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Big-hearted big riggers

Winkler's Parkland area was packed full of people and trucks Saturday, as the third annual Big Rigs Big Hearts truck rally took over the Stanley Ag. grounds. Over 100 truckers came out to ride in a convoy through the city, raising awareness and funds for a local family in need and for Katie Cares.

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By Lorne Stelmach

It was quite a sight that had Winkler residents out lining the downtown last Saturday night.

With their horns blasting, over 100 big rigs made up a convoy to show

they had big hearts to match, raising funds for a local family with a child in need of expensive medical care.

Organizers were ecstatic with the turnout for the third annual Big Rigs Big Hearts event at the Stanley Ag. grounds July 18.

"It was very well supported. We're very excited about it," said board member Karina Bueckert. "Winkler is a huge community that is an awesome community. We're very proud of it."

In addition to the massive truck pa-

rade through the city's streets, the rally also included a kid's tent, food vendors, musical entertainment by The Jake Brakes, and a bonfire to wrap up the evening.

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Village of Reinland celebrates 140 years

Community also rededicates aging cemetery after major restoration project

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The community of Reinland celebrated 140 years of existence on Saturday, making it one of the oldest Mennonite villages to be established by immigrants to the West Reserve in the 1800s.

"Today we want to commemorate and we want to celebrate," said Armin Ens, vice-chair of the board of directors of the Community Centre of Reinland and one of the oldest residents in the village, who started the ceremony by stating that this milestone was a tribute to their ancestors and a glory to God.

Back in its day, Reinland was a busy village with schools, churches, a cheese factory, a cannery, a credit union, and many other local businesses making the town a large economic centre.

Though the economic engine of the region has shifted to other areas, the village today boasts more residents than ever, with over 500 people calling Reinland home.

Saturday's festivities included a morning parade, inflatable bounce houses for the kids, live entertain-

ment, historical presentations, a free lunch of watermelon and rollkuchen, a supper of porkloin, and fireworks in the evening.

Local dignitaries Peter Froese of the R.M. of Stanley and Paul Peters of the R.M. of Rhineland attended the ceremony to extend their greetings and congratulations, while Saskatchewan

Premier Brad Wall, whose great-grandfather is buried in Reinland, sent a letter with his greetings, which were read at the ceremony.

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Reinland also took time on Saturday to rededicate its cemetery, which was first established in 1875 and had since become worn down and difficult to maintain.

Volunteers tackled the cemetery improvement project in earnest in 2012 and have since installed cement beams along

each row to support the headstones, filled in sinkholes that dotted the land, and restored crumbling headstones.

"Our goal was to preserve this part of history in a proper way," said Lyle Thiessen, "so future generations can look back into their past or into the history of Reinland."



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The community of Reinland south of Winkler marked 140 years with a huge celebration on Saturday. Clockwise from above: RM of Rhineland Counc. Paul Peters presented a commemorative plaque to MC Kyle Thiessen; giant inflatables kept the kids busy all afternoon long; Martin Elias and his family provided some of the live musical entertainment; Darryl and John Suderman enjoy the free rollkuchen and watermelon lunch. The day also included a parade, community supper, and fireworks.





> BIG RIGS, FROM PG. 1

Big Rigs Big Hearts was started three years ago by Pete Wall and it has grown exponentially ever since.

"The first year, we had 15 trucks show up. It was basically a way of him helping his nephew who needed some medical care and helping cover those costs," said Bueckert. "Then the second year they had 51, and this year we had 104 that I saw come through.

So we are blown away. It's awesome." "And then to have over \$5,000 in prizes donated as well ... we are very, very grateful."

This year organizers were aiming to raise money for a family whose four-year-old child needs to have surgery in Mexico. The surgery itself will cost \$6,000, aside from other ongoing expenses, so the money raised last

The Big Rigs Big Hearts convoy wound its way through Winkler last Saturday, with festivities taking place at the Stanley Ag. grounds (left) before drivers hit the streets (above) to raise funds for a family in need and Katie Cares.

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weekend will help lighten the load significantly, Bueckert said.

Late on Monday, she announced the event had raised over \$12,000—more than double last year's fundraiser. The funds will be split evenly between the family and the Katie's Cottage respite home project.

Bueckert said this event goes a long way towards sending out a positive

message about truck drivers and their families.

"There is a huge stereotype that goes along with truck drivers. This is an amazing opportunity for everybody to see that a truck driver is just a family guy. He has a family behind him that he is trying to support. I definitely support the family that's behind it."

House numbers must be visible: Winkler fire chief

By Cori Bezan

The Winkler fire department updated some of the city's fire bylaws at city council's July 14 meeting.

"It's just a reorganization of the bylaws so that it's easier to read," explained Fire Chief Richard Paetzold. "It does add a few things when it comes to just some fire prevention and life safety stuff like street number addresses, maintenance of hydrants, which have been issues."

Paetzold said that the department has noticed many houses with missing or illegible house numbers, which makes it very difficult for fire crews and other emergency services to quickly locate a particular house after a call.

Fire hydrants are also not being kept clear, which can impede the fire department's response time in critical moments.

"The last few years, people are putting up shrubs and [not] keeping snow clear around hydrants," Paetzold said. "This is all in other regulations, but again it's all been brought in to our own bylaw just to give us some direct recourse to deal with those situations."

The new fire bylaw now clearly states that Winkler house numbers must be legible from the street and that hydrants must be kept clear. Warnings will be issued to homeowners found in violation.

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Breaking ground on a new municipal/library building

By Cori Bezan

It was a long and sometimes complicated road, but the RM of Thompson was finally able to hold a sod-turning ceremony on July 14 to celebrate the beginning of construction on their combined municipal office and library.

"It's very exciting for the town and for the RM to finally have the project at a state where we're going to see something actually happen," said Reeve Brian Callum.

To help celebrate the occasion, the current council members were joined by a few members of the past council who helped to make this project a reality, as well as by Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen and South Central Regional Library rep Peggy Lesniewski.

The sod was turned in front of the fenced-off construction site, where the machinery was already hard at work.

Callum said that a few changes were made to the original building plans to bring the project budget down.

"The biggest change is the building is a little smaller," he said. "We did cut down on a few things, and the biggest thing is we're able to come in at a price point that council was happy with and I think the community's



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

After years of planning, dignitaries finally broke ground on the new RM of Thompson municipal/library building in Miami last week. The \$700,000 project replaces the current municipal building (below).

happy with."

The building project, which will cost over \$700,000, was hotly debated in its early stages, but Callum said that the residents of the RM of Thompson are mostly pleased with the current plans.

"The response has been positive. We had a public meeting around ten days ago and explained it all," he said. "People have been very supportive of it. We haven't heard hardly any negative comments, so it seems like we're at a point now price-wise and building-wise in terms of size that the community can look forward to having."

"We haven't had a new commercial building in Miami for probably 15 years," he added. "It's going to brighten up the main street, it's going to make the town more appealing, we're going to offer our library services here now on a permanent basis, so I think that attracts people. Overall, it improves the town."

With construction already well underway, the building is slated for completion this November.

"We have a completion date set at

Nov. 15," Callum said. "We're here the middle of July and they're started, so they've got some work to do, but

they're confident, they told us they'll be done. So hopefully by Nov. 15 we're ready to move in."

Police hope awareness will put the brakes on growing fraud trend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

No one likes to admit they've been victimized, but Winkler Police are hoping area residents who have fallen prey to phone and email fraud will step up and report it.

Cst. Chris Kalansky, the department's fraud investigator, says police have been fielding more reports of fraud in recent months than ever before.

"We have seen a large increase in the number of frauds hitting our region. As just one example, in the last two days alone we've received about 15 calls regarding a Canada Revenue Agency scam."

Fraudsters purporting to be from the CRA have been telling victims that there is a Canada-wide warrant out for their arrest due to unpaid taxes or an overdue account. The only way to clear the warrant, they claim, is if you send the funds in immediately.

This has all the classic hallmarks of a fraud: the criminal pretends to be someone in position of authority and they try and create a sense of urgency so you panic and pay up rather than take the time to realize the CRA does not operate in this fashion.

Other similar scams hit at an emotional level—scammers pretending to be loved ones in need of im-

mediate financial assistance, for example. Still others appeal to people's desire for easy money, with fake buyers overpaying for goods and then asking you to send the extra money back. Their cheque, of course, bounces, and you're out the full amount.

