly ... that we want to have well-paid, well-trained, well-equipped members."

LIP coordinator seeks to “bridge the gaps” for newcomers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There’s a new face on board at Regional Connections in Winkler.

Vassan Aruljothi has joined the team as the Local Immigration Partnership coordinator, a new position funded by Immigration, Refugee, and Citizenship Canada.

Aruljothi’s job is to enhance collaboration, coordination, and strategic planning at the grass-roots level between newcomers and the community.

“Basically, I am a facilitator to try and bring together the local initiatives and services that are available in this area, that are already existing, that we can make use of for newcomers,” Aruljothi explained. “Then, on the other hand, I focus on bringing in newcomers and seeing what are the demands and the gaps that exist? What are the needs that they have? And then trying to bridge those gaps.”

Aruljothi spent his first month in the role building a service map to assist newcomers in finding and accessing all the many programs available regionally to help them adapt to their new homes.

He’s also in the midst of creating a

Local Partnership Council made up of area organizations and individuals and an Immigrant Advisory Table made up of newcomers to get people talking about the needs in the community.

“My job is to create a platform in order to hear from all the stakeholders that are involved directly or indirectly with the process of immigration in the Pembina Valley region,” Aruljothi said. “To reach out to people in the community.”

As an immigrant himself, Aruljothi is able to bring a very personal viewpoint to the position.

“I made use of the services that Regional Connections provided when I first came here,” he said, explaining that he grew up in Malaysia and moved to Canada 13 years ago. “So I have been a receiver of service and then now I have the opportunity to be part of the service-providing scene as a facilitator.”

Regional Connections executive director Laurie Sawatzky said Aruljothi’s work will serve to significantly enhance settlement and integration for newcomers.

“The LIP coordinator is the last piece of puzzle that we needed to take



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Vassan Aruljothi is the region’s new Local Immigration Partnership coordinator. Though independent from Regional Connections, he works out of their offices throughout the Pembina Valley.

all the services provided by Regional Connections to the next level,” she said.

Sawatzky noted the position is one

of 70 created across Canada.

“The overall objective of the initiative is to foster more welcoming and inclusive communities,” she said.

Morden taking part in Canada 150 Mosaics project

The City of Morden is taking part in a cross-Canada project this fall to mark our nation’s 150th birthday.

Morden will host the Canada 150 Mosaics project in November with a three-day workshop to create its part of the huge piece of artwork.

“Over a two-year span, a trio of artists plan to create a mural including all provinces and territories, over 80,000 paintings and 150 individual murals that, when united, will form one gigantic mural mosaic,” explained Canada 150 Mosaics project coordinator Tracy Oliver.

If the mural were ever to be connected, it would be over 365 metres wide (four football fields) by 2.5 meters (eight feet) high.

“The mural will represent a cultural mosaic, a time capsule, a visual portrayal of history, an art masterpiece from the soul of the nation,” said participating artist Phil Alain. “An art piece that fifty years from now, may inspire another generation, who will in turn be able to celebrate through the mural and maybe take it upon themselves to add to this memory.”

Morden is excited to be part of this venture, said Mayor Ken Wiebe.

“It’s a once in a life time opportunity for the community and an opportunity to show how Morden’s history has contributed to the nation,” he said.

A group of volunteers are working with the artists and providing information on the community and what could be included in Morden’s piece of the mural.

Local residents will be given an opportunity to join the project’s artists

“IT’S AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW HOW MORDEN’S HISTORY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE NATION.”

in painting a tile for the mosaic this fall. Further details will be released closer to November.

Once it’s completed, the mural will

be displayed at the Access Event Centre.

For more on the mosaic project, head to canada150mosaic.com.

Council rezones lakefront properties

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Morden has taken the final step toward protecting land around Lake Minnewasta from development.

At its July meeting, city council passed a bylaw that rezones 36 publicly-owned lots around the lake from the community reserve designation to a parks and recreation zone.

The new zoning simply affirms the city’s commitment to keeping the lakefront property as dedicated park

space, said Mayor Ken Wiebe.

It’s something that’s been in the works for some time.

“It just took until now to get it done,” said Wiebe, noting this was largely a housekeeping matter that brings the city in line with the MSTW Planning District’s development plan.

A few years ago, during the MSTW Development Plan Review, Morden hired a geotechnical consultant to figure out a safe limit for development around the lake.

The study determined a develop-

ment setback limit that protects the slope of the bank and the natural vegetation on the slope.

“So this basically now all becomes park space ... all the property we took possession of, that was our goal right from the get-go, because it falls within the setback,” explained Wiebe.

“Over time we’re hoping to acquire more of the properties that are privately owned and just do the same thing with them.”

CFDC marks Shark Week

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre held their very own Shark Week to educate visitors about the prehistoric predators that once swam the seas of Cretaceous Manitoba.

"Many people think that we are very far from the sea when we were actually once in a seaway," said CFDC's field and collection manager Victoria Markstrom.

That body of water, called the Western Interior Seaway, stretched from the Arctic to Mexico and contained various kinds of sharks that could grow up to seven meters in length.

The CFDC has about 30-40 specimens of shark fossils, some of which were on special display all last week.

"Sharks are primarily made of cartilage, so they degrade quickly" Markstrom explained, adding that most of the shark fossils found are shark teeth and vertebrae, which visitors are often surprised to see. "People don't

realize that we had these creatures in Manitoba."

Corrina Rivard, CFDC's interpretive programmer, explained that there are over 30 dig sites in Manitoba where various fossils of prehistoric marine life have been found.

In recent years the museum has incorporated Shark Week into their Dino Day Camp program with shark themed crafts and activities.

"Dino Day Camp is an educational camp with a lot of fun involved as well," said Rivard.

Youth program coordinator Brooklyn Toews added that the kids are learning a lot at the camp.

"We take them outside, do marine and dino themed crafts, videos and museum tours," she said.

Dino Day Camp runs through to the end of August with sessions for kids age three to five in the mornings and six to 10 in the afternoons.

Contact the museum for more information.



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Brooklyn Toews, Melvick Pakingan and William Wiebe posing with shark themed merchandise after a day of Shark Week crafts and discovery at the CFDC last week.

Winkler council eyeing improvements to 15th St.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Big changes are coming down the pike for 15th St. in Winkler.

At its July 25 meeting, city council discussed several proposals put forward by the transportation/utilities committee for improvements to the busy roadway.

With the new school about to be built in the Pine Ridge development, the committee has started looking at ways to make 15th St. safer for vehicular and pedestrian traffic alike.

Among the suggestions being considered include installing a four-way stop at the intersection of Grandeur Ave. and 15th St. and a roundabout at the Roblin Blvd. intersection.

"I feel very strongly that the roundabout will happen," says Mayor Martin Harder. "It's scheduled for 2019, so obviously that's going to be involving the next council season, but yet at the same time the preliminary drawings and all that stuff will be done beforehand."

A roundabout is the safest option for the Roblin intersection, he added, since a four-way stop there has the potential to back traffic up onto the nearby Hwy. 14.

"We don't want that to happen," Harder said, "so that's the reason the discussion is around having a roundabout, so the traffic continues to flow through there and it merges in and

clears the intersection much quicker."

The city is also looking at widening the road with shoulders to ensure that it's more accessible.

These changes are still a few years away; closer at hand is a plan to change parking from the west side to the east side of 15th St. south of the railway tracks to Pembina Ave.

"The reason for that is because of the number of driveways that are off 15th on the west side of the road, and also the fact that the walking is on the east side of the road," Harder explained. "This is actually going to gain some parking spaces."

Once parking is moved to the other side of the street alongside the wide

walking path, council will also look at removing the old sidewalk on the west side.

"That little narrow sidewalk ... is really pretty useless, so there may be a possibility of widening the road there and creating opportunities for a little more space to get through so you don't need to worry about hitting somebody's mirror," Harder said.

Council also heard an update on the waste water treatment plant.

Bad soil conditions at the site may mean the project will come in significantly higher than expected.

"The preliminary soil tests have been done ... and the soil conditions are not suitable," Harder said. "Those

tanks are going to be huge and filled with water. It's a huge amount of pressure, so you need a lot of piles underneath it or else if you lower it into the base a little bit you can get away with less piles and then you have to put a lift station inside the unit.

"So they're looking at the alternatives, whether or not the cost factor is going to be a lot less by lowering it," he said. "That's kind of the indication we have right now."

These mitigation procedures will impact the final price, but it's uncertain right now by how much.

"The estimate will be done over the next two, three weeks," Harder said.

