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Dinosaur face masks were one of the many arts and crafts activities offered last week as the weekly summer dino day camp of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre wrapped up. The camp was full with two age groups enjoying themes that included Marine Monday, Ice Age Tuesday, Dino Wednesday, Volcanic Thursday and Fossil Friday. The camp ran from July 3 to August 17.

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Fundraiser honours 'Dr. Bob'

Clinic staff planning bed push to BTHC and back

By Lorne Stelmach

Local health care staff are raising funds for cancer care in a fun way that also honours the legacy of Morden's beloved 'Doctor Bob'.

Agassiz Medical Centre will be honoring Dr Bob Menzies' spirit and passion with a fundraising effort where clinic staff have modified an old Morden Hospital ER bed.

Set up with a banner, the bed will be pushed not only during the Corn and Apple Festival parade this weekend but also to Boundary Trails Health Centre later in September.

"He dedicated his life to Boundary Trails and to serving this community," said nurse practitioner Brent Gouthro, who is among a group spearheading the effort.

They see this as honouring him and his legacy as well as raising some funds, he said.

"It really is something that I think

would be near and dear to his heart," said Gouthro.

Clinic staff will be carrying metal bedpans during the festival parade and encouraging people to throw in a loonie or toonie for Dr. Bob.

Any donations larger than \$20 must have the individual's name and address attached to receive a tax receipt, he noted, with cheques are to be made out to BTHC Foundation (memo line: Cancer Care and/or Bob's Bed Push).

"The bedpans are a 'cheeky' container that we feel Bob would support by giving us one of his deep bellow laughs," said Gouthro.

"I would like to think that Bob had his hand on this bed many, many times," he added, noting that he likes to think "Bob would be out there pushing with us too."

Gouthro said they are then also planning to push the bed to BTHC and back to Agassiz Medical Centre either September 22 or 29 as part of the fundraiser.

"We feel this will be a special tribute to Bob who spent many years traveling that stretch of road serving the community he loved. We will also be collecting donations during this time as well," said Gouthro.



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Among those helping spearhead the fundraiser are Brent Gouthro, Tyla McClain, Kristina Reinus and Dave Guenther.

"We're hoping that will be a bigger fundraising event," he continued, adding that in the meantime, people will have a chance to donate at the clinic over the next month as well.

"We have it set up in the front of the lobby here, and people are already throwing in their loonies and toonies."

The third generation of Menzies to serve as physicians here passed away late last year at the age of 65.

Professionally, he was a dedicated

family physician and played an important role in promoting health care in rural Manitoba including the development of the clinical teaching unit at Boundary Trails Health Centre. He received several awards, among them the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and being named one of Canada's family physicians of the year in 2002 and again posthumously this past year as well as Morden's Citizen of Distinction in 2017.



Festival set to go for 52nd year

A few changes and moves for Corn and Apple 2018

By Lorne Stelmach

Lynda Lambert loves the level of excitement that builds in Morden as its gets closer to Corn and Apple Festival weekend.

"You hear more people starting to talk about it," the festival executive director said last week as final preparations geared up for the 52nd annual edition of Morden's signature event this weekend.

"There's all the volunteers, and I know many people are coming from all over ... the campground is full. It's been fully reserved. People are coming in droves ... they just love it, so they keep coming," she said, suggesting it is the variety of events and activities that draws people back year after year.

"They all have something that they're coming for; everyone has something because we offer so much. I think that is

the key, that there is so much variety that so many people can come and do their own thing."

Lambert highlighted a few additions and changes for this weekend's festival.

"There's some brand new food vendors coming this year ... and there's a few new street vendors as well," she noted.

Another change is moving the farmers market from Seventh Street further west to 10th Street where it will be located between Variety Advertising building and Morden Physiotherapy. She said the thought was to have it closer to the arts and crafts tent.

"They thought it was a good idea to have that all together," she explained. "They thought it would be best to have them together and have all the handmade kinds of stuff together." For those coming Saturday morning for the parade, there is also a change in the route that will have it go straight west down North Railway rather than turning on to Stephen Street.

As well, the mud bog racing will go as usual Sunday but in a different location as the usual location on Willcocks Road in the southwest corner of Morden is now being used for pipeline construction. The mud bog will take place a mile and a half north on Road 25N (north of Greenvalley Equipment).

"Everything will be set up exactly the same ... it's only temporary for this year."

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Lambert is also excited about the overall package of entertainment for the festival.

> "The youth stage is so good these days. It's been so built up ... it's going so good," she suggested. "And the Cottonwood Stage ... I know tonnes of people are coming again for that. They wouldn't miss it ... it's funny, when the rest of the street is closing down ... those people are still dancing."

> The festival switched things up a bit this

year with its main stage entertainment lineup. It is keeping to its tried and true theme of classic rock one night and country music the other, but the former moves to Saturday night and the latter to Friday night.

Opening Friday will be a Métis singer songwriter Renee Lamoureux from Ile Des Chênes followed by Manitoba Country Music Association 2017 Male Artist of the Year and 2015 and 2016 Roots Artist of the Year Quinton Blair. Closing the show are The Road Hammers are the highest selling Canadian country band in history and have five Top 10 and nine Top 20 radio hits to their credit in Canada.

On Saturday, local band The Mood

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The farmers market will again be a popular stop for festival visitors, but you will need to wander down to 10th Street this year to buy your fresh produce.

kicks things off with their mix of groove, classic rock, blues, ballads and more, and they are followed by the Pumps and Orphan.

The finale is Canada's legendary Chilliwack, which released 12 albums over a 15 year period, producing numerous Canadian and international hits with 15 gold and platinum awards.

"That's what so many people seem to want ... they like the older music," she said. "I think our entertainment this year is really good especially with the headliners."



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CultureFest keeps on growing

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler's CultureFest faces a challenge as it continues to expand including having been held in conjunction with the Harvest Festival this year.

Now in its fifth year, the event formerly held in September in the downtown Bethel Heritage Park featured displays, activities and entertainment representing about 20 different countries.

The challenge though comes with the number of countries that could be potentially be represented given the area's ever-expanding diversity, say organizers.

"That's why we need to grow ... we need to get bigger and represent even more cultures," suggested Olesja Kraft.

"As more people come into our communities, more countries, it's only going to get bigger," agreed Alesha Hildebrand, volunteer co-ordinator with Regional Connections.

With the aim to not only help integrate immigrants into our community but also to have the integration involve the entire community, events like CultureFest can play an even important role as the region's diversity continues to expand, said Kraft.

"In our Pembina Valley, we represent 133 different countries already," she said, adding it has especially grown in recent years."We asked that question at the festival ... what people think how many countries are here ... some of the guesses were 20, 40 ... so that is eye opening."

Kraft felt incorporating the CultureFest into the Harvest Festival proved to be a significant benefit to both events.

"We thought it would be great because it brings out a lot of people," she agreed.

"It's to show that there is real diversity out there and make people aware how diverse our area actually is now," she continued, saying the hope is that "we become one friendly community and not have local communities within the community.

"We bring the cultures in ... they can represent themselves; people can learn from them, and they can learn from other people as well."

"The entertainment lineup has grown too ... that's what really brought in the crowds," said Hildebrand.

"We used to do just local entertainers; now we have world class entertainment coming from all over," she continued."That's another reason why partnering with the Harvest Festival was such a great idea ... Folklorama happens at the same time, so we have world class bands from Mexico and Argentina came out and performed at our Culturefest."

Kraft feels very positive about how the participants gain from the experience overall.

