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Winkler's Culture Fest brought the world to Bethel Heritage Park on Saturday. The annual celebration of diversity included a lively array of cultural demonstrations, including this Chinese Lion Dance performed by the Flying Lions. For more, see Pg. 4.



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Winkler library hosting Roald Dahl movie night

Free showing of Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory this Thursday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Regional Library's Winkler branch is marking the birthday of children's author Roald Dahl with a movie party this week.

Dahl may have been born 101 years ago, but his works—which include the likes of *James and the Giant Peach*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Matilda*—still resonate with kids today.

"Kids are absolutely still reading these books," said librarian Mikaela MacDonald. "And it's just so nice to see because some of those classics, they're just amazing."

That's why the library is hosting a

free showing of the 1971 film *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* starring Gene Wilder this Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

"We are inviting children of all ages to come out and celebrate the imagination of Roald Dahl," said MacDonald.

This is the first time the library has purchased the rights to publicly screen a movie like this, she added, but if the event is well-received they'd love to do it again with the adapted works of other beloved authors.

The library—which has been decorated in a Dahl-inspired theme these past few weeks—also has a Wonka Golden Ticket Challenge going on through to the end of the month.

For a modest fee, library patrons are invited to guess how many candies are in the Oompa Loompa Jar (25 cents a guess) and the Scrumdiddlyumptious Jar (10 cents) for a chance to win the candy within.

"And if people are feeling really



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler librarian Mikaela MacDonald with the giant Wonka Bar up for grabs in the library's candy jar guessing contest. In celebration of author Roald Dahl's birthday, the library hosts a movie night tonight.

bold and want to spend 50 cents and guess how much are in both combined, they have the chance of winning a big Wonka chocolate bar," said

MacDonald.

Proceeds from the guesses go to help pay for the movie night.

Two killed in P.R. 306 accident

Two Winklerites were killed in a collision near Plum Coulee last Friday night.

Emergency crews were called to the accident scene on Provincial Rd. 306 five kilometres south of town just before 9 p.m. Sept. 8.

Investigators believe a southbound automobile being driven by a 20-year-old female from Altona hit the shoulder of the road and over corrected, causing the vehicle to collide head-on with a northbound motorcycle.

The 54-year-old male driver of the motorcycle and his 53-year-old female passenger, both from Winkler, were pronounced dead at the scene. RCMP have not released their names.

The female driver of the automobile and her 20-year-old female passenger suffered only minor injuries.

Alcohol is not a factor in the collision, police say, and both vehicle occupants were wearing their seatbelts.

Officers from both the Morden and Carman RCMP detachments along with a forensic collision reconstructionist continue to investigate.

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Bringing the world to Winkler

Winkler was filled with the sights and sounds of the world at Regional Connections' fourth annual Culture Fest on Saturday. Clockwise from above: Polynesian dancing from the island Breeze troupe; African drumming at the Congo booth; the Mexico display was one of several to provide festival-goers with a taste of traditional foods; dancers demonstrate aspects of an Indian wedding; Ukrainian fire dancing; getting down at the Cuba booth's limbo challenge.



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Frenzied Fireflies tops in regional 'Amazing Race'

By Lorne Stelmach

The title finally came their way after nine years of competing in the Central Manitoba Tourism Pembina Valley Challenge.

Frenzied Fireflies team captain Fran Knox said winning the \$1,000 first place prize was a nice way to wrap up the Labour Day long weekend, but the potential prize money wasn't what kept them coming back every year since the competition's inception.

"We're just in it for the fun, not to win the prizes ... it's a bonus when you win the prize," said the Miami resident.

"It was a shock. We've always played the best we can play and we just never won. We figured, well, that's alright. We're just having fun anyway," she said. "I guess by now, though, we just know each other's strengths and weaknesses ... we know who's better at what."

The *Amazing Race*-style event's second and third place honours both went to Winnipeg teams this year: Angels with Attitude in second and Jacob's Jokers in third place.

New this year were one-day winners as well. That honour went to Winnipeg's Who's the Boss on Saturday and

Pilot Mound's Zack Attack on Sunday.

Over 100 competitors making up more than two dozen teams took part in this year's race.

There were over 70 challenges awaiting them in 14 communities throughout a region extending as far north as St. Claude, east to the Morris, south to Altona, and west to Cypress River and Clearwater.

The challenges ranged from the physical to the mental, but Knox said they enjoy touring the area as much as the competition itself.

"Do you know how much there is out there in Manitoba to see and do ... there is a tremendous amount here," said Knox, who has been part of the all female, 55-plus team from the start along with one teammate, while two others came on board six years ago. They come from Miami, Portage, Arborg, and Winnipeg each year for a crack at the challenge's title.

Knox said they also keep coming back because they appreciate all the effort that must go into planning and organizing an event like this.

"For these communities to take their time ... and they're not making a lot of money by doing this ... just to let us come and have a little bit of fun, I think that's a tremendous thing," she said. "It's why we keep coming back



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Frenzied Fireflies won the grand prize at the Pembina Valley Challenge Labour Day weekend. From left: Access Credit Union rep Dan McCausland, Central Manitoba Tourism's Colleen Kyle, Fireflies Kim Grundy and Fran Knox, and Central Manitoba Tourism chair Tyler King at the prize presentation.

because if they're going to do something like this for us, why can't we return the favour?"

"There is a tremendous amount involved in this, and they're giving their time freely. I think it's tremen-

dous," Knox continued. "And there is a tremendous amount to do in this region—and I think that we've seen most of it."

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Four blooms for Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden ranked well in its first time in a provincial competition aimed at promoting community beautification and sustainability.

The city received a score of four blooms out of five last weekend at the 19th annual Communities in Bloom conference and awards held at the International Peace Gardens.

Among participating communities with a population of over 5,000, only the City of Selkirk scored better with five blooms.

"We got some positive feedback. We were quite pleased with our placing," said Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe, who noted it's uncommon for communities to score as well as Morden did their first time taking part.

The competition gives communities bragging rights, but the real goal is to encourage better practices to foster

clean, green sustainable communities.

Participants are evaluated in six categories: tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscaped areas, and floral displays. Judges toured Morden on July 25.

Wiebe feels taking part in the competition was a worthwhile exercise.

"There's a fairly extensive report ... there's some very good information in there on things we can do to improve the overall appearance and everything else in the city of Morden," he said. "We'll look at that as council and implement what we think is necessary and move on from there."

The mayor would like to see Morden take part in the program again.

"I think it would be beneficial to participate again sometime down the road ... just to see how we've made out from this year," he said.

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Speaking out against tax changes

I am very concerned with the federal government's recently proposed tax increases on small and local business.

These tax changes will impact many family businesses that operate as privately-held corporations, including farms, stores, and professionals.

In July, federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau introduced draft legislation and a consultation paper targeting three tax planning strategies. The proposed changes run counter to 50 years of tax and retirement-planning for small, family-held corporations.

The new taxes target the splitting of income and ownership amongst family members involved in a business by disallowing income to be assigned to

another family member, or requiring dividends to be treated as regular income instead of a capital gain.

The proposed changes also seek to increase taxes by changing the treatment of passive income earned by private family-held corporations.

The Liberals are trying to change the rules on what have always been understood to be acceptable and appropriate tax strategies for Manitoba business owners and families. The federal approach is tone deaf with no consideration of how these new taxes will impact the Canadian economy and the retirement plans of families. Farmers, doctors, accountants, and many other professionals and small businesses will feel the impacts of these unworkable proposals and pay more in taxes.



Cameron Friesen, MLA

Small business is the backbone of the Manitoba economy and these federal measures are disrespectful to those that create jobs and take on risk.

I have written to the federal finance minister to register my dismay with both these measures and this process. These poorly conceived changes have been proposed in a rushed

consultation period in the middle of summer when farmers are harvesting and families are sending kids back to school.

I continue to hear from my constituents about the risks these proposals have for our economy, and I am encouraging everyone to let Prime Minister Trudeau know that you do not support these tax increases.