Miami Show & Shine on Aug. 13

Miami hosts its third annual Show and Shine Car Show next weekend.

On Aug. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., all classic or special vehicles are invited to park and shine on the grass of the Community Memory Garden.

The day will also include musical entertainment from local band Group Therapy, a fundraising barbecue, and a rainbow auction.

Proceeds from the festivities are earmarked for the Miami Railway Sta-

tion Museum and the town's curling club, which are co-hosting the event.

The museum hopes to build a platform around its building that will allow people with mobility issues to enter the main floor and enjoy the many artifacts on display there. The platform will also serve to restore the museum to its original appearance and act as a display area.

The Miami Curling Club, meanwhile, is raising funds to replace the

rink's leaky roof. The club has active participation from the community, with junior and school curling programs as well as mens and ladies leagues.

Following the Car Show that day, the Miami Post Secondary Educational Organization will hold their annual Duck Race fundraiser.

Purchase a duck to race down Kerby Ave. in water provided by the Miami fire department.

Parkland stage renos on track for festival weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Workers are putting the finishing touches on the Parkland stage in the lead up to next week's Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition.

Thanks to funding from Triple E, the backstage area has been transformed to include a permanent washroom and change room, as well as additional storage space.

Mayor Martin Harder said the renovations should be completed by next week.

"It's full steam ahead. It will be done before the Harvest Festival," he said. "All the facilities will be in place and used.

"The windows are in, they're working on the inside, the wiring's being done," Harder added. "It's looking very nice."

Performers at the festival have previously had to make due with using

Work on Winkler's festival stage should be completed in time for Harvest Festival.

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portable washrooms or RVs parked behind the stage.

This upgrade takes things to the next level, the mayor said.

"It will make a huge difference for

performers. I think we will likely see additional events taking place there by major performers that currently maybe [thought] it was a little bit of a two-bit operation when you're using

portable washrooms to change in.

"This is a huge improvement," Harder added. "Accessibility, maneuverability is going to be a huge change that will just make for a better venue.

Senior injured in 1st St. scooter-car collision

Winkler police continue to investigate a serious accident involving a scooter and a vehicle that occurred last week.

On July 25 just after 4 p.m., emergency crews were called to the intersection of 1st St. and Roblin Blvd. after a car travelling westbound struck an eastbound scooter.

Police says the car was proceeding to turn left onto 1st St. when it hit the scooter as it travelled east on Roblin Blvd.

The 75-year-old male driver of the scooter was transported to Boundary Trails Health Centre and later transferred to the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

Traffic analysts attended the scene to reconstruct the accident.

A few other items of note in the Winkler and Morden weekly police reports include:

- July 24: Shortly before 9 a.m. police received a report of a male sitting in a vehicle parked at a local bank. The caller stated the driver and vehicle are often parked on the lot and found this to be suspicious.

When police arrived they noted a strong odor of marijuana in the vehicle. Further inspection found a plastic bag containing a large amount of the drug, cash, and paraphernalia used for selling marijuana.

The man was arrested and now faces charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of

property obtained by crime.

- July 25: At approximately 1:45 p.m., Winkler police received a report of a man chasing a woman in the area of 2nd St. and Stanley Ave.

Officers arrived and spoke with the man, who told police he was having an argument with his girlfriend and that she did not want to talk to him.

Police observed the man was unsteady on his feet and had a strong odor of liquor on his breath. The man admitted he was intoxicated.

Police learned the man was on a probation order to abstain from the consumption of alcohol or drugs. He was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with breach of probation.

- July 26: Last week, Morden police reported investigations involving the fraudulent use of a credit card at two businesses in town.

This week, police received information from three other businesses involving the same credit card scam and suspects.

The card was used at Saban and Company with purchases totaling around \$250, at The Dollar Store for \$77 in purchases, and Appelt's Jewellery for an amount of just over \$400.

These purchases all took place in

June but the companies were only notified in July of the unauthorized transactions. Police are continuing their investigation.

- July 29: Winkler police received a report at approximately 12:30 p.m. of a dog inside a vehicle parked at the Southland Mall. The caller stated that the dog appeared to be in distress.

The owner of the vehicle emerged from one of the stores shortly after police arrived. She told officers she had only been in the store for five to 10 minutes.

Police informed the driver that a small dog covered in fur can begin to show signs of medical distress after approximately five minutes.

Officers were satisfied, however, that the dog was not in distress and no offense had occurred.

- July 30: A 31-year-old male from Winkler is facing charges of assault with a weapon and breach of probation following an incident Sunday afternoon in Morden.

Around 4:10 p.m., police received a report of a man that had attended a home to speak with the owner. The two exchanged words that ended in the male pulling out a knife and waving it around.

The suspect was located later in the evening by Winkler police and turned over to Morden officers. He was released on a promise to appear and undertaking with conditions to have no contact or communication with the victim.

- July 30: Four males are facing assault and weapons charges in relation to an incident Sunday evening.

Around 7 p.m., Morden police received a call from a female requesting assistance as her husband had just been just assaulted by three males with weapons.

The suspects entered the property and started fighting with the victim, kicking him and at one point using a weapon with nails.

Police attended and spoke with the victim, who had lacerations to his hip. He was treated in hospital for his injuries and released.

The three suspects, along with the driver of their vehicle, were all arrested a short time later in Morden.

The weapon used in this incident as well as a machete was seized from inside the vehicle.

Facing charges are two men from Altona, age 24 and 29, a 20-year-old man from Winkler, and a 17-year-old.

Former Winnipeg police chief shares humble roots

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The libraries in Winkler, Morden, and Manitou hosted as guest reader

former Winnipeg police chief Devon Clunis last week.

Clunis was joined by his wife Pearlene to read from their book *The*



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Devon and Pearlene Clunis were at the libraries in Winkler, Morden, and Manitou last week to share their book, *The Little Boy from Jamaica*.

Little Boy from Jamaica, which chronicles Clunis' humble beginnings growing up in Jamaica, his immigration to Canada at age 11 and the struggles that followed, and his eventual rise through the police ranks to become our nation's first black police chief.

"I tell people when they hear this story that you will see yourself somewhere in this story ... because it's a story of what can happen in any child's life when they have the right type of supports," said Clunis.

For Clunis, that support came from his Gr. 6 teacher, Miss Hanna, who believed in him and encouraged him to believe in himself.

"She was willing to invest in me," he said.

Racial identity also plays a role in Clunis' story. He recalls that as a child he never saw a black police officer in Winnipeg and wasn't even aware it a potential career path for him.

"We're talking about the late '70s, early '80s, Winnipeg wasn't a very diverse city," he said. "I remember when I first arrived here and sat in the classroom and looked around ... there was nobody else that looked like me.

"And anytime I would watch television back then, bad guys always looked like me ... and I thought, that's not true," Clunis said. "As a teenager I remember making this decision. I said, 'One day I'm going to do something to set an example for other kids that look like me and also for the broader community that you don't have to be a stereotype. You can be anything that you desire.'"

A few years later, Clunis was encouraged by a police officer to consider law enforcement as a career.

"I realized that by becoming a police officer I would serve my core purpose: other kids that look like me will see you can be the police officer and not the guy in the back of the police car in handcuffs."

Clunis traces his success in life right back to Miss Hanna, who he was able to thank personally when he tracked her down a few years ago, right before he was named chief of police.

"I told her that if not for you and what you did for me all those years ago, I would not even be in the position to apply," he said. "I said, 'You probably did this for hundreds of other kids but they never thanked you. So I want to say thank you for all of those kids, as well.'"