"Our best estimate right now is we're losing about a million dollars a year out of the region on various types of frauds," Kalansky says, stressing that people of all ages are falling prey to these scams.

"It does seem like the elderly or vulnerable people are more targeted, but all segments have been hit," he says, noting the criminals making the calls are very good at selling their story. "These people make their living being fraudsters. They're very good at it and can be very convincing."

So convincing, in fact, that some people have been victimized again and again.

"There's people who come to see us but they still refuse to believe it's a fraud," Kalansky says. "Friends, family, professionals all tell them it's a fraud, and they still fall for it. People cling to that little bit of hope that maybe they really have won the lottery, or whatever the fraud is."

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"What we are finding is that people who fall victim to one of these frauds, oftentimes they're then bombarded by other types of fraud," he adds. "One long-term fraud targeted a victim for five years. They lost their life-savings to them."

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you suspect you've fallen prey to scammers, Kalansky says the first thing you need to do is contact police, who can take you through the process to protect yourself.

"Identity theft is a secondary part of a lot of these frauds," he says. "The common element here is they want to get your money and/or they want to get your identity."

If identify theft is a factor, you'll be advised to take steps to protect your credit rating.

More immediately, though, the first thing police will advise you to do in the case of a financial fraud is to try and cancel the money transfer.

"Sometimes that works. We actually had one this week who got the money back because he had time to catch it before it went through," Kalansky says.

Far more often, though, once a person has sent the money on its way, it's impossible to track those funds down by the time they realize they've been had.

"A lot of these fraud are operating on a transnational basis," Kalansky says. "You have no idea where [the money's really] going. It could be cashed in Montreal, Vancouver, Alabama—anywhere in the world."

That throws a major kink into investigating frauds. The fact of the matter is there's really only so much local police can do for fraud victims, Kalansky admits.

"These fraudsters could be calling from anywhere in the world, or emailing or texting," he says. "We're not able to trace those calls, and then we can have a hard time tracking down the money, too."

Making a successful international arrest for what on a case-by-case basis often amounts to a relatively little

amount of money per victim is a nigh impossible task.

"These types of white collar frauds are a new trend in criminality in Canada and we're seeing that they're harder to investigate and there seems to be less of a coordinated international effort to go after these groups that do this," Kalansky says.

"These investigations need to be done on an international basis" if they're going to be successful, he stresses.

Awareness is the most powerful tool police have in their fraud-fighting arsenal, which is why they urge people to let them know when they're contacted by fraudsters.

"We think it's being underreported. A lot of people don't bother notifying police, even if they've been a victim," Kalansky says. "But a crucial part of this is being able to get accurate numbers of how many people are being affected by this type of fraud. By knowing that,

then we're in a place where [international law enforcement agencies] can know how much importance to place onto this."

The best piece of advice Kalansky has for anyone who thinks they may be dealing with a fraud artist is this: if it's too good to be true, it probably is.

"Basically, don't deal with people you don't know. You should never have to send money for anything [prizes, employment]," he stresses. "And if you even just suspect it may be a fraud, don't argue with the fraudster—they do that for a living. Just hang up."

"If you have any questions at all, never hesitate to contact police."

You can reach the Winkler Police Service at 204-325-0829.

For information on the latest scams and their variations, visit the Canadian Anti Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre.ca.

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The bylaw also outlines rules pertaining to barbecuing, vacant and fire-damaged buildings, open-air recreational fires, and fireworks.

"Those are basically things that weren't in the last one or weren't directly referred to in the last one, and they were just brought forward," Paetzold said.

One of the biggest changes was the inclusion of fireworks in the bylaw, which has been in a strange grey area in the city for years.

"The last bylaw never referred to, didn't have fireworks at all. Most bylaws for fire services do refer to fireworks because it can be a fire-causing activity, and so, up to now, the only bylaw that referred to fireworks at all was the noise bylaw, which actually said that fireworks were a prohibited noise. So, technically, all the people that would shoot fireworks in their backyard were breaking the law."

"Yet, Winkler businesses are selling fireworks, but it's a prohibited noise," Paetzold added, laughing. "The fire committee, the fire department, had asked direction from council, 'Do you want fireworks in town or not?'"

The city bylaws now clearly state that fireworks are allowed in Winkler, provided that they are set off in a controlled situation and that an application form to do so is filled out in advance.

"It gives directions on how to conduct your consumer-based fireworks safely," Paetzold said, adding that the form can be found at the Pembina Ave. fire hall and at City Hall. More information on the fire bylaws can be found online at cityofwinkler.ca or by calling Winkler Fire and Rescue at 204-325-8151.



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Park Days make a big splash

By Cori Bezan

With the first week of Park Days wrapped up—and its second session well under way this week—Morden summer programmer Josh Enns said that the annual program has been going extremely well this summer.

"It has gone awesome and we have had great weather," he said last Friday. "We've gone to the spray park, we've done crafts, we've played a lot of games. It's been a lot of fun."

More kids than ever registered for this year's day camp, Enns said.

"We've been pretty full nearly every single day," he said. "I think the program is getting a lot stronger, and with that more people know about it and they come."

Campers were treated to days out in Morden Park, where they made crafts like sponge balls for their time in the spray park, bug critters, and salt paintings.

They also had a pizza party sponsored by Boston Pizza, and, during week two, they hit up the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre for their Dino Days.

"[The kids] love it," Enns said. "We have a lot of returnees, which is always great—it means they liked it from last year. Every single day, they're having a lot of fun. We try to do as many activities as possible."

"We use the park to all of the abilities it can be," he added. "We go to the spray park, we go to the bowl, we go



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From left: Boe Meisner, Damian Baylis, and Arlo Meisner had a blast during Park Days in Morden Park last week. The program also ran this week and will be back for a final session Aug. 4-7.

on all the play structures, the swings, the volleyball nets, that a lot of people don't know that are down there. We use the whole park . . . we try to go around the whole park and create, play, and explore everywhere."

"[Parents] love Park Days as well because they can bring their children to a place that they can trust," Enns said. "They're in great hands and they have a lot of fun."

You can still register your children for this week's final camp day, taking place on Friday, July 24, and for the final week of camp from Aug. 4-7 by contacting Enns at 204-822-5431, ext. 234 or by email at programs@mordenmb.com.

The activities run from 1-4 p.m. at Morden Park each day. Registration is \$5 per child per day.

COPP volunteers 'an extra set of eyes'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Police Chief Rick Hiebert handed over a \$4,500 cheque to Citizens on Patrol Program coordinator Dustin Brown on Monday, ensuring the vital crime prevention program keeps running for another year.

COPP sends out teams of volunteers to patrol the city's streets overnight, acting as an extra set of eyes for police.

"Typically you're looking for suspicious behaviour, impaired drivers, anything that doesn't look like it should be happening," says Brown, noting volunteers call in whatever they see to police. "[After dark] it's a whole different world than what most people expect."

The program currently has about 20 active members, but they can always



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Police Chief Rick Hiebert presented Citizens on Patrol Program coordinator Dustin Brown with a cheque for \$4,500 on Monday, covering administrative costs for the crime prevention program.

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Farm Women's Conference coming to Winkler this fall

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For the first time in its 29-year history, the Manitoba Farm Women's Conference is coming to Winkler.

The 2015 conference takes over the Day's Inn Nov. 15-17, bringing with it several major guest speakers leading sessions on a variety of farm topics.

"Normally we alternate between Brandon, Winnipeg, and Portage," says organizing committee co-chair Cindy Klassen. "But Southern Manitoba is an incredibly vibrant farming community, and so this year we thought we'd bring it to Winkler."

Upwards of 150 people—including both current and retired farm women—attend the event each year to network and talk about issues affecting farm families today.

"The conference is a place where farm and rural women from across Manitoba meet annually to learn, laugh and make new friends," Klassen said, noting some participants have been coming for decades. "We've had three generations come. It's become a real tradition."

"Sometimes it can be frustrating as a farm wife because you can feel rather alone . . . this conference is a great way to get together with other women who are in similar situations," she adds. "We try to encourage, empower, educate, and have fun. Because farm women are worth celebrating, there's no doubt about that."

This year's conference theme is From the Ground Up, fitting in nicely with the fact 2015 has been declared the International Year of Soils.

"Everything starts from the ground

up," Klassen says. "Healthy people need healthy food, and that begins with healthy soil and a healthy environment."

The conference will "explore and celebrate the role of farm and rural women as influencers ensuring the sustainability and health of their families, farms and communities."