Please have your voice heard on this important issue through the public consultations, which you can find on Finance Canada's website: fin.gc.ca/activity/consult/tppc-pfsp-eng.asp. Consultations will close on Oct. 2.

Once again, the federal Liberal government is relying on a tax increase to pay for their deficit instead of doing the hard work of finding efficiencies, staying within their planned budget and getting results.

Manitoba's PC government was not elected to increase taxes, and we will continue to stand up for the interests of hardworking Manitobans families.

Cameron Friesen is the MLA for Morden-Winkler and the provincial Finance Minister.

Letters

Another piece of Haskett history bites the dust

About three years ago an amazing forest of majestic oak trees in our area was bulldozed to the ground, piled up, and burned.

The same thing has happened again this year. Another smaller stand of oak trees has come down. It seems some of the trees have become firewood but not all.

If you take down an old stand of oak trees there is no way to ever recover that. Then, at the very least, if it would get cut down and the wood would get used ... but no! We are so unwise we

bulldoze it down and burn it! Wow! It blows my mind!

We humans are quite intelligent but not always very wise. It seems that we get so greedy for a few acres of land that we are willing to destroy something old and beautiful—and irreplaceable.

Your children will never walk through it and be able to play there or study nature there. The wildlife, including birds, will never be able to live there or find refuge there.

There are no laws or environmen-

tal by-laws in place, or so it seems. I would have no idea how to go about working with something like this so it would stop happening. One would think in this enlightened age we would have learned a few things.

The tree [torn down this year] had a 50-foot spread. It was an amazing tree It's gone, along with all the other trees. So sad!

**Helen Warkentin,
Haskett**

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‘We had lots of good ideas brought forward’

From Pg. 2

Harder said. “We had lots of good ideas that were brought forward, we had lots of ideas that the province shared with us and we’re looking forward to the outcomes ... [we] genuinely feel that they’re interested in the economic growth that we are encouraging and that we are experiencing.”

Pallister, speaking to the media after

the PVRAM meeting, agreed that it was a fruitful morning of discussion.

“I have tremendous respect for local government representatives. They are closest to the services that we’re here to provide,” he said. “Our commitment as a government is to work together with them, to hear from them, and to make sure that we’re responsive to them. And to learn from them as well.”

> PEMBINA VALLEY CHALLENGE, FROM PG. 5

Noting that tourism generates over \$100 million in revenue annually in the central region, Central Manitoba Tourism general manager Colleen Kyle said the race plays a key role.

“It’s about the awareness of people going out there and finding what our region has to offer,” she suggested. “We have a large region ... there is a lot here, but people are not aware of it. It’s like, unless you live in Somerset, do you know what Somerset has to offer?”

Kyle said she’s quite happy with the response and positive feedback this year’s event received from participants.

“Teams really love the variety of

experiences in the region. It shows them what Central Manitoba has to offer and why they should come back again,” she said.

“Overall, I think it went really well ... I was really, really happy with the new format ... not everybody can commit to a two day race, especially with it being the September long weekend.

“And Pilot Mound did an amazing job hosting the race for the last two years,” she concluded, noting the race will move to a new host community now for the next two years. “Great people, good times, and new friendships were developed by the volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make the race a success.”

On the issue of the federal government’s corporate tax changes, Pallister said he is also very concerned about the impact that will have on Manitoban entrepreneurs.

“This is such a marked departure from what the federal government ran on. They didn’t run on a promise to jack up taxes on middle class small business people. And that is the heart and soul of our economic growth. Those are the jobs.

“So we’re very concerned, naturally, that eroding the amount of resources available to risk-takers in our society who, frankly, don’t have gold-plated pension plans, they don’t have the security that a lot of people do have in other occupations, is going to have a bad effect on our economy.”

When asked about the province’s plans for Hwy. 32—one of the busiest two-lane roadways in the Pembina Valley and a highway Winkler

has lobbied to have twinned for over a decade—Pallister emphasized that the government is committed to investing in Manitoba’s infrastructure.

“But we will be undertaking our infrastructure investments on the basis of value for money, not on political basis,” he said.

“Over our first term we’re going to be investing significantly, \$2 billion as a flat, basic commitment to infrastructure, and that’s a significant commitment. But not only are we going to invest, we’re going to invest more wisely by making sure we’re investing in projects that serve Manitobans well and are subject to the kind of analysis that hasn’t been done by previous governments.

“Strategically invested dollars in infrastructure will have a return on investment to the people of Manitoba,” he stressed.

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Nellie's Homes open in Manitou

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitou gathered Friday to celebrate the legacy of Nellie McClung with the official opening of Nellie's Homes at the new Nellie McClung Heritage Site.

Dignitaries including Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister and Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon spoke of carrying on in the spirit of the famed teacher, writer, and women's rights advocate.

"It is not lost on us this day that Manitoba's head of state is a woman," added Al Thorleifson of the Moving Nellie Home Committee. "How proud Nellie would have been today that her fight for women's rights resulted in so many women taking their rightful places in the highest offices of the land."

Much of what McClung accomplished took root in Manitou, where she lived for nearly 20 years.

McClung first moved to the Hazel district three miles from Manitou in 1890 as a 16-year-old teacher. In Manitou, she met and married Wes McClung, gave birth to four of their five children, wrote her Canadian best-seller, and began her travelling career as a renowned speaker. She later moved to Winnipeg in 1911.

Both the McClung House and Hazel

Cottage, as they are called today, in the 1970s were saved by Bill Wallcraft and relocated to his Archibald Historical Museum near LaRiviere.

After the museum closed three years ago, both homes were gifted to Manitou, where a committee formed with the goal of once again relocating and restoring both homes.

"The moving and restoration of Nellie's homes has been a labour of love for many," noted Thorleifson, who paid tribute to the Wallcraft family, who will have a memorial plaque installed at the heritage site.

"We are truly grateful that the museum's board gifted the homes to Manitou. We accept the torch of Bill Wallcraft's legacy and will proudly carry it forward," he said.

Lt. Gov. Filmon described the occasion as a special homecoming to a community that played such an instrumental role in McClung's early life, and she imagines that McClung would be proud to see this.

"You would have been delighted to know that your story is being used for educational purposes," she said. "She would be filled with joy to learn that the mandate of this heritage site is to inspire young people today with the message that, regardless of their circumstances, a single person can change the world."



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Local volunteers behind the effort to bring the homes of Nellie McClung back to Manitou and to develop the new heritage site officially opened Friday were joined by Manitoba Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon (front left) and Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister (far right).

Premier Pallister also invoked the thoughts of McClung.

"Never retreat, never surrender, get the job done, and let them howl," he said. "I live by that creed. I hope you do too."

"The advances for women that occurred as a consequence of the work of Nellie McClung and many others are critical to the advances of our society," he continued, "and occurred only because people were strong enough and courageous enough to stand up, as the people of this community have done in the creation of this wonderful tribute."

"Standing up for your values isn't easy, it's never easy," Pallister con-

cluded. "But standing up for your values is what built Manitoba."

Sport, Culture, and Heritage Minister Rochelle Squires also paid tribute to those like McClung who paved the way for women like herself.

"I had a hard time imagining the world in which she lived," she said. "I had a hard time imagining a world in which a woman like myself would be denied the right to vote, would be denied the right to an opinion, and would be denied the right to work in politics."

"I can't help but think that she would be a little bit discouraged"

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Below: Touring the Nellie McClung homes. Left: Stu Clayton was on hand to entertain the crowd at the opening.



Shoppers Drug Mart launches fall fundraiser

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual fall fundraising effort at Shoppers Drug Mart is again supporting Eden Health Care Services.

The Growing Women's Health four week campaign, which is part of the Shoppers Love You initiative, kicked off last week at the Winkler store.

The store hopes to raise at least \$1,800 through customer donations, but considering last year's campaign brought in closer to \$2,300, they're optimistic they'll exceed their goal.

Bev Dyck, program director of housing and supports for Eden, said the funds will go towards the development of a green space between the Enns Court supportive housing apartments.

"It's a way of drawing people together, a community place, a place to gather ... where children can play," she said.

Eden hopes to have the project get off the ground within the next year.