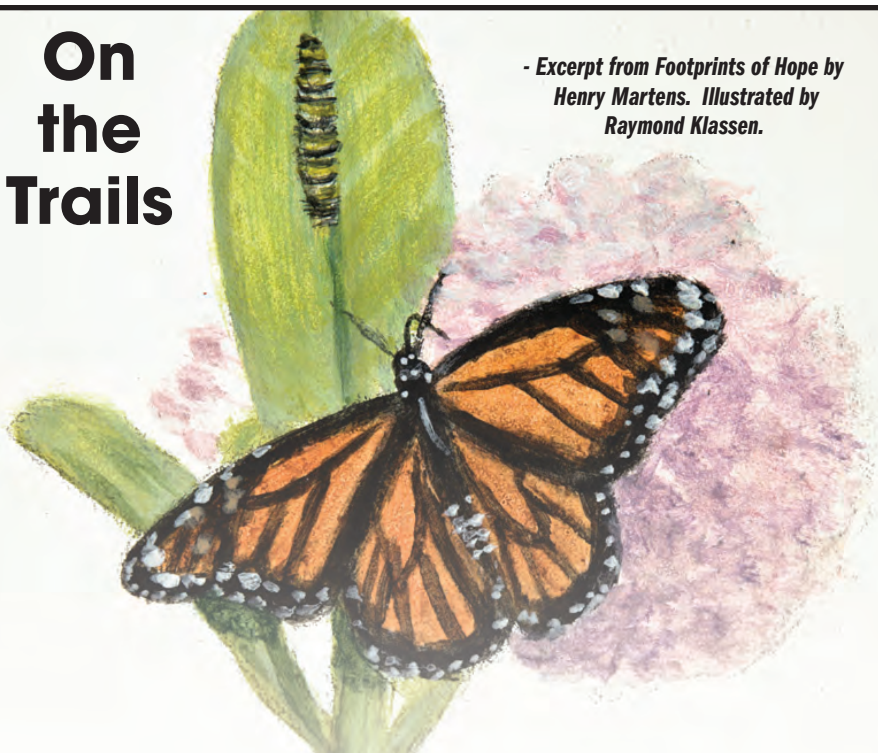
It's a message Clunis hopes will resonate with readers of all ages.

"You never know what will be the ripple effect of your act of kindness."



On the Trails

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Janzen's celebrates 25 years in business

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

Janzen's Paint and Decorating celebrated 25 years of business with a customer appreciation luncheon and tent sale Monday.

Spent Bros. catered the event with pizza, burgers, and potato salad as customers and families enjoyed their lunch in an outdoor tent.

Store owner Doug Janzen started the company as a young entrepreneur, opening a Benjamin Moore store in Winkler in 1992.

"There was nobody that was exclusively a paint store," recalled Janzen. "We were part of a test to see if they could run a paint store in Winkler."

It was proof positive that the model worked, and since then Janzen's Paint and Decorating has expanded to include locations in Steinbach and Brandon.

The Winkler store itself has also seen four major expansions since opening its doors decades ago, as it continually expands its offerings of products and services.

In addition to paint and stain products, the store sells a wide range of hobby essentials, art supplies, and vacuum cleaners.

"The passion that I had when I started is still here 25 years later," said Janzen on what's kept him growing his business all these years.

A big part of that growth has been the company's many loyal customers, he added.

"We are very grateful to our customers," Janzen said, which is why hosting a thank you barbecue seemed the best way to celebrate the milestone anniversary. "I just want to give back to the community."

"Our customers are number one," he added. "Part of be-

ing in retail is helping customers in their projects. There is a sense of joy in being a part of that."

There's joy, too, in seeing the next generation of customers start to tackle their own home improvement projects.

"The next generation is moving in," said Janzen.

A dedicated staff have been another key part of the store's success over the years.

"I rely on great staff who have the same passion to help people like I do," said Janzen.

Janzen's Paint and Decorating plans to wrap up its current Winkler expansion project this fall and then tackle similar renos at the Steinbach store.

The business will also be updating their website and creating how-to videos to help their customers with their home projects.

Janzen explained that the key to a good project is creating the right atmosphere.

"Some people think that a can of paint is just a can of paint," he said, "but to so many people colour is an attitude."

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Doug Janzen of Janzen's Paint and Decorating hosted an anniversary barbecue Monday to mark the store's 25th anniversary in Winkler.

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Youth from The Bunker were in Puerto Rico last month to lend a hand with work projects at a school for the deaf (above) and at a Vacation Bible School (right).



Bunker youth lend a hand in Puerto Rico

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Bunker youth ministry in Winkler wrapped up its fourth mission trip to Puerto Rico last month.

A group of 21 youth and chaperones headed south for two weeks in July to spread the word of God through both words and deeds.

The first week of the trip was spent helping out with work projects at a school for the deaf, while the second week saw the group lending a hand at a Vacation Bible School program.

A highlight for the team was seeing

all the changes that have happened at the community centre they've helped the church there build over the past decade.

The building, known as El Refugio (The Refuge), is now complete, says trip leader Harold Espinosa.

"It's a miracle," he says. "We had tremendous support and prayer from this community, and I think that's what made a difference: the community here sharing a love to people they don't even know, to help them become a lighthouse for Jesus."

As much good as the church down

there is doing for its own community, these mission trips, which started in 2011 and have run every other year since, are having an equally life-changing impact on the local kids taking part.

"For many it's an opportunity to figure out who they are," says Espinosa. "Who they are as a Christian. What does God really want from them?"

"For those that have been coming on multiple trips and seen all the changes in the years between, there's a sense of accomplishment that their life is doing something amazing for God."

For 16-year-old Madison Hildebrand, who was along for the second time this year, the best part is building relationships both with her fellow

group members and the people in Puerto Rico.

"There's all these connections that you make out there because it's really different to be able to connect with people for two weeks, just being stuck together and learning a lot about each other," she says.

"And the church out there, you feel very connected right away," says Hildebrand. "It's very open and very welcoming ... no one feels left out, no one feels shy to share, no one feels like they're being judged."

"You can feel the holy spirit in it," adds Mackay Hollins, 22, another returning group member.

"The sense of community they have out there ... they welcome you with open arms," he says. "I wish I didn't have to leave."

Hollins says it's amazing to see kids at the VBS who remembered him from two years ago.

"I had kids saying they were glad to see me again ... that they only come to the VBS when The Bunker's doing it."

"The kids are very receptive," agrees Sierra Peters, 18. "They really enjoy our presence and they're always super excited to see us."

Like Hollins and Hildebrand, Peters was taking part for the second time around and says it was the people who brought her back.

"It's the connections I make with people out there ... the people of the Bunker, the people down there," she says. "It feels like home."



The Bunker youth ministry sent a team of 21 youth and chaperones on a mission trip to Puerto Rico last month.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Aviation pioneer honoured with commemorative coin

By Lorne Stelmach

A lifetime of experience in restoring and building aircraft has earned a local man a worldwide following as an aviation pioneer and inventor.

Among Bob Diemert's fans is the man behind a company that is not only inspired to revive the Avro Arrow Canadian fighter aircraft but also a mint that specializes in silver coins dedicated to our air force legacy.

That combination led not only to Beaverworks Canada presenting Diemert with a commemorative coin recently, but also landed the Carman resident encouragement for his latest venture.

"Your passion, commitment and expertise is an inspiration," Joseph Green wrote in a letter accompanying a limited edition coin dedicated to the Hawker Hurricane, a historic aircraft with which Diemert has a special connection as a result of a past restoration project.

"I guess they've been following my career for some time," said Diemert of the gift. He is, though, much more interested in his current project than recognition for his past accomplishments.

"YOUR PASSION, COMMITMENT, AND EXPERTISE IS AN INSPIRATION."

He and his project partner Chris Ball at his Friendship Field in Carman have been working for three years now on a prototype vehicle which he sees as the answer to the food and transportation problems of the north.

Called a WIG—which stands for wing in ground effect, the phenomena pilots experience when they're flying close to a surface—it is sort of a cross between an airplane and a boat and could be used year-round to quickly and cheaply transport products over water or even ice, maintains Diemert.

"What we're building is going to cut the cost of food for the north by more than 50 per cent. It's designed to haul cargo loads ... big loads," he said.

"We're getting to the point now where we're going to start assembling ... all the pieces are pretty well built ... we're going to put it together this winter," said Diemert, estimating he and Ball had it about 80 per cent complete.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Carman's Bob Diemert recently received a limited edition commemorative coin dedicated to the Hawker Hurricane, a historic aircraft that was at the centre of a past Diemert restoration project.



"It's too bad it's not ready yet because they could sure use it in Churchill right now."

It's the latest chapter in a storied career that has led Diemert around the world.

Described by some as an aviation visionary, Diemert has among his claims to fame having a role in the movie *The Battle of Britain* because he not only restored the British Hawker Hurricane fighter aircraft but was enlisted to fly it.

He has travelled to exotic locales like the Solomon Islands to acquire and then painstakingly restore such aircraft as a Japanese Zero fighter, one of very few still in existence.

Diemert even became the subject of a film called *The Defender*, a Canadian documentary of the plans of Diemert and Ball to build the next Canadian fighter aircraft.

As for the commemorative coin, Beaverworks Canada now also owes another debt of gratitude to Diemert and Ball.