"I think, for them, they feel represented, and they feel proud being able to show their own culture, to show



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Culturefest 2018 featured educational displays and performances highlighting the growing diversity of our community.



their own beliefs," she said. "It helps them to integrate too because people are interested ... if we are interested in each other, that's what just brings us more closer together."



Feared bomb in Winkler proves false

Police are still investigating a suspicious package that led to explosives experts being called to Winkler.

The police were called just before 10 a.m. August 15 about the suspicious package found at a business in the area of George Avenue and Eastview Drive.

Officers were directed to a vehicle which contained what appeared to be an explosive device.

The Winkler fire eepartment and Morden Police Service were called to assist with blocking off parts of George Avenue and Eastview Drive, and nearby businesses were evacuated as a safety precaution as well.

The RCMP explosive disposal unit was called in, and they determined the suspicious package was not an explosive device, and George Avenue and Eastview Drive were reopened to traffic and evacuated staff allowed to return to work.

No further information was available other than that police said no charges were anticipated at this time.

New additions to studio tour

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Artists open up their spaces for 14th year

By Lorne Stelmach

There will be familiar faces and places, but there are also some new highlights for the upcoming Pembina Valley Studio Tour.

A chance to explore the creativity abounding across the region, the 14th annual studio tour September 8 and 9 will include three new participants in Carman as well as five gallery exhibitions.

"There's quite a variety of talent, and

it's not always the same people every year," said chairperson Margie Hildebrand. "We have some new people this year, and we're very excited that we have three new artists who are showing in Carman, so that makes it a total of four and makes that worth the extra trip there."

This self-guided tour covers an area from Altona in the east to La Riviere in the west and north to Carman.

This year, 29 individual artists from Altona, Winkler, Morden and the surrounding areas will

be opening their galleries, studios or homes Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. then Sunday between noon and 5 p.m.

There will be a broad range of art to enjoy from painting and photography to glass, metal, textiles, clay, tile and woodwork, and you are able to meet the artists and possibly even see them at work.

Hildebrand suggested the tour is well established now and draws people from not only across the region but further afield as well.

"We have people who come from Winnipeg ... and some come and spend the whole weekend," she said, noting part of the appeal of the tour is seeing the region and many interesting venues that include heritage buildings, restored barns, farmyards and private homes.

She added they hope people come away inspired by the creativity of the work in a variety of mediums along with the opportunity to support the artists by purchasing some of their work.

> "I think it's so much fun for them to meet the artists and see where they're working on their things," said Hildebrand. "They will be very impressed with the quality of the art here in southern Manitoba and the variety of it."

> For the artists, the tour can be beneficial as some may not necessarily get many opportunities to show and sell their work.

"The studio tour is helpful for the artists in the Pembina Valley to showcase their work in their own studios," said Hildebrand.

"Some people have outlets for their art, but some don't ... it may not be the kind of thing that's easily shown in a gallery ... maybe they are just starting out and don't have a lot yet. If they



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The Pembina Valley Studio Tour displays a wide array of creative work and offers a chance to meet the artists as well.



join together with some other people, they might be able to put together something," she added.

"Hopefully, it also introduces people to the larger Pembina Valley ... and all the interesting variety of things that are going on all over the area." Brochures are available at Gallery in the Park, Altona, Winkler Arts and Culture Centre, Thornview Grocery and the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden and other locations in the region. You can also check out the Facebook and Instagram pages for information as well as the www.pembinavalleystudiotour.com website.



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Morden lands another big one

A 4.5 meter (15 foot) replica statue of a predatory Xiphactinus (pronounced Zy-faktin-us) arrived Tuesday morning in advance of its official unveiling ceremony Friday at 11 a.m. at Milne Park. It is the third such fossil roadside attraction for the community, joining the 14 metre (50 foot) Mosasaur and 4.5 meter (15 foot) giant Archelon turtle, and it is the second monument created for the city by local paleo-artist Adolfo Cuetara's Dinokinetics. The Xiphactinus was an ancient ferocious long-toothed monster of a fish that patrolled the waters of the Western Interior Seaway where Morden is now situated approximately 80 million years ago.







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Letter from Tuscany ear Editor. As stated previously,

I will not be sending a column this week due to being stuck here in the monotonous beauty of Tuscany in central Italy.

As I write this to you, I am sitting by the villa pool looking out on the local vineyard, which is overtopped by an olive grove, beyond which is a for-

Roman breeze which carries the scent of tarragon and basil from the herb gar-

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By Pietro cada song. di When I am not Cantelone writing, I am drinking a fine concoction of Meloni, Limoncello and sparkling water ... re-

freshing under this Tuscan sun. Absolute hell.

Still, I cannot help but imagine what it might be like to abandon the world I know and hide out here for a while amidst the wine, olive oil, bread, pasta, pizza and more.

Being here, I begin to understand

Letter policy

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and concerns.

how the Romans were able to rule the world for as long as they did and why they thought the rest of us could only benefit from becoming them.

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I should say, while Rome, Florence and Pisa were great places to visit with history and beauty beyond comprehension, the real treasure is to be found in the smaller villages scattered throughout the countryside.

Small walled towns sitting atop little mountains with structures dating back 2,000 years provide perspective to one's life and cause one to consider what is of real worth.

A few notes on Italian culture though, starting with driving.

When you sit behind the wheel of your car in Italy, you are making a deal which every other driver - I will worry about the people in front of me, and I will let everyone else worry about what's in front of them.

Speed limits, lanes and signalling these are all quaint but entirely unnecessary things Italian drivers have, for the most part, chosen to unburden themselves of it would seem.

The lanes on the largest highways are about an inch wider than the average small car. There are no shoulders wider than a painted white line. It is incredible to watch a car ap-

proach you from behind in a 90 km per hour zone at speeds in excess of 150 km per hour and come within an inch of your bumper. You move over, and they speed on - this is the way of things. Cars dance back and forth with each other - everyone understands this is how things work.

Using your signal simply gives you away and guarantees you will not be allowed to merge or pass. Best to adopt the philosophy'when in Rome', and things will run smoothly.

And traffic circles ... why we are using intersections and stop signs is beyond me. Radically inefficient, the intersection pales in comparison to the noble traffic circle which is vastly superior, be they on highways or in cities and villages.

To ensure I have not missed any details on the trip, I have taken more than 1,700 photos so far with three days left (this is true). I have attached one for you to prove I wrote while here.

I must end the letter now. It is time to prepare for the evening wild boar festival in the village. This should be interesting ... we will see.

In the meantime, I will be back before I know it with some small experience of La dolce vita. Until then - ciao.

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Morden set for another Superwalk

Annual fundraiser supports Parkinson Canada

By Lorne Stelmach

The community support for the Parkinson Canada Superwalk in Morden is meaningful to people like Helen Braun and Lenore Laverty.

The walk set for Saturday, September 15 is important both for raising funds and awareness, say the two Mordenites.

"It's very important. I really appreciate it," said Braun, who has lived with the disease now for about 10 years. "It's important that we support research on something like Parkinson's and that they find something that helps with it over time.

"I think walking is one of the things or exercise that they really emphasize with Parkinson's, so it's sort of symbolic too," added Braun, who participates in the walk as part of a team including family and friends spearheaded by a granddaughter Katherine.

"This inspiring community event is the only major fundraiser for Parkinson's disease in Morden, and it's also an important means for connecting families impacted," said Laverty.