"We don't have a definite cost ... based on other similar kinds of projects, it will probably be in the range of \$50,000 to \$60,000," said Dyck, noting other funding includes money from the Parkland School Youth in Philanthropy group. "It's a start for

Shoppers Drug Mart in Winkler has kicked off their fall fundraising campaign in support of Eden Health Care Services. They hope to raise \$1,800 for local mental health programs by Oct. 6.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE



the project, but we'll need to gather more to complete it."

Shoppers' front store manager Tom Agnew said they see this project as a great way to help integrate people back into the community.

"It's something that's very tangible that people can see ... something that's going to be growing in the community."

The campaign runs until Friday, Oct. 6

"It's basically just an outreach program to help the community, and it's part of the Growing Women's Health program that we support nationally," said Agnew.

"Shoppers Drug Mart supports the local communities, and all of the funds go directly to the local charities," he added. "Over the years, we've picked different charities, and this is the second year that we've supported Eden."

The Shoppers Love You program since 2002 has raised over \$32 million nationally. Over 500 charities across Canada benefitted from these efforts in 2016.

Earl Reimer, director of development for Eden, said this kind of community support is vital.

"Community fundraising is so important to help us provide women in the area with the resources they need to better their overall health," he said.

> NELLIE'S HOMES, FROM PG. 8

as well," she continued. "I think she would be discouraged to know that we live in a country where only 60 per cent of people exercise their right to vote. I don't think that's what she fought for. I think she would be disappointed to know that less than 25 per cent of all the seats in Parliament and Legislatures across our nation are held by women."

Squires also addressed longtime MLA Myrna Driedger as her own mentor.

"My commitment to you is that I will pay it forward to the next generation," she said. "It is such a gift for us today to be able to walk through the home where [McClung] boarded and the home in which she exercised her right to express her opinion ... and as she developed that wonderful voice that is in the history books for us and all future generations to read about."

Other speakers included Midland MLA Blaine Pedersen, who was proud to be representing Manitou and said the community has "every right to feel so proud of what you have done."

RM of Pembina Reeve Glenn Shiskoski addressed the determination of

the community in making this project a reality.

"Tell these folks in this community ... you can't do it ... and then get out of the way," he said, "because it will be done."

Ruth Asper represented the Asper Foundation, which supported the project with a \$30,000 donation that really helped get it going.

"The telling of the story of Nellie McClung and the women's movement is the telling of where we've come from as a society and where we still need to go," she said.

Robert McLean of the Moving Nellie Home committee thanked the many volunteers and contractors involved, lauding them for how much was accomplished in less than a year and a half.

"We've come a long way in a very short time," he said, noting about 85 per cent of the \$175,000 raised to date had come through private donations.

"Our work is just about to begin ... we need to turn Nellie's homes into a first class tourism attraction and a living classroom for our students across the province," added committee

member Bette Mueller. "Feel proud of Nellie McClung and let her inspire your life just as she inspired others."

"We want to ensure Nellie's legacy is widely known by current and fu-

ture generations and to plant seeds with our young people that each of us has the power to make a difference in the lives of others."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Bette Mueller and Robert McLean of the Moving Nellie Home committee joined Lt. Governor Janice Filmon to mark the ceremonial planting of a Regal Celebration Maple tree at the heritage site.



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A total of 220 riders helped raise around \$170,000 for Eden Health Care Services at the annual Head for the Hills Saturday morning, which set out from Lake Minnewasta in Morden.

Cyclists 'Head for the Hills' for Eden Fdn.

By Lorne Stelmach

The Head for the Hills fundraiser in support of the Eden Health Care Services is a family affair for Rick Wiens.

Starting off from Lake Minnewasta Saturday morning, the Morden resident estimated this was about his 10th year taking part in the 36 kilometre ride through the valley.

"It's a fun, family event. We've come to it for many years, and we just enjoy it," said Wiens, who had all six of his kids ranging in age from three to 13 along for the ride once again.

"It's good to be around with every-

one else biking, and it's a worthwhile fundraiser," he added, estimating he's collected upwards of \$10,000 in pledges for Eden over the past decade.

"I know a few people who have been through the program," Wiens said, "and it's something that if people need help, it needs to be there."

The connection between cycling and mental health began as a result of former Eden CEO James Friesen having a passion for the sport and seeing this as an opportunity to engage his passion and that of others for the purpose of a small fundraising effort.



Started 17 years ago, Head for the Hills has since become a major fundraiser for Eden that this year drew 220 cyclists and raised around \$170,000.

"It started with 30 cyclists ... since then, it has grown ... last year we had a banner year of 228 cyclists," said Earl Reimer, director of development for the Eden Foundation. "We established a goal of \$200,000 merely as a challenge ... but we were actually fairly close.

"It's important but it's probably not as important as the fact that we have the community engaged with this event," he added. "It's probably our single largest event that engages a broad spectrum of the community from all over our region."

Reimer said they seem to have found a magic formula with this event.

"IT'S SOMETHING THAT IF PEOPLE NEED HELP, IT NEEDS TO BE THERE."

"It is therapeutic ... at least for me it is, and I would probably think that is for a lot of other people as well," he said. "I think that there has been an understanding of the fact that this is a community ride and it appeals to a spectrum of riders, from novice through to advanced.

"I know we have two cyclists who come every year, they are well into their 80s ... it's delightful ... and we've got young kids too.

"We have two different routes, and that makes it possible," Reimer added, noting they modified the route slightly to take in a loop through Stanley Park this year.

One route takes the rider along single-track paths beginning at Colert Beach and then following sections of the Trans-Canada Trail, while the other route follows a parallel course but keeps cyclists on established roadways.

Reimer stressed that they are always very thankful for the generous community support of Head for the Hills and Eden.

"It's an expression of hope, and it's an expression of healing, and it's an expression of community ... and I think those are the key things that has made it such a success."



Taking part in the Head for the Hills for the 10th time, Rick Wiens had his entire family of six kids along for the ride. He estimates he's raised upwards of \$10,000 for Eden over the years.

HANDS aims to branch out to more nations

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler man's philanthropic project half a world away continues to grow.

Assani Muhanuzi's grassroots campaign to build a school in his home country of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has now become HANDS (Hope for All Nations Developments and Sustainability), an organization with a team of volunteers that plan to build schools in developing countries all around the world.

"It's not only going to be in Africa. Africa's not the only continent in trouble," said Muhanuzi. "If you look at Asia, look at South America, there are a lot of areas that need our help. And as soon as we have a charitable number we will be able to do more."

To receive charitable status, HANDS needs to find an existing Canadian charity to partner with for one year. They're currently in talks with a few agencies and Muhanuzi is optimistic the process will move ahead soon.

"We're focusing on getting a partnership. Any organization that believes and trusts and understands what we're doing, that can [help us] manage our finances. And then after

a year we can do our application for our own charitable status," he said. "When that happens, we can go anywhere."

In the meantime, HANDS' focus is on their flagship school in the village of Ciriri.

On Sept. 4, nearly 200 children kicked off the school year in what is now, finally, a completed facility.

"We had a target to get the whole building completely finished, and we have," said Muhanuzi. "The structure is made up of six classrooms, three at the ground floor level and three on top with the offices."

"WE WANTED TO GET AS MANY CHILDREN AS WE CAN TO SCHOOL AND THAT'S WHAT HAS HAPPENED."

It's a much more rustic school than the average Canadian is accustomed to, but it's a significant improvement over students having to travel miles to attend classes in a neighbouring village or even miss out on a chance at an education altogether.

"We have no cement on the ground, but we have walls and windows and doors, and we have a blackboard in every classroom ... it's ready to accommodate students," said Muhanuzi. "And because we are using people around the village [as staff in a variety of roles, including as teachers], it is really their school."

"It's a dream coming true," Muhanuzi said. "We wanted to get as many



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hundreds of kids started school Sept. 4 in the school built by HANDS (Hope for All Nations Development) with the help of local funds.

children as we can to school and that's what has happened."

Though Muhanuzi got the ball rolling last year with his own funds, it was the people of Winkler and the surrounding area who really stepped up to help him bring this project to fruition.

