

Key to the city for hometown hero

> Winkler Mayor Martin Harder presented Eric Fehr with the key to the city last week when the Pittsburgh Penguin brought the Stanley Cup home for the day. Hundreds of people lined up for hours at the Southland Mall for their chance to have their photo taken with Fehr and the Cup. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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WITH EVERYBODY

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local hockey fans got the chance to update their family Stanley Cup photos once again last week when the NHL's champi-

onship trophy returned to Winkler.

Winkler native and Pittsburgh Penguins centre Eric Fehr brought the Cup home on July 20, spending two hours at the Southland Mall posing for photos before hosting a bash for family and friends at his parents' home that evening.

The 30-year-old says the Penguins' championship win over the San Jose Sharks still hasn't quite sunk in.

"It's still kind of a wow factor for me,

especially a day like today when you get to walk around with the Cup and especially when you see everybody's faces when they get a look at that cup," he said. "It's a pretty special tro-

phy and I'm just really honoured to have it for the day."

Sharing the win with his family has been a highlight of this whole experience, Fehr said, adding that it was his parents who first came to mind the moment teammate Phil Kessel passed the trophy off to him during the team's victory laps after the final game.

"They flew all the way to San Jose to get a chance to hopefully win it there. They were standing in the stands when I got a chance to hold the trophy. I kind of looked up





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Phoenix, Logan, and Xavier Wiebe were among the hundreds of fans who got to pose with the Pittsburgh Penguins' Eric Fehr and the Stanley Cup in Winkler last week.

at them there. It was kind of special." It was also an easy decision as to where he'd be spending his day with Lord Stanley's mug this summer.

"It was not even a question. You saw the support I had for game five here with the big viewing at the [Bethel Heritage] Park," Fehr said. "It's a great city. The support is unbelievable here. I'm excited to be able to share it with everybody I grew up around."

This is the fourth time the Stanley Cup has made its way to Winkler in the last decade. Winklerite Dustin Penner first brought it home when he won it with the Anaheim Ducks in 2007 and again when the Los An-

geles Kings won the title in 2012. It also made an appearance when Winkler hosted Hockey Day in Canada in 2008.

When asked if there's something in Winkler's water that helps to grow great hockey players, Fehr points to the quality of the city's minor hockey program.

"It's just a great minor hockey system. I think the coaches do a great job," he said, singling out coaches Ed Penner and Calvin Braun for guiding him through his early years in

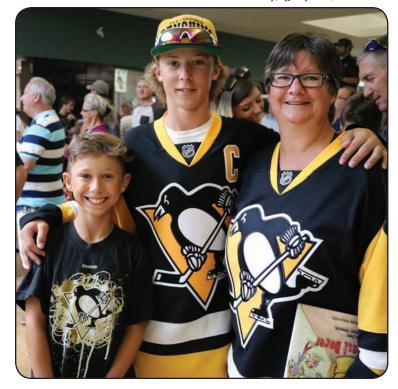
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Fehr autographs Mayor Martin Harder's shirt celebrating the Pengiuins' Stanley Cup win. Harder says he'll proudly wear the shirt as he represents the city at festival parades this summer.



Right: Pens fans Connor and T.J. Matuszewski and Diana Fehr were among the first in line to see Eric Fehr and the Stanley Cup July 20. Left: This group of kids picked up plenty of souvenirs to mark the occasion.



Stanley Cup worth the wait for hundreds of fans

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the sport. "They don't really push the players, they kind of let the players enjoy and develop. I think that's the most important part is not trying to win every game but just trying to get better."

He urged the budding hockey stars of tomorrow to keep at it, even when the odds seem to be against them.

"Just keep practising and keep playing hard," Fehr said. "I was the same as all these young kids, telling everybody I wanted to play in the NHL, and people probably laughed at me."

They're certainly not laughing now, though even Fehr himself wasn't sure he'd ever reach this level.

"I've had a lot of ups and downs in my career ... but I always knew that I could play hockey and I just needed to get healthy," he said.

"I think I've kind of carved out a new role for myself in the NHL," Fehr added of his new position as more of a checker and penalty killer than a big scorer. "I definitely didn't expect it. Sometimes you have to adapt to stay in the game."

LINING UP FOR THE CUP

Although the Stanley Cup has become almost a regular visitor to the city in recent years, that didn't stop fans from lining up down the hall and out around the building to have a chance to see it up close.

Among the first in line was Mordenite Dylan Stemkoski, 9, with his mom Rae and little brother Corby, 7. They camped out at the mall's centre court over three hours before Fehr and the Cup were due to arrive.

"I'm a huge hockey fan," Dylan said, excitedly relating the final moments of Game 6."I liked it how [Fehr] got a penalty with nine seconds left in the final game."

He said the excitement of seeing the Stanley Cup for the first time made the wait worth it.

"It'll be a great experience that I'll always remember."

Also lining up early were brothers Connor and T.J. Matuszewski.



"I saw it in '07, I think, when Dustin Penner won, but I was pretty little," said T.J. "But this is my favourite team and so them winning the Cup is awesome."

While on stage posing for his photo

with Fehr, Connor made sure to do more than just touch the Cup.

"I kissed it," he admitted, beaming. He said getting to meet a homegrown NHL player and get that close to the Cup to boot was "pretty awesome."



Charity steer auction raises over \$3K for SCCR

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Proceeds from a charity steer auctioned off at the 4-H steer sale in Manitou earlier this month found their way to South Central Cancer Resource last week.

Producer Jim Smith and his daughter Jennifer joined buyers Abe Penner and Will Penner of Little Morden Service at SCCR's Morden offices July 19

to present the charity with a donation of \$3,658.20.

Smith says they needed to raise a buddy steer alongside the calf Jennifer was raising for 4-H, and the family decided to use that second steer to do some good.

"The charity [idea] came up last sum-

mer," he explained." My brother [Pilot Mound's John Smith] was diagnosed with brain cancer last summer and passed away Sept. 3, so during that time, which is a really trying time for a family, we just thought maybe something good could come out of that and maybe we could do something a little different, and with support from buyers we could make a difference."

"I thought it was a really great idea ... a great way to honour my uncle's memory," said Jennifer.

Smith sends out his thanks to the Manitou Ag Society for waving auction fees for the charity steer during their agricultural fair July 9, and to auctioneer Morris Olafson for doing the same.

Both the buyer and seller at the charity auction were given the chance to

decide where half of the funds would go. With the Smiths earmarking their portion for SCCR, Little Morden Service decided to do the same.

"Every year we try to support 4-H and buy a few steers at each sale and support local up and coming farmers," said company president Abe Penner, noting they make a gift of the beef to

their staff each year."This was an opportunity to buy a steer that went to a good cause.

"For us, the reason we chose to also donate our portion to cancer care, it seems like every family or every workplace somebody can relate to somebody that has gone through that challenge," he added. "So we decided that was a great cause."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Jennifer Smith and Jim Smith (far left) and Little Mountain Service's Abe Penner and Will Penner (far right) presented South Central Cancer Resource's Norma Hildebrand with a donation of \$3,658 last week.

SCCR clinical coordinator Norma Hildebrand says the funds are most welcome and will be used to take a bite out of the ever-growing costs of the centre's transportation program.

"We're averaging \$10,000 a month in transportation, accommodation costs," she said, explaining that the centre transports cancer patients from all across southern Manitoba to their medical appointments. "We want to make sure that people are able to get into Winnipeg, get into Boundary Trails even to be able to get their treatments. It's vitally important. And donors like this, we appreciate it."

With an average of over 100 trips a month, the program has already blown past the \$81,000 it spent in the last fiscal year, with three more months still to go in the current one.

"Our costs so far have been \$95,000," noted Hildebrand.

This program, as with all of SCCR's services, relies on community support to continue to run.

"Any amount of money that has been donated to us, it goes straight back into the community that we serve," Hildebrand said.

You're invited to Bruce's birthday bash Saturday

By Lorne Stelmach

The most famous resident of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre has aged well.

Just exactly how old this mosasaur is may be hard to pinpoint precisely, but his discovery came in late July in 1974 north of Thornhill.

"Because Bruce was discovered in 1974, we've added 42 years to his estimated lifespan. So we say he's 80 million and 42 years old ... give or take a few million years," said Trevor Frost, administrator at the CFDC, in advance of the annual birthday celebration this Saturday afternoon.

The event gets underway at noon with birthday cake. That will be followed by activities in the Agassiz Room for kids of all ages, including a pinata at about 1 p.m.