The original plans for a coin dedicated to the Spitfire changed to commemorating the Battle of Britain, but the expert eyes of Diemert and Ball

spotted a problem with the illustration of the aircraft: it featured the Mk 9, which came later on and had some considerable differences from the Mk 2 version used in the Battle of Britain. The model selected did not have enough wing mounted cannons and had a four-blade propeller, whereas the Battle of Britain Spitfire had a three blade propeller.

"The Mk 2 looks considerably different. It's also a lot smaller. Bob has flown both, so he knows," noted Ball.

"This is the sort of thing that we diehard aviation enthusiasts would pick up on," he added. "They already had the first hundred coins in production ... so I guess they're going to be a little bit of a rarity."

The company have promised to send out a corrected version of the coin in the future in addition to the one Diemert already received of the Hawker Hurricane.

Diemert does appreciate the recognition, but

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Winkler hosts Filipino Picnic

The Pembina Valley's Filipino community held its annual Filipino Picnic at Winkler Park late last month. Organizers say the day gave the growing group a chance to mingle and celebrate their culture with fellow immigrants to the Winkler, Morden, and Altona area. The picnic also featured traditional Filipino sports like patintero, tumbang preso, sipa, and many others.

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• HEALTH CORNER

The ins and outs of weight loss surgery in Manitoba

Weight loss surgery, or bariatric surgery, is a group of procedures that can help people who are very obese lose weight when they have not been able to, despite efforts to improve their diet and increase the amount they exercise.

This surgery has been available through the public health care system in Manitoba since 2010. Because the rate of obesity in Manitoba is very high, and there is only one surgical team, the wait time is often longer than one year.

Who can benefit?

Weight loss surgery is not for everyone. It is not designed to help you



By Dr. Dan Hunt

lose five pounds for "bikini season." It is for those who have struggled for years to keep their weight under control and are suffering from problems caused by excess weight.

It is only needed when a person is severely obese. Obesity is measured by body mass index (BMI), which measures how heavy someone is relative to their height. You can calculate your own BMI at nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/lose_wt/BMI/bmicalc.htm.

Only those with a BMI over 40 are eligible for weight loss surgery in Manitoba or over 35 if you have a weight related health problem such as diabetes. A person must also be highly motivated to lose weight, willing to follow a strict diet lifelong, and to exercise regularly. Only those between ages 18-59 qualify, and smokers are not eligible.

What are the benefits?

Studies have shown that in combination with improved diet and regular exercise, weight loss surgery can help people lose more than half of their excess weight. Many people will remain overweight, but much less so than before.

Many weight related health condi-

tions can be improved or resolved after weight loss surgery, including: diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea, hip and knee pain, heartburn, and depression.

Some people with diabetes and high blood pressure may no longer need their medications after surgery because their blood sugar and blood pressure will improve so much. People often rate their overall quality of life better after weight loss surgery.

What is the downside?

Like any surgery, there is a risk of complications occurring during or after the procedure. Because the people undergoing the surgery often have some health problems to begin with, weight loss surgery is higher risk than, for example, having your ap-

pendix removed.

In addition to the risks of the surgery itself, a person needs to commit to a drastic change in their diet, and maintain this for a lifetime. This affects what, when and how a person eats.

There is also a requirement for life-long vitamin supplements. If a person does not stick to the diet changes the surgery won't work, and new problems can arise.

If you think you would benefit from weight loss surgery, or simply want to find out more about it, contact your family doctor or nurse practitioner.

You can also find reliable information at asmbs.org/patients, which is the website for the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

> DIEMERT, FROM PG. 13

more so the support for his ongoing work.

"He's very interested in this WIG we're building and wants to promote it as much as he can," said Diemert of Green.

"I am inspired to know people

like you exist," wrote Green.

"You continue to pursue cutting edge designs and have established a pedigree of excellence within your workmanship that is second to none."

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Barracudas finish strong at home meet

On a scorcher of a day Sunday, the Winkler Barracudas hosted the Swim Manitoba Summer Swim's second-last meet of the season.

The meet drew 110 swimmers in all from Pilot Mound, Manitou, Neepawa, and Beausejour, including nearly the entire Barracuda squad with 36 swimmers.

Eighty-eight of the Barracudas' 175 entries resulted in top three finishes.

Jack Penner, Finn Soltis, and Jace Zacharias earned first place finishes in all five races that they competed in. Also finishing in the top three in multiple races were Scarlett Enns, Finley Folkett, Brittany Chavarria, Flora Penner, Kaylea Peters, Levi Gerbrandt, Khyler Sherrington-Voth, and Cole Thiessen

The meet also saw Sherrington-Voth become the first swimmer to set a record time in the 8U boys 200 metre backstroke.

After swimming nearly a quarter



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Over 100 swimmers, including 36 Winkler area youth, took part in the Barracudas' home meet on Sunday.

kilometer at only seven years old, he cracked Swim Manitoba's threshold time for a record in the event by just

over six seconds and improved on his personal best by nearly 12 seconds at the same time.

The 'Cudas get the next two weekends off to rest up for the Aug. 20 championship meet in Beausejour.

End of the line for Pembina Valley Orioles

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Orioles' season came to a close at the hands of the St. James A's last week.

After bouncing back from a 3-2 game one loss on July 23 to decisively take game two 12-5 July 24, the wheels fell off the cart for the Orioles.

St. James took game three last Tuesday 7-4 and then finished off the Orioles in game four Wednesday night.

That final game saw St. James up 6-0 after just two innings, bumping that up to 9-0 by the fourth.

"The indication was that it wasn't going to go very well when the first guy got a triple," said coach Joe Wiwchar, noting the game went downhill from there.

Still, on their side of the fourth inning, Pembina Valley got five runs in, including a three-run home run by

Justin Odlum.

But it was to be the last time the Orioles made their way across home plate, while St. James added three more nails in Pembina Valley's coffin to take the game 11-5.

St. James now faces the Elmwood Giants in the championship finals.

The Orioles finished this summer

in sixth place in the regular season standings with a 9-15 record. They then bested the Altona Bisons in two straight games in the quarter finals.

"It's been an up and down season," said Wiwchar, noting the team struggled with consistency throughout the summer. "We'd play really well but we just couldn't continue that—we'd win

a game and then lose the next one."

Next year will be a building year for the Orioles as they bid farewell to seven graduating players.

Wiwchar hopes to secure commitments from a number of Morden-Winkler midget players eligible to play junior ball next summer.

"The prospects are good," he said.

Hurricanes fall to Fusion 4-2

In the lone local adult soccer game of the week, the South Central Hurricanes fell to Fusion 4-2 July 26.

Scoring for the 'Canes were Erica Heppner and Amber Wiebe.

With that, the ladies enter into the final month of regular season play with a record of 8-3-4 and 28 points.

That puts them in third place in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's 2nd Division behind SE Reunited in first and Synergy in second.

The Hurricanes host their next game on Aug. 9 against Tri-S United.

The Winkler Storm, meanwhile, had the week off. They play their next

match at home Aug. 12 against Pescara.

The Storm are currently in seventh place in the 10-team 1st Division of the Manitoba Major Soccer League. Their record so far this summer is an even five wins, five losses.

CWE brings “The Russian Nightmare” to Morden

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Canadian Wrestling Elite brings its biggest tour yet to Morden this month.

CWE's Nightmare on Elite Street Tour is stopping in 21 cities across the nation this summer, including Aug. 17 in Morden.

The tour includes as special guest headliner Nikita Koloff in his first Canadian tour.

Koloff will sign autographs and take photos prior to the matches, as well as making a special appearance as the personal mentor and corner man for WWE champion “Wrestling's Strongest Man” Tyler Colton.

Also on the tour are Ring of Honour television stars “The Last Real Man” Silas Young, “The Octopus” Jonathan Gresham, and “The Gatekeeper” Kelly Klein, Japanese wrestling sensation Kaito Kiyomiya, and over a dozen American and Canadian competitors.

Koloff, known as “The Russian Nightmare” in the ring, is a NWA/WCW wrestling legend who rose to

superstardom in the 1980s.

Though he doesn't enter the ring as a competitor these days, Koloff still loves interacting with fans old and new.

“I'm super excited about the opportunity ... it's a once-in-a-lifetime trip,” he said of the tour. “It's an opportunity to be able to give back to fans what they once gave me.”

Koloff's career in wrestling had a unique start, to say the least.

In 1984, he had his sights set on pursuing a career in football when a friend urged him to give wrestling a try.

With no experience in the sport whatsoever, he found himself in front of the National Wrestling Alliance's Jim Crockett, who decided to bill Koloff—Minneapolis born and raised—as the nephew of world tag team champion Ivan Koloff.