So many individuals and businesses have donated toward the school's construction and operational costs (tuition for a single student is \$3.40 U.S. a month—a pittance here, but a hurdle for many families in the Congo), and words can't express the gratitude Muhanuzi has for his adopted community.

"I thank the community so much for helping me," he said. "After the first donations, after the first support I got from the community, I'm no longer surprised at how big we can go."

"I'm now seeing us growing and becoming a bigger and bigger organization. Everything that is happening is like, okay, this is one more step now."

The next step is to make the school fully self-sustaining. To that end, this fall they've set up a small pig farm on the grounds to generate funds.

"We're just getting that started with five pigs," explained Muhanuzi. "Pigs, they breed very quickly, and we think if we have five pigs and they're breeding them and they can be selling them, that will all come back to the school."

Other future revenue streams in the works include a sewing shop and a garden, both of which will also benefit students directly through nutritious food and affordable school uniforms.

"We're trying everything to make sure that by next year the school will be able to sustain itself," said Muhanuzi. "Our plan is not to be helping

them every day. Our plan is to help them until they can stand on their own two feet and then we can move to another area."

MORE HELP IS WELCOME

HANDS has certainly come a long way since last year, when its Canadian fundraising operations were handled entirely by Muhanuzi and his wife, Yvette.

Today they have a few other people involved locally, helping to lighten the organizational load significantly.

"I've got two people that have joined me from the community, which means they will be also coming with different ideas," Muhanuzi said, noting the extra help was a godsend this summer, as his wife and children were involved in a serious car accident. They are still recovering, and the incident illustrated clearly the importance of having more volunteers on board.

"The more people we can get, the better we can do. Because look at what happened to my family, and we got stuck," he said of the months he wasn't able to focus on the project.

"We need people who understand and appreciate what we're doing," Muhanuzi stressed. "It's not my project. It's for anyone who shares the same ideology."

"Anyone who understands that as small or as little as we are, we need to do our small contribution to this world because everyone has to do something according to what he is or what she can."

For more information on HANDS, including how you can support the project or get involved in another way, check out their new website at handscanada.com.



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Work on the six room school in a village in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is now complete.



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Farm Credit Canada's Jamie Arbuckle and Adam Boulanger presented Winkler Elementary School principal Barb Neufeld with a \$1,000 donation toward the school's breakfast program.

FCC supports W.E.S. breakfast program

By Lorne Stelmach

Farm Credit Canada has provided a \$1,000 boost to the breakfast program at Winkler Elementary School.

Local FCC relationship manager Jamie Arbuckle and Morden FCC's Adam Boulanger presented the donation to school principal Barb Neufeld last week.

"FCC has been donating probably for the last five years to our program," said Neufeld.

"We get support from a local church, but we also get tremendous financial support from FCC," she said. "It's fan-

tastic. We really appreciate it. It absolutely does make a difference."

Arbuckle said supporting something like the breakfast program is a good fit for FCC.

"As part of an organization that's involved with helping feed the world, we like to do our part in our community and help out those in need where we can," he said.

Since 2004, FCC has also been collecting food as part of its fall FCC Drive Away Hunger campaign in support of local food banks. FCC offices also participate in other local fundraising events, Arbuckle said.

Local finalists announced for MB Tourism awards

By Lorne Stelmach

A Pembina Valley event and a key person behind it are both up for a provincial tourism award, as is Morden's Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

La Riviere's Raptor Festival is one of three finalists for the Partnership Award, while festival organizer Evelyn Janzen is up for the top volunteer honour in the Manitoba Tourism Awards.

The trio of local nominations for the Travel Manitoba awards was completed with the CFDC in the running for the Innovation Award.

Janzen appreciated both nominations but was clear on which one she would prefer to see win at the ceremony next week.

"It's always done with the support of the people around me. The honour goes to everyone," she stressed. "When the spotlight shines on you, you tend to pull away from that spotlight because it is kind of unfair to the others, and we should all be recognized."

Janzen described hearing of the nomination for the Raptor Festival as "totally unexpected ... but it's certainly appreciated. It's so deserving for all our partners and sponsors, and it would be just an honour to receive that for them."

"It puts a whole new light on what we've been doing at the Raptor Festival," she added. "I'm glad that it has taken off so well and is so well appreciated by others in the province ...

this will just help to maintain a high profile in the province."

As for her individual recognition, Janzen described herself as feeling both flattered and humbled.

"It just gives me the confidence to continue with what we have been doing," she said.

"It's a team effort, so it's nice to have the team recognized as well. I'm very grateful that it is a team effort, and it's being recognized as such," Janzen said, noting she simply does her part in the community. "When you see a need, you try to fill it. There are other people who are doing exactly the same thing."

As for the CFDC, executive director Peter Cantelon said recognition at the provincial level is always very exciting.

"We already feel like we've won just from the recognition perspective," he said.

Cantelon added he particularly sees the value of the award category.

"As a museum, being nominated for an innovation award, I think, helps break some stereotypes," he suggested. "Museums are not seen as innovative places. Museums are seen as static ... museums are often viewed as boring. So what this does for us I think is help to redefine museums for what they really are."

Noting that the CFDC was specifically cited for its new augmented reality experience, Cantelon said the app is a good example of wanting to not only make use of state of the art technology but to take it a step further.

"Certainly, in our instance, we're striving to make the museum experience dynamic," he said. "We want people to know that when they come here, they will experience Manitoba's deep history in a multitude of different ways."

The CFDC is up against the Assiniboine Park Conservancy in Winnipeg and Parkland Boat Rentals. The Raptor Festival is facing Doors Open and Heritage Winnipeg as well as the Winnipeg Folk Festival and Bird's Hill Park. Nominated for the volunteer award alongside Janzen is Robert DeSmet of the St. Claude Historical Society and Bill Brereton of the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada.

The winners will be announced on Sept. 19.

Central Stn. hosts Redneck Thanksgiving

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Central Station hosts its third annual hoedown next month.

The Winkler community centre's Redneck Thanksgiving fundraising dinner takes place, fittingly, in the barn of the Winkler Bible Camp on Sunday, Oct. 1

"It is a casual, fun evening with dinner, entertainment, and some great auction prizes," says executive director Bev Wiebe, who encourages guests to come decked out in their favourite

flannel shirts and worn-in boots to fit the theme. There will be prizes for the best-dressed redneck.

"We've had all kinds of great outfits in the past," she says.

The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. and will include music from Two Crows For Comfort, a hearty supper catered by Merv's Pitchfork Fondue, and a prize auction led by Bill Klassen.

"We are pursuing some pretty great big prizes," says Wiebe. Organizers hope the auction, coupled with ticket sales, will help the event raise a sig-

nificant chunk of change for Central Station.

"It will keep our facility and our programming running," Wiebe says. "In the last two years this has been our most significant fundraiser. We're hoping that will be case again this year."

Tickets are \$100 each and are available by calling 204-325-0257.

There are just 110 seats up for grabs and the event has sold out in past years, notes Wiebe, so book yours early.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH & ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
 Jake Bergman (left) and Marilyn Young (above) are veterans on the Pembina Valley Studio Tour, which welcomed people into the galleries and studios of artists across the region last Saturday and Sunday.

Hundreds take in Pembina Valley Studio Tour

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Studio Tour this past weekend was inspiring to both the artists and visitors alike.

The free, self-guided tour welcomed over 200 people to visit with artists in galleries and home studios across the south central region.

"There's lots of variety, and that's what I like about it. The talent is huge in this area. You can't believe it," said Sandra Lawrence, who was joined by her daughters for a full day Saturday that started in Miami and took them to stops in Morden, Winkler, and Altona.

"It's different, it changes. Every year there's some different artists, so it's good to see those," she added. "It's also good to see what those from previous years have now done and how they've maybe changed some of their styles."

"I've often taken the tour. If I'm around, I won't miss it. It's really nice to take it in," said Carol Burton, who

was spending at least a full day if not a day and a half taking in as many stops as she could manage.

"I just find the talent in the area is amazing, and it is always inspiring. There's a lot of talent in the area and it's showcased very nicely," she said. "It's totally amazing to see the variety."