The driving force behind the walk for the past 15 years, she and Pat Plett founded the Superwalk in Morden with Laverty's inspiration to get involved coming through her brother Ron being diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2002. "I felt that starting a Superwalk was something meaningful that I could do to support my brother while helping others with Parkinson's in my area," said Laverty.

Last year, the local walk raised over \$35,000 to support a wide variety of client services, education form health professionals, advocacy and research into Parkinson's disease.

The walk usually attracts upwards of 100 people, noted Laverty.

"A lot of them have walked with us right from the very beginning," she noted, adding she was pleased with the fundraising tally in recent years. "For two hours of work on a Saturday morning, that's great.

"One of the things that we try to do with our walk ... is that we do it on a Saturday morning early, so really by 11, people are out and about for the rest of the day. It doesn't take a lot of time to do it," added Laverty.

She agreed that raising awareness here is just as important as raising funds.

"There are a lot of people in the Pembina Valley who have Parkinson's," she noted. "And for somebody who is newly diagnosed, maybe they would like to feel that support ... and see other people who are in the same position."

Lorri Apps, managing director for Parkinson Canada in Manitoba, said volunteers like Laverty are the heart and soul of their charity and really serve as an inspiration and support to people with Parkinson's in Manitoba.

"We are most appreciative of Lenore and her team of volunteers who have brought so many people to the Su-



VOICE FILE PHOTO Participants set off for the 2017 Morden Superwalk that raised over \$35,000

perwalk in Morden," she said. "They participated in and contributed to the Parkinson Canada Superwalk over the years and are passionate about raising funds for people living with Parkinson's to have the opportunities to gather and receive support services in the Pembina Valley."

In Manitoba, there are an estimated 6,800 individuals diagnosed with the neurodegenerative disease, and the number of Manitobans suffering from Parkinson's disease is expected to double in the next 14 years.

Parkinson's is a chronic, degenerative neurological disease characterized by a loss of dopamine in the brain. There is no known cause or cure. Symptoms include: tremors, slowness of movement, stiffness or rigidity of muscles, difficulty with balance and walking as well as changes in voice volume and speech. Non-motor symptoms include depression, loss of sense of smell, sleep disturbances and cognitive changes.

The average age of onset is 60, but it is diagnosed in people as young as 20 and under.

The Parkinson Canada Superwalk 2018 in Morden will start at the Morden Mennonite Church with registration at 9 a.m. and the walk beginning at 10 a.m. For further information and to register, visit www.parkinsonsuperwalk.ca.

Paving the way for industrial development

Winkler city council

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler is getting a financial boost to help further develop its industrial area.

A \$200,000 provincial grant will help Winkler pave three roads in the industrial park east from Eastview Drive in the area of Roblin Boulevard.

The funding to help complete the work on Adora Avenue, Viking Road

and Norland Drive is a welcome bonus for the city, as it applies for some road funding every year.

"We always hope for the funding; sometimes it comes, sometimes it doesn't,"Winkler Mayor Martin Harder said after a recent council meeting.

The city undertakes projects like this and targets money from reserve funds in their budget, but this funding then means that "\$200,000 gets left in our reserves."

Putting roads and infrastructure in place is vital in order for the city to meet the demand for more industrial lots.

"It's a must. You can't expect people

to build a big business on a road that is either dirt or gravel ... the lots have been subdivided, and this will give us an opportunity to be able to get people to build there."

The funding was part of \$2.25 million in municipal road improvement program funding announced by the Manitoba government for 30 projects in 30 municipalities plus funding for 18 northern affairs communities.

Meanwhile, Harder also addressed concerns that had been raised about open fires in the industrial area.

He noted a city bylaw places restrictions on open fires within the city limits because they can pose a safety concern.

"We appreciate some support from the industries not to have burning barrels in the back ... given the opportunity for it to spread," said Harder. "We've had some issues with that in recent months, and we want to make sure that people are aware."

Council also approved a number of development matters including one that clears the way for the former Klassen's Furniture property to be turned into a six-plex residential development, which is a conditional use in a central commercial zone. That same project also required variations on its site widith and corner side yards.

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Honey, Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival in 17th year

By Lorne Stelmach

Now in its 17th year, the Honey, Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival is a well established draw to Manitou.

As much as it is a fall celebration of locally grown and produced foods and handmade crafts, the region itself is also part of the attraction, say organizers.

"The main thing is that it brings people to Manitou and it just showcases Manitou," Evelyn Lea said of the festival that takes place September 7 and 8.

"We do tours in the country and tours in the town ... people are very surprised by the tours; they're very appreciative and say 'wow, that was a great tour' ... and they don't realize for a small little town what all that it has to offer."

"I think there's so many activities to do in the area ... it's hard to take everything in," she added. "We're still attracting new people, and people are always returning." A main highligth of the festival each year is a great variety of food vendor displays as well as cooking demonstrations with recipes featuring honey, garlic and/or maple syrup.

There is a Friday night barbecue at the Log Cabin complete with local entertainment, ane the finale Saturday evening is the gourmet buffet supper.

"There's always some new and exciting things added to it. We have some different vendors plus some of the tried and true ones who always come," Lea noted.

She suggested it is a great opportunity for the community, which she said rallies around the event each year to make it a success.

"There's always good spinoff for the businesses and the town," she said. "There's so many groups who help us. It's a small town, but everybody pitches in ... and we have such a great volunteer base who come back year after year. They're just a dedicated group of people."

There will be music throughout the two days with the Manitou Coffee House musicians offering up a Friday night concert at the Manitou Opera House featuring Red Moon Road. The next day, the free stage has a great line up as well to entertain the festival goers.



The food vendors are always kept busy during the festival in Manitou.

In addition to various games, activities and prizes for the children to keep them entertained, there are other activities for all interests.

The Country Hicks Car Club have their annual showing which has brought well over 125 entries. While strolling the grounds, a live band will be playing as well.

The guided bus tours have also become popular. On Friday, take a tour of the scenic Pembina Valley with historical sights to visit or visit the new Nellie McClung Heritage Site, and the Saturday tours showcase Manitou. Some guests also arrive by plane from several locations around the province with the Manitou Fly In Club hosting a "fly in" and shuttle to take guests to the festival site.

The Saturday evening buffet supper includes slow roasted pork, honey glazed chicken, sweet and sour farmer sausage and garlic mashed potatoes and more. Tickets can be purchased in Manitou at Sam's Foods or CJ's Convenience and in Morden from the Pembina Hills Arts Centre or by calling Pat at 204-242-0307.

"Get your tickets early ... we plan for a sellout," noted Lea.

Comic Con back for 2nd year

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers are optimistic the Comic Con will be bigger and better this year in conjunction with the Morden Corn and Apple Festival.

The event now just in its second year is expanding from one day with events and activities that will be spread out over the three days.

As well, it is moving more into the heart of this weekend's festival in a new location at 7th Street with the farmers market having been moved to 10th Street near the arts and crafts.

"We're going to right downtown between CIBC and Marathon this year ... so I think it's going to be so much better," said Jaz Jackson of Morden's Pop Culture store.

"We're hoping it's going to do a lot of good things for everybody involved this year. I think it's going to be way bigger and better than last year," agreed Brad Wiebe.

There will be activities for the kids including a superhero colouring cor-

ner, and there will also be comic book corner to just sit and read.

There were 10 vendors lined up for this year with displays ranging from comic books and comic-related art to anime, toys and other collectibles.

As well, a highlight will be having four cosplay groups represented on the Saturday.