"It's fun and silly ... it's kind of a part of our education and history too ... but this is to celebrate with fun and games," said Frost.

The event is also a chance for people to educate themselves about Bruce if they don't already know his story.

He lived during the late Cretaceous period in the Western Interior Seaway that split North America in two and spanned from the frigid waters of the Arctic Ocean to the warm Gulf of Mexico.

He belonged to a group of mosasaurs called tylosaurs, which were the largest of the mosasaurs, with Bruce, at about 43 feet long, being the largest ever found in Canada for this time period.

It took about two field seasons to excavate Bruce's fossil, which was reasonably complete with 65 to 70 per cent of the original bones found.

"The discovery date from when he

Our mistake

In a July 21 story on the upcoming Diveritas session featuring as speaker former treaty commissioner Dennis White Bird we incorrectly identified July 30 as a Sunday.

In fact, White Bird speaks in Mor-

was out of the ground until he became something of a more visible exhibit ... required hundreds of hours of excavation, refining and then molding, casting ... until we could publicly display these fossils," noted Frost.

den at the Canadian Fossil Discovery

Centre theatre room this Saturday,

We regret the error and any confu-

July 30, at 2 p.m.

sion it may have caused.

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CCI ride raises \$65K for India traini

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Nineteen cyclists spent four days in the saddle this month to raise over \$65,000 for Children's Camps International. The Christian ministry's One Million Revolution bike

ride saw the group cycle from Jasper to Banff July 10-13.

"It was a challenge for some of us Prairie boys," said CCI vice-president of operations Mark Bergen of the mountainous route."The guys who did the training for it, they made it look easy. Some of us who hadn't put as many miles on before, there were a few moments where we had to walk up the hills, but we enjoyed going back down them."

Highlights from the ride included navigating the scenic Icefields Parkway and seeing the diversity of wildlife in the national park, Bergen said.

"Just enjoying the wonderful scenery was really good," he said. "That, and seeing the group come together ... Not everybody knew each other so well, but it was kind of like a mini-camp experience. You remove the guys from their daily lives and put them out in the elements and they just come

together and bond." This was the second year for the ride, and though they fell short of their goal of \$100,000, at \$65,000 and counting they blew last year's \$9,000 total out of the water.

"We were aiming for \$100,000. That was kind of the crazy dream," Bergen said. "But we are really pleased with this because it really does spin off [into more] ... the guys that came on board now have gotten to know the ministry a little better."

The funds raised from the ride are going toward building a training centre in India. The facility will give CCI staff overseas a place to receive more advanced training, Bergen explained.

"It will let us take things to the next level there," he said. CCI India has already raised \$100,000 toward the project, with CCI's home base in Canada hoping to match that amount.

"Our portion is \$100,000, so we're still looking to raise another \$30,000-\$40,000 to top it off," Bergen said, noting they plan to have the building up and running by January.

Upcoming CCI fundraisers include their Fun Fest for Camp this Monday, Aug. 1 from 6-9 p.m. at the Iceburg Drive-In in Winkler. The evening will include free entertainment from Ed Wayne and illusionist Greg Wood, cotton

St. Jean man charged with second degree murder

A 56-year-old man from St. Jean Baptiste has been charged with second degree murder.

On July 17, Morris RCMP responded to a call reporting a possible homicide at an apartment on Caron St. There they found the body of a 54-year-old female resident.

Danny Vanoosten was arrested at the scene and has since been charged. Police say the victim was known to the accused.

Vanoosten remains in custody as the investigation continues.



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Nineteen cyclists rode from Jasper to Banff, Alberta July 10-13 to raise \$65,000 for Children's Camps International's work in India.

candy and popcorn, face painting, and more. Later in the month, the ministry hosts its Big Hit Slow Pitch tournament at the Winkler ball diamonds Aug. 19-21.

Check out ccicamps.com for more information on these events and other ways to donate.

RECYCLING IN MANITOBA

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concerning eight stewardship program plans

The Manitoba government is reviewing eight proposed new plans for the recycling and collection of designated products.

Under the Waste Reduction and Prevention Act regulations, Producer Responsibility Organizations have submitted product stewardship plans concerning the proper recycling and collection of materials and products such as: paper and packaging, paint, fluorescent lights, other household hazardous waste, electrical and electronic waste, used tires, primary and rechargeable batteries, lead-acid batteries, unused medications, and mercury-containing thermostats.

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- Packaging and Printed Paper Program
- Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program
- End-of-Life Electronics
 Stewardship Program

• Tire Stewardship Program

- Battery Stewardship Program (primary and rechargeable batteries)
- Manitoba Stewardship Program for Lead-Acid Batteries
- Manitoba Medications Return Program
- Manitoba Stewardship Program for Mercury-Containing Thermostats

You can review the plans at greenmanitoba.ca/new-stewardship-plans or on Manitoba Sustainable Development's public registry: www.manitoba.ca/conservation/eal/registries/ index.html. You may request printed copies by calling 204-945-0578 or 1-866-460-3118.

Please provide any feedback via email to: **stewardship@greenmanitoba.ca**. The deadline for comments on the plans is October 4, 2016. Feedback may also be sent in writing to:

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Vinkler Morden

Danger on the lake as boaters ignore designated routes

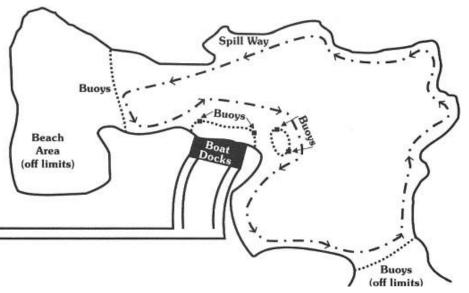
Lake Minnewasta is becoming increasingly popular and dangerous for water sports enthusiasts. Years ago we rarely saw a boat driver not following the 'rules of the road' while on our lake. Indeed, with our season boat pass we used to get a diagram of the lake with counter clockwise arrows and written reminders from the boat operator safety handbook.

Having operators follow the rules of the road leads to predictable boating patterns and overall safety. Those who have dismounted from their water sport and are floating, waiting to be picked up by their boat are very vulnerable otherwise.

Upon recent outings to our lake there are watercraft operators driving in whichever direction pleases them, haphazardly choosing their route and dangerously crossing paths as if unaware of others on the lake.

This kind of driving breaks the rules which all watercraft operators know to obey when they acquire their boating operator licence. It is possible that there are some boat drivers on our lake who do not have an operator's licence and literally do not know better? Wouldn't it be interesting if a boat pass would only be sold if someone could produce their licence?

From a general observation, the lack



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Power boat operators are required to follow this boat route when out on Lake Minnewasta.

of regard for boating rules appears to be predominantly from new families to our area and/or to Canada.

To make sure everyone is educated about how to drive on our lake, why not erect a large board by the launch areas depicting the shape of our lake with arrows highlighting that motorized watercraft stay to the right? Maybe a smaller version to hand out by the toll both to boaters or at the beach office would also be useful.

I believe compliance with these rules and safety and enjoyment of all users of the lake would be greatly improved after public awareness is raised.

Thank you to the drivers who recognize the importance of driving on the right and keeping our lake an enjoyable place for water sports.

David & Kurt Guenther, Morden

Leave earlier, slow down, and enjoy a safer ride

What used to be a quiet, edge-oftown street has now become a busy, noisy, speedway no longer at the edge of town.

Southview Drive in Winkler has two churches, an elementary school, and an access street to another elementary school. So that means 10 months out of the year there are children going to and from school three times a day, Sunday morning people walking to church ... have there been any accidents? Possibly not, but a lot of close calls.

Living at the corner of 3rd Street South and Southview Dr. has now become an annoyance rather than an enjoyment. It's not because it's a busy street—I can deal with that—it is the loud vehicles and motorcycles who think they have to speed down Southview, squeal their tires, rev their

motors, and disobey the red octagon sign that says "STOP." Not stopoptional: STOP.

Most times they speed right through or slow down to see if anyone else is coming and if not they cruise right through.

Many times when we are home we hear squealing tires, horns honking, and you cringe to wait for the bang.

If I remember correctly, a stop sign requires at least a three second full stop before proceeding into the intersection.

And the poor pedestrians ... I always thought pedestrians had the right of way. Apparently not at this corner. Many times I've seen pedestrians have to wait for not just one car, but two, three, and even four sometimes before they can cross the street.