As much fun as the tour's participating visitors had, it was an equally good time for the artists.

"I've been part of it as a viewer before but not as a displayer," noted Winklerite Albert Shwartzman, who works in acrylics, water pencil and pencil. "Jake [Bergman, a fellow participating artist] suggested the idea, and I figured I had some work piled up so why not present them to the public?"

"That's something that I enjoy, interacting with people and seeing their reaction to the art I do and other artists as well," he said, noting the tour is very different from the experience of showing one's work in a

traditional gallery exhibition. "This is more one on one, face to face."

Morden's Marilyn Young, a veteran of the tour who does acrylics and silk painting, said it gives her the chance to showcase work that might otherwise go unseen.

"The big thing is that I have a 35 year collection of art work, which sits in storage for the whole year except for these two days," she said. "If it wasn't for the studio tour I would not have any place to display it all."

"This is such a wonderful opportunity for area artists to show the world what they do," she added.

"You really meet a lot of people ... my first visitor last year was from Anchorage, Alaska," Young noted, recalling how the woman was eating

breakfast on her way through Morden and saw the tour brochure. "I thought that was so neat. You really do meet people from all over ... normally I can get as many as 200 people over the weekend."

Louise Gardiner also recalled welcoming over 200 guests her first time taking part last year.

"It's a great opportunity to share what it is that we do," said the Morden resident, who specializes in pottery, woodworking, and jewelry.

"It's a way to showcase your work, and it gives people a chance to see it in progress as well," Gardiner said. "You get people's reactions to your work, which inspires you or can help direct what you could be doing."



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 Also participating were artists Louise Gardiner (left) in Morden and, for the first time, Albert Shwartzman (above) in Winkler.

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Mr Mikes donates \$5K to BTHC Fdn.



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Mr. Mike's Steakhouse Casual assistant manager Maddie Stach presented BTHC Foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett with a donation of \$5,414 last week. The funds came from the donations collected at the restaurant's dry run and VIP events before they opened to the public earlier this month. The restaurant wanted the funds to go to a charity making a difference in the region, explained Stach. Samatte-Folkett said the funds are most welcome. "This will go to the general fund, which is usually used for equipment requests we get throughout the year that we haven't necessarily budgeted for," she said. "This is just amazing. We're thrilled and really appreciate that they thought of our foundation." Stach said the restaurant's first two weeks in business have been busy ones with a lot of positive feedback.

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Homemade goodness at George's

Running a restaurant must be a part of Dennis Sung's DNA.

Much of his extended family—from cousins to aunts to uncles—are involved in running the popular George's Kitchen and Ice Cream at the west entrance to Morden.

"I guess it does just seem to run in our family," said Sung, who took over the popular drive-in in 2014 and renamed it in honour of his father.

Part of what drew him to the city is an aunt and uncle who own and operate Kopper Kettle.

"It's such a nice community. The people are great," Sung said, noting he loved the idea of running a drive-in restaurant here. "It was well established in the community. I just wanted to carry on and make it my own."

George's offers a variety of hand-crafted burgers, homemade fries, poutines, and thin crust pizza as well as an array of ice cream treats and thick shakes.

"I try to not have too large of a menu. I added a few more menu items with the burgers," Sung said. "I like to keep things homemade. It was popular for ice cream as well."

The seasonal restaurant keeps Sung busy for much of the year, which is just how he likes it.

"I try to stretch it out as much as I can," he said of the season. "Usually it will be from March until the end of October. Spring and fall we have a little bit shorter hours."

"It's been a great first couple of years. Business has been growing,

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Dennis Sung of George's Kitchen and Ice Cream says Morden is a great place to operate a business.

and I'm proud to be a part of the community of Morden," said Sung. "It feels like everyone's welcomed us."

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Local Muslim community celebrates Eid al-Adha

Winkler's Muslim community celebrated a special event at the start of this month.

On Sept. 1, the city's mosque hosted its Eid al-Adha celebrations, marking one of the two most important festivals in the Muslim calendar, said Zahid Zehri, a member of the Manitoba Islamic Association's Pembina Valley committee.

The Festival of Sacrifice is celebrated by Muslims to mark the occasion

when Allah appeared to Ibrahim in a dream and asked him to sacrifice his son, Ishmael, to demonstrate his devotion, Zehri explained. Ibrahim was about to carry out the sacrifice when Allah stopped him and gave him a lamb to kill instead.

The story is designed to demonstrate how Ibrahim's devotion passed even the sternest test, and is told in similar fashion in the Jewish Torah and the Christian Old Testament,

where God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Today the story is commemorated on Eid al-Adha by the sacrifice of a sheep or goat.

The local Muslim community sends

its thanks out to the area farmers who helped them find the animals and a place to slaughter them.

"All Muslim families enjoyed the event and shared meat with other families, friends, and neighbours," Zehri said.



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The Winkler Muslim prayer space marked Eid al-Adha, one of the two most important festivals in the faith, on Sept. 1

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Some benefits of growing older

With so many people living longer, it's time to celebrate the perks of getting older rather than the drawbacks. Here are some great benefits to growing old.

Higher self-esteem: The insecurities of youth give way as one ages, and older people have less negativity and higher self-esteem. A University of Basel study of people ranging in ages from 18 to 89 found that regardless of demographic and social status, the older one gets the higher self-esteem climbs. Qualities like self-control and altruism can contribute to happiness.

Financial perks: Seniors are entitled to discounts on meals, museum entry fees, movies, and other entertainment if they're willing to disclose their ages. Discounts are available through an array of venues if one speaks up. Seniors also can enjoy travel perks, with slashed prices on resorts, plane tickets and more.

Reasoning and problem-solving skills: Brain scans reveal that older adults are more likely to use both he-

mispheres of their brains simultaneously - something called bilateralization. This can sharpen reasoning skills. For example, in a University of Illinois study, older air traffic controllers excelled at their cognitively taxing jobs, despite some losses in short-term memory and visual spatial processing. Older controllers proved to be experts at navigating, juggling multiple air-traffic simultaneously and avoiding collisions.

Less stress: As people grow older, they are able to differentiate their needs from wants and focus on more important goals. This can alleviate worry over things that are beyond one's control. Seniors may realize how little the opinions of others truly mean in the larger picture, thereby feeling less stress about what others think of them.

Growing older may involve gray hair or wrinkling skin, but there are many positive things associated with aging.

Combatting isolation and loneliness

Solitude is a state of mind that can be positive, when it's desired, but when it turns into isolation and loneliness, it can become unbearable. Unfortunately, many seniors reach this point and don't know what to do about it.

Combatting isolation is vital, as it can have a negative impact on the lives of seniors, including increased anxiety, depression, food and sleep disorders, suicidal thoughts, and an increased risk of developing a chronic illness.

Isolation has many causes. When a spouse dies, the surviving partner often isolates him- or herself for fear of becoming a burden to their families. A change in living accommodations can also lead to a similar reaction.

To counter this type of situation, family members and friends should take concrete action. Both regular and unplanned visits and telephone conversations help to break isolation. Talking about day-to-day happenings and asking how the senior is getting on can do a world of good.

Organizing family dinners where the different generations can spend time together is another solution. Seniors appreciate the company of children as well as that of adults.

It is also advisable to encourage seniors to register for activities that allow them to mix with people of their own age, such as bridge, dancing, or gentle exercise classes. Weekly activities will ensure they have more active social lives.

Take a trip! Road trips rule. Taking to the highways and byways is an excellent way to see the country. Seniors can customize their routes depending on which places they want to visit. RV travel can be as comfortable or as rustic as travelers prefer. Many seniors spend months traveling in their campers, which offer many of the same amenities of home.

Zootherapy is another solution. The presence of an animal in the life of a senior is an ideal complement to human contact. Whether it's a new pet of their own, or visits from family members' pets, a little cuddle now and then can bring a lot of sunshine into a senior's life.

Looking for a place to call HOME? 7 GREAT REASONS to move into a retirement home

Thinking of leaving your current home and moving somewhere designed with older adults in mind? If you're still on the fence, here are a few perks of retirement home living that just might convince you to take the plunge.