"I think they were wanting us more to integrate into Corn and Apple ... and especially the cosplay people, get them walking around and interacting with people," suggested Wiebe. "So we have more cosplay people coming this year.

Another highlight will be the costume contest on Saturday.

"Any kind of costume at all ... I think the costume contest is the main event this year to finish off the day of events Saturday," said Jackson, noting the judging will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday

In addition, there will be Saturday workshops including how to make Thor's hammer at noon and how to



VOICE FILE PHOTO Organizers see the Comic Con as having more to offer this year after its

first time around last year. make Captain America's shield at Jackson is op 3:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first could continue

3:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 30 people, but others can watch the demonstrations.

Otherwise, the hours for the Comic Con are noon to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday then noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Jackson is optimistic the Comic Con could continue to grow.

"From last year, everyone has been very supportive," she said. "Maybe next year we'll even try to work in some more space."

Keeping kids reading

By Lorne Stelmach

The South Central Regional Library wrapped up another season of getting kids reading during their vacation.

The five branch libraries have been holding their TD Summer Reading Club windup events, and the program received a good response again this year.

"I think it went really well," suggested Cathy Ching, director of library services.

The program concluded with carnival windups in Manitou August 8 followed by Winkler August 13 and Morden August 15 with Miami to follow August 23 and Altona August 28.

The region overall had 1,570 children participating this summer with Winkler leading the way at 626 children and 30 teens, while Morden has 381 children and 25 teens participating. There were 280 children and 21 teens in Altona, 180 children and 2 teens in Manitou and 99 children and two teens in Miami.

Ching was pleased with the numbers overall while noting they had changed up the program a little this year.

"The teen program is down because last year we had teen and adult, and we decided to keep it at the teens," she noted. "The numbers otherwise I think are pretty much the same.

"I think it's really becoming something more of an event," she added, noting that they had tweaked the initiative somewhat this year. "We have gone with a lot more programming rather than counting minutes and keeping track ... so it's been more of an interactive program."

She feels the program continues to play an important role and that it may also be especially beneficial for the many new families that have settled in the area.

"Some kids are big readers, and reading 15 minutes a day is an easy thing for a lot of kids ... but to get them to love and use the library is something we are striving for," said Ching. "It's getting them reading and getting them to come to the library on a regular basis."

She also likes the fact that there are



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A carnival last Wednesday in Confederation Park in downtown Morden wrapped up the summer reading club.

many children who have been involved in the program for a number of years.

"And some who have taken part for multiple years and have kind of aged out of the kid program are now volunteers," she added.

"So you get to know the kids, and it's amazing how many we have ended up hiring over the years because we have seen them as volunteers and know that they have a really good work ethic.

"Parents love it. Parents have been really pleased with the changes we have made ... summer is long, and not everyone is involved in sports," said Ching. "We're already thinking about next year and how we can tweak it a bit so we can make it go a little further into August as well."



Medieval evening at the castle



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It was a celebration of both history and art outdoors Saturday as Bellas's Castle bed and breakfast hosted a medieval feast. The evening featured a group of young actors not only interacting with the guests during dinner but also doing a scene from Romeo and Juliet. The next special event in the works for Bella's Castle is a Caribbean party September 15.

Market in the Park



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There was a variety of new and used finds to be had Saturday evening as the Market in the Park of Pembina Valley Events was held alongside the community garage sale. Pembina Valley Events is next planning a September 1 Morden Night Market at the Access Event Centre as well as a fall sale September 29.





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By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Reunion Days does more than just showcase what all is offered at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum - now celebrating its 50th year.

The appeal of the annual September long weekend celebration is that it really does bring it all to life, suggests musem manager Kim

Striemer.

"With the blacksmith pounding away ... you don't even have to use your imagination. It's there for you," she said in advance of the August 31 and September 1 event.

"I think what appeals to people is the interaction, the hands-on and the actual living history ... the history is being taught through the volunteers," she added.

"The buildings are really fascinating on their own, but when you have somebody in there, it does bring it alive," she said. "You go into the buildings, there's someone in most of them that you can talk to who's dressed up ... it's brings the building alive, brings the history allve."

There is always plenty to see and do at the museum, but if you haven't been there in recent years, there are a few new features and attractions to enjoy at the 2018 Reunion Days.

Added to the museum last year was a wildlife exhibit and a corn maze, while new this year is Athe 4,000 sq.

ft. indoor Brimberly Village that features a variety of the museum's antiques and artifacts in a pioneer street scene.

And, of course, you can tour all of the museum buildings such as the Morden CPR station, Haskett store, Reimer house, Braun log house, Pomeroy School, Roseisle United Church, Pelser's Barber Shop, North Police outpost, Mor-

West Mounted Police outpost, Morden research station barn and more.

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



The old fashioned, steam-engine powered threshing demonstration always draws a crowd at the Reunion Days.

The antique tractor pull and wheat threshing demonstrations are always big draws, and another feature attraction each day is the parade of vintage Meals are available each day in the Valley Harvest Maids dining hall, and there is entertainment as well in the evening.

Admission is \$10 or with children 10 and under free, and you can find more information online at the threshermensmuseum.com website as well as on Facebook.

"It's just a real old time blast from the past ... it's just a tonne of old fashioned fun," said Striemer. "It's like a step back in the past, even without all the demos and activities that are going on."



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The kids can also enjoy activities in-

cluding barrel train rides and the pet-

ting zoo, and of course the General

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Nation-wide hockey tour coming

Winkler set to play host in March

By Lorne Stelmach

Canada's ultimate touring hockey festival will be coming to Winkler this NHL season.

Rogers Hometown Hockey announced its fifth crosscountry tour where hosts Ron MacLean and Tara Slone





visit 25 Canadian communities throughout the 2018-19 season, and Winkler will play host March 2-3 in conjunction with the Winnipeg Jets facing the Blue Jackets in Columbus.

The celebration features two days of live entertainment, NHL alumni, local celebrities and hockey-themed activities from Saturday to Sunday evening including an outdoor viewing party of an NHL game.

"It's going to be a great regional event, and we are proud to host it," said Winkler Mayor Martin Harder, noting it could be open to involve youth from across the area."Minor hockey teams are going to be involved ... any minor hockey team that's around here is going to be invited to participate.

host communities in Manitoba, and he noted it was a process going back to late last year that included being interviewed for it.

"I guess it must have impressed them enough that they decided to come back and offer us the contract to be able to host it," said Harder. "I think it builds on the recognition we already have as far as being able to host major events."

Each community stop will be featured on Rogers Hometown Hockey, the weekly Sunday broadcast available through Sportsnet.

Live on location in each community, MacLean and Slone will host a pregame, intermission and post-game show from the Sportsnet mobile studio, shining the spotlight on local culture, hockey history and unique stories of each hometown.

"With our 100th episode on the horizon, it's the perfect time to reflect on the incredible moments we've shared together on the Rogers Hometown Hockey journey," MacLean said in a news release.

"From St. John's to Victoria to Whitehorse, Tara and I have had the privilege of honouring the tradition of hockey in Canada for the past four seasons – and we can't wait to unearth all the surprises that this season will have in store."

The fifth season of Rogers Hometown Hockey premieres in Kitchener, Ontario October 5 to 7 featuring a festive celebration of the 50th anniversary of Oktoberfest and an original six showdown between the Toronto Maple Leafs and Chicago Blackhawks.

Later that month, Canada's ultimate hockey festival marks the 100th episode milestone in London, Ontario the stop that started it all five seasons ago. The tour also hits the hometown of Bobby Orr in Parry Sound, climbs the mountains of Whistler, and makes a return to Newfoundland and Labrador.