Oh, and at night, after 11 or 12, it be-

comes a drag strip. So today, with the traffic being

even higher than normal due to the construction on Highway 32, I have seen one pedestrian this morning have to wait for three vehicles before he could cross. And not because he didn't try-because no one stopped. Approximately four vehicles actually stopped out of probably 50 or more cars (I stopped counting after 30 to write this letter) and that's just been in the last hour.

This is still a residential area. Everyone is in a hurry and has no respect for the next person. Here's a thought: leave a bit sooner, slow down, and enjoy the ride from point A to point B.

> Carol Enns, Winkler

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Hydro employees support Alzheimer Soc.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Area Manitoba Hydro workers presented the south central chapter of the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba with a donation of \$1,000 last week.

"Employees donate every two weeks through our payroll deduction and then Manitoba Hydro matches what we donate," explained Juanita Hatley,

charitable donations committee member, noting the Winkler-Morden office has about 50 employees who have contributed to this most recent donation over the past several months.

"We have lots of giving employees here and that's why we like to keep it

in our area where everybody's from and help out the local charities," she added.

The Alzheimer Society was chosen as recipient in honour of Manitoba Hydro district support representative Carol Picard, who recently lost her father to the disease. Her mother is also living with Alzheimer's.

Picard said her family has greatly

appreciated the support the Alzheimer Society has provided.

"We went to meetings and [learned] how to cope with it as a family and what to expect next," she said. "They were very helpful in their resources and they took great time in discussing it with us as a family.

"It was a great resource to have. You don't realize you need it until you go through it."

Picard has requested the funds be used to provide additional activities for people living with Alzheimer's prior to them being admitted to longterm care facilities.

"There's virtually no activities for them through the day to stimulate them in any way, keep their mind going a little bit other than just sitting there," she said.

Alzheimer Society regional coordinator Kathy Fehr says donations like this go a long way not just toward keeping the local office's support services up and running, but also spreading the word about those programs.

"The awareness is really the big thing. When families go through dementia and they have to be a care-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Manitoba Hydro's Carol Picard (left) and Juanita Hatley (right) presented Alzheimer Society of Manitoba regional coordinator Kathy Fehr with a donation of \$1,000 last Thursday.

giver for someone ... often they feel so isolated, but they are not alone.

"There's a lot of families" going through the same thing, she said."So it's good to connect and build that support group so that they have that support."

Indeed, Picard urges anyone just

starting out on an Alzheimer's journey with a family member or friend not to hesitate to get some help.

"Contact the Alzheimer or dementia society and just talk to them," she said. "You'll realize you're not alone and the resources are great to tell you what to expect next."

Pedestrian injured, driver charged in collision

A driver has been charged after hitting a pedestrian in an accident in Morden last week.

Police were called July 20 to Stephen St. and 8th Street at 11:20 a.m. after a pedestrian was hit while crossing the road.

A vehicle travelling north on 8th St. turned west and failed to see the pedestrian, who hit the hood and windshield of the car.

Police say the pedestrian suffered injuries to her head and foot and was treated for a broken clavicle before being released from hospital later that day.

The driver was charged with failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian.

Other items of note in the Winkler and Morden police department's weekly reports include:

• At approximately 2:39 a.m. on July 19, officers received a call from a male who stated he and several friends were walking on Royal Cres. playing Pokemon Go on their cellphones when they observed a man exit his house carrying a baseball bat.

The man told police he saw the group standing at the end of his driveway and thought they were going to break into his car.

Police advised the group of gamers to stay off private property while trying to catch the virtual

Pokemons on their phones.

• A 43-year-old Morden man was charged with assault involving a child.

The accused was visiting and looking after the victim, who became upset and was kicking a door when the accused allegedly opened it and kicked the child in the chest. Police say the accused then apologized and gave the victim some money. After being arrested, the accused admitted he had pushed the child but denied kicking them, police report.

• Morden police were contacted about a fraud on July 21.

A resident received a phone call from someone stating they were from President's Choice Bank, where the victim in fact has accounts.

The caller quoted the person's credit card numbers and had the person confirm they were correct. The caller then asked for and was given the person's social insurance number.

After the call ended, the victim contacted the bank and learned it was a fraud. His credit cards were cancelled and his social insurance number was flagged for illegal activity.

Police remind the public never to give out any personal information to people over the phone, especially banking or credit card information. • A 38-year-old Morden woman has been charged with

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"IT'S A GREAT RESOURCE TO HAVE ... YOU'LL REALIZE YOU'RE NOT ALONE."

Cuban exchange athletes tour region

By Lorne Stelmach

An exchange program between Canada and Cuba came full circle this week with a youth baseball team from the Latin American country visiting the Pembina Valley.

Over the last year, two peewee teams from Altona have visited Cuba as part of the Canada-Cuba Goodwill Tour. Last week, a team of 14- and 15-year-old players from Matanzas returned the favour.

Speaking as the group toured the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden, Doug Rempel of Altona Minor Baseball said the exchange gives local kids a chance to experience baseball in Cuba and also do some good while there, as there is also a fundraising component which helps provide funds for baseball equipment and school supplies down south.

"The main thing is to build relationships through baseball," he said. "When our kids went down to Cuba ... [it's] a big eye opener for them ... a lot of firsts for them. It's paying it forward ... hopefully, as they get older, they'll have that ingrained."

As well as touring the CFDC on Monday, the Cuban visitors also visited the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and then went water skiing and tubing at Stephenfield.

The week before they had taken part in other activities including floor hockey and golfing—a first for most of these kids.

Rempel said they wanted the trip here to be "just showing them different parts of things that we do in our community ... and things that they don't see."

The CFDC fit very well within that goal, he said.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A team of teenage baseball players from Cuba toured the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre Monday as part of their exchange program visit to the area. Altona has sent two peewee teams to Cuba through the program.

"It's unique in our area. It's something that they don't have in Cuba. It's something that we thought they wouldn't have seen before.

"A lot of things we're trying to expose them to are firsts for them that they'll remember."

Rempel noted the kids who took part in this trip had to earn the opportunity by doing well in school as well as on the baseball diamond "not only as a ball player but also with a good attitude. There has to be merit."

Of course, while they were here, there also was plenty of baseball involved.

There were a number of baseball ambassadors

involved including former pro Bill Lee, who was in Altona conducting clinics.

"We put them on teams together so that they have to work as a team even though they can't speak the same language," Rempel said of the visiting athletes and the local ones.

"They're having a great time. They're experiencing a lot of new things. They enjoy meeting with their peers," he said. "A lot of these kids don't get out of their province, so to get out of the country and come to Canada ... it allows kids to experience things outside Cuba."

Morden area vet board reports on Lyme disease risk

The Morden Veterinary Services District Board held its quarterly meeting last month.

The board is made up of representatives from the communities of Stanley, Rhineland, Pembina, Thompson, Altona, Plum Coulee, Roland, Winkler, and Morden.

It was founded in 1974 by the Manitoba Veterinary Service District program, whose goal was to improve veterinary series in rural areas of the province. Twenty-seven districts exist in Manitoba today.

A year after the board was formed, the Morden Vet Clinic was opened in 1975. The clinic operates in part through grants from the municipality and the province. In exchange, member veterinarians—the clinic has six today—agree to a reduced fee schedule and pharmaceutical mark up.

"The local clinics are the first line of defense against animal diseases and play a critical role in herd health and production of the area's livestock and small animals," the local board stressed in a news release.

At its June meeting, the board heard from Drs. David Hamilton and Rick Wiens about the prevalence of Lyme disease in dogs in the area being bitten by Deer Ticks.

Fortunately, the doctors explained, there is a Lyme vaccine available for dogs as well as new medications available to control ticks more suc-

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assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest, and breach of a peace bond.

Police were called July 22 to a home where a female was believed to be intoxicated and causing a disturbance while with her boyfriend, whom she was prohibited from being in contact.

The accused, who was intoxicated, answered the door and began yelling and swearing at police and then tried to slam the door shut.

The woman was taken into custody but continued to be belligerent and uncooperative. While escorting the cessfully.

Unfortunately, if dogs are testing positive for Lyme disease and some are showing clinical signs, humans in this area are also susceptible to getting the disease from the infected ticks.

Another disease that has been kept out of the swine barns in the area is PED (Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea) as

accused to the holding cells, she attempted to run to the door. She managed to kick one of the officers twice before being placed into cells.

• Winkler Police received a call July 23 from someone saying several people were seen trying to get into a locked vehicle on the street. It had been ticketed for a parking violation earlier in the evening, at which time a quantity of abandoned liquor was seized.