Guest speakers include Carol Ann Fried delivering training on how to balance work and life, Canadian Olympian curler Jill Officer sharing her story about what has led to her success and how it fits into everyday life, *Manitoba Co-operator* editor Laura Rance speaking about her recent experiences exploring agriculture and development in Africa, and Winnipeg Development CEO Marina James sharing the results of SHEday 2015, when 600 women came together to join a conversation about overcoming challenges, seizing opportunities, and breaking down barriers.

The conference will also include sessions on everything from agronomy and erosion to holistic nutrition and belly dancing, a Monday evening



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The 29th annual Manitoba Farm Women's Conference, which will take place in Winkler from November 15-17, will feature world-class speakers, educational sessions, and networking opportunities, as well as plenty of "Ag Pride" and fun, says the organizing committee.

line-dance following a banquet supper, and a panel of successful female agricultural leaders talking about their road to success.

Attendees can sign up for the entire conference or—brand new for this year—just for individual days.

"That way it gives newcomers a bit of a sampler and gives people who can't commit to both days a chance to

come as well," Klassen says.

Registration will open this fall, but additional information on the conference line-up is expected to be released over the next several weeks.

For updates and details, visit the MFWC website at manitobafarmwomensconference.ca or email mbfarmwomensconf@gmail.com.

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use a few more community-minded volunteers.

"We're always looking for more members," says Brown. "If anybody's ever interested, just head on over to the Chamber office and they have applications there and more information on the program."

COPP volunteers are able to pick what shifts work for them, he says. Volunteers also receive fuel vouchers, so the only thing participating costs

them is their time.

"We don't ask a whole lot of members—a couple shifts once every few months, whatever you can do," Brown says. "For the most part, it's anytime after about 10 p.m. right through to 3 or 4 a.m., usually. But you can pick your length. If you want to go for an hour or five, it's whatever you want."

However long volunteers spend patrolling the streets, there's no question that they're helping police solve

crimes, says Chief Hiebert.

"We can't be everywhere at one time," Hiebert says. "They have solved so many crimes for us, be it from just [reporting] persons either walking that are suspicious or alcohol-related things . . . we've solved break-and-enters or thefts in progress with the use of their tips. It spans the gamut of crimes and offences that they've assisted us with."

Morden Legion supports Katie's Cottage project

From left: After a very successful fundraiser, Morden Legion treasurer Harvey Kinsman and secretary and clubroom chair Tammy Petkau made a \$1,100 donation to Ruth and Randy Reimer of Katie Cares on July 14. The money was raised through a well-attended ham and perogy supper that was held on June 26, where all 100 tickets to the event were sold. Kinsman said that they were more than happy to be able to contribute to Katie Cares, which will put the funds towards its Katie's Cottage respite home, slated to go up near the Boundary Trails Health Centre later this year.

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Denray celebrates 40 years in business

By Cori Bezan

Four decades of business is nothing to sneeze at, and Winkler Denray Tire owner Marshall Reimer is excited to see just how Denray Tire has grown and where it will continue to go in the future.

"The company started with a pair of brothers . . . opening up a store I believe in Altona, way, way back," Reimer explained. "So we operated out of that building for a little while and then sold it to another company and moved to our head office in Winnipeg."

"From Winnipeg, where we have our head office and our flagship store, we extended out to Brandon, where we have all of our warehousing currently, our retread plant, and another retail location there," he added. "From there, we service a lot of customers out west in Calgary and Alberta."

Denray Tire's next expansion was to Winkler and Moosomin in Saskatchewan, which were both opened about a decade ago. Another location was built in Dauphin to complete the Denray Tire family.

"That's pretty well everything that we got now: five retail locations, all of our housing and retread plants," Reimer said, adding that the company currently employs over 150 people. "It's been a lot of growing."

Reimer said that they have seen the company expand from a simple customer tire shop to extend their services to commercial and, just recently, agricultural vehicles.

"The biggest sector of growth I think that we've had . . . is in the commercial or the trucking industry," he said. "When we first started here it was mostly just that we looked after cars and vans, stuff like that, doing a lot of passenger tires."

"We needed to find other areas to grow, so right now we're more focused on moving into the agricultural sector. So [we're] hiring fresh sales staff for that and getting proper trained and experienced technicians in place for the installations."

Reimer said he'd also like to see the local outlet grow to the point where they have to expand the building, which currently is a three-bay shop.

To see Denray Tire reach the 40-year milestone is a huge accomplishment,



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Winkler manager Marshall Reimer helped Denray Tire celebrate four decades of business this week. A special lunch was held at the store yesterday, but it's not too late to take part in the anniversary specials that are taking place through to week's end.

Reimer said.

"I think the best measuring stick for our success has been the quality of service that we provide," he said. "We're not necessarily cheaper on every product or anything like that, but in the long run, the service and the product knowledge that my sales reps have . . . we stand behind the products that we sell."

"It's nice to be part of something that's bigger than yourself," Reimer added. "Obviously if a company has been around that long, they're do-

ing something right. So being able to share and celebrate that with our customer base here and our staff, it's great. We're here to stay, and we're invested in this community."

To celebrate their years of business and thank customers for their support, Denray Tire held an customer appreciation lunch on Wednesday and is holding week-long special deals at their location at 12100 Road 23W just south of Millar Racing Engines on Highway 14.

Memorial golf tourney raises over \$19,000

By Cori Bezan

The Pritchard family in Roland made some substantial donations to South Central Cancer Resource and the Carman Area Foundation's Roland Fund after a successful memorial golf tournament held July 4.

The Mike Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament has been held for many years in honour of Lynda Pritchard's

son Michael, who passed away from cancer in 1998 at the age of 28.

"It was the Fairview College in Alberta that started this [tournament], because he took his turf grass management course in Alberta at Fairview and because he had attended that college, they wanted to hold a memorial golf tournament in his memory," Pritchard explained. "That's where it all started."

The tournament then came to Roland for several years before the Carman Golf and Curling Club took it on a few years ago.

"The two brothers, Allen and Darren, they didn't want to see it stop, they wanted to continue it . . . in memory of their



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The Pritchard family in Roland—Lynda, Bob, Darren, and Allen Pritchard, shown here with the SCCR's Dale Brown—raised just over \$19,000 at their annual Mike Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament for SCCR and the Carman Area Foundation's Roland Fund.

brother," Pritchard said. "It has been [in Carman] now for three years, and in the last three years they have raised \$45,000 at the tournament."

This year, 170 golfers made their way to Carman, where families and

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The Pembina Fur Council hosted the annual Pembina Valley Rendezvous in Stanley Park last weekend, giving visitors a glimpse at the life of a trapper way back when. Clockwise from above left: Pat Loewen demonstrates his blacksmith skills; a youth tries his hand at throwing a tomahawk; demonstrator Pinky set up his tent in the traders' camp area; By Choice provided tunes for the Sunday morning worship; a chainsaw carving demonstration. The weekend also included pancake breakfasts, a hog roast and a fish fry, auctions, a fry pan toss competition, children's activities, taxidermy displays, and more.



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Orioles fell the Giants

By Cori Bezan

It took a while for the Pembina Valley Orioles to get some traction beneath their feet this season, but the local boys pulled it together to take the first round of the playoffs out from under the Elmwood Giants last week.

Getting there was a practice in patience and perseverance, though.

"It was kind of a tale of two halves," coach Brent Laverty said of the season as a whole. "The first half of the season was a pretty big struggle and we didn't play very good. It was just kind of a bit of a learning process I think for a lot of the new, younger guys."

"We had such a big group of young kids that hadn't been part of junior baseball before, so it was a big adjustment I think playing midget baseball, coming up to junior and playing against some of the best players in Manitoba."

By the second half of the summer, the Orioles had started to turn it around, taking better control of the games, and ending the regular season on a five-game winning streak.

"The second half of the season we started to play a lot better," Laverty said. "The record might not have indicated it, but we were more competitive in games, we weren't blown out like we were earlier."

"Ending the season off well, that was kind of the discussion all year," he added. "If we're struggling early, we want to be playing our best baseball going into the playoffs, so having that win streak, I think it reminded everyone that we're good ball players . . . and we could maybe advance in the playoffs once we got there."

Advance they did, facing off against the Giants in three games starting July 14.