"In a hockey culture as rich as Canada, we still have so many stories to share this season," said Slone. "As we hit the road for a season complete with special milestones and visits to new communities like CFB Esquimalt and Enoch Cree Nation, we look forward to uniting all Canadian communities through the sport they love – hockey."

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The setting, of course, is one of the strongest selling points for the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club.

"It's a great golf course," says head pro Geoff Kehler, citing it as one of his main reasons for moving here from Winnipeg.

"It's not a prairie golf course ... it's so different from what we play in Manitoba normally," said Kehler, citing the varying level of challenges it offers. "You can be the best golfer in the world and play from the very back or you can be a beginner and play from the front and have a lot of fun."

In the midst of a busy week that included the Access junior golf and Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation tournaments, Kehler noted how much Minnewasta contributes to the local economy.

"Last year, I think we did 8,000 rounds from the Winnipeg area ... that's 8,000 people who come to Morden from Winnipeg who are in our area and supporting other businesses," he said.

Kehler also noted it is much more accessible than people may realize.

"A big thing is people think it's so expensive because it's so beautiful.

"We have a \$10 green fee after 6:45 that so many families use ... I set it up trying to get more moms and kids to play golf," he noted. "If you only have an hour to play, you can play four holes or three holes, and it's only

\$10 ... you can play nine holes if you can." "It's just something to get more families doing something together," he continued, adding that "golf needs obviously younger people in it.

"People think golf is so expensive. Really, when you think about it, you can get a good set of clubs for a couple hundred bucks, and a junior membership is only \$200."

As well, Kehler noted people don't realize that the club is available year-round for lessons.

"I teach throughout the winter here. In the pro shop, I just clear out the merchan-



dise ... I have a big net and a radar system that shows on the screen the ball flight," he explained.

"Winter is actually a great time to do it because it's a half an hour at a time, and it's not as busy as in the summer," he suggested. "You learn more and you retain more in the winter than you do in the summer. If you're taking lessons in the summer, you go out and play and you kind of fall back into old habits?

League play remains strong with a full complement of around 200 for the men's league, but Kehler is also especially happy to see the ladies league up at 112 this year.

"Which is up from previous years, and it just seems to keep growing.











New director for Regional Connections

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The new head of the local immigrant services agency is settling nicely into his role this summer.

Steve Reynolds took on the mantle of executive director of Regional Connections at the start of the month, stepping in for retiring director Laurie Dyck.

His new job represents a major change for Reynolds, though he is by no means a stranger to the organization that provides settlement, employment, and language services for newcomers in the Winkler-Morden-Altona area.

Reynolds has been with the agency for 11 years, starting out as an English teacher back in 2007 after returning home from working abroad.

"My wife and I both wanted to travel and so we lived in Japan for two years and taught English there," Reynolds said. "And then we came back here and didn't know anything about Regional Connections or even how much immigration had been picking up while we were away."

Answering an ad for ESL teachers put Reynolds on a path that took him from teacher to workplace and employment services coordinator to language program coordinator and now, finally, executive director of the agency.

"Eleven years has gone by really quickly since I first answered that ESL ad," Reynolds said, noting it's been gratifying to be a part of Regional Connections' growth over the past decade.

"When I started there were two offices and one classroom in that building on Main St. next to Red River College and now ..."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Steve Reynolds stepped into the executive director role at Regional Connections this summer and is excited for the future of the growing organization.

Now the agency has offices in all three of the communities it serves, employing over 70 people. It also offers an increasing range of programs and services to help immigrants settle into their new homes.

"Being part of all of this growth has been amazing," Reynolds said "I'm

really passionate about it, about this organization and the potential it has." His first few months on the job will focus on picking up the torch left behind by Dyck, who was integral to building Regional Connections into what it is today.

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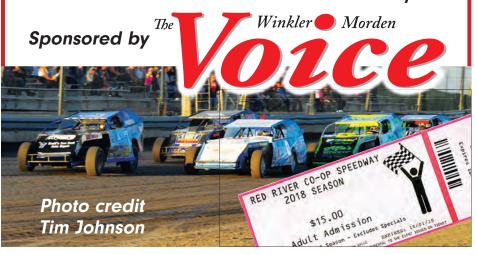
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Family fun in Plum Coulee



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE It was a weekend of free family fun as Plum Coulee hosted the 2018 Plum Fest Friday to Sunday. Entertainment included some sleight of hand by Dr. Von Houlighan's Carnival of Calamities, while hose bowling was one of the events in the firemen's Rodeo. The Plum Fest Market was a popular stop, and the entertainment included 5acres. Other events included a street dance Friday, street supper Saturday and faspa Sunday.

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"There's big shoes to fill," Reynolds admitted. "So that's the first part, is just making sure we keep going on this trajectory that she set.

"That's really positive and it's really kind of ambitious in and of itself, running three offices and providing all our programs.

"We're often the first point of contact for people coming here," Reynolds noted. "People are often surprised when I tell them we have 500 students in our English classes during the year, or 1,000 new clients in a year, let alone 3-4,000 total."

Looking to the future, further growth is inevitable.

"Opportunities always come up," Reynolds said. "The way things have grown over time its that as immigration keeps happening and the community keeps growing ... we're always looking at what are the needs that are coming up now and is there a way we can help with that. Or how can we do what we're doing better?"

55 Plus champs



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The 55+ Slo-Pitch League recently wrapped up the 2018 season with the newly named Morden Dinosaurs finishing first. The league consists of teams from Morden, Rock Lake, Altona and Carman. Team members include (left to right): back - Ron Harms, Harry Hildebrand, Gord Letkeman, Jack Giesbrecht, Bruce Friesen, Kathy Friesen, Gord Mullin, Gil Wiebe; front - Art Thiessen, Peter Hildebrand, Harv Warkentin, Denis Lemay; missing were Peter Bergen, Dennis Funk and Linda Falk.





BTHC fundraiser earns \$35,000

By Lorne Stelmach

The regional hospital will benefit

once again from the success of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation's annual golf tournament.

Held last Thursday at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club, the fundraiser brought in an estimated









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\$35,000, and that tally has remained pretty consistent for the event now in its 18th year.

"We're very happy. We had a great turnout," noted executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett, noting there was a full slate of about 150 golfers for the tournament, which rotates between Morden and Winkler each year.

"The golf and our annual banquet are the two biggest fundraisers," she added. "We fill up (for the tournament) every year probably by around May or June. People are really supportive."

Samatte-Folkett said they would be putting the funds towards equipment for the hospital with the foundation having made a commitment for almost \$140,000 in support for equipment this year.

Among the list of equipment eyed for the current year is an ultrasound probe, pressure ulcer mattresses, bladder scanner, rehabilitation stairs, a stretcher and mattress, radiant infant warmer and stethoscopes for cancer care as well as 27 waiting room chairs for cancer care and four arm chairs and a table for the medical/palliative hall.

The foundation focuses particularly on programs and equipment, but programs like palliative care also get support from other sources, so the foundation can help fill the gaps where provincial support may come up short.

The hospital puts in "a wish list to Manitoba Health, and whatever doesn't get covered, they send to us ... that's where we can step in," she said. "It's essentials for the hospital that Manitoba Health was going to be able to cover ... the province only has so much money that they are budgeting for each hospital, so we try to step in when we can."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE The fundraising tournament held last Thursday in Morden has now been happening for 18 years.