While dealing with it, officers saw two males pacing on the street near-

a result of stringent biosecurity measures, including very thorough washing, disinfecting, and drying the trailers used to transport swine.

PED has been a major problem in the United States, but there have been only a few cases in southeastern Manitoba to date due to these measures, the board says.

by, and when a tow truck arrived, one of the males became aggressive and belligerent towards the officer, shouting and swearing while refusing to identify himself.

As he was being arrested, he tried to walk away with his friend. He was followed by the officer until a second officer arrived. Still refusing, he was physically arrested.

The 18-year-old Plum Coulee resident is now charged with causing a disturbance and resisting arrest.

Local riders give it their all on Cycle of Hope

Ride from Kansas City to Winnipeg raises funds for Habitat for Humanity

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Three local bikers braved challenging weather and some wicked hills to help raise over \$140,000 for Habitat for Humanity this month.

Roland's Nancy Bezan and Morden's Brent Gouthro and Ken Froese spent July 1-16 travelling from Kansas City to Winnipeg on the 2016 Cycle of Hope.

This was Bezan's second year on the ride and she says it was just as fulfilling and challenging as her first.

"We kind of ran into a little bit of everything," she said. Hills, heat, wind, rain—you name it, they biked it.

"I really do like the challenge," Bezan said, adding she's already mulling over doing it again next year. "It was such a good experience, I just might. It's exciting to be a part of the bigger picture, knowing a family is getting a home."

The greater cause, when coupled with cycling well over 100 kilometres a day, certainly went a long way toward bringing the 32 riders together, said Froese, who along with Gouthro was a newcomer to the ride.

"I expected to cycle hard and I ex-

pected to do a regular work day of cycling, so that certainly came true.

"I didn't realize how many hills there would be," he added, laughing."And I was very much happily surprised by the camaraderie and the group effort that was there."

Gouthro said the ride gave him the opportunity to see the impact Habitat for Humanity has had across North America. Just about every time they stopped in a community, someone would come up to them and share their story.

"This one women came to talk to us and she wanted to thank us ... 16 years ago she was a single mom with two young children, living in poverty, and she was a recipient of the first Habitat house in Manning, Iowa.

"That event significantly changed the direction of her family's life. She's now working full-time, her oldest child has graduated this year and has already applied and been accepted into college—things that would not have happened had the cycle of poverty not been broken 16 years ago."

On the second-last day of the ride, the group enjoyed a meal with the Winnipeg family who are getting the



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ken Froese (left), Nancy Bezan, and Brent Gouthro tackled the 2016 Cycle for Hope July 1-16, travelling from Kansas City to Winnipeg in order to raise funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity.

opportunity to own their first home thanks to Cycle of Hope and Habitat for Humanity.

"Lovely family, a young couple with three kids. Dad's working two jobs trying to make ends meet in the city," said Gouthro. "They're just so grateful for this opportunity."

Habitat families are not simply given their new homes, he stressed, but give back to the charity through sweat equity before getting access to mortgages with no down payment and no interest.

It's a leg up rather than a hand out,

added Froese.

"You're supporting people to become homeowners and to take on that role and to help break the cycle of poverty."

Bezan, Froese, and Gouthro each surpassed the \$3,000 minimum in pledges they had to raise to take part in the ride, and they send their thanks out to every single person who made that possible

"It doesn't matter whether it was \$10 or several hundred dollars, it's really appreciated when people give back," said Froese.

Rocking Bethel park

After weeks of rain delays, the summer's first Concert in the Park show finally went off without a hitch last Thursday. Bethel Heritage Park was filled with people eager to enjoy some good eats from The Bunker and music from Uncle Jake's Country Band. The free weekly concerts continue every Thursday through to Aug. 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Performing this week is Ravae McDonald, Link Neufeld, and Stephen Dueck.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Show & Shine raising funds for stagecoach project

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Hidden in the back of a equipment shed just outside of Miami lies a treasure the Miami Museum hopes to restore to its glory days.

The pioneer museum is kicking off a campaign to bring the replica stagecoach built by the late James Alexander out of storage and on display somewhere in the community.

"That's where it should be, on display," says museum volunteer Dawn Bird. "The family has donated it to

the town, but right now it's just sitting out there needing a home ... It needs to be shown off. It's really a neat icon of the territory."

Alexander built the stagecoach in the early '80s to be used at the Miami Mule Derby.

He used authentic Concord stagecoach plans obtained from

the Smithsonian Institute to create a vehicle nearly identical to the ones that ferried people and goods on the Emerson-Nelsonville line through Miami in the 1870s.

Murray Riter, who along with his brother Raymond helped to build the stagecoach, recalls that it was the fulfilment of a long-time dream for Alexander.

"This was all Jim's idea," he says. "He had told me he had talked to the last stagecoach driver that drove from Emerson to Nelsonville and he heard all these stories. It just stuck in his mind and he always wanted to build one, to drive one."

After several weeks of work in the spring of 1981, Alexander got his wish—his team of four snow-white mules pulled the stagecoach in the Miami parade that year.

It went on to become a fixture at events all over Manitoba for the next few decades, even being hauled out to the Calgary Stampede in 1992.

The stagecoach has spent the better part of the last decade in storage, and Riter agrees it's past time to get this homage to local history back on display once again.

"It needs a bit of TLC," he says, "but if it's done with respect I think it's a great idea."

While they're still working out the details of where exactly the stagecoach should go, Bird

estimates they'll need to raise several thousand dollars at least to build some kind of an enclosure that allows the public access to it while also protecting the plywood replica from the elements.

The first step toward that goal is this year's Miami Show and Shine on Aug. 7, from which proceeds will go to the stagecoach campaign.

This second annual Show and Shine will include a barbecue, rainbow auc-





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Miami Museum volunteers are raising funds to find a permanent home for this replica stagecoach built by James Alexander and brothers Murray and Raymond Ritter in 1981. The stagecoach is currently tucked in the back of a storage shed on the Alexander family's farm, but the museum hopes to put it on permanent public display.

tion, live country music, and plenty of vintage and modern autos on display.

"Our first year we attracted 70 vehicles," Bird says, noting the show is open to any and all vehicles. "If you love it and like to polish it and show it off, it's welcome here. Cars, tractors, motorcycles. It's open to all motorized vehicles."

The inaugural event last year raised

over \$6,000 toward repairs and upgrades to the Miami Railroad Station Museum and town's pioneer museum.

This year's show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main St.

For more information on the event or to donate toward the stagecoach campaign, contact Bird at 204-435-0444.

This photograph hanging in the Miami Museum shows the stagecoach in its glory days, being pulled by James Alexanders' team of mules for the La Riviere Centennial in 1986.



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Riders hit the road for **Children's** Hospital

By Cori Bezan

A little wet weather over the weekend couldn't stop local bikers from bringing smiles to children's faces.

After a rain postponement the day before, on Sunday the Southern Manitoba HOG (Harley Owners Group) led 25 bikers-each with a toy or two for the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg—on the annual Toy Run from Morden to St. Norbert.

"We're very, very happy with the way things turned out, and that's our main goal, just to make people happy or the children happy," said organizer Shelly Walde."I know some of the stuff we've brought in will be putting a lot of smiles out there."

While the organizers are still tallying up the donations, Walde said that she was sure they had met their goal of around \$5,000. Walde added that while Saturday's weather had maybe put a bit of a damper on the number of riders and donations, the quality



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE Around 30 riders from the Southern Manitoba and Winnipeg chapters of HOG (Harley Owners Group) cruised to St. Norbert on Sunday, raising funds and collecting toys for the Children's Hospital.

of the donations had been phenomenal.

"From what I went through myself, and looking at stuff, we definitely hit our \$5,000 that we've done in the past," she said. "Some of the stuff that was given [this year] was bigger items."

The ride drew participants from all over southern Manitoba, including members of both the local and the Winnipeg Harley Owners Groups.

Winnipeg resident Mario Amyot decided to participate in the Toy Run for the first time this year after his newborn granddaughter spent considerable time in the Children's Hospital with meningitis.

"My youngest granddaughter spent the better part of a month in February



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE Rders—who came from both the Southern Manitoba and Winnipeg Harley Ownership Groups—set out from Gaslight Harley Davidson in Morden at noon Sunday and finished the day in St. Norbert.

there and I thought it was the perfect for being there for us," he said. opportunity to do something and give back, and my way of saying thank you

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Cripple Creek Festival delights music-lovers



By Lorne Stelmach

The Cripple Creek Music Festival once again packed its scenic farm site south of Morden on Sunday.