With that, he became “The Russian Nightmare,” working alongside Ivan and his partner Don Kernodle.

Koloff embodied the role of Soviet villain with gusto and he quickly be-

came the heel everyone loved to hate.

“My objective when I went into the ring, personally, was I was going to give 110 per cent,” he said, noting he was in character every time he appeared public. “It was fun to let that character out.”

He gave the same effort when he eventually flipped over to the hero side of the ring.

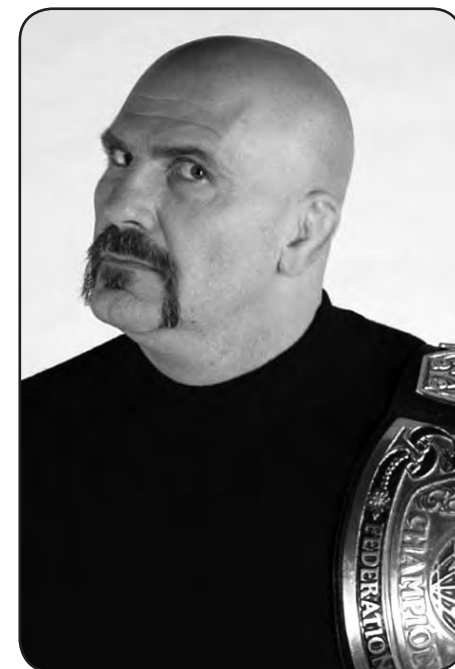
“I enjoyed both,” Koloff said. “I'm glad I got the opportunity to be on both sides of the track.”

Today, Koloff uses his wrestling popularity to spread the word of God.

He's now a preacher who heads up Koloff for Christ Ministries

“Wrestling just has become this amazing platform because of its popularity worldwide,” he said, explaining it has opened a lot of doors for his ministry.

Tickets to the Aug. 17 show, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Access Event Centre, are available in advance online at cwetickets.com or at Giant Tiger in Morden.



SUPPLIED PHOTO

Nikita Koloff, “The Russian Nightmare,” is in Morden with Canadian Wrestling Elite on Aug. 17. He'll be signing autographs and greeting fans.

Winkler Whips face Morden Mohawks in semis

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden and Winkler go head-to-head in the Border West Baseball League semi-finals this week.

The Mohawks swept their quarter-final series against Clearwater last week, taking game one 3-1 and game two 4-1 to earn a seat in the next round.

Winkler, meanwhile, needed three games to knock the Killarney Lakers out of the running.

Game one went the Lakers' way 5-1, but Winkler bounced back with a do-or-die game two win of 14-5 on Friday and then ended things with a 3-0 rout Sunday afternoon.

Morden was slated to host Winkler for game one on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Game two takes place in Winkler Friday night, with game three, if nec-

essary, back on the Mohawks' turf Sunday evening.

When they faced each other in the regular season, Winkler came out ahead of the Mohawks two games to one. Overall, though, Morden took second place behind only the Pilots in the standings, while Winkler finished in fifth.

In the league's other semi-final series, Pilot Mound takes on Cartwright.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler Whips knocked the Killarney Lakers out of the playoffs in three games with a 3-0 win Sunday afternoon. Now they face Morden in the semi-finals this week.

Morden hosts 15U AAA provincials Aug. 4-6

The top 15U baseball players in Manitoba will be in Morden this weekend.

The city hosts the 2017 15U AAA Provincial Championships Aug. 4-6.

Hometown representatives South Central will go up against four other rural regional teams and four teams from Winnipeg in their bid for the title.

South Central plays their first round robin game Friday at 11:00 a.m. at the

Morden ball diamonds.

They also play at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday before the tournament heads into playoffs on Sunday, with games at 9 a.m., noon, and 4 p.m.

The championship team will attend the Baseball Canada 15U National Championships in Summerside, PEI, while the finalist will attend the Western Canada Championships in Kamloops, B.C.



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Agriculture

Manitoba Pork chair outlines industry issues

By Harry Siemens

Representatives of Manitoba Pork took part in a commodity groups meeting with Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ralf Eichler to provide input as he prepared for his meeting next month with the provincial ag ministers.

"I would say three of the main subjects discussed were trade and labor, the environment, and our social responsibilities for pork because of the current situation in with PED virus," said Manitoba Pork chair George Matheson, who was joined by general manager Andrew Dickson. "Of course, in regards to trade, we export lots of pork out of Manitoba, about 90 per cent, and out of Canada 60 per cent, so having a strong export customer base is necessary."

Matheson very much likes the way NAFTA has worked for the hog industry in the past. A great deal of American pork flows into Canada and vice versa, and he'd like to see that continue unrestricted.

"We have expanded trade deals in China which is very important to us. Of course, Japan is critical to us as well. The Trans-Pacific Partnership that did not come to completion last year is still relevant to us, as is ETA," he added. "If we can't do a group deal with a group of countries we would very much like to see the government focus on unilateral trade agreements."

Matheson said the Pallister government has wanted to work with the pork industry in Manitoba.

"They realize that considering the numbers we export, that it's vital to us. If we want to grow this province economically we have to be willing to open up trade with all the customers we can, so the provincial government has been on board in regards to the pork exports out of this province."

When it comes to labour, Matheson said the hog industry is always struggling for labour not only on the farms but also in the two major processing plants.

"We would like to see adjustments

made to the Temporary Foreign Workers' Program so that we can use that group of individuals as much as possible," he said.

"We've found that the Temporary Foreign Workers' Program is instrumental in filling in a lot of these gaps," Matheson said, referring to jobs Canadians aren't interested in filling. "It has worked well for us. It's worked well for the individuals coming from other countries.

"Manitoba and Canadian governments both realize this, and it's necessary that they further make the necessary adjustments so that Canadian citizens or foreign workers can fill

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PHOTO BY HARRY SIEMENS/VOICE

Manitoba Pork chair George Matheson said the agency's meeting with Agriculture Minister Ralf Eichler and other provincial commodity groups revolved around trade and labour, the environment, and the industry's social responsibilities when it comes to PED virus.



By Harry Siemens

How things change so very quickly when talking about the weather in Manitoba. In preparation for this column, I sent out several tweets to hear from farmers how their crops are doing.

Heading into August, there are a few winter wheat fields that have turned colour, and we'll see what happens to them. But the big story right now is the heat and lack of rain. Then, of course, those cold fronts and the potential for some severe weather like hail. Those are all things right now that could work against the crop. We have some areas where the crop is still looking pretty good.

But the fact remains: we need rain. There are some crops that are starting just to disappear.

Ron Krahn of Rivers, MB said, "I'm amazed how heavy land crops are hanging on. Light soil crops are a write-off. I have a field of canola that will struggle to make ten bushels and acre."

Farmers hoping for rain

That's a far cry from 45-50, which is what the guys need to make a good profit. That's not all over the place, but Krahn said in his light fields, lighter soils, that's the case. The heavier soils, it was still holding out.

At the time of this writing, we needed rain right across the province and I think the same thing holds true right across Saskatchewan.

Still, there are pockets. Right here in Winkler, we've been getting some timely rains and the crop is looking great. But, you know, when you start getting this kind of heat, mind you the canola has mostly flowered seed setting. But soybeans and edible beans and corn, those kinds of crops, they still have an opportunity. When it rains, they can put on a yield.

Initially, we were looking at some pretty good crops and yields. But I think the heat and the lack of rain will have shaved some of that off and in some areas more than others.

The 'D' word, drought is raising its ugly head in Saskatchewan, and in North Dakota and other parts of the

United States.

I had a chance to visit with Alvin Klassen of the website Dried Bean World. He made a tour a week ago through Saskatchewan and Alberta, specifically to the edible beans growing. He said some areas in Saskatchewan they've had three inches of rain since seeding. Of course, all of that is under irrigation, so that was good.

Then in Alberta, into the bean growing area there, it had an inch of rain.

Then I talked to Tom Teichroeb from Langruth in the Interlake who said haven't had any rain since June 10.

"Getting very dry. No rain at all since June 10. Terrific first cut alfalfa," he said. "Thus far no second cut without rain soon. Crops burning, but the beans are okay so far."

Brian Voth of St. Agathe said they need another good rain to finish

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PED virus in Manitoba appears to be slowing down

By Harry Siemens

The Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea outbreak that spread throughout swine operations in southeastern Manitoba and two more west of the Red River since the end of April appears to be on the decline.