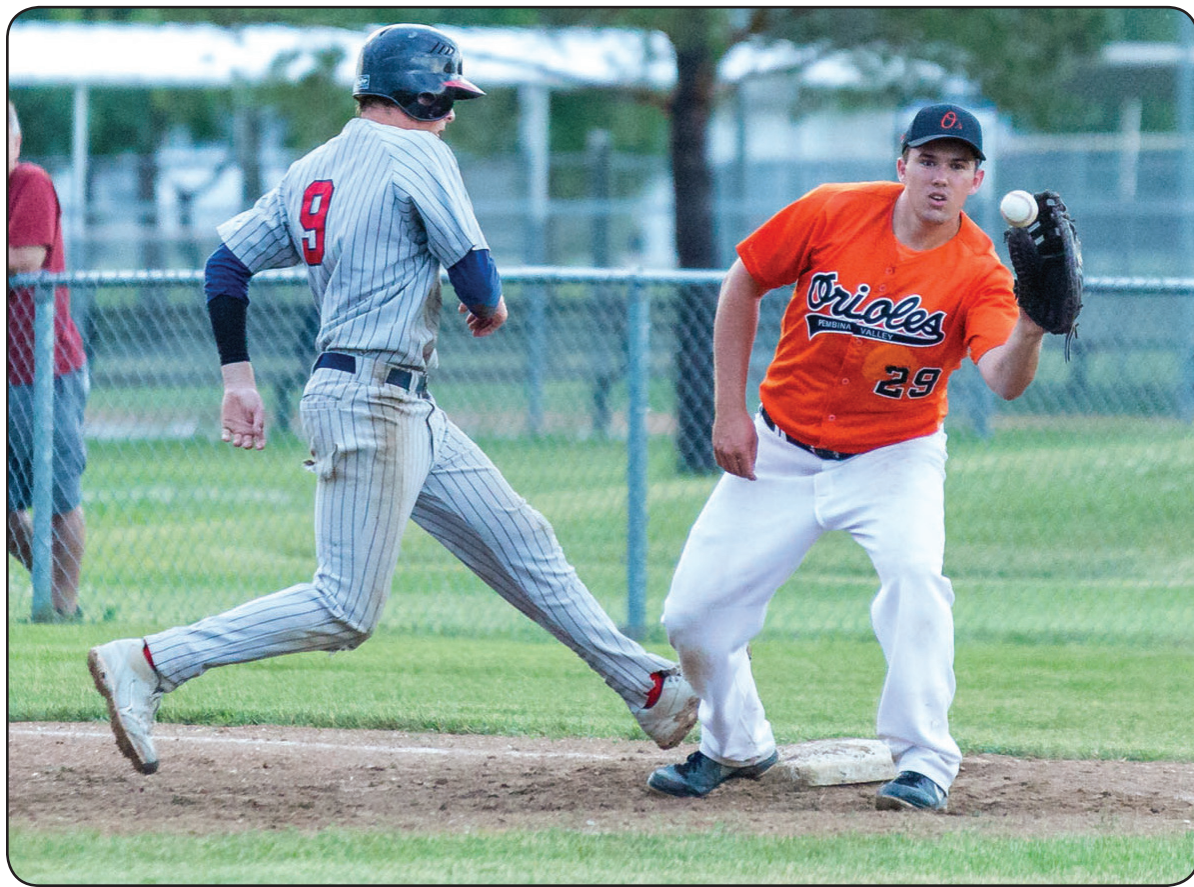


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The Pembina Valley Orioles went up against the Elmwood Giants in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League quarter-finals last week. Game one saw the O's double up with a 6-3 win, but game two on Wednesday (above) ended in a 9-0 loss for the home team. Pembina Valley bounced back to take game three 10-1 and advance to the semi-finals.

Game one saw the Orioles take a series lead 6-3, but any confidence that generated was squashed with a 9-0 loss the next night.

Facing elimination, the Orioles managed to shut-down the Giants 10-1 in game three, knocking the defending champions from the playoffs for good and earning the right to face Altona in the next round.

"When we won in 2013, they were the ones who knocked us out last year and kind of ended our title run, so it was a bit of motivation this year to

give a little bit of a taste of their own medicine," Laverty said.

Pembina Valley took to the field against Altona on Monday, getting the best-of-five series off to a rocky start with a 5-1 loss. Games two and three were slated to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, with games four and five happening Thursday in Morden and Friday in Altona.

Meanwhile, in the league's other semi-final series, Winnipeg South downed the St. Boniface Legionaires 9-7, also on Monday night.

Esso Cup coming to Morden

The Canadian National Female Midget Championships are coming to Morden in 2017.

Hockey Canada, in partnership with Hockey Manitoba and the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League (MFMHL), officially announced on Monday that they've chosen Morden and the Pembina Valley Hawks to host the Esso Cup tournament April 16-22, 2017.

The Hawks will be joined by five regional representatives to compete for the ninth annual national championship at the 1,200-seat Huron Win-

dow Corporation Arena at the Access Event Centre.

The Hawks will try to become the first host team to win the national title, and the first team to win multiple gold medals—Pembina Valley was crowned Esso Cup champion in 2012.

"Morden is very proud to be the first city in Manitoba to be hosting the Esso Cup, and we can't wait to work with our volunteers and Hockey Canada to put on a memorable event," said Clare Agnew, chair of the host committee. "The 2017 Esso Cup will bring some of the best young female

hockey players in the country to our province for what we plan to make a fantastic event for players, their families, and hockey fans."

Manitoba teams have twice won the national championship: the Westman Wildcats won the first gold medal in 2009 and were joined by the Hawks three years later.

"Manitoba has had great success hosting Hockey Canada national events in recent years, including the 2009 TELUS Cup and 2015 RBC Cup, and we're confident the 2017 Esso Cup will be an event to remember," said Peter Woods, executive director of Hockey Manitoba. "This is a tremendous opportunity for the Pembina Valley Region, and the host com-

mittee will be ready to go 21 months from now."

As the host city, Morden can expect to generate in excess of \$1 million in local economic impact through the provision of services to the athletes, families and fans that travel into the community for the event.

Additionally, the entire net profit of the event will be retained locally as a legacy of the event and be utilized to continue to grow girls hockey in the community.

Ticket information will be announced for the 2017 Esso Cup in the coming months. For more information, visit www.hockeycanada.ca/essocup.

Diamond 8 upgrades near completion

Winkler hopes to unveil new hardball field at the 15U provincials next week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a year's worth of planning and several more recent weeks of on-the-field work, diamond eight at the Parkland Ball Diamonds in Winkler should be ready to host the Bantam AAA Provincials next week.

Winkler Minor Ball has transformed the former softball field into the second diamond suitable for hardball, extending the outfield significantly and installing a clay/grassy infield to make it a true baseball field.

"This truly has been a community project," said president Jake Peters. "We had so many businesses step up, so many volunteers come out to get the work done. We couldn't have done it without them."

Rempel Excavating, Green Valley Bobcat, Elias Trucking, and Len's Landscaping all donated or discounted equipment and labour to the project, as did the City of Winkler parks and recreation department, Peters said.

"It was phenomenal. These people were coming up to me and saying 'Hey, if you need some help, if you need some equipment, just let us know what you need.'"

Earlier this month, an army of ball players, coaches, and parents spent several hours laying down sod and clay, taking real ownership of the diamond.

"We had kids from seven-year-olds to teenagers to parents, and we just laid it all out in a few hours, so it was really fantastic," Peters said.

Financially, the project was funded through grants from Minor Ball, the City of Winkler, True Sport, and the provincial government's Community Places program.

The upgrades finally gives the local 15-year-old Bantam players a field of their very own.

"We had the Bantams, the Midgets, and two high school teams all using the one diamond," Peters said.

Now, with two hardball diamonds ready to go, the city can begin to host more tournaments and larger events like provincials and perhaps even a Western Canadian championship.

"It means we can host provincials now, we can host in the future a Westerns or a tournament of that

calibre," Peters said. "Also it allows Winkler Minor Ball to host a Bantam tournament. We've always been able to host Mosquito or Pee wee, but never a Bantam."

Minor ball in Winkler is booming this summer, with over 400 kids signed-up across all age levels and Winkler teams winning four out of seven possible South Central League titles, earning berths at the provincial tournaments taking place throughout this and next month.

"We had teams in Midget AA Bantam AA, Pee wee A, and Mosquito A win league titles, and we also had a girl's softball team that went on to win provincials," Peters said, noting that kind of success is rapidly become the norm in Winkler.