Started 34 years ago, the one-day festival featured a range of country, folk, gospel, and bluegrass music.

Offering its usual easy going old-

time vibe, entertainers who took the stage agreed Cripple Creek has a lot going for it after all these years.

"This is Manitoba's premier festival for the kind of music we do," suggested Tommy Stuckey of the Squirrel Creek Ramblers, who said he has been here five or six times himself but is performing with some mem-



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Left: Byron Falk sees the festival as being like a gathering of friends and appreciates the authentic old time atmosphere. Above: The Squirrel Creek Ramblers during one of their many sets of bluegrass.

bers who likely go back to the very beginning of the festival.

He enjoys playing the festival because it is always a very appreciative crowd.

"It's a good family event. The whole atmosphere is great," said Stuckey. "The sound is spectacular, the setting is spectacular. We can't ask for anything more ... That's what keeps us coming back."

This year the lineup also included Bob Marginet, Byron Falk, First Stop Heaven, Juanita Clayton, Lazy Creek Express, Rosebank Road, Virginia Ridge, CSI Bluegrass, On The Edge, Stew Clayton, Grace Land with Rosemary Siemens, Homeland Harmony and The Travelling Kind.

Byron Falk, back for his fourth or fifth year, said he likes the authentic, old-time atmosphere Cripple Creek offers.

"There's a lot of people who have been here 20 or 30 years ... and you see a lot of the same musicians ... it's like a gathering of friends every year," he said. "It's really fun to come hang

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out here ... and every year God blesses us with sunshine."

T.J. Blair, performing with First Stop Heaven, was a newcomer this summer, but he already had a good feel about it as he waited to go on stage.

"I can sense very sincere and positive energy here," he said, noting he was "tagging along" with a group that included local favourite Jess Reimer. "I'm very excited that she extended the invitation to have me perform with her."

All of them agreed that there is a

timeless appeal to the music that draws the crowds.

"I think it's kind of toe tapping ... it's songs of life too. It was good music ... a good message," said Stuckey.

"There's something about bluegrass, folk and country music ... there's a following of people who still like to hear the old songs," said Falk.

"It's about story telling ... and songs that are familiar that people can relate to ... can understand."

"For me, it's the harmony singing. There's something about southern





PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Left: A full crowd was on hand for the Cripple Creek Festival, which included performances from groups like First Stop Heaven (above).

Manitoba ... this pocket ... the musicianship is just stellar," added Blair. "Even back in Winnipeg, most of my

favorite musicians are from the Morden-Winkler area."



Plum Coulee elevator museum growth continues

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The Prairie View Elevator Museum in Plum Coulee will be showcasing a few new exhibits this summer after receiving a \$10,000 matching grant from the Tourism Development Fund.

Throughout the winter, the museum opened up seven new bins in the old grain elevator to display the lifestyle and culture of the past residents of Plum Coulee.

"We have a little bit of a cultural section about the Mennonites and the Hutterites," said organizer Linda Dyck. "The rest is a fashion boutique of all the different clothing and different magazines."

The Prairie View Museum has used the grant money to repair doors, windows, and the general structural aspect of the old building as well as to paint a new mural on the front of the facility, Dyck explained.

The museum holds many antiques—everything from farming tools and household items to musical instruments and old sport trophies as well as a gift shop featuring locally made items such as homemade jam and postcards.

Over half of the antiques on display in the museum are out on a loan, said Dyck, explaining that many have been donated from residents of Plum Coulee and surrounding towns.

"They come from all over. They say, 'I used to live there [in Plum Coulee] and I would like to donate it to your museum."

In the future, the museum is planning on adding an interpretive centre with step-by-step instructions explaining how the grain elevator once worked.

"It will show how the grain starts in the fields, then the farm, then the elevator, and then shipped," said Dyck. "From the field to the table."

The museum is also hoping to open a few more bins this summer.

"It's an ongoing project," Dyck said. The Prairie View Elevator Museum was first opened to the public in 2010 and only consisted of a one-room exhibit that included a schoolroom, laundry room, and kitchen.

The offerings have grown since then and today the museum helps keep this big piece of Plum Coulee history



PHOTO BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE

The Prairie View Elevator Museum in Plum Coulee has plenty of interesting history to explore this summer. Above: The museum's Linda Dyck beside an open trunk full of vintage clothes on display there.

alive, said Dyck.

"It's unique, and otherwise they would demolish it."

The increase in exhibits has led to an increase in visitors: from around 830 in the summer of 2014 to over 1,200 in 2015.

"They come to see what we've done, what the changes are," said Dyck, adding that they are expecting even more visitors this summer.

The Prairie View Museum is open throughout the month of August and will likely offer tours for school or individual groups come September.

For more information, stop by the museum in downtown Plum Coulee or visit www.townofplumcoulee.com.



PHOTO BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE Left: The community turned their old grain elevator into a museum back in 2010. Above: it now features a variety of displays recreating scenes from life in the past, including this old school room.







Swim Smart Day a hit at Winkler Aquatic Centre

The Winkler Aquatic Centre was packed July 21, and not just because the humidity was hitting the high 30s—the pool was also hosting its annual Swim Smart activities. The afternoon featured a variety of fun and games such as speed slide races (right, top), diving board competitions, and Coke dives, but also stressed the importance of water safety through things like safety talks and lifeguard demonstrations. In one of those demos, two lifeguards (above) armed themselves with pool noodles and battled it out in the deep end before having to be "rescued" by their peers.



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Barracudas' season off to a fine start

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Barracudas swim team are holding their own in the Swim Manitoba Summer Swim program this summer.

The team is 35 swimmers strong this year, and they've had a strong showing at the meets in Swan River, Beausejour, and, last Sunday, Treherne, says team manager Mike Sumner.

"It's about the same as we were last year in terms of the size of the team, but this year we actually have a lot of new swimmers," he said, noting about 16 kids are rookies.

That, coupled with the fact several experienced swimmers decided to move on to other sports or move up to more advanced swim clubs, means this is very much a building season for the 'Cudas.

"We do have a little bit of experience on the team, but not necessarily the same as what we've had in the past," said Sumner. "It's definitely a building year for us.

"Even on the coaching side of



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The Winkler Barracudas Swim Team have three meets in the bag so far this season, with one more still to go before the championship meet in Neepawa Aug. 21.

things, we have an entirely new coaching staff this year as well," he added, pointing out, though, that while they may be new at coaching they are most certainly not new to the team. "All of our coaches are previous members of the team, two of whom competed with teams in Winnipeg after competing with us.

"So we definitely have some people that have the experience in terms of competition and knowledge," said Sumner.

Despite the relative inexperience of

some of the swimmers in the pool this summer, several 'Cudas have consistently been posting top three finishes at the meets so far.

Sumner was still confirming final results from Sunday's meet as of press time, but says 18 swimmers earned 12 first-place finishes, 16 second-places, and eight third-places, all adding to the team's cumulative points total for the season.

Coming up for the team is a meet in Manitou Aug. 7 and then the championship meet in Neepawa Aug. 21.

"IT'S DEFINITELY A BUILDING YEAR FOR US."

For the first time in years, the Winkler Aquatic Centre will not host a meet thanks to the loss of a weekend to the Power Smart Summer Games, Sumner noted.

Orioles on the road for first round of playoffs

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles faced the prospect of playing their firstround MJBL playoff series entirely on the road this week.

Game one and two against Winnipeg South were slated to take place Wednesday and Thursday in Winnipeg, with game three, if necessary, doing the same Friday.

It was an unusual decision by the league as the other two first round playoff matchups between Altona and St. James and St. Boniface and Carillon are each rotating locations for the duration of the series.

The playoff matchups were set following an equally unusual end to the regular season as the decision was made that several games that had been postponed earlier this summerwould not be rescheduled.

As a result, the Orioles finished the season with an 8-10 record. Their 18 games in total were anywhere from five to nine fewer games than the other league teams, and most of those remaining games would have been home affairs. The Orioles had done well in Morden with a 4-1 record, compared to a 4-9 showing on the road.

Weather wreaked havoc with their schedule this summer, especially towards the end of the season. They not only had three games rained out the previous week but then also had make-up games with Altona last Wednesday, Winnipeg South Friday, and Carillon this Tuesday scrapped.

Their last regular season game—an 11-1 win over St. James July 18—left the Orioles two games below .500 in fifth place. "It's been a tough year. It's too bad," commented manager Sheldon Bergman, calling it a disappointing end to the regular season.