"We have 60 sites infected since the spring. Regarding capacity, we have 66,000 sow places, nursing barn 263,000 places, and infected barns. There are 143,000 finishing barn places potentially infected," said Manitoba Pork general manager Andrew Dickson last week. "I base that on the total capacity of a site. In some cases we had, I'd say, three barns on a site. Maybe only two of the barns are infected, and one is okay, but I don't have that. What I've given you here are the total numbers."

Dickson said the latest cases are as a result of movement of animals, infected pigs, so these aren't surprising ones.

Looking at it maybe optimistically, there wasn't an unknown outbreak for 12 days.

"It's different when you move pigs from an infected site to a fresh place because you know the pigs have got the disease, but you need the room in the original barn," Dickson said.

While the first bigger concentration outbreaks centered in southeastern Manitoba, the two latest sites are outside that area, one in Altona and the other near Lowe Farm.

"That's unfortunate. The pigs came from southeast Manitoba; it's not as though this is an infection that we didn't know where it came from, and

it's in a brand new part of the province," Dickson said. "It's created a lot of disruption in how we normally do business, and so there are all kinds of contingency plans put in place regarding the movement of animals. We're not making the most efficient use of our resources, but we're trying to do the best we can."

While production will drop a little during the recovery process, the two processing plants, Maple Leaf Foods at Brandon and HyLife Foods at Niverville, are holding their own. The processors are locating additional supplies from elsewhere to make sure things keep running efficiently.

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these job."

In regard to the environment, it remains an important issue for producers, Matheson said.

"We're doing our share. One issue that we've had to adjust to is the stoppage of winter spreading to reduce runoff. To do this, producers must increase their storages and in the past we received assistance to expand them. This way we can protect the environment and spread manure and inject it at times of the year when runoff is minimized," he said. "Well, it's

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things off, really. There's still a lot of yield potential in southern Manitoba but it's not looking so great further west.

"We're getting dry on top, still moisture in the ground from last couple

Regarding getting those original barns infected dating back to May 2, Dickson said with certain cautionary notes about where that production is going and how producers are housing it is a real balancing act. Their goal with newborn piglets infected they tend to move them from an infected nursery to an infected finisher barn to try and minimize the potential of affecting a new one.

"How do you balance the capacity of the barns that are infected as cases arise? It takes a lot of collaborative effort," he said. "What do you do about the manure from these barns? It's potentially got the disease in it."

an issue crucial to the public and producers are determined to do the right thing following some of the toughest environmental regulations in all of North America.

"Although the province is committed to having a red tape reduction campaign, our rules, for the most part, will still be in place as far as phosphorous levels, time of the year when we can spread, areas where we can spread, and the injection of the manure."

Matheson said the public needs to

The industry is collaborating where the main players involved in this have dedicated crews to look after the PEDV barns so that they don't infect or potentially infect sites that don't have the disease.

"This is huge. We're talking about a lot of equipment, a lot of crews, but they're going to service everybody, not just their barns, but they're going to do everybody else's, too," Dickson said. "In other words, they will also look after the smaller guy who doesn't have the equipment, a very positive note."

know the hog industry is doing everything necessary to protect the environment to reduce runoff into the waterways.

"We have a social campaign of late at Manitoba Pork that we feel is effective to advise and educate the public on what we're doing," he said. "There are groups in this province who have taken issue with our farming practices and present what we feel is an inaccurate side of the story."

ing to suffer.

"The winter wheat harvest will start this week, while the red spring wheat harvest in about two weeks."

Winkler, Morden tied in Canada 150 playlist challenge

Morden hosted its final week of Try-It activities July 26 with hula hoop, slackline, and hackey sack at Morden Park and taekwondo at the Access Event Centre. Morden and Winkler actually tied at 101 activities each in the ParticipACTION 150 Playlist Community Challenge as of the deadline Saturday. As a result, organizers have extended the deadline to Aug. 11 to see which community deserves bragging rights. Make a post on social media with #Morden150 or #Winkler150 or contact the recreation departments to have your activities added to the tally.



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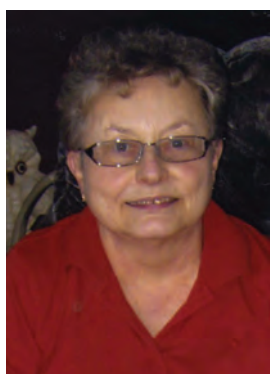
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OBITUARY

Mavis Arleen Hart (nee Rothenburger) 1938 - 2017



On Monday, July 24, 2017 Mavis Hart age 79 of Morden, MB passed away at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, MB. She is survived by two sons, Jamie (Melanie) Hart and Kevin Hart, two sisters and one brother and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Jack on July 14, 2017. A private family committal has taken place at the Chapel Columbarium, Morden, MB.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden In care of arrangements wiebefuneralhomes.com



OBITUARY

Victor John Epp



It is with very heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Victor John Epp better known as Vic (or "John" by his wife Valerie - best friend of nearly 44 years). Born October 13, 1948 in Winkler, Manitoba, he passed away peacefully at Abbotsford Regional Hospital on Sunday, July 9, 2017 surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife Valerie; daughter Robyn (Christian); son Derek (Leah); grandchildren Hannah, Emma and Jayden; as well as brothers Al (Sharie), Doug (Betty), and sister Carol (Henry); nieces and nephews.

An educator by profession he taught in Morden until he moved to Abbotsford where he taught until retirement in 2009. "Mr. Epp" had an incredible impact on those he taught and was blessed with true patience and the gift of teaching.

Vic's health took a turn in December 2011 and he battled bravely until the end. He always had a positive attitude even after all the treatments he endured.

He was a doting, loving husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by family and friends.

OBITUARY

Joe Olafson 1922 - 2017



Peacefully, with his dear wife, Annie by his side Joe Olafson, our Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, and friend, passed away quietly at 2:40 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brothers, Albert (Ruth), Siggie, Ragnar, Bill, John (Ida), and sisters, Laura (Lorne) and Grace (Rene) and brother-in law, Joe Prokopich.

His memory will be cherished by his dear wife of 64 years, Annie; his daughter, Gale and son-in-law, Bob Extence and family; his son, Morris and daughter-in-law, Mary and family; son, Garry and family; and his son, Victor. Also remembering him will be his sister-in-law, Edna Olafson; sisters-in-law, Mary Prokopich, Emma

Smith, Tina Ure (Ken), Doreen Spence (Dennis) and brother-in-law, Ed Holenski (Myrna) and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Dad was born December 24, 1922, the second son of Siggie and Anna Olafson (nee Johnson) of the 1-6 district, south of Morden, Manitoba. Dad grew up on the home farm NW 12-1-6, RM of Stanley, where Shawn Olafson now makes his home. Dad received his education at Elk Creek Country School, completing Grade 8. Following school, he worked on the farm and in January 1942, at 20 years old, Dad enlisted in the army and endured World War II throughout Italy, France, and Germany. Then, in 1945, when the European war ended, he was sent home quickly and was ready to enlist in the United States Army to fight the war against Japan, but that war came to an end before he was able to go. Following the war years, Dad worked in bush camps in Ontario, cutting wood and on the pipeline, then settling on the Home Farm in 1948, with his dad and brother John. When his dad passed away he took over the farm and his brother John moved to Alberta. On October 11th, 1952, Dad married Annie Holenski, a neighbour girl. Together, they raised three sons, Morris, Garry, and Victor, and one daughter, Gale. They worked hard together and ran a very efficient and productive farm. Always making improvements and looking to the future. In 1998, they moved off the Home Farm to Morden, but Dad remained active in the farm, always coming out to help, and up to his last days was very interested in how the farm was doing, always asking if 'The Boys' got everything done.

Dad loved sports, especially the Toronto Blue Jays, curling, golfing, and card games at the Morden Friendship Centre. He was a very competitive player and very much enjoyed his time spent at the Friendship Centre, and the many friends that he met there. Dad was also a Legion member, Morden Branch #11. It was Norris Pringle, a fellow Legion member who noted that Joe did not have his medals from the war, so he got the ball rolling with the help of Candace Bergen and Ken Wiebe and after 69 years Dad received his War Medals. He received the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and clasp and War Medal 1939-45. Dad said he would be proud to pin these on his uniform for Remembrance Day Services. Dad was always community minded. Coaching baseball, serving on the school board for many years, serving one term as a councillor for the RM of Stanley, and was an active member of St. Andrews United Church, Pearce. Dad was always willing and ready to help when needed, in a quiet and humble way.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at St. Paul's United Church, Morden with interment at the 1-6 Icelandic Cemetery. Pallbearers were the grandchildren: Garth Olafson, Shawn Olafson, Heather Fehr, David Olafson, Kalvin Olafson, Mark Olafson, Amanda Extence, and Karla Cooper.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joe's memory to Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation, designated to the Palliative Care Unit.