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Your FARM



Industry is dealing with the stresses of PED virus

By Harry Siemens

The battle continues as the Manitoba pork industry faced a rash of PED cases since Aug. 25, bringing the total to 73 in this outbreak.

Recently infected premises (IPs) include one sow site, three nursery sites, and three finisher sites.

"Unfortunately, IP 68, a sow farm, and IP 73, a nursery site, are both new infections and pose an increased risk to neighbouring farms," said the most recent update from the Manitoba Pork Council. "The other five sites appear to be a recurrence of shedding from pigs that came from previously infected sites."

On a more positive note, Manitoba Pork said 26 already infected premises have achieved PED Transitional status, meaning that all the animals on the site are no longer clinically sick and, as well, certain groups of animals on the site are no longer shedding the virus. On sow farms, it also means that the site can wean PED negative piglets.

"We can expect to have a trickle of new cases, mostly from direct pig movements and a few new ones from the regional spread, which highlights the need for swine farms in southeast Manitoba to keep their guard up," said the agency.

Bob Kleinsasser, hog boss at the Suncrest Colony near Steinbach, talked candidly about what the PED virus outbreak, though they're still free of the virus on their premises, has meant to them.

"At first, it really, really was hard for us. We just couldn't wrap it around if it would happen what would we do and we took it too personally," he said. "But now after months of this, we did a lot of different things.

"We had to refocus on our biosecurity, operate smarter ... there's only so much you can do. You can't let it affect your personal life and stuff like that so we just try to do our best to keep it up, hold it out of the environment so if it's not around the barn it can't go in the barn. It's tough. I can almost say it's no fun anymore."

When the first outbreak occurred some years back, Claude Vielfaure of HyLife said it was almost like he hated to open that barn door in the morning. Kleinsasser can emphasize with that.

"It's the first thing you do when you walk in there you go look for any signs," he said. "But we're pretty confident with the dear Lord around and with prayer and with a lot of input from everybody on the whole farm

and the industry, it will turn out okay."

As far as a contingency plan for their farm, there is only one: infect the whole lot to create immunity and then clean out the barn.

"You gotta do what you gotta do," said Kleinsasser. "It wouldn't be fun. We've talked to a lot of people who had it and have it and some of them stated that they never want to see another pig in their life, it's affected them that hard."

Janice Goldsborough, human resources and training coordinator with Manitoba Pork, said swine barn managers should watch for signs of fatigue among workers dealing with PED virus.

"Having to deal with sick animals, especially the baby piglets, is resulting in a lot of stress on farm workers," she said. "It could be similar to PTSD, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, when people are on a daily basis having to deal with the poor little pigs that either pass away or they have to be put down. After a while, that can get very trying on somebody."

"The symptoms can vary from person to person," Goldsborough said. "Some of it could be that they're not sleeping or they're feeling drained. They might be having nightmares if they are sleeping, poor concentration, there could be memory problems, difficulty thinking, headaches, just an overall feeling of not being able to cope. It can add up for people if they don't stop and focus on themselves and looking after themselves."

Goldsborough said employees need to make sure they're getting enough rest, eating properly and getting breaks from the stresses of their work, and the employer needs to be watching for signs of mental and physical fatigue and be prepared to take action by providing time off, moving workers to less stressful positions and by providing counseling.

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Your FARM



Will the federal government be able to fix Churchill?

By Harry Siemens

Federal Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr recently told Omnitrax, the U.S. company that owns the only rail line serving the isolated northern Manitoba town of Churchill: fix it or sell it to someone who will.

If they sell, Ottawa is prepared to help with interim funding to repair the rail line.

Omnitrax's Canadian CEO said the company already has an agreement in place to sell the rail line to a consortium of First Nations and the deal has only been awaiting federal support.

But Churchill residents aren't feeling very optimistic as the days without service stretch into weeks and months.

Churchill Mayor Mike Spence said

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it appears everybody's aware of the fact the rail line's been down since the third week of May, but little headway has been made to resolve the matter.

"There haven't been any repairs done. The federal government has indicated that Omnitrax lived up to the agreement, which we know that's not going to happen," said a frustrated Spence. "We continue to speak with the prime minister's office regarding getting the line up and running. The

necessary repairs that need doing, according to an Omnitrax consulting group, are \$43.5 million. I see a lot of inflated numbers.

"So that's where things are at right now ... the community is frustrated by this all," said Spence. "Omnitrax has done an excellent job of keeping the community hostage, which is entirely unacceptable."

He said supplies are coming in—including propane and petroleum

products—through the province's Emergency Measures Organization. Some resupply things have also come in from some of the businesses, but it's expensive.

"Our food products are still being flown in from Thompson, Winnipeg. Even with the Nutrition North Canada program and Affordable Food in Remote Manitoba subsidy, prices are

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Federal government needs to step up: Churchill mayor

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still quite high. The North West Company doesn't seem to understand that their pricing is relatively high, and that's disappointing," said the mayor.

Several groups are looking at ways to work together. One North is a group from Opaskwayak Cree Nation, right up to Churchill and including the communities just north of Churchill. This group is interested in ownership of the port and the rail line and includes a technical team putting the key business elements together.

"A new model is what we're working towards for the best interest of the region," said Spence. "Far too long, 20 years we've had Omnitrax taking everything out of Canada, including the profits. They haven't reinvested, and

this is the current situation.

"It's alarming, it's disappointing that we as Canadians gave up a national asset to an American company that doesn't care," he said.

One North wants to control the port and the rail line and is putting together a model that will work, Spence said. It will be an authority type model where money, the reinvestment continues to go back in, he said, similar to the big city airport models

that are out there.

"These are the types of models that we're looking at," said Spence. "It makes more sense reinvesting in your infrastructure if they're long term economic growth investments, so that's where we're going with this."

Getting this off the ground, though, will require the federal government to step up and take a leadership role.

"Now it is in the hands of the federal government to relieve Omnitrax

of its responsibility of ownership of the port and rail," Spence said. "So, all hands are focused towards the government of Canada. We are in continuous dialogue with them, and we hope this can be rectified a lot sooner than later.

"We need the rail line repaired. We're running out of time here, but I'm still cautiously optimistic someone can repair line before winter sets in."

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Manitou festival a hit

Manitou welcomed visitors Friday and Saturday for its annual Honey, Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival. The 16th edition of the community celebration offered a variety of activities, including live music, a car show, cooking demonstrations, and a variety of market vendors. Special events included the Friday opening of the new Nellie McClung Heritage Site (see Pg. 8 for that story) and a headline concert by Jayme Giesbrecht and the Soul Revue Band.

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Explore local sites at Open Farm Day Sun.

By Lorne Stelmach

Full Plate Farms sees being part of this weekend's Manitoba Open Farm Day as a great way not just to promote their Miami-area operation—there is also an important role to play in building greater understanding and awareness of the importance of the agricultural industry, said the farm's Barb Graham.

"Open Farm Day is an excellent opportunity for both the consumer and the farmer to develop a relationship," she said. "Our farm always encourages visitors. We feel it is important for the consumer to have a connection with where their food comes from."

Hosted by the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies, this Sunday's eighth annual Open Farm Day features 46 host sites all across the province.

Locations in our region include Graham's Miami area farm alongside the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, the Prairie View Elevator Museum in Plum Coulee, the Roland 4-H Museum, and Hundredfold Farm near Roseisle.

Going a little further afield, there is also the Manitoba Dairy Museum in St. Claude, Lakeshore Holsteins in Bruxelles, and the St. Leon Interpretive Centre and Wind Farm, among

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many others.

Full Plate Farms is planning an *Amazing Race* type challenge for its visitors in partnership with its walking distance neighbors.

"It will not be a race in the sense that you need to be the first one to complete the challenge to win—everyone is able to take part at any part of the day," said Graham.

"We plan to have a few educational stations where visitors will learn fun facts about the animals we raise, the meat products we sell as well as a few hands on activities involving our gardens and some stations just for fun," she said.