With so many kids moving up through the baseball ranks, Winkler Minor Ball has its eye on improving additional diamonds over the next few years.

"Really, all these diamonds needed to be upgraded in one way or another, and this is kind of the first step," Peters said.



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An army of volunteers came out earlier this month to lay the new sod and clay on the Parkland Ball Diamond's diamond eight, which is now ready to host Bantam hardball.

Winkler Minor Ball expects to officially open the new diamond eight at the opening ceremonies for the 15U AAA Provincials next week Friday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Taking to the field for the tournament will be 10 teams, including one South Central team made up of players from the Winkler, Morden, Car-

man, and Altona.

The winners will move on to play at Nationals in Vaughn, Ontario later this summer.

A full schedule for the tournament, which runs through to Aug. 2, will be available online at www.winklerminorball.ca.

THANK YOU

The staff and board of Genesis House in Winkler would like to thank everyone involved in the 12th Annual Swing for Safety Golf Tournament which took place on June 26 at the Miami Golf Club. With support of golfers, sponsors and prize donors, we raised \$4655. These funds are an important part in enabling the staff at Genesis House to assist women and children coping with family violence.

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Storm, Hurricanes both post 2-1 wins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm remain at the top of the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Major Senior 1st Division after downing FC Internazionale 2-1 Sunday night.

Playing before a hometown crowd, Winkler's Cornie Siemens and Phil Unruh did the scoring while net-minders Waldi Friebus and Alvin Rode kept Internazionale down to just one goal.

The Storm are now 7-3 for the summer, putting them in first-place ahead of Bonivital United in second and Internazionale in third.

Winkler next takes to the field against the Scorpions FC on Aug. 7 in Winnipeg. Their next home game is Aug. 9 against Selkirk.

In Winnipeg Womens Soccer League action, the SC Hurricanes downed the visiting FCNW Titans 2-1, also on Sunday.

The win puts the 'Canes in fifth place in their 10-team division with a record of 5-2-2. They trail the Victorious Secret, Titans, CSSE Impact, and the St. James Legends.

Coming up, the Hurricanes host Maniko on Monday at 7:30 p.m. and then travel to play the Portage Blaze on Wednesday.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The Hurricanes' Esther Schwarzkopf fights hard to retain control of the ball against Titan's Jena Wilks in Sunday's home game. The local ladies got the win 2-1



Local teams give it their all at provincials

Several local baseball teams took to fields across Manitoba to vie for provincial championships last weekend.

Closest to home, the 11U AA tournament took place in Morden July 17-19. Morden's Mosquito team, the Pirates, were 3-1 after two days of pool play, but then fell to North Winnipeg 8-0 in Sunday's playoffs to get knocked out of the running. North Winnipeg went on to earn the title, downing McDonald 5-4 in the final.

At the 13U AA championships in Hamiota, meanwhile, Morden was flawless through four round robin games, going on to down LaBroquerie 6-5 in the semi-final to earn a seat at the final match. There, the local boys fell to Stonewall 11-7.

Also last weekend, both Winkler and Morden sent teams to the 15U AA provincials in Ile Des Chenes.

Winkler had a perfect record of games on Friday and Saturday, earning a bye to the playoffs, while Morden had to earn their place by beating North Winnipeg 11-8 and Seine River 5-4 to face Winkler Sunday afternoon.

Winkler narrowly came out on top in that match 11-10 to move on to play Portage in the final. The title went to Portage 9-5.

Winkler's team at the Midget AA tournament in Neepawa also had

a strong showing, winning three straight to find themselves against the Bonivital Red Sox in the playoffs,

who they handily dispatched 8-2.

In the next round, though, Winkler fell to Oak River 6-1, putting an end to

their championship hopes. Oak River went on to beat Rock Lake 18-8 for the title.

Mohawks facing Pilots in playoffs

The Morden Mohawks put a pin in the 2014/15 regular season by posting their first tie of the summer.

Playing at Buhler Field, the Mohawks-Clearwater match ended in a 2-2 draw on July 15, bringing Morden's record to 9-6-1 for the season.

The tie gave Morden the number two spot in the Border West Baseball League, trailing the first-place Baldur Regals (12-4 for the season) and staying just ahead of the 9-7 Pilot Mound Pilots in third.

Morden and Pilot Mound will now face each other in the semi-finals, as

will Baldur and Killarney. Morden's games were scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday and in Morden on Sunday at 6 p.m.

It's going to be quite a battle: all three games between the Mohawks and the Pilots this season have ended in shutouts, with Morden coming out ahead 2-1 (6-0, 16-0, 0-17).

BORDER WEST WINS ALL-STAR CROWN

Seven Morden Mohawks were part of the Border West team that brought

home the Senior All-Star Provincial Championship title from Brandon last weekend.

Steve Mullin, Blake Hartry, Justin Cantlon, Derek Holenski, Chris Moffatt, Pearce McDonald, and Jesse Mutcheson helped Border West down Brandon 4-0 and St. Boniface 5-1 before falling to Stonewall 9-1 to take second place in their pool.

The team went on to best Kildonan 11-0 in the semi-final and, finally, Elmwood 7-3 in the championship game to bring home the first provincial title for the league since 2008.

ALH Motor Speedway Results

Kings of the track at the ALH Motor Speedway last Sunday included:

- Pure Stock: Derek Pollock in first, Steve Redman in second, and Rod Wolfe in third place.
- Midwest Mods: Rick Fehr, Austin

Hunter, and Murray Kozie.

- Street Stock: Billy Maruca, Shawn Holden, and Boomer Patterson.
- Super Trucks: Tyson Hiebert, Rene Poluyko, and Eric Guyot.
- A-Mods: Scott Greer, Ward Imrie,

and Lee McRae.

- Four-Cylinder: Dean Miljure, Brandon Rehill, and Moses Wall.

This weekend's races get underway at 4 p.m. on Sunday.



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Winkler Barracudas swimmers Nathau Botha (right) and Reinhart Blignaut (above) kicked off the 2015 season by setting six new records in the pool at Neepawa last Sunday.

'Cudas start season off with a huge splash

The Winkler Barracudas certainly started off the Swim Manitoba summer swimming season in fine form last weekend.

'Cuda swimmers broke no less than six records at the opening meet in

Neepawa on Sunday.

Competing in the 13-14-year-old age group, Nathanu Botha swam his way into the record books in the 100m freestyle (1:09.60), 200m freestyle (2:45.92), 50m backstroke (36.58),



100m backstroke (1:23.92), and 200m individual medley (3:00.24), in some cases breaking records set by himself and other 'Cudas in past years, including one that had stood for 15 years.

Reinhart Blignaut, competing in the 15+ division this summer, also set a new record in the 200m individual medley with a time of 3:24.87, breaking the existing record set back in 2006.

The team as a whole had 35 first-place finishes at the meet, with three swimmers—Botha, Sven Schefer, and Denika Corrigan—coming in first in all five of their races.

The Barracudas are 37 swimmers strong this summer, ranging in age from seven to 15.

They'll attend meets across the province every weekend until the championship meet in Winkler on Aug. 23.

Register now for Clark Elder ball tournament

By Cori Bezan

Get ready to hit the ball diamonds for a day of friendship and fun at the fifth annual Clark Elder baseball tournament in Morden Aug. 8.

"We started the tournament five years ago in memory of my son Clark Elder, who died tragically on June 26, 2009," explained organizer Cheryl Digby. "His favourite sport was baseball, so this was something that we could do to bring all his friends together in Clark's memory and everyone have a good time and raise some money for local charities."

Off the field, a beer garden will be open at the diamonds and a steak, spud, and sud dinner will be served at Morden Motor Inn from 5:30-9 p.m. Both events are open to the public. Dinner tickets are \$20 each.

The money raised will go towards the Morden Police and Morden Fire and Rescue to assist with the outdoor ice rinks, the Morden Area Founda-

tion to assist with sports programs, and the City of Morden for ball diamond upgrades.

While Digby said that they haven't set a financial goal this year, they have raised around \$5,000 on average with the tournament in the past.

"[We have] no specific goal," she stressed. "I think more the priority is that everyone come together and have fun, a fun family and friends event."

Registration for the tournament costs \$150 per team. There's room for 16 teams.

A team should consist of 10 or more players, and each team is guaranteed three games (weather permitting).

Individuals or small groups can also contact Digby to be placed on a team.