The team now pegs its hopes on making it through the first round of playoffs so they can play before hometown fans once again in the second round.

Whips battling Regals in semis

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mohawks saw their season come to an end last week at the hands of the Cartwright Twins.

In one of two Border West Baseball League wild card playoff matches taking place July 21, the Mohawks, who placed fourth in the regular season with a 10-8 record, fell to the fifth-placed Twins 4-1.

The Twins went on to face the firstplace Pilot Mound Pilots in a bestof-three semi-final series. Game one was scheduled for Tuesday in Pilot Mound. Game two is tonight in Cartwright.

Meanwhile, the Baldur Regals downed the Killarney Lakers 11-1 that same night to advance to the semi-finals against the second-place Winkler Whips.

Game one of that match took place on Sunday in Winkler. It took the two rivals ten innings to come to a 9-8 decision in Baldur's favour.

Game two was slated for Tuesday in Baldur, with game three, if necessary, back in Winkler this Friday evening at 7 p.m.

Central Energy off to Nationals

The U14 Central Energy softball team clinched bronze at the "A" provincials in Brandon July 8-10. The ladies tied for third with the Manitoba Thunder with a record of four wins, three losses. In the tiebreaker held July 16, they won 8-7 in extra innings and earned a spot at Nationals taking place in Winnipeg Aug. 17-21. On the team this year are (back row, from left) coach Greg Petrie, coach Keith Doerksen, Payton Doerksen, Jolyne LeClair, Hailey Buhler, Brooke Thiessen, Maddy Rempel, manager Jason LeClair, (front row) Tai Linklater, Jenna Mc-Bride, Eve Goderis, Abbi Conrad, Zoey Pearce, and Hailey Anderson. Missing: Grace Petrie SUBMITTED PHOTO



Winkler Storm down WSA, Titans topple 'Canes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm ended July on a high note with a 2-1 victory over the visiting World Soccer Academy.

Contributing goals in the Sunday afternoon win were Nico Nickel and

Graduating Flyers' forward Thomas

Mansbridge has committed to the

Neumann University Knights (NCAA

Acquired by Winkler just before

the start of the 2015-2016 season, the

Winnipeg native recorded 43 points

(16 goals, 27 assists) in 59 regular sea-

son games played with the Flyers. He

also chipped in five more points in

Div. III) for next season.

Former Flyer Mansbridge

signs with Neumann Knights

Stefan Neufeld.

The win came on the heels of a 1-1 draw against the Britannia Rovers Friday night in Winnipeg. Jeff Dueck scored Winkler's goal.

With that, the Storm's record for the season is 4-4-4, keeping them in the

Mansbridge becomes the sixth

member of the Flyers to make a col-

lege commitment this year, joining

Zak Hicks (Red Deer College, ACAC)

Tristan Keck (University of Nebraska-

Omaha, NCAA Div I), Tyler Jubenvill

(Bemidji State, NCAA Div I), Jordan

Williamson (Curry College, NCAA

Div III) and Kurt Sonne (Northland

College, NCAA Div III).

top lower half of the standings in the 10-team league alongside the Rovers and FC Internazionale.

The Storm kick off August Monday with a home game against Scotia United at 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, the South Central Hurricanes fell to the Titans on the

At the race track

Winners at the ALH Motor Speedway races last Sunday included:

• Pure stocks: Austin Overwater took first place, Brian Bellew came in second, and Emerson Hamm rounded out the top three.

• Midwest modifieds: Tony Cassie in first, Austin Hunter in second, and Patrick Sobolik in third place.

• Slingshots: Claiming first was Bailey Cousins, second was Axel Anderson, and third was Zane Anderson. road on Monday.

The 4-0 loss gives the Hurricanes a 4-7-2 record and keep them in fifth place in the standings.

Coming up, South Central hosts Brazil FC next Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. and then travel to play the Vikings on Aug. 8.

• Street stocks: Shawn Teunis in the top spot, followed by Jesse Teunis and Brad Wall.

• A-Mods: Ward Imrie was first, followed by Jerome Guyot and Scott Greer.

• Four-cylinders: Dean Miljure took first and Brandon Rehill was second.

After a breather this Sunday for the long weekend, the races continue Aug. 7.

Children's Hospital Toy Run donations still accepted

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the playoffs.

Of his first ride, Amyot said he was hoping for camaraderie and clear weather as he shared the road with his fellow riders.

"To see a good turnout would be nice. To see a lot of toys being donated to the hospital would be nicer," he said just before setting out.

Southern Manitoba HOG chapter member Gloria Letkeman has participated in the Toy Run for the past four years and says it's a great way to do some good.

"We have a passion for riding ... but I think a big underlying issue, why we do it, is because all of us have been affected by some child that has been sick, whether a family or friend, and that's why we do it," she said.

Letkeman explained that prior to the Toy Run, she had not done any group riding at all.

"It's a unity," she said. "You're all supporting the same thing, so it's a very positive thing. "You feel like a family, because you all have the same feelings of why you're doing that ride today."

If you would still like to make a donation to the Children's Hospital via the Toy Run, you can contact Walde at 204-823-0252.

Tree grants making our region a little greener

By Lorne Stelmach

Three Pembina Valley communities are a little greener thanks to a funding program for planting trees.

The Manitoba Hydro Forest Enhancement Program has awarded \$10,500 for three projects in the Pembina Valley Conservation District.

"The nice thing with the program is the trees are bigger trees," said district manager Cliff Greenfield. "The trees are typically, like with evergreen trees, they're already a couple feet tall and have substantial root systems. The poplar trees may be four to five or six feet tall already, so they've got a good tree already instead of a little starter tree."

The Clearwater Sports Club Park rejuvenation project got 440 trees as a result of the funding, including Assiniboine Poplar, White Spruce and Golden Willow.

In Swan Lake, a beautification proj-

ect received 22 Harvest Gold Linden trees, while a Miami shelterbelt project now has 110 trees, including Baby Blue Spruce and Dropmore Lindens.

The funding also provides for tree protection including tree guards and brush blankets which help with weed control.

"These are trees for town beautification ... and they are for public spaces," noted Greenfield. "In Miami's case, it was a new subdivision going in, so they wanted to get trees in there early on in the process."

He said the communities play the primary role though the district works with them to ensure they have a good plan and assist them.

"These communities commit to the planting and maintenance to make sure they've got a good chance."

The provincial program is aimed at improving and sustaining Manitoba's forest environment and provides a way for people to become involved,



Greenfield said.

It is an ideal project for the conservation district given how trees play a role in quality of life as well as being essential to our eco-systems.

Far reaching roots hold soil in place and fight erosion, while trees absorb and store rainwater, which reduces runoff and sediment deposit after storms. This helps the ground water supply recharge, prevents the transport of chemicals into streams and prevents flooding.

"It's really been a great thing for

our communities. A lot of the communities have taken advantage of it," said Greenfield. "Ten years later after they've been planted, the trees are looking fantastic."

The funding from Manitoba Hydro goes through the conservation district because recipients must be a non-profit, non-government organization to be eligible.

For more information on the program, contact the conservation district at 204-242-3267.

Morden holiday craft sale registration begins

By Lorne Stelmach

It may be difficult to think about Christmas in mid-summer, but that is exactly what the Pembina Hills Arts

Council is asking of artists and crafters.

Planning is already getting underway for the annual arts and crafts sale that kicks off the Christmas season in



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The annual Morden holiday craft sale is always a pretty busy place, with room for 85 vendor tables. Vendor registration opens Aug. 1.

Morden each November.

Registration for the sale that takes place Nov. 5 at the Access Event Centre starts Monday, Aug. 1. There will be 85 tables available, and they are usually snapped up pretty quickly.

"If you're going to register, register early," encouraged organizer Cathy Lone.

The sale is free to the public and will showcase artisans and crafters from all across the Pembina Valley.

"We have people from all over southern Manitoba who usually bring their crafts," said Lone. "We always try to encourage new crafters as well. We encourage anyone who is interested."

The show will include everything from pottery, glass and fiber arts to shibori, knitting, cards, ornaments, baking and more.

Proceeds from the sale and the 50/50 draw are earmarked for the Pembina Hills Arts Council's arts programming, Lone said.

Anyone interested can register on line at www.pembinahillsarts.com or call 204-822-6026 for more information.

Council okays subdivision

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden council gave its blessing to a subdivision that clears the way to extend development on the south end of the city.