"We will also have all our items available to purchase at this event, pastured meats and home grown vegetables including a large assortment of pumpkins."

Open Farm Day offers a range of ex-



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Full Plate Farms near Miami is one of several sites taking part in Open Farm Day this Sunday.

periences from pumpkin patches and corn mazes to riding a horse.

You can tour a brewery as an example of a value added industry or visit one of four dairy farms, see vegetable gardens, beef farms, honey farms, fruit orchards, a honey farm or a grain farm.

Additionally, there is the option to browse agriculture museums or take a walking tour with Keystone Agriculture Producers of downtown Winnipeg to learn how agriculture organizations and businesses in years gone by played a significant role in our provincial capital.

Other activities can include a stroll through the greenhouses and vegetable plots at Assiniboine Community

College in Brandon or a tour of the Bruce Campbell Discovery Centre to learn where our food comes from and how it gets from the farm to your fork.

You can plan your itinerary for the day online at www.openfarmday.ca.

Graham's wish for people who make their way to their farm is simple.

"We hope people will leave having had a fun afternoon at our farm and will also have learned a few new facts about farms and where food comes from," she said. "If you are already very familiar with where food comes from you are still welcome, in this case we hope visitors leave with a better understanding of Full Plate Farms."

Mordenites weigh in on local policing matters

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites generally feel safe in the community, but the results of a recent policing survey did offer the department an idea of what concerns residents the most.

Statistics from the survey released last week show people want the police to focus on crimes such as drugs, break-ins, and thefts.

What Chief Brad Neduzak takes from the results is that the police generally are seen as doing a good job in terms of where they focus their time and resources.

"It's always good to get a gauge from what people are thinking as well just to make sure that we're on the right track," he said. "We want to hear the good and the bad. There's always areas that need improvement."

Drugs emerged as a key concern, and Neduzak said the challenge is that it is an issue that is ever-changing and evolves along with the growth of the community and its changing demographics.

"As your population grows, you get different concerns," he said. "Even with crime rates, there's always spikes in different areas which you may not necessarily be able to account for at a given time. It may not be a continuous trend, but there is a spike in that area."

Many of the department's investigations, such as those involving drugs, can become quite complex, Neduzak said, and they are always presented with new trends.

"A lot of these type of investigations take a lot of resources, special training and tools to be able to success-

"IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO GET A GAUGE FROM WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING ... JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK."

fully investigate them and to be able to put together enough evidence to bring them to court," he said. "It's a lot more complex with these types of investigations nowadays. Things are always changing. We've got to make sure that officers are properly trained and up-to-date on the new trends and techniques in the various investigations that we have to carry out."

In addition to areas like drugs and thefts, traffic issues were also cited as

a high priority by survey-takers, with distracted driving singled out as the top concern for road safety by a margin of nearly 30 per cent.

The intersection of Thornhill St. and 11th St. near Maple Leaf Elementary School, for example, has been a concern for police and school officials, as drivers often continue through the red light after crossing guards leave

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Celebrating the Dark Knight

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's Pop Culture store is joining in on a global celebration of one of the world's most famous superheroes.

It will host Batman Day activities next Saturday, Sept. 23 from 1-4 p.m. at its 7th St. location in downtown Morden.

Owner Jaz Jackson thinks there are a couple key factors that make Batman so much more popular than some other characters.

"We think the appeal of Batman is that he is just a man," she said. "There are no super powers like Superman. He is well educated, and with the help of his gadgets he tries to bring justice where its needed."

Batman Day was introduced by DC

Comics to honour the character's 75th anniversary four years ago, and Jackson said they wanted to get in on it.

"It's a free comic book day, but it focuses on Batman, so we decided to make it a fun event that we would like to have annually," she said, noting the local festivities will include an appearance by the Dark Knight himself from 1-3 p.m. as well as a free prize draw and a draw for those who come in costume.

"Everyone gets one free comic and can play games to win more comics or candy," Jackson said. "There will be a few local vendors showing off their art and products as well."

Jackson said a few other favorite DC Comics characters may also make appearances to help celebrate.



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Jaz Jackson and Brad Wiebe, who operate Morden's Pop Culture store, with the Caped Crusader, who will be on hand for Batman Day next week Saturday.

Vehicle crashes into Kopper Kettle Restaurant

A Morden restaurant sustained significant damage after a vehicle plowed into the front of the building last week.

Emergency crews were called to Kopper Kettle around 4 p.m. last Friday after a car drove into the front entrance area of the Thornhill St. restaurant.

When police and firefighters arrived, the male driver and lone occupant of the vehicle was outside the vehicle on the ground, conscious. He was then taken to Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Police are continuing their investigation. They said Monday that alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

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

- Winkler police received several reports Sept. 4 of thefts from campers at the Winkler campground. Among the items stolen were a barbecue, lawn chairs, and tools.

- Around 1:45 p.m. Sept. 7, Morden police were called when a gas line was damaged by a homeowner digging in their yard.

Streets were closed to traffic and a few homes were evacuated for safety. Manitoba Hydro was on scene and quickly repaired the damaged line.

There were no injuries, and the streets were reopened around 3 p.m.

- A resident of Durum Cres. in Winkler reported someone rang his doorbell about 50 times Sept. 4.

When he went to the front door, he saw two men in black masks who fled when the homeowner pursued them

on foot. He later reported seeing one of the suspects carrying a baseball bat.

Police patrolled the area but were unable to locate the individuals.

- Morden police charged a 62-year-old man with sexual assault Sept. 8 after getting a complaint from an 85-year-old woman about being inappropriately touched.

He will appear in court in November with a condition not to have any contact or communication with the victim.

- A resident of Crystal Cres. in Winkler reported Sept. 8 that his cell phone was stolen out of his unlocked vehicle. A resident of Parmount Bay also had her iPod stolen out of her

unlocked vehicle sometime that same night.

- A Winkler resident told police Sept. 8 the windows of his truck were smashed while parked on his property near Wal-mart.

- Winkler police got a complaint Sept. 10 about a damaged windshield. They learned the incident began with a group of males inside a vehicle taunting and harassing two others outside the vehicle who were unknown to them.

Things continued to another location and escalated when one of the men on foot threw his skateboard at the windshield of the vehicle. The male who threw the skateboard along with the males who were in the vehi-

cle will share the cost to fix the damage.

- In the past week, Morden police issued seven provincial offence notices to motorists including three using cell phones or devices while driving a vehicle and others for driving an unregistered vehicle, driving without liability insurance, failing to notify registrar of a change of address, and speeding in a school zone.

The Winkler Police Service are also doing extra patrols as part of the Manitoba Public Insurance sponsored distracted driving program. They will be keeping an extra eye out for speeding in school zones as well as for cell phone use while driving a vehicle and other infractions.

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the intersection.

"We are around the schools and are making sure things are safe there," said Neduzak. "We do and will continue to participate in MPI driving check stops."

In other survey areas, people prioritized having a quicker, more visible police service in Morden with an emphasis on community policing, such as initiatives for youth and communicating more through social media.

Morden Police Board chair Rich Harries said they were happy to see that also emerge as a priority, as it

very much aligns with their goals.

"It is great to see recognition and support of the community focus taken by the Morden Police Service," he said, adding that it is good to see that "the vast majority feel safe in the City of Morden ... something we believe is a key indicator of the good work the police service is doing every day in our community."

Harries is pleased with the response the survey got across all demographic categories and he sees this as helping lay a foundation to help them continue to strengthen police services in Morden.

"We see this as kind of the first step in an annual process of going out to the community ... to engage with the citizens of Morden," he said.

The police board is considering holding a town hall meeting next year to continue the process of engaging with the community.

"We definitely see this as kind of the beginning of a more collaborative relationship with the citizens of Morden ... more proactively collaborative," said Harries. "I think it's important to have that continual conversation going with the community."

Animal shelter to 'Raise the Woof' Sept. 22

By Lorne Stelmach

A night of laughs will again be supporting the work of the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

Now with Winkler Dental on board as a main sponsor, the sixth annual Raise The Woof takes place Sept. 22 in Winkler at the Quality Inn.