"We'll be happy to match up people wanting to play with teams looking for players," she said. "It doesn't matter if you've never played before, they'd be happy to have you on a team."

To register for the tournament or

for more information, contact Digby at 204-822-5544 or Brooke Thiessen at 204-362-7823.

"I think the most important part of the event is just that the people come out and have fun," Digby said.

"A lot of people wouldn't have even known Clark, but it's just heartwarming to see people come out and enjoy the day, have a good time, meet with friends and family."

Former Flyers earn college scholarships

Several former Flyers will be playing for colleges across Canada and the U.S. next season.

The club has announced that graduated forward Ryne Keller has signed with the University of Alberta Augustana Vikings (ACAC) for the 2015/16 season.

The Flyers acquired Keller from the Battlefords North Stars at the January trade deadline last season. He had four points (three goals, one assist) in 18 regular season games played with the Flyers in 2014-15. He also recorded three assists in six playoff games.

Also earning college scholarships are forwards Brett Klassen and Bryce Enns, who are both headed to North Dakota to play for the Dakota College at Bottineau Lumberjacks (NJCAA).

Klassen, who comes from Rosenfeld, was with the Flyers for three seasons, suiting up for 130 regular season games and scoring 41 points (12 goals, 29 assists).

Enns, a Cartwright native, also played three seasons with Winkler, scoring 63 points (25 goals and 38 assists) in 135 regular season games.

"[IT'S] A FUN FAMILY AND FRIENDS EVENT."



Activity challenge winner brings home a new bike

Canadian Tire's Mark Wall and Michelle Dickeson and Winkler recreation programmer Jordan Driedger presented 11-year-old Jasmyne Wolfe with a brand new bicycle last week—her prize for winning the Winkler Activity Challenge draw.

"I was happy," Jasmyne said of learning she had won. She got to choose between two different mountain bikes from Canadian Tire, both retailing for around \$200.

Wolfe and her family entered the draw after spending the day taking part in the Open House Winkler event at the end of May, touring local businesses and public venues and wrapping up the day with a free dip at the pool.

"My favourite part was the free swimming," Jasmyne said.

Wolfe's mother Tina said they found out Jasmyne had won the bike last month, but held off telling her until her father was back home from working out-of-town and could join in on the celebration.

"I actually just told her this morning," Tina said. "There was a lot of excitement."

The prize is also perfect timing, Tina said, as they were planning on getting Jasmyne a new bike this summer anyway.

Driedger says they had over 1,000 people take part in this year's Activity Challenge, which featured a calendar of daily sport and recreation offerings throughout May.

"I thought it went really well," he says. "There's always events that you hope get more people, but in the overall picture it was a very good turnout."

Three-on-three tourney back for festival Sat.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition three-on-three basketball tournament was such a hit last year that it's coming back for another round.

"Last year was a success," says organizer Mike Sumner. "We had 18 teams enter with over 60 players participating in three different divisions."

"To be totally honest, that did exceed my expectations," he says. "I wasn't sure what to expect for the first year."

In the hopes of making year two bigger and better, Sumner says they've made a few changes to the event.

First up, the entire tournament is moving shop from the Parkland School courts to the Winkler Tennis

Courts (behind the pool), which will be turned into temporary basketball courts with the help of several portable hoops.

"One of the biggest reasons for that change is just the safety of the court," Sumner says. "Most of the outdoor courts in town are not necessarily in the best condition, and we did have some injury issues on the Parkland court last year."

In contrast, the conditions at the tennis courts are ideal for a day of basketball—as long as they're able to round up a few more basketball nets.

"We already have a few locked up for sure and we're hoping to have anywhere from two to four courts running, so we still need a few more hoops borrowed from people," Sumner says. "It would just be used for

the day and we would certainly take very good care of them."

If you have a portable hoop you can let the tournament use, Sumner can be reached at 204-493-0050 or by email at winkler3on3@gmail.com.

That's also the contact information you need if you'd like to volunteer as scorekeeper for the day.

"We have a handful of volunteers already, but the more we have the easier it is on everyone," Sumner says. "If somebody was able to volunteer for even an hour or two, that would help us out a lot."

As far as divisions go, this year's tournament features male and female competitions for 12 and under, 14 and

under, 16 and under, 18 and under, and 19+.

For registration, youth players this year will pay just \$5 per player (rather than paying per team), while 19+ teams will pay \$40 per team.

Any funds raised from the event will go back into the community Sumner says, noting last year's leftover funds helped Winkler Minor Basketball put together a new website.

Teams can sign-up by contacting Sumner at the email above or online at www.harvest3on3.ca.

Individuals are also welcome to sign-up on their own to be placed on teams looking for players.



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Winkler's three-on-three basketball tournament returns on Aug. 8.

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The battle against PED virus continues

By Harry Siemens

Dr. Volker Gerdts, the associate director of research with VIDO-InterVac, says new strategies to strengthen biosecurity are improving the cost effectiveness of efforts aimed at controlling the PED virus.

As part of a multiphase initiative conducted on behalf of Swine Innovation Porc to automate the washing and disinfection of swine transport vehicles to reduce the risk of exposure of pigs to PEDv and other pathogens, scientists are examining physical methods for deactivating these organisms.

Gerdts says the key factor with PEDv is that the infective dose, the number of viral particles required to cause disease, is very low, so it's critical the dose deactivates 100 per cent.

"Just a few viruses are enough to cause a huge problem and so now our job will be to ensure that the means we're using, whether it's heat or certain disinfectants, that we in the lab demonstrate that the virus is completely destroyed by those technique," he says. "The first phase is really to show in the lab, and we have to use our high containment facility for that because this is a disease that is ranked as a disease of pathogen that requires a higher level of containment, so we're using our level three facility here."

Gerdts says in the lab they are demonstrating first that certain temperatures or certain disinfectants are killing the virus. In phase two they will actually build a truck and then mock the real-life scenario by having manure on it and then do the same in the lab to confirm that the virus is completely inactivated.

He says producers are very aware of the need for good biosecurity and so far their efforts have proved very effective in containing the spread of the disease and these new approaches will improve the cost effectiveness of those efforts.

To that end, Dr. Megan Bergman, Manitoba's Chief Veterinary Officer, expects the first of five Manitoba swine farms infected with PEDv to be declared virus free within the next month or so.

Since February 2014, two sow sites

and three finisher sites were infected with PEDv. Additionally, the number of positive high traffic sites has been holding steady at nine.

Bergman says while one of the first five infected sites was lost to a fire, the remaining four are working toward being declared free of the virus.

"We are currently in a situation where the pigs within these barns are no longer shedding virus and so the most difficult challenge is to ensure that the environment itself is clean and all of our barns are making very significant progress on that," she says. "We wanted to come up with a protocol that could be utilized where we could declare a site that is nega-

tive after a certain amount of science based testing. In consultation with the Manitoba swine industry as well as our swine veterinarians we've provided a bit of a framework for those producers who have positive sites so that they can get their farms declared negative."

Bergman says the intent of that process is a testing procedure that will allow the producers and the industry as a whole to have some confidence that the pigs in those farms can be moved within Manitoba without spreading the virus.

"We've got one farm that is very close to completing the protocol, so we should have that happening,

hopefully I think, within the next month and those others will continue to move along and everyone is making excellent progress."

Bergman says they collected over 8,000 samples through Manitoba's ongoing surveillance program and they're continuing to monitor the high traffic sites because, if they should detect a positive there, it would be an indication that there may be a spread of PED or a new case in the province.

"We're in a good position right now because it's summer and it's warm and dry but we'll have to make sure that our vigilance is still high when we hit the fall season and we see a drop in temperature," she adds.



Off to Paraguay next week

> HARRY SIEMENS

Several weeks ago I wrote about our upcoming trip to the Chaco, Paraguay and the interest and response is so good and supportive that I will give an update here.

On July 29, we leave for three weeks in Paraguay as guests of the Menno Colony where I will do eight farm presentations, Judith will hold several health staff round table discussions at a nearby hospital, and I will preach one message in the Menno Colony Mennonite Conference church, the home church of our host, Elmer Kehler.

In addition to presenting on Canadian farming techniques to members of the Menno Colony, I will also interview some of the people attending these sessions, making this an exchange of information between the Mennonites in two countries.

It is interesting to note that the Menno Colony Mennonites originally came from Manitoba in the 1926-27 period to what was then the most unwelcomed site. Many didn't survive and others turned around and came back on the next ship.