The subdivision approved at the Monday council meeting applies to a property on the south side of Will-cocks Road with a 4.2 acre parcel to be subdivided from a 17.5 acre section of land.

The change sets out a 3.3 acre parcel for development while the other 0.9 acres would provide for a future extension of Ninth St. S. That road extension would serve both the subdivided property as well as a residual parcel of 13.2 acres.

It is within an area designated as an urban employment area which allows for a range of uses including manufacturing, and the larger surrounding area is industrial park.

Agriculture

Manitoba soybean acreage closing in on two million

By Harry Siemens

While soybeans may never surpass the once Cinderella crop that is canola, it is making its own mark on the Manitoba agricultural industry.

At the recent producer information and educational day in Carman hosted by the Manitoba Pulse and Soybean Growers, provincial pulse specialist Dennis Lange said soybeans have come a very long way since they was first introduced here nearly 20 years ago.

"When we first started growing the crop in Manitoba, we had maybe two varieties to choose from," he said. "They were conventional varieties and basically suited for areas around Altona, Winkler-Morden. Now we have a selection of almost 70 lines to choose from for growers all over Manitoba."

With so many options, growers can choose the variety that works best for their particular area, wherever that may be in the province.

"With the advent of RoundUp Ready soybeans moving in, growers are really able to fine tune their weed control options as well," he added, "and that makes the crop very successful."

Back in 1999, growers planted around 10,000 acres of soybeans. Today, there are over 1.6 million acres in the ground, with 2 million acres not that far away from becoming a reality.

With that kind of growth comes the need for education, which is what last week's event at the Ian N. Morrison Research Farm was all about.

Producers got the chance to view research plots and take part in interactive lessons by University of Manitoba researchers and their lab groups.

"With our talk we had here this morning, one of the things we encourage growers to look at is not only what the total germination is of the seed, but the moisture of the seed as well," said Lange. "The drier the seed is, the greater chance of damaging that seed when a farmer augers it from the drill fill into the seeder. A farmer must be aware of these kinds of things."

At the first stop on a hot, muggy day, he told farmers to do a soak test to determine how many cracks the sample has, and if those cracks range upwards of 15 per cent, that means those seeds are not going to germinate.

"If a producer spends good money on seed and he's planting 200,000 seeds per acre but you don't make allowances for that, and you damage that seed, you may be down to 80,000 plants per acre that actually germinate and poke through that rich soil," Lange said. "That would cause some real problems and that is the purpose of the exercise and bring it to the forefront of the growers minds. Come next year when they are looking at their seed and determining the planting rates, they can factor in not only germination but the dryness of the seed as well."

The plant stands represented in the research plots range 50,000 to 75,000 plants per acre. At that stand a grower would have some real challenges with weeds.

"Once you get into that magic range of 140,000 to 170,000 plants per acre, that is what the grower really wants to be looking at," Lange said. "The



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Manitoba Ag pulse specialist Dennis Lange in the field at the recent Soybean Management & Research Transfer (SMART) Day for farmers and agronomists.

grower needs to decide the target in plants per acre, if he's targeting for 150,000 plants, then factor in germination, and mortality, so that way he may end up planting 200,000 seeds to get that 150,000 plants per acre magical target."

Lange reminds farmers growers always keep in mind that soybean

plants are susceptible to a fall frost.

"Growers need to kind of factor that in," he said. "Soybeans are still a long season crop—you plant them in May and you harvest them in [late] September no matter where you are in Manitoba."

Exercise The many challenges of farming

By Harry Siemens

When everything looks so good, especially the parks, flowers and lawns, one thinks that the crops look the same.

Well, first and foremost, the crops need to look good right from the time the seed germinates through plant emergence and that initial growth spurt.

Here is when the weed control happens, sometimes spraying for insects, this year some drought and frost events that keeps the nervous energy going. There are some farmers who don't let that affect them, they take it as it comes. And if things happen, then they must rely on past decisions and sound management, support programs, and, finally, next year to make it through. It is no small feat to farm these days. First off, governments change, and with those changes so too do farming policies, as well as the people who control some of those policies.

I've lived through many ag ministers federally and provincially and my goal is always to develop sound relationships, treat them with respect, and not be afraid to ask the difficult questions.

With changes in people and policies, farmers often have to be careful how they move forward with decisions. But, for the most part, seasoned farmers know that the ag ministers and policies will change again, so for them steady is the course.

This year's crop in many respects looks promising. However, the areas with standing water and already drowned out spots keep getting bigger as the rains continue to fall.

The high humidity often creates undue stress and even diseases in crops. That is when the fungicides come out, often applied by spray planes, especially when the fields are too wet to travel with land equipment.

In some cases, there aren't any products to help a crop, and therefore the farmer watches the plants turn colour, shrivel up, and in many cases die and disappear.

Well, you may say what does it matter if a few plants die? Years ago when I still farmed a little, I had a field of sunflowers that looked really good. In fact, some farmers told me it

Ag ministers keep farming moving forward

By Harry Siemens

Agriculture ministers from across the nation met in Calgary last week to discuss plans for Canada's next Agricultural Policy Framework.

Federal Ag Minister Lawrence MacAulay says they reached common ground on many key areas.

"We agreed on the importance of the provinces, territories and the federal government working together to make sure the agricultural sector remains on solid footing and we renewed our commitment to work with stakeholders to ensure a strong and growing sector," he said. "We want to make sure farmers and processors can continue to take advantage of the new global market opportunities which will help grow the Canadian economy and we know that a strong economy starts with a strong middle class."

MacAulay said farmers and processors are reliant on a strong working relationship between governments to help them capture opportunities and respond to challenges that impact their bottom line.

In a telephone news conference on Monday, Manitoba Ag Minister Ralph Eichler said he was pleased with the progress made at the meeting.

"I'm just tickled to death after our

meeting having some great discussions," he said. "Public trust was one of the main things we talked about ... We want to maintain an open book on food policy and continue to demonstrate that our agrifood products that we know they are safe and sustainable."

Part of that is shining a positive spotlight on the good work being done in the industry.

"It is about openness and transparency and making sure that the people understand exactly what the farmers are doing and the way they are portraved as doing it," Eichler said."And of course early on in my mandate I made comments about making sure that we tell the good news story instead of reacting to bad stories. There are lots of good news stories out there and making sure they understand.

"Because of the research and devel-

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was the best field of sunflowers they'd seen in a long time. Yep, I thought so too. Well, head rot set in, and maybe some root rot too, but plants just kept disappearing, until they looked less than an average crop.

When they looked their best, we had vield estimates of upwards of 1,500 pounds. When we finally harvested them in October after a good killing opment, we are able to see we do have the safest, most economical priced food in the world. We're so happy we are able to share that good news with our urban folks and of course and letting them getting to know us a bit better, too."

Another major topic of discussion was the importance of ag research moving forward.

"There was very clear consensus that we need to continue to invest in innovation and research," Eichler said."Manitoba will continue to invest and encourage research and development as it pertains to increased outcomes for the ag industry."

Eichler said Manitoba is also constantly seeking ways to enhance trade opportunities.

'We've discussed our support for implementing CEDA, of course, which will enhance our Canadian

frost, they barely yielded 800 pounds to the acre.

Now you see the point of farmers losing a few plants: that year's sunflower crop, where I hoped for a bumper crop and a good profit, turned into a break-even year.

That is like someone off the farm working all year for nothing. Oh, you don't have to feel sorry for me, but despite all these challenges.

European trade and create jobs and benefit Canadian producers," he said, adding they are working on the Trans-Pacific Partnership. "It is really important to create those jobs that give investment opportunity right here in Manitoba. We're positioned well as we move forward.'

Eichler said that, yes, there are some concerns with what is going to happen with the U.S. election and how that may impact Canada, but that is why these other outside markets are so important.

"We encouraged the feds to move forward on the TPP as soon as possible ensuring that we do have the checks and balances in place to ensure that we are ready as well," he said. "It is one thing to say you are ready for business-it is another thing to be ready."

just trying to make a point that those men and women who go out there, put in a crop, and the crop looks real good, but then see wind, hail, and far too much rain come along and take that good yield potential away, put everything on the line each year.