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The Family would like to say a very grateful thank-you to Dr. Jackson and all the nurses on the Medical Ward at Boundary Trails Health Centre for their dedicated work and caring. We wish to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy, for cards, flowers, food and donations. Every deed is very much appreciated. Thank you to Rev. Cathie Waldie for a very meaningful and sincere funeral service and to Esther Rothenburger and the U.C.W ladies, thank-you for providing lunch following the service. A very big thank you to Wiebe Funeral Chapel for their capable and caring service. All visits and kindnesses will not be forgotten. Thank You.

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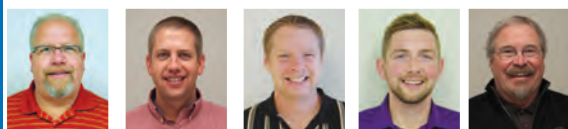


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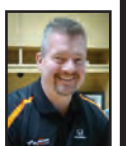
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FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE

Aerosmith Rocks

Friday, August 11 • 9 PM



Classic rock, modern country, and gospel on the Main Stage

The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition has three big acts anchoring its Main Stage lineup this year.

Kicking things off Friday night at 9 p.m. is Aerosmith Rocks, Canada's best Aerosmith tribute band.

"They are like watching the real band," says festival director Deb Penner, adding with a laugh, "some people even say they're better than the real band."

The band says they strive to capture the essence of what is Aerosmith: brash, bold musical excitement smattered with a healthy dose of sex appeal.

They cover the group's biggest hits from their '70s heyday right through to today.

Next up, on Saturday, rising Canadian country music star Gord Bamford takes the stage.

"He is a bigger name, certainly up and coming. One of those acts that maybe in a year or two would be out of our price range," says Penner. "So it's really exciting to get him just at the tipping point [of his career]."

Bamford is one of the most decorated artists in Canadian country music with 24 Canadian Country Music Association awards and multiple Juno nominations. He's also the only two-time winner of the Country Music Association's Global Country Artist Award (2013 and 2015).

His seventh studio album, *Tin Roof*, was named the 2016 CCMA Album of The Year.

Rounding out the weekend Sunday night will be Hawk Nelson, a Christian rock and pop punk band from Ontario.

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FRIDAY

THE FESTIVAL
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~ MAIN STAGE ~

6pm - 7:15pm Winkler's Musical All Stars Featuring Jayme Giesbrecht, Link Neufeld, Stephen Dueck, Bill Dowling, Frank McLean and many others.
7:30pm - 8:45pm The Hunter Brothers
9pm - 10:30pm Aerosmith Rocks Canada's premier Aerosmith tribute band.

~ KIDS ENTERTAINMENT ~

3pm - 7pm Kid's Zone Check out Safari Jeff and his creatures, including videos, displays and more. Plus, visit the petting zoo, children's games tent, obstacle course, sport demonstrations, and much more! Presented by Manitoba Hydro.
3pm & 6:30pm Safari Jeff An "edu-tainer" mixing entertainment with education about animals. His show features live animals, videos and props.

~ SHOWCASE STAGE ~

4pm Music by Tom & Lori
5pm Line Dancing Lessons
6pm Lip Sync Battle Walk up and give it a try! Prizes will be awarded.

~ ARENA ~

3pm - 9pm Stanley Agricultural Society Exhibits. A variety of displays in the arena including crops, garden vegetables, crafts, preserves, 4-H and school work. Also various agricultural and educational displays.
3pm - 9pm 4-H Manitoba Art Exhibition. In recognition of Canada's 150th, view artwork from 4-H members.
5pm Ribbon Cutting for the Rick Hansen Barrier Buster Access4All Grant

~ HORSE SHOW RING ~

8am - 6pm 4-H Open Youth Horse Show
6pm - 10pm Gymkhana A variety of challenging games on horseback like egg and spoon; also barrel racing and pole bending.

~ OFF THE GROUNDS ~

4pm - 9pm Farmers Market Winkler Arts & Culture Centre (547 Park St.)
5pm - 9pm "Trash Art" Exhibit Winkler Arts & Culture Centre (547 Park St.)

~ FOOD COURT ~

3pm - 11pm Food & Display Vendors are open! The food court is easy to find, just follow your nose! Music provided by MK Sound with Karaoke from 4 - 5pm.

SATURDAY

THE FESTIVAL
GROUNDS WILL
OPEN AT NOON

~ MAIN STAGE ~

6:30-7:15pm Big Daddy Tazz One of Canada's funniest comedians!
7pm - 8:45pm Ed Wayne and the North Border Band
9pm - 10:30pm Gord Bamford CMA and Juno award winning country performer.

~ KIDS ENTERTAINMENT ~

1pm - 5pm Kid's Zone Check out Safari Jeff and his creatures, including videos, displays and more. Plus, visit the petting zoo, children's games tent, obstacle course, sport demonstrations, and much more! Presented by Manitoba Hydro.
1pm & 4:30pm Safari Jeff An "edu-tainer" mixing entertainment with education about animals. His show features live animals, videos and props.
1pm - 6pm AquaVan Live marine animals and interactive displays.

~ SHOWCASE STAGE ~

5pm James Fehr's Classic Country Band
6pm James Fehr's Classic Country Band
7pm Cosplay Contest presented by Valley Fiber.
10pm Gaming Tournament presented by Valley Fiber.

~ ANIMAL FEATURES ~

1pm - 3pm Pet Valu Dog Picnic In the Park. Games, giveaways, and prizes for your dog! One dog per person, and please keep your dog leashed at all times.

~ ARENA ~

Noon - 9pm Stanley Agricultural Society Exhibits. A variety of displays in the arena including crops, garden vegetables, crafts, preserves, 4-H and school work. Also various agricultural and educational displays.
Noon - 9pm 4-H Manitoba Art Exhibition. In recognition of Canada's 150th, view artwork from 4-H members.
Noon - 9pm Special exhibit showing Canada's history through artifacts. Presented by the Winkler Heritage Museum and located in the arena.

~ SPORTING/FITNESS EVENTS ~

9am - 4pm Beach Volleyball Tournament
1:30pm - 5pm Strong Man Competition Watch these amazing feats of strength, taking place between the arena and swimming pool. With a new women's class!

~ HORSE SHOW RING ~

9am - 6pm Light Horse & Pony Show

~ EVENTS OFF THE GROUNDS ~

7am - 10am Free Pancake Breakfast Access Credit Union, 295 Main Street
10am Parade Begins at Pembina and 15th Street traveling north. It turns east onto Mountain Avenue, then north onto Main Street. At Roblin the parade turns west and disperses at Park Street. The parade begins at 10am sharp and is about two miles long.
Noon - 6pm Farmers Market Outdoors at the Arts and Culture Centre, across from the arena. (547 Park Street)
1pm - 9pm "Trash Art" exhibit Located in the Arts and Culture Centre. Free admission to see the work of local artists and refreshments available for purchase.

~ FOOD COURT ~

Noon - 11pm Food & Display Vendors are open! The food court is easy to find, just follow your nose! Music provided by MK Sound with Karaoke from 3 - 4pm.

SUNDAY

GROUNDS OPEN AT NOON,
EXCEPT FOR THOSE
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SERVICE AT THE MAIN STAGE.

~ COMMUNITY CELEBRATION/APPRECIATION ~

4pm Free Watermelon & Roll Kuchen Food Court (Under the dining tent). While supplies last - be first in line to try this traditional Mennonite hot summer snack.
10pm Triple E Developments Fireworks You can see them from anywhere on the grounds, but head down to the Main Stage to be part of the countdown to wrap up the Festival.

~ MAIN STAGE ~

10am - 11:30am Community Worship Service
6pm - 6:45pm The Boy and the Sea Winnipeg based Christian band.
7pm - 8:15pm Flood The Stone
8:30pm - 10:00pm Hawk Nelson
10:00pm FIREWORKS Made possible by FB Industries.

~ KID'S ENTERTAINMENT ~

1pm - 5pm Kid's Entertainment and Active Zone Check out the petting zoo, children's games tent, obstacle course, sport demonstrations and much more! Presented by Manitoba Hydro.
1pm & 4:30pm Safari Jeff An "edu-tainer" mixing entertainment with education about animals. His show features live animals, videos and props.