Those that remained, persevered, worked hard, and suffered greatly, but today thrive in a country that

may well be lost without them, especially in the realm of producing food.

Kehler, a fellow singer with me in the Faith & Life male choir several years ago, made the original contact with the La Cooperativa Chortitzer Ltd. that runs the Menno Colony to organize this trip.

While a co-op, farmers and businesses operate in a totally free enterprise system within that co-operative, growing peanuts, sesame, corn, and soybeans, and just starting to use fertilizer, and experimenting with corn and soybeans.

They have a thriving dairy and cattle industry with modern meat, milk, and cheese processing facilities exporting to Europe and surrounding countries.

I spoke recently with Kehler about farming in the Chaco. He raises peanuts, sesame, and some soybeans, and the rest of the land is in pasture and hayland. He raises cattle for beef and runs a modern dairy with all commodities marketed through the co-op. There are no restrictions on what and how much they produce and/or grow, except prices they get, climate, rainfall, or the lack thereof.

The information I will share with them comes from farmers, ag supply people, technicians, and other

related research people over a 43-year period, and 10 years before that farming with my father and brother.

For the people in Paraguay, my focus is on production, management, marketing, succession practices and transitions, financials, and how farmers and ag people treat the land, the environment and their families while still making a good living and feeding the rest of the world.

"Canada is always an ally when it comes to top quality food supplies. We work with a lot of government agencies people around the world. Paraguay does ship some product around the world and into Europe. We will be shipping product their too," says Ag Minister Gerry Ritz when I asked him for a short greeting on behalf of Canada to the people I will be presenting to.

In other words, Ritz says we work together where we can, but also compete with all the rest when the playing field is right.

We ask for your prayers for a safe journey, that our Low German will be clear, and continued health and safety.

Rest assured, I will be reporting back with our experiences and the stories of their farmers when I return.

Grain handling system continues to grow, change

By Harry Siemens

The modernization of Canada's grain handling system continues.

Canadian Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz announced Monday the Crop Logistics Working Group (CLWG) has completed its final report, identifying ways to improve the grain handling and transportation system across the country.

This working group, chaired by Murdoch MacKay, brought together over 18 agriculture organizations from across the grain sector.

Ritz says the report is a consensus of all these organizations and consolidates the broadest agriculture related recommendations to strengthen the grain supply chain.

The report consists of several key recommendations, including: enhanced transparency in the rail market, continued assessment of grain movement volume, enhancements in the Level of Service process, enhanced powers of the Canadian Transportation Agency, and increased protection and support for producer car and other small shippers.

"The input provided by the CLWG supports our government's commitment to improving the transportation system so that farmers' products get to market quickly and efficiently," says Ritz. "Working with industry to strengthen the entire supply chain ensures Canada's grain sector is well positioned for long term growth and sustainability."

MacKay, who is also commissioner of the Canadian Grain Commission, says their mandate was to establish a consensus position within the grain supply chain.

"It was a privilege to work with this very committed industry group over the past six months in reaching that goal and we would like to thank Minister Ritz for this opportunity to bring the industry together to develop and present the recommendations of the industry to the CTA review panel and the Minister."

In an interview with Ritz following the news conference in Winnipeg, he said it is the third mandate that he's given to the Crop Logistics working group.

"This is all predicated on the changes needed to have an effective, efficient supply chain in the days and months to come," he says. "The formulations they put forward will now be moved over to transport as part of the CTA review with some good common sense logical recommendations they've made."

"How do we make sure that farmers and shippers are able to get our top quality product into world markets in a timely, effective and efficient way?" Ritz says. "Overall, we're looking at a challenging year, no two ways around it."

Ritz says there is talk about doing some of the things they've done before, moving product around and helping farmers with the transportation costs and so on should they need

it.

The somewhat lower crop this year with all its challenges may even things out a little.

"It may when it comes to the volumes, but it is now about value and getting the right mixes to port so they can be put onto the boats and hit the spec that our buyers are asking for," he says. "There is a lot more finesse required last year and this year looking at the disparities of the crop across

Western Canada."

On several other issues, while not directly involved, he thinks things are going well with finalizing the deal between Bunge and the CWB.

"As I understand, it is to close by the end of this calendar year," Ritz says. "It is looking good. I understand they are getting close to those final, final details."

Is supply management still safe? Absolutely, he says.

Police make arrest in break-ins

Winkler Police have made an arrest in connection with a series of overnight home break-ins last week.

On July 13, police received two complaints after residents on Salem Cres. awoke to find that someone had broken into their locked homes via the garage overnight while they slept. Items stolen include cash, a jewelry box, food, liquor, an iPad, lap-top computer and gasoline.

Police received another four calls from residents in the same neighborhood who reported thefts of gasoline from their yard sheds.

The investigation into the above crimes resulted in the arrest of David Larrance Penner, age 26, of Winkler.

Penner faces 24 criminal charges, which include Break, Enter & Theft (x8), Breach Recognizance (x9), and Breach Probation (x7).

Penner is also charged with the break-in that occurred on Hemlock Bay on May 20 in which cash and jewelry were stolen.

In the course of the investigation, officers located an outdoor cache of the stolen property and were able to recover numerous stolen items including a jewelry box, jewelry, jerry cans, and two laptop computers. Two items—a camera and an acoustic guitar—located in the same place are also believed stolen and have yet to be linked to a victim.

Penner was remanded into custody and transported to the Winnipeg Remand Center to await a court appearance.

Other cases outlined in the most recent police reports include:

- Morden Police are looking into several reports of car theft and attempted car theft that occurred last week.

- Two residents on 9th St. and Gilmour St. reported exterior and interior damage to their vehicles consis-

tent with an attempted theft.

Another vehicle on Gilmour St. was successful stolen from where it was parked on the driveway. In that case, the vehicle had been left unlocked and with the keys in the ignition. The vehicle was found a short time later parked and undamaged on 9th Street without the keys.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 822-4900 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Also as a result of these incidents, one male adult is facing a charge of unsafe storage of a firearm when a rifle and ammunition was seized from one of the victim's vehicles. The man will be appearing in Morden Provincial Court in August.

- On probation and bound by an undertaking and firearms prohibition, Philip Raymond Reimer of Winkler is facing 20 criminal charges resulting from the search of a residence and vehicle this weekend.

Winkler officers seized a sawed off .22 calibre semi-automatic rifle from a vehicle, as well as a quantity of drugs.

Reimer is facing numerous firearm and drug charges as a result. He was remanded into custody and transported to the Winnipeg Remand Centre to await a court appearance.

- A traffic stop on Mountain Ave. in Winkler on July 13 resulted in a drug arrest. Officers seized a quantity of crystal methamphetamine, marijuana, and hashish oil from underneath the seat of the passenger of the vehicle. Twenty-three-year-old Stefan Huebert now faces drug possession and trafficking charges, as well as a charge of breach of probation

- Morden Police are investigating a fraud involving a bank account that had a number of transactions and

money withdrawn.

Several transactions were noted on the account involving money withdrawn from banks in Baltimore.

This type of fraud can occur when a person uses their debit card at an ATM or store and then the card information and PIN is obtained and physically transferred to another card.

The information in this case may have been obtained months prior to the fraudulent card actually being used, which is why banking institutions encourage changing your PIN every few months.

For more information regarding these types of frauds, contact your banking institution or local police.

- A 23-year-old driver from Winnipeg is facing several drunk driving and other unsafe driving charges after being spotted by an off-duty Morden police officer travelling at a high rate of speed and then, a few minutes later, in a ditch at the corner of 16th Street and Thornhill Street.

The driver was not hurt as a result of the accident but had an odor of liquor on his breath, police report.

Police investigation determined that the suspect vehicle was travelling at a high rate of speed east on Thornhill Street and attempted to pass a vehicle on the right, running into the back of that vehicle. The suspect vehicle then lost control and drove into the southeast corner of the ditch and over a street sign at 16th Street. The driver went on to fail breath tests.

- Winkler Police have charged 23-year-old male with sexual assault and sexual interference following a complaint of sexual assault by a girl in her early teens. The man was released on a recognizance until his court hearing with numerous conditions to protect the victim.