The key thing to remember is they raise the food that feeds the world,

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Cajun Garlic Chicken Thi

HEART & STROKE

1 1/2 tbsp (22 mL) canola oil, divided

4 skinned chicken thighs with bone in, trimmed of fat

1 cup (250 mL) diced onions

12 medium garlic cloves, peeled only

2 tbsp (25 mL) all-purpose flour 1 cup (250 mL) reduced sodium chicken broth

1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried thyme leaves 1/4 tsp (1 mL) black pepper

In a large skillet heat 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil and heat over medium-high heat. Add chicken and brown for 3 minutes on each side. Set aside on separate plate.

Reduce heat to medium and add remaining 1/2 tbsp (7 mL) canola oil, onions and garlic and cook for 3 minutes or until onions are translucent, stirring frequently. Set aside with chicken.

Stir flour into pan residue in skillet and cook 2 minutes over medium heat or until beginning to lightly brown, stirring constantly. Stir in broth, thyme and pepper. Add chicken, onions and any accumulated juices. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 30 minutes or until chicken is almost tender.

Place chicken to one side of skillet, add and mash garlic cloves with back of a spoon. Combine chicken and garlic and turn chicken pieces over several times or until well coated. Cover and cook 5-7 minutes or until chicken is tender.

Orange Sesame Chicken Salad



Makes 4 servings

20 square wonton wrappers 2 3/4 cups vegetable oil, divided 1 head romaine lettuce, cut into bite-sized pieces (about 8 cups)

1/4 cup soy sauce 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice

2 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon distilled white

- vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil 3 to 4 cups coarsely shredded cooked, rotisserie chicken

1/2 cup chopped green onions 2 nave, Cara Cara or Valencia oranges, peeled and segmented 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted

Cut wanton wrappers into

1/2-inch-wide strips and separate on paper towels. Heat 1/2 cups vegetable oil in a large, wide saucepan over medium heat. Fry the wanton strips, 5 or 6 at a time, gently turning over once with a slotted spoon, until golden, 10 to 15 seconds per batch. Transfer to paper towels to drain.

Put romaine in a large salad bowl. In a separate mixing bowl, whisk together soy sauce, lemon juice, sugar, vinegar, salt and pepper. Add sesame oil and remaining 1/4 cup vegetable oil in a slow stream, whisking until the sugar is dissolved and the dressing is well blended.

In a third bowl, combine chicken, green onions, orange segments, almonds and sesame seeds. Add 1/3 cup of dressing and toss to coat. Toss romaine with enough dressing to lightly coat. Add the chicken mixture and toss lightly. Top with fried wanton strips and serve.

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Travis Richard Bauman 1998 - 2016

Travis Bauman of Plum Coulee, MB went to be with his Lord as the result of a drowning accident on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at the age of 17 years, 9 months and 21 davs.

Travis was born in Winkler, MB to Gerald and Valerie (Wagler) Bauman on September 22, 1998. He was a loving brother to Gary, Laurel, Heidi, Shawn and Jaden who are all at home; dear grandson of Lester Bauman of Plum Coulee, MB and Glen and Elizabeth Wagler, of Eden, MB. He was predeceased by his paternal grandmother, Viola Bauman and will be lovingly remembered by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Travis accepted the Lord as his Saviour and was baptized on April 24, 2016. He was a member of the Horndean Mennonite Church. He will be sadly missed by his friends in the youth group.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the German Mennonite Brethren Church in Schanzenfeld, MB with interment at the Horndean Mennonite Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the RCMP, the local Fire Departments, the Oak Bluff Hutterite Colony Diving Team and all who volunteered their time and efforts. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Travis' memory to the Oak Bluff Colony Charitable Trust for search and rescue equipment.

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Mildred Anne Jackson (nee Yager) 1940 - 2016 It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected

passing of Anne Jackson, aged 76 years at the Grace Hospital on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

She will lovingly be remembered by her husband, Boyd and their children, Shirley (Bob), Robert, Laurie, Cathy and Angela (Ike); grandchildren, Kim (Adam), Kristen, Joey, Hailey, Morgan, Kelsey and Lori (Mark); great-grandchildren, Kelby, Logan, Callie, Ainsley and Torren as well as two brothers. Bon and Ivan and sister-inlaw, Kathy and many nieces, nephews and friends. Anne was predeceased by her parents, Henry and Minnie Yager and two brothers, Ray and Bill and two sisters-in-law, Helen and Betty.

Anne was born January 8, 1940 at Grandview, MB. The family moved to Overdale District south of Kaleida where she grew up. Mom then moved to Winnipeg and worked for Eaton's Mail Order. Boyd and Anne were married November 1, 1958. They raised their children on the family farm. In 1980 they sold the farm and moved to Morden. Mom worked at various jobs out of the home but her true passion was babysitting. Mom enjoyed camping, fishing, baking, canning, cards/games and spending time with family and friends.

Celebration of life service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016 at Darlingford Hall with ash interment prior to the service at Jackson Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Stars Ambulance and Grace Hospital ICU for the excellent care!

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Stars Winnipeg Base 155A West Hanger Road Winnipeg, MB R2J 3Z1 or South Central Cancer Resource #400-34 Stephen Street, Morden MB R6M 2G3.

Mom you gave us so much with no expectations and touched our lives so greatly. You will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandma and GG. Your family and friends will miss your forever and ever. Rest in peace our dear angel.

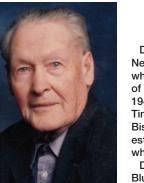
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Johann (John A.) Janzen 1926 - 2016

Dad was born on April 28, 1926 to Abram P. and Anna (nee Neudorf) Janzen in Cuauhtémoc, Mexico. He was three years old when his family moved back to Canada. Dad grew up in the village of Blumenfeld. Dad was baptized on the confession of his faith in 1948 in the Old Colony Church by Bishop Jacob Froese. He met Tina Heide in Hochfeld and they were married on May 7, 1950 by Bishop Jacob Froese in the Blumenfeld School. Together they established a small dairy and grain farm just west of Blumenfeld where they raised their four children.

Dad was involved in the community and served as trustee in the Blumenfeld public school. Dad also loved music and singing and served as song leader for 18 years in the Old Colony Church in

Blumenfeld of which five of these years were alongside his father, Abram P. Janzen. Dad enjoyed going ice-fishing with his neighbours as well as antique tractors and cars. Our memories of Dad include our visits to the farm and his great sense of humor, which we enjoyed up to the very end. Dad loved to travel and had the privilege of taking numerous trips to various places with close family and friends, which he enjoyed very much. Another highlight of his life was his grandchildren. They were all very special to him. The boys always got a hearty handshake and the girls would get warm hugs and kisses. In 1997 Dad and Mom moved to Morden where he resided until his death. Dad's faith was very important to him and remained evident even during his illness.

Dad was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Centre on June 7, 2016, Peacefully on Monday, July 18, 2016 Dad went to meet his Lord and Saviour. He reached the age of 90 years, 2 months and 21 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife, Tina (nee Heide) of 66 years, 2 months and 11 days; two sons, John and Sara Janzen of Winkler, Jake and Martha Janzen of Blumenfeld; two daughters, Tina and Ike Klassen of Morden, Ann and Dale Hoeppner of Morden; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Jake; two sisters, Mary Warkentin and Helen Friesen. He was predeceased by his parents Abram and Anna Janzen; two brothers, Peter and Abe; three sisters, Tina Hildebrand, Anna Westfall and Susie Suderman.

Funeral service was held on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Hochfeld Cemetery.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the staff at BTHC for the care they provided to Dad. Thank-you to Bishop Art Wiebe, Wiebe Funeral Home, ushers, organist, song leaders, church caretakers, serving group and the many friends and family that brought flowers, cards, food and held us up in prayer. A special thank-you to Bishop Dave Wiebe and Rev. Jake Heide for bringing the service of encouragement to our family and friends. Dad will be sadly missed by his family, but never forgotten. Till we meet again. With all our love, The Janzen family

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Nadezda (Nadya) Voloshanovskaya (nee Davidova)

1962 - 2016 On the morning of Thursday, July 21, 2016 Nadya peacefully passed away with her family by her side.

She was predeceased by her father, Ivan and mother, Zoyia, stepmother, Anna and brother, Alex. She is survived by her loving husband, Victor; daughters, Kristina (Sergei) and Tatiana (Michael) and son, Ivan (Amy). She will be missed by many friends and family. Especially important to her were her grandchildren, Evelyn, Vivien, Emily and Enrico, She will forever be remembered for her enduring spirit, positive attitude and ability to make anyone laugh. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016

at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at Hillside Cemetery. The family would like to thank everyone that has helped and supported us throughout this long and strenuous process. A special thank you to the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre for the comfort provided to all of us in Nadya's final months.

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