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Mohawks trounce the Regals in opener

The Morden Mohawks used the long ball to take the lead in the Border Baseball League final last week.

Six home runs drove the defending champions to a resounding 17-3 victory over the Baldur Regals in game one of the best of five championship series last Wednesday in Morden.

The win followed a successful weekend prior where the Mohawks captured the senior AA provincial title as the Border league reps. In game one, the Regals jumped out to a quick start, scoring two runs in the first inning off Mohawks' starter Matt Mutcheson and then adding a third run in the top of the third.

Morden, however, broke loose with seven runs in the bottom of the third including two home runs. Three runs off of two more homers in the bottom of the fourth would push the score to 10-3 before Morden added two more runs in the fifth and five in the sixth.

South Central comes up short



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A runner takes a lead from first base in the round-robin opener Thursday as Winkler hosted the Western Canadian 15U AAA baseball championship. Team South Central rebounded from an early 3-0 deficit here to edge North Winnipeg 5-3, however the team faltered from there, dropping their next four games. In the end, the gold went to the Langley Blaze with an 11-0 win over the North Winnipeg Pirates.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Emmanuel Lantigua hits one of his team's six home runs, making the score 6-3 in the third inning - one of six that helped Morden to a 17-3 win in game one of the Border Baseball League final.

After a tough first inning, Mutcheson settled in and cruised through the rest of his six innings, then Jesse Mutcheson came in for an inning of relief.

The series was taking a break now with the Border league representing Manitoba at the Western Canadian championships this past weekend. The final was scheduled to resume with game two Friday in Baldur and game three back in Morden Tuesday. If the series is extended, game four was planned for next Friday in Baldur and game five the following Monday in Morden.

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The Mohawks went undefeated in Neepawa as the Border League representative at the senior AA provincials. A big inning in the fifth helped Morden to a 6-3 win in game one against the hometown Neepawa Cubs, then Saturday saw Morden beat Brandon 13-4.

With both Morden and Hamiota then already assured spots in the semi-finals, their match-up was only to determine placing, and the Mohawks won 18-8 to take first in the pool.

Next came a chance for redemption, as the Mohawks would play the Boissevain Centennials, who beat the Mohawks in the provincial final in 2017, and Jesse Mutcheson came through with a walk-off single to score Manny Lantigua for a 2-1 win.

The final offered a rematch with Hamiota, and the Mohawks held on for another slim 2-1 win for the title.

Barracudas take the title

The Winkler Barracuda season has come to an end for another year with another title.

The team hosted the final championship meet Sunday with nearly 140 swimmers from across Manitoba coming to compete.

The Barracudas won the overall team points award for the second year in a row.

In the individual age categories, the Barracudas did very well with members earning 14 top three placings for overall individual points. The 14 top 3 finishers were:

• 8 & Under: girls - Greta Loewen 1st, Rebecca Kagan 3rd; boys: Khyler Sherinton-Voth 1st, Cohen Gerbrandt 2nd.

• 9 & 10 years: girls - Alexis Wiebe

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• 15 & Over: boys - Jack Penner 1st, Daniel Kagan 2nd.

In addition, the Winkler Barracudas also had two swimmers break four race records at this final meet. Finn Soltis set new records in the boys 200

m freestyle and 100 m freestyle, w hile Jace Zacharias set new records in the boys 200 m breaststroke and 50 m breaststroke.

Flyers hire assistant coach

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Flyers have added a new face to their coaching staff for the coming season but one that is familiar to local hockey circles.

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League club announced Rylan Price will join the team as assistant coach for 2018-19.

Price, who was most recently the head coach for the Pembina Valley Hawks of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League, replaces Steve Mullin who was promoted to head coach of the Flyers.

"I'm extremely proud and excited to become a Winkler Flyer," said Price, who has been coaching at various levels since 2006.

His previous roles include stints with both the Morden Collegiate and the Garden Valley Collegiate high

school teams, and he coached five of the last six years with the Pembina Valley Hawks including their Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League championship season in 2013-2014.

3rd; boys - Levi Gerbrandt 2nd.

1st, Cole Wiebe 3rd.

• 11 & 12 years: boys - Jace Zacharias

• 13 & 14 years: girls - Kaylea Peters

1st, Brittany Chavarria 3rd; boys - Finn

Soltis 1st (tied), Cole Thiessen 3rd.

Flyers officials said his level of knowledge with the video training tools and other technical parts of the game will also be a real asset to the organization.

"Rylan has done an exceptional job with the Hawks program over the past number of years, and I look forward to him bringing his expertise to the Flyer bench," said Mullin.

"We are excited to add Rylan to our staff as we are very familiar with him, and we feel he will fit in very well with Steve behind the bench," added general manager Ken Pearson.

Meanwhile, the Flyers also announced the signing of 17-year-old winger Eric Fawkes.



Rylan Price had helped guide the Pembina Valley AAA Hawks to a title in 2013-14

The 6'3", 185 lbs forward from Winnipeg was eighth in the entire Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League last season with 74 points on 37 goals and 37 assists in 47 games with the Winnipeg Wild. In two seasons he recorded 115 points on 47 goals and 68 assists



Eric Fawkes played with the AAA Winnipeg Wild.

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in 87 games. "Eric is a big body winger with a great touch around the net," said Pearson. "We are excited to have him choose to play in Winkler and further develop."

Winning week for local soccer squads

The South Central Riot kept their summer-long winning streak alive with a 3-1 victory over Colo Colo Sunday afternoon.

Scoring for the home team were Thomas Klassen, Arni Schott and Kris Roberts, and the win brings the first place Riot's record to 8-0 so far in their first place in their inaugural season in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's

8th Division.

This weekend, the team heads into Winnipeg to play the Kings Park Rangers Sunday.

Playing in the league's 1st Division, the Winkler Storm made it three in a row with a 3-2 win over the Bandits FC August 14.

This week, the Storm were scheduled to play the Rovers Tuesday. RePrior to Tuesday's game, the team's record sat at 6-6-3 and had them solidly in fifth place.

Meanwhile, the South Central Hurricanes wrapped up their regular season in the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League's 2nd Division with a 1-0 loss to Frozen Water August 14.

With that, the 'Canes finished the

sults were not available at press time. summer in first place with a 9-5 record, coming out ahead of the Winnipeg Storm in second and the Hornets SC in third.

> The ladies were slated to play a quarter-final match against the Red Hot Pink Flamingos in Winnipeg Wednesday.

Local speedway earns praise

By Lorne Stelmach

Competitors look forward to coming to the ALH Speedway in Morden Sunday afternoons.

The local race track that is among about 50 sanctioned by the Wisconsin and Minnesota based WISSOTA association is widely earning praise from the drivers.

"It's been fun ... I look forward to going there Sunday. I like it," said Ward Imrie, a Winnipeg racer who is currently leading the WISSOTA standings in the modifieds category.

"The atmosphere at ALH, I would say, is second to none," suggested Mordenite Rod Wolfe, praising the level of hospitality offered here.

"I can't really ask for better ... we have basically a track right on our doorstep here ... I think it's going to keep gaining interest as it gets promoted," added Vern Wieler, whose son Brandon races their car.

Part of the WISSOTA circuit that includes tracks in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Ontario and Alberta, ALH Speedway has racing go most Sundays starting in May and continuing through the summer.

As always, there are a variety of classes including four cylinder stock, pure stock, street stock, A-mod and B-mod as well as the popular slingshots for young drivers.