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HEARING R.M. of Stanley
LOCATION: Council Chamber
23111 PTH 14W

DATE & Thursday, August 13, 2015
TIME: 9:10 a.m.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dale Toews, Chief Administrative Officer
Box 1600 Winkler, MB. R6W 4B5
23111 PTH 14W Phone: (204) 325-4101

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5	7	2	1	9	3	4	8	6
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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Stonestreet character
4. What part of (abbr.)
7. 4th Caliph of Islam
8. Boojum tree
10. Ancient Irish people
12. Civil Rights group
13. Celery (Spanish)
14. Ed Murrow's network
16. No (Scottish)
17. Classic dramatic music
19. Former OSS
20. Oven for ceramics
21. The Palmetto State
25. Rapid bustling movement
26. Mauna ____, volcano
27. Ridge of wind-blown sand
29. Brilliantly executed action
30. Alias
31. Head of a large company
32. Bill Nye
39. Sources of otaheite starch
41. Small amount
42. A flat or level surface
43. European cave salamander
44. Nickname for Robert
45. Syrian tablets from 3000 B.C.
46. Lasso
48. Fabrics of camel or goats
49. Old name for an area in Turkey
50. Shock therapy
51. UC Berkeley nickname
52. Partridge Family's Susan

CLUES DOWN

1. Cocoa beans
2. N.W. Syrian city
3. Environmental condition
4. Actress Zadora
5. Skulls
6. Technology Information Center for Administrative Leadership (abbr.)
8. Central Nervous System
9. Not shut or closed
11. Legal action for damages
14. Data executive
15. Hot air, trial or party
18. Exclamation of surprise
19. ____-magnon - early humans
20. Crest of a hill
22. Two deck rummy game
24. Informal debt instrument
27. Dashes
28. Hawaiian guitar
29. Singer ____ Lo Green
31. Spanish hero El ____
32. Prima ballerina Karsavina
33. Taxi
34. "You're the Top" composer's initials
35. Colony founded by Xenophanes
36. Talked
37. Undo garment ties
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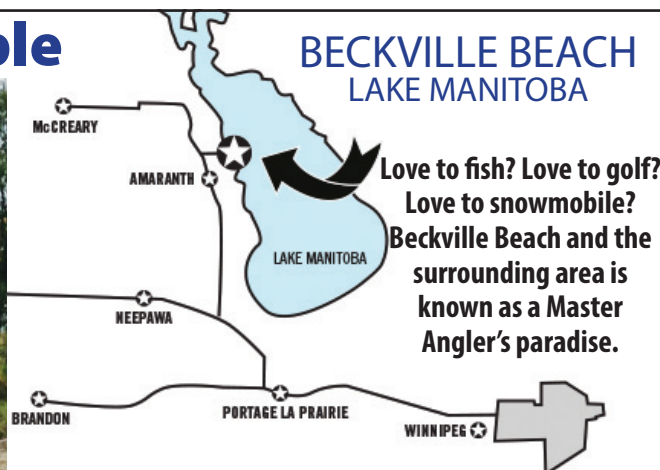
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OBITUARY



Clifford Donald Matthies July 10, 1953 – July 15, 2015

Clifford Donald Matthies passed away peacefully, with family at his side, on July 15, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, at the age of 62. He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memory, wife Gloria (nee Schroeder); son Cameron (Carmen); daughters Jeryn and Jocelyn; and grandchildren Hayden, Corianne, Mackenzie and Reyna. He is also survived by his mother and brother, as well as many extended family members. Cliff was predeceased by his father Abe Matthies and sister Jackie Dyck.

Cliff was born to Abe and Marge Matthies on July 10, 1953 in Winnipeg, MB. His early childhood was spent in Sperling, MB. In 1964 his family moved to the Lowe Farm area, where Cliff attended school and met his future wife Gloria. Cliff and Gloria married in April of 1974. Cliff was baptized and became a member of the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Mennonite Church in 1975.

At the time of their marriage, Cliff worked for the Lowe Farm Credit Union. In 1976 Cliff and Gloria moved to Lethbridge, AB where he worked for Credit Union Central and later as a branch manager. Their son Cameron was born in Lethbridge in 1977. The following year, Cliff and Gloria returned to Manitoba, where Cliff took up farming with his dad. Daughter Jeryn was born in 1979 and Jocelyn in 1982.

In the early 1980's Cliff began his career as a truck driver, driving part-time when he was not busy farming. He continued farming and trucking until 1998 when he sold the farm. A short time later he began trucking full-time and eventually bought his own truck under the company name 'Shannon Transport'. Cliff's last trucking job was with Westfield Industries out of Rosenort, MB. He often talked about how grateful he was to work with such a tight knit group of drivers. He made many good friends at Westfield who faithfully came to visit and fill him in on all the latest news even after he was no longer able to work.

Cliff loved being on the open road. He always said that when he was on the road he couldn't wait to get home and when he was at home he couldn't wait to get back on the road. In spite of this, he always looked forward to the times he could enjoy his other passion – motorcycles. Every chance he got was spent riding his bike – or if the weather did not cooperate – polishing up the chrome. He enjoyed the many friends and acquaintances he met through biking. Nothing brought a smile to his face like the rumble of loud pipes!

Above all else, Cliff's focus was on his family. He took pride in providing for his family and instilled the importance of working hard and always finishing what you start. It wasn't all hard work though – when the chores were done there was always time for fun. The family enjoyed many adventures together, including road-trips across Canada and the USA and many summers of camping trips. Most recently, Cliff and Gloria spent their summers at Stephenfield Resort Campground, where they met many new friends.

In December 2013, Cliff was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He underwent 14 months of chemotherapy treatment. Through the duration of his treatment, Cliff maintained a positive attitude and the strength to carry on – or "keep truckin'"! He readily acknowledged that this strength came from God, and the many prayers sent up on his behalf by family and friends. Cliff lived by his faith – it was evident in his actions, if not necessarily in as many words. He had the calm assurance that he would be meeting up with his Heavenly Father – as well as his dad and sister – when the time came for him to leave this earth. On July 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., that time came. Although he will be missed dearly, we know that he is now truly free.

The family wishes to thank all of the staff at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, who took the time to know and care for Cliff. Special thanks to Dr. Menzies and Dr. Woelk, and the nurses at the Cancer Centre, for their care and compassion during this difficult journey. Many thanks also to family and friends for their phone calls, visits, many acts of kindness and, above all, prayer during the past 2 years.

The funeral was held on Monday, July 20th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Mennonite Church, with interment at the Lowe Farm Cemetery.

In memory of Cliff, donations may be made to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Unit and/or the Boundary Trails Community Cancer Centre.

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OBITUARY



Leonard Pete Klassen 1949 – 2015

On Tuesday morning, July 14, 2015 at his residence in Winkler, MB Leonard Klassen aged 65 years went to his heavenly home.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Hanna (nee Zacharias) and three daughters, Cheryl Schmidt, Angela and Nathan Froese (Samantha, Chloe, Paige), Julia and Terry Dueck (Keziah, Nevae) as well as two sisters, one brother and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Jacob J and Aganetha (nee Friesen) Klassen and his brother-in-law, Herb Dyck.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Leonard's memory to Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Unit.

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OBITUARY



Aganetha Wiebe (nee Peters) 1929 – 2015

On Sunday, July 12, 2015 at her residence in Winkler, MB, Aganetha Wiebe aged 85 years formerly of Gnadenthal went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, David S Wiebe and her children, Jake and Cindy of Leduc, AB, Pete and Mary of Winkler, Dave and Anna of Elm Creek, Isaac and Tina of Morden, Marge and Henry Elias of Morden, Henry and Agatha of Schanzenfeld, Ben and Gloria of Gretna, John and Tina of Hochfeld, Frank and Lena of Winkler, Susie and David Wiebe of Manitou, Willie and Helena of Riding Mountain, Brant and Agatha of Cartwright, Neta and David Peters of Eden, Aan and Mike Driedger of Morden as well as 114 grandchildren, 92 great-grandchildren and their families.

German Old Colony funeral service on Friday, July 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church Cemetery. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Aganetha's memory to Faith Mission.

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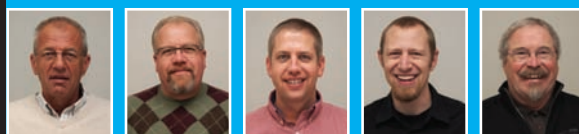


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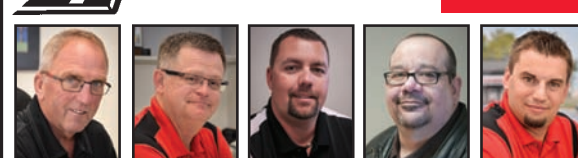
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