"We really just enjoy this night. It's a different fundraiser for us and for the area," said public relations chairperson Megan Rodgers.

She said it is one of the most important annual fundraising events for the

humane society.

"In the past we've raised just over \$4,000, and it would be really awesome if we could hit the \$5,000 mark this year," said Rodgers. "It goes a long way to helping with the veterinary care for our animals and to keep our adoption fees affordable."

She added it feels good to have partners who share their passion, like not only Winkler Dental but also the Raise The Woof organization itself.

"They organize fundraisers like this all over the continent. It's just a fan-

tastic organization," Rodgers said of the project that was the brainchild of comedian James Uloth. "He loves animals, and he has always been very professional and reliable."

Under the direction of Uloth, Raise the Woof has raised over \$1 million for various charities. He draws on a rotating stable of professional comedians, with Sean Lecomber, Michael Green, and Jordan Welwood scheduled to take the stage in Winkler this go around.

Hailing from Fort Saskatchewan,

Lecomber brings a unique perspective with comedy based on words and story rather than movement and expression. Welwood, meanwhile, is a Winnipeg-born comedian and writer with observations and imagery about lifestyle and relationships. And Green has performed at a wide array of venues and at the Winnipeg Comedy Festival four years running.

As part of the evening, there will be a lucky card draw with a grand prize of two tickets to Just for Laughs in Winnipeg Oct. 21 with a night's stay at the Alt Hotel and a three piece Via Rail hard case luggage set.

As well, there will be the mystery bag raffle with prizes including a Winnipeg Jets jersey, Zorb Ball Rentals, an Elevaro Escape Room prize, and more along with a 50/50 draw and door prize.

The evening often sells out, so Rodgers encourages people to book their seats in advance to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are available for \$35 each at Thornview, Quality Inn in Winkler, and at the Morden shelter. There is a group rate of \$255 for a table of eight, which can be purchased by calling the humane society at 204-822-9413 or emailing pvhs@live.ca.



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Performing at the Pembina Valley Humane Society's Raise the Woof night next week are (from left) comedians Jordan Wellwood, Michael Green, and Sean Lecomber.

Chambers urge members to weigh in on tax changes

By Lorne Stelmach

Local businesses are being urged to help fight what's being called the most radical tax overhaul in half a century.

Chambers of commerce across the country including in Winkler and Morden are particularly worried about the impact on business of a new tax on corporations' investment income and tough new rules for compensation in family businesses.

Federal officials say it's about ensuring corporations don't have unfair tax advantages, but critics counter that these changes are going to hammer small businesses and entrepreneurs across the country.

The proposed changes include limiting the amount of income corporations can split with family members not reasonably active in the business, taxing the passive income earned by corporations, and limiting capital

gains exemptions.

These changes will have wide-reaching implications for incorporated businesses of all sizes, said Hendrik Brakel, a senior director of economic, financial and tax policy with the Canadian Chambers of Commerce.

"Incredibly, Finance Canada has managed to design a set of tax measures that would hit the maximum number of businesses in the most complicated way for a small amount of revenue," he said, noting the government expects to raise \$250 million by cracking down on what it calls unreasonable salaries paid to family members, which it says diverts corporate income into lower tax brackets. But to do that, it will have to tax over \$1 billion in salaries and audit hundreds of thousands of businesses, Brakel said.

"Nobody supports tax evasion or loopholes. But these changes will punish legitimate businesses," Brakel

stressed. "And they come after the government cancelled reductions in the small business tax rate, tightened rules on partnerships, and started taxing work in progress."

As an advocate for local business, Winkler chamber president Kori da Costa said she was "sincerely disappointed in the government for the proposed changes and am fearful of what this may do to the middle class profitability of the businesses that we support.

"It appears that the government is frowning on family members working hard together and instead is promoting the destruction of generational business, whereas the cost to prove each members worth may outweigh the benefits of this structure," she said.

"On top of this, if you prove to be profitable enough to save for yourself and your retirement, you will then be taxed higher because you earned

more money than needed," Kosta said. "I think it is so unfortunate that the business sector in particular is being segmented when it comes to tax increases ... in a format that is, seemingly, a form of 'punishment' for pouring your heart, soul, and family into providing a successful and profitable business for communities."

Candace Olafson, executive director of the Morden chamber, hoped local businesses will join the chamber network in "using its collective voice to let them know that this is going to really impact business owners.

"Even fairly small businesses are incorporated, and with these new changes they could be facing a much larger tax bill and bigger compliance costs," she said, adding that the chamber has a form letter available for people to use to speak out and let the government "know what a negative impact that it could have on their businesses."

MLA hosts BBQ

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, shown here with Dave Brown and John Rempel at the grill, served up hundreds of hamburgers at his annual barbecue lunch outside his constituency office in Morden last Friday. Friesen was kept hopping helping out at the various food stations and providing a listening ear to his constituents on a variety of matters.

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• HEALTH CORNER

A few key lifestyle habits for a healthier life

We live in a society where health seems to be highly valued.

We feel that we should all be entitled to some level of health. We often go to great lengths and spend a lot of money and resources treating and managing disease and chronic illness. There have been incredible advances in science and technology over the last century that make this more possible than ever before.

Being healthy, however, is often taken for granted and it is often when we lose health that we appreciate what we had and wonder how we can get it back.

What we do to our bodies has an impact on our health. This is something that has been recognized for millennia. Hippocrates, (460-377 BC), who is often referred to as the father of modern medicine, had a few thoughts on healthy lifestyles.

He compared people's habits and noticed that "bodies grow relaxed and squat ... through their sedentary lives," which led to various illnesses. Those who walked more, stayed well

longer.

He often prescribed exercise. He observed that "those who are constitutionally very fat are more apt to die quickly than those who are thin," recognizing that people who ate mainly a fresh, plant-based diet, developed fewer diseases.

His advice was that of improving a patient's diet. He recognized that the same remedy could heal in one dose but harm in a greater one. For example, he prescribed wine as part of a healthy diet and to ease pain in childbirth.

Hippocrates also noticed that his patients developed gout if they continually drank too much wine. When he convinced them to change their habits, the painful condition improved.

Fast forward to 1997, where a group of researchers from the Institute of Environmental Medicine at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden started a study. They selected a group of 20,721 men aged 45 to 79 with no history of cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or high cholesterol and followed them over the next 11 years.

They were categorized according to five healthy lifestyle habits:

1. A healthy diet, including legumes, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and fish.
2. Moderate alcohol intake (10-30 gm of alcohol a day—equivalent of 1-2 glasses of wine).
3. No smoking.

4. Being physically active (walking or bicycling more than 40 minutes a day and exercising more than one hour per week).

5. Having no abdominal fat or a waistline of less than 95 cm (38 inches).

Over the 11 years they looked at the risk of heart attacks as a measure of health. They were able to identify a reduction in risk of developing heart disease in each of the five categories compared to the group that did not meet these criteria:

1. Maintaining a healthy diet reduced the risk by 18 per cent.
2. The moderate alcohol intake group had an 11 per cent reduction in risk.
3. Not smoking showed a 36 per cent reduction in risk.
4. Being physically active reduced the risk by three per cent.
5. Having a smaller waistline reduced the risk by 12 per cent.

It is interesting to note that the combined effect of a healthy diet and moderate alcohol intake reduced the risk of having a heart attack by 36 per cent, which is the same risk reduction as not smoking.

The group of men that were able to maintain all five healthy lifestyle habits amounted to only one per cent of the study group, but showed an 86 per cent reduced risk of having a heart attack. In other words, four out of five heart attacks may be preventable by following healthy life style habits.

The sobering reality is that there is no amount of medication that I as a physician can prescribe that can come close to achieving these risk reductions mentioned above.

Our health is a partnership. You and your health care provider have a valuable input into your eventual health outcome.

As a physician I can measure and monitor some physical parameters and provide you with certain remedies in the form of medicine or prescriptions, as well as advice. Much of the advice I give, you have probably heard before.

The physician's part in this partnership is small and often easy compared to what you, as the patient, have to do. Changing habits is difficult and takes consistent effort, determination and personal motivation.

It