The racing has been impacted a couple times this season by the weather - cancelled once because of rain and a second time because of extreme heat - but owner and promoter Al Hildebrand is pleased nevertheless.

"The season has actually been really good. I think the race season has been extremely enjoyable," he suggested recently. "Our car count has been up substantially from other years, and we've just had some really awesome racing."

As always, preparing and maintaining the track can pose some challenges, but he feels that has gone well this year as well.

"The track has been really good, and hopefully it continues ... it's been good all season so far. We've had the smoothest track that we've ever had."

"He's done an excellent job as far as track prep goes," said Wieler, who agreed there has been quality racing and good track conditions that have been consistent all year.

"When you get championship drivers and high end drivers who praise this Morden track ... that's why we figure that we have a top calibre track here," he said.

"Occasionally, at the beginning of the day, it can get a little bit dusty, but when the finals or the feature races come along, usually that's all done, and it's very good."

"There's a lot of exciting racing each week. There's some of the best racers in this area who race here on a weekly basis," said Wolfe, who is now in his



Racing action from this past Sunday at the ALH Speedway near Morden.

fifth season.

He also appreciates that there is a very family oriented atmosphere there as well as a strong level of camaraderie.

"You might fight with each other on the track, but off you're usually getting along and helping one another when anybody needs it," suggested Wolfe.

"You have a lot of families involved in racing ... father and son ... and you have brothers out there racing against each other. Sometimes you're racing a little harder with your family."

Wolfe as well appreciates the work put into maintaining the track.

"It's a nice slick track," he suggested. "And we know what kind of racing surface we're going to be encountering. This year, every week, it's been an exceptional race track. In the past, they've struggled with dust control. They've improved on that drastically."

"It's consistently one of the better tracks that we've been to all year," agreed Imrie

"It's really really slippery ... it makes you learn throttle control real good in a hurry ... it's good that it gets slippery and slows down."

He also said this is a strong competitive level of racing each week.

"There's really good racers in every class," said Imrie.

For Hildebrand, it is encouraging to hear good feedback.

"We've had probably the best racing that we've ever had so far," he suggested.

"I think our fan count could be higher ... we need them in the seats ... our fan count hasn't been bad but it could be better," he concluded. "We're hoping for the Corn and Apple to sort of help us finish off the season in grand style."

ALH Speedway is located just west of Morden, and the pits open at 1 p.m. with racing getting underway at 4 p.m. More information can be found online at www.alhspeedway.com.

Demo derby Sept. 1 to support Donate Love, PVHS

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming demolition derby in Morden will support two local non-profits.

The second annual fundraising derby Sept. 1 at the ALH Motor Speedway just west of Morden will divide the proceeds between Donate Love and the Pembina Valley Humane Society this year.

Lee Moir and Jeremy Wall have taken over organizing duties after having put on a successful derby in Crystal City.

"Jeremy and I are very passionate about this," said Moir."We thought why not bring some of our ideas and our enthusiasm to doing this one in Morden? It's for good causes and it's a heck of a lot of fun."

The Morden derby last year raised around \$3,800, and Moir is optimistic that they will be able to surpass that total.

"We would like to smash that. We would love to do five to seven thousand ... pack the stands."

He was uncertain about the number of competitors they might attract, but he is equally hopeful about that tally.

"We're just trying to get as many as we can." Many competitors approach an event like this



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The ALH Motor Speedway west of Morden hosts a demolition derby in support of Donate Love and the Pembina Valley Humane Society on Sept. 1.

with a fair bit of strategy, Moir noted.

"There's two different types of competitors: there's the guys who are out there to put on a show and have a lot of fun, and then you get guys who choose their hits wisely," he said.

"Some guys who do demolition derbies, they'll spend the whole year just building up their car for this derby," he added, noting that there is very much a sense of brotherhood among them all and "you'll often see these guys help each other out to get the other guy's car going so he can make it into the next class."

Moir said they are organizing a number of different categories in the hopes of attracting a range of vehicles.

"We've actually come up with a more basic class ... simple rules ... and we're calling it a V6 mid-size car or van class," he said. "So we're hoping to see some vans out there to make it even more entertaining yet too.

"For the guys who kind of have this thing down pat, the professional 'rednecks,' we've got the large car, the V8 car," he added, adding as well there is a four cylinder class that draws in a lot of pros.

More information about Morden Demolition Derby 2018 is available on Facebook.

Admission that day is \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids age seven to 15, and free for children six and under. "Basically, your admission is a donation ... anything that we can get for crowd support goes directly back to these two organizations," said Moir.

The derby starts at 2 p.m.

Agriculture Drought hurts the cattle industry

By Harry Siemens

Langruth rancher Tom Teichroeb attended the third annual Canadian beef industry conference in London as the new president of the Manitoba Beef Producers, and it gave him a good handle on what cattle producers are saying not just across Canada but especially here at home.

"We're sort of in-between in more ways than one. You look at it from where we are on the political side, and we have an exciting domestic party in power," said Teichroeb.

"We have some very challenging dynamics with our trade and where we are with our partners down south," he said, noting all three NAF-TA partners were represented at the conference."All three recognized that we have a wonderful thing in NAFTA serving us well. We need to find cool and calmer heads for that to prevail, and we'll be good.

"When governments impose more tariffs, it will impact them as well, so you are immediately interrupting trade and enterprise," he continued. "We all know what the bottom line is of that. Your commodity prices go down, and you end up with a suffering economy, and that's not where we want to go."

Teichroeb said the drought and subsequent feed shortage is severe in spots across western Canada. Locally, in the Interlake and into the RM of Grahamdale and the surrounding municipalities, there severely impacted areas.

"Our job continues to be, with the current drought and not just here in Manitoba but all across western Canada, to make sure that we have a continued conversation with our Ag Minister, Mr. Eichler, and that is happening shortly. We will continue to do the work that we do, just as we have before," he said.

"In spots, producers didn't produce any feedstuffs, hay or grain because there was no rain," said Teichroeb. "They cannot get straw and no way to source any feed ration. And for some of those folks, as we saw at the Winnipeg livestock sales yards ... one or two livestock operations liquidated.

"Just three short years ago, Eichler announced that we are pursuing a goal of doubling our herd. It is a challenge," said Teichroeb.

With not a lot of rain in sigh, an issue beyond the lack of feedstuff is the amount of people who have hauling water for months now, he added.

"And so, when we look at the industry going through a dryer cycle, as we are, we do not only have to prepare for this year but into next year, and the planning makes it very, very, challenging," he said.

Teichroeb outlined some of the plans in the works for bringing in feed and straw to drought-affected areas.

With conditions like this, costs go up with reports of straw bales selling for triple and even four times the regular price, and people are sourcing from

all over.

"The limiting factor is the freight because there are areas with an abundance of hay and feed where pockets had good rainfall and descent crops," he said, but it's a matter of getting it to the right area, and freight costs money.

"I'm so extremely grateful for where I'm at, and I try to be very humble when people ask me where I'm at," he said. "I have some reserves from last year. I was in an area where we caught some rain, so we were at approximately 50 per cent on our first cut production. I was able also to acquire additional acres that helped me with my feedstuffs, and then we also can source straw," said Teichroeb.

"JUST THREE SHORT YEARS AGO, EICHLER ANNOUNCED THAT WE ARE PURSUING A GOAL OF DOUBLING OUR HERD. IT IS A CHALLENGE."

"Between my second cut, which I have a tiny little bit of, and my first cut, our wild hay and our straw and the other feedstuffs that we can source, I will be okay."