~ SHOWCASE STAGE ~

CULTURAL VARIETY SHOW PRESENTED BY FOLKLORAMA
2pm Melos Ukrainian Folk Ensemble
3pm Winnipeg Steel Drum Caribbean Duo
4pm Evans Coffie, African drumming and dance
5pm Café Latino, Mexican music
6pm Marco Castillo and Brazilian Beats

~ ARENA ~

1pm - 4pm Stanley Agricultural Society Exhibits. A variety of displays in the arena including crops, garden vegetables, crafts, preserves, 4-H and school work. Also various agricultural and educational displays.

~ HORSE SHOW RING ~

11:30 am Manitoba Gymkhana Rodeo Association competition

~ EVENTS OFF THE GROUNDS ~

1pm - 9pm "Trash Art" exhibit Located in the Arts and Culture Centre. Free admission to see the work of local artists.

~ FOOD COURT ~

Noon - 11pm Food & Display Vendors are open! The food court is easy to find, just follow your nose! While you're there, check out the new photo booth, \$2 for four poses! Music provided by MK Sound with Karaoke from 3 - 4pm.



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Parking: Parking is available on the lot off Grandeur Avenue and at the Winkler Arena. Those lots fill up quickly. When full, consider parking on side streets or at the green space located along North Railway Ave. We encourage you to walk, bike or car pool to the grounds.

Volunteers: Look for our superhero volunteers in red shirts. They can answer many of your questions.

Information Station: Located at the East Entrance to the Fair Grounds, off of Park Street, between the pool and arena.

Baby Area: Pfahl's Drugs provides a baby change area. Ask a volunteer for its location or check the site map in your schedule of events

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site map in your schedule of events. This trailer is not manned, but offers some basic first aid supplies.

Special Needs: The Harvest Festival offers handicapped parking on the lot off Grandeur Avenue.

Lost Kids: The Harvest Festival has a meeting place for lost kids. Look for the large LOST KIDS banner near the Main Stage. Please talk to your children and agree to meet at the camper if you are separated. Harvest

Festival staff will bring lost children to the camper and look after them until their parents are located.

Lost & Found: If you've lost or found something, come to the Lost & Found site at the Information Station.

Parental Escort Policy: The Harvest Festival requires that children 12 and under be accompanied by an adult 21 years or older after dark.

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Gord Bamford

Saturday, August 12 • 9 PM



"We actually had them at the concert hall back when they were just starting their career," Penner says. "In the meantime, they've recorded seven albums and are doing very, very well."

Hawk Nelson have won two Canadian GMA Dove awards in addition to numerous GMA and Juno nominations.

"It's going to be another great show," Penner says. "We love to really have some energy leading up to the fireworks on the Sunday evening and I'm sure they're

Hawk Nelson

Sunday, August 12 • 8:30 PM



going to provide that."

Penner noted that with Canada celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, the festival made an effort to feature only Canadian performers.

"To support Canadian artists specifically in a year like this I think is important," she says. "We have so much talent in this country and you see more and more of it all the time."

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Plenty of variety in Main Stage openers

The headliners certainly aren't the only draw to the Main Stage next weekend.

Opening for the Aerosmith tribute show on the Friday night will be Winkler's Musical All-Stars featuring Jayme Giesbrecht, Link Neufeld, Stephen Dueck, Bill Dowling, Frank McLean, and many others. They're followed by country group The Hunter Brothers.

Taking the stage Saturday prior to rising country star Gord Bamford's show will be Winnipeg comedian Big Daddy Tazz followed by Ed Wayne and the North Border Band.

Finally, rounding out Sunday will be The Boy and the Sea and Flood the Stone opening for Hawk Nelson.

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SHOWCASE STAGE

Showcase Stage offers alternatives

Looking for an alternative to the Main Stage entertainment? The festival's Showcase Stage has got you covered.

The festival's second stage features a varied lineup each afternoon at its location on the eastern end of the fairgrounds.

Opening the stage Friday at 4 p.m. are Tom & Lori. They're followed by line dancing lessons at 5 p.m. and the Lip Synch Battle at 6 p.m.

Following the Pet Fashion Show at 3 p.m., Tom & Lori return to perform again at 4 p.m. on Saturday. They're followed by the James Fehr's Classic Country Band at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., the stage hosts a Cosplay Contest. Things wrap up with a Gaming Tournament starting at 10 p.m.

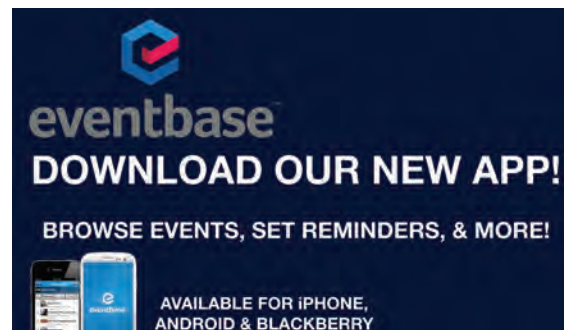


An eclectic group of performers will once again take to the Showcase Stage festival weekend.

On Sunday the stage embrace's our city's diversity with a cultural showcase presented by Folklorama.

First up at 2 p.m. is the Melos Ukrainian Folk Ensemble. They're followed by the Winnipeg Steel Drum Caribbean Duo at 3 p.m., African drumming and dance from Evans Coffie at 4 p.m., Café Latino at 5 p.m., and Marco Castillo & Brazilian Beats at 6 p.m.

Festival app has info on the go



The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition has launched a new mobile app to help festival-goers stay up-to-date on all the goings on at the fairgrounds.

The free EventBase app is available for iPhone, Android, and Blackberry and includes everything you need to know to get the most out of this year's festival.

"It seemed like a really great way for people to stay in touch and be interactive with the schedule," says festival director Deb Penner.

The app includes the entire three-day schedule, and allows people to pick their favourite events for reminders and use the built-in map to navigate.

It's the festival's way of stepping into the future, Penner says.

"That's where they get their information. It's at their fingertips all day long ... so why not try to pull that in then as part of the experience of the festival?" she said.

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As always, the Horse Show Ring will be a hopping place all weekend long.

Friday sees the 4-H Open Youth Horse Show run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., followed by the Gymkhana from 6-10 p.m.

On Saturday will be the Light Horse & Pony Show from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday hosts the Manitoba Gymkhana Rodeo Association competition starting at 11:30 a.m.

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Phil Ens heads up Saturday parade

A prominent business leader will be at the head of the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition's Saturday morning parade.

The City of Winkler has selected Triple E founder Phil Ens as the 2017 Grand Marshal.

"Phillip Ens has been a contributor to our community for over 50 years," said Mayor Martin Harder. "We felt what better way to honour him than during Canada's 150 and at the same time as he's getting the Order of Manitoba."

Ens was one of 12 Manitobans inducted into the Order of Manitoba last month.

"This was actually in the works before he got that honour," Harder noted, stressing the importance of recognizing stand-out Winklerites. "It's not just a financial contribution that makes one valuable to a community. I think people who are individuals with distinction are appropriate to be the parade marshal."

"We don't always have a parade marshal, per se, every year, but if we can, if there's some exceptional things that have happened, then we want to make sure that we recognize that."

The parade begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12 at the corner of Mountain Ave. and 15th St. It travels east on Mountain Ave., north on Main St., and then west on Roblin Ave. to finish up at Park St.

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The Kid's Zone will include carnival games, a petting zoo, obstacle course, sports demonstrations, and a host of other fun and games.

The zone will also host Safari Jeff and his menagerie of live reptiles and hands-on educational activities. He performs at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Also on-site this year is the AquaVan, which will be set up on Saturday from 1-6 p.m. and feature marine animals and interactive displays.

The Kid's Zone is open 3-7 p.m. on Friday, 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday.



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Check out the other 4-H activities at the fair!

71 years of exhibition



The 71st annual edition of the Stanley Agricultural Society's Exhibition takes over the Winkler arena all three days of the festival.

One of the largest remaining exhibitions in Manitoba, the Winkler exhibition features a variety of display categories, including garden vegetables, crops, crafts and hobbies, 4-H and school work, and more.

Also on display in the arena are a host of agricultural and educational displays for kids and adults alike.

The exhibition runs from 3-9 p.m. on Friday, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

If you'd like to take part in the exhibition, check out stanleyagsociety.com for entry details.

While you're in the arena, also be sure to check out the 4-H Manitoba Art Exhibition. In honour of Canada's 150th, artwork from 4-H members from across Manitoba will be on display in the arena lobby Friday and Saturday.

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