Combine that with rotational grazing and sound pasture management, this cattle rancher will be okay for now.

"We are still on our first rotation, so I still have three weeks to go before I'm going to be on the pieces, except for one or two the second time around. For me, in my immediate area, I'm doing okay."

Bean harvest around the corner

By Harry Siemens

With the harvest of cereals and canola in full swing and yields varying, depending on where the spotty rains hit, farmers are looking to start harvesting pulse crops too.

Alvin Klassen of Winkler, who is publisher of the Dry Bean World newsletter and website, said some new dry bean varieties could hit the bins two weeks earlier than other varieties.

"We have some new varieties of slow-darkening pintos that we are trying in Manitoba for the first time this year primarily targeting higher value markets around the world," said Klassen. "The current varieties we have now are looking to be a tremendous yield and quite early as far as maturity goes."

Klassen primarily assesses the production of dry beans in North America, investigates different varieties of beans for different markets and works closely with primary growers, and some industry partners to provide whatever support he can for their area of production.

"I publish reports for my members at Dry Bean World quite frequently, and many of those I upload to my website, but I do e-mail most of my reports directly to my members, so they also know when there's new information.

"There are some areas within North America where the crop looks very promising, equal to last year, which resulted in some record yields," he continued. "But there are a lot of areas that have experienced extreme heat and drought-like conditions that have taken away from the potential of the crop

"The acres are down. Here in Canada, not so much as it is in the U.S., but the one particular class of bean that is of real interest this year is the pinto bean. Those acres have plummeted in the U.S., probably more than 35 per cent from last year's production."

Klassen said the trade debacle hasn't impacted or changed the markets within the industry at least at the grower level. I do believe the imposed tariff has some dealers looking at this as an opportunity to increase the value of their export sales to Europe.

At this point, it's as if with the bean, pulses and legumes, that American bean growers would like to ship them into Canada and baptize them as Canadian beans so that they wouldn't have that tariff.

Klassen said there would be some of that going on, especially with classes of beans such as Great Northern, dark red kidneys, light red kidneys and even navy beans. Those beans are typically going into Europe. Some U.S. origin beans will make it into Canada, but it can't be overdone on a large scale because the companies and their export sales are monitored and regulated.

You can't ship a lot more beans than what you've taken into inventory, as your company goes. You do have to, at some point, show some origin.

For example, here in Canada, we have approximately 4,000 acres of dark red kidney beans, while in North Dakota, they are growing 58,000 acres, which is up 22 per cent from last year.

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON

PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2019 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Thompson has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

42 (1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114 (1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- liability to taxation; a)
- b) amount of an assessed value:
- classification of property; C)
- d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13 (2)

APPLICATION REOUIREMENTS:

43 (1) An application for revision must:

- be made in writing: a)
- b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42 (1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- d) be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office (i) indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41 (2), or
 - (ii) serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board.

The Board of Revision will sit on October 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Thompson to hear applications.

Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before September 18, 2018

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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS **Rural Municipality of Stanley**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days: September 12, 13, 14, 17, and 18, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Rural Municipality of Stanley office, 23111 PTH 14W, Stanley, Manitoba, nominations will be received for the offices of

Reeve and six Councillors of the aforesaid Local Authority.

The nomination deadline is September 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Nominations cannot be accepted after this day.

All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least twenty-five voters, or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the authority or ward (as the case may be), but in all cases by at least two voters. Each nomination shall also be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

Nominations may be filed in person, by an agent, or by mail or fax at the above location, on the date and hours specified. To obtain a nomination paper, and / or candidate's declaration of qualification, contact the Local Authority at the telephone number listed below.

Nomination papers not accompanied by the required documents and not properly filed shall be rejected.

Local Authority telephone number - 204-325-4101

Fax - 204-325-4008

Dated at Stanley, Manitoba on August 23, 2018.

Dan Giesbrecht Senior Election Official (S.E.O.) Rural Municipality of Stanley

NOTICES

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS GARDEN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days: September 12, 13, 14, 17, and 18, 2018

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Garden Valley School Division office, 750 Triple E Boulevard, Winkler, Manitoba, nominations will be received for the offices of

nine Trustees of the aforesaid Local Authority.

The nomination deadline September 18, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Nominations cannot be accepted after this day. All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at

least twenty-five voters, or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the authority or ward (as the case may be), but in all cases by at least two voters. Each nomination shall also be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

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Local Authority telephone number - 204-325-8335

Fax - 204-325-4132

Dated at Winkler, Manitoba on August 15, 2018.

Terry Penner Senior Election Official (S.E.O.)

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NOTICES

CITY OF WINKLER

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the following location,

185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, I will receive nominations for the

offices of Mayor and Councillors of the aforesaid Local Authority.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days:

The nomination deadline is September 18, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

September 12, 13, 14, 17 and 18, 2018

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NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST may be revised at:185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba no later than September 18, 2018, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

The Senior Election Official (S.E.O.) will be available to update the voters list by:

- (a) Adding the names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
- Deleting the names of persons who are not entitled to have (b)their names on the list: and
- Making such other correction of errors to the list as required. (c)

VOTER ELIGIBILITY;

A PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO HAVE HIS OR HER NAME ADDED TO THE Voters List if he or she is:

- A Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day; 1) and
- 2) A resident of the local authority for at least six months prior to election day, OR a registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to election day.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION:

A voter may apply in writing to the S.E.O. (at the address/fax number below) no later than September 18, 2018 to have his/her name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the voters list in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application may be submitted in person, by mail or fax and must include your name, address and include proof of identity.

All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before September 18.2018

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by fax to the senior election official at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB R6W 1B4, fax: (204) 325-5915. If applying in person*, a voter may apply between September 26th, 2018 and October 19th, 2018.

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Presentation boards and materials will be on display, refreshments will be provided and representatives will be available to discuss the project.

DATE:

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Format: Drop-In (come and go) If you require additional information, please contact:

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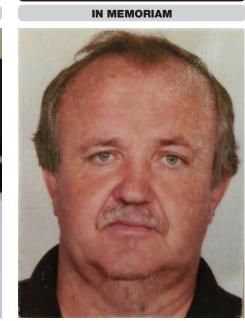
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Helen Fehr formerly from Winkler, now residing in the Tabor Home All her family celebrated this occasion with her on August 14th. We love you Mom.





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In Memory of **Jakob Stein** March 8, 1965 - August 24, 2013 My life goes on without you, But nothing is the same: I have to hide my heartaches, When someone speaks your name. Sad is the heart that loved you. Silent my tears that fall: Living my life without you, Is the hardest part of all. You did so many things for me, Your heart was kind and true; And when I needed someone, I could always count on you. The special years will not return When we were together; But with the Love within my heart, You will walk with me, forever. My greatest hope is to see you in heaven again, with Jesus.

-In loving memory, Lora



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Dick Boon at the top of the suspension bridge over an Amazon River tributary It's been 5 long years since our hearts were broken when our most wonderful, kind and loving husband and father passed away. Ever lovingly remembered by his beloved wife Frances, beloved son Robert (co-worker on high buildings) and beloved daughter Tammy (her inspirational trek down and up the Grand Canyon from the family love of heights). Our home was full of love, music and laughter. There are not enough superlatives to describe him. We four founded Inter-City Neon-Plastic Signs and Services Inc. We travelled in the south/southwestern Manitoba area servicing neon, lighting and electrical signs. We appreciate your friendship, and support the past 25 years of his life and enjoyed our times in the south/ southwest Manitoba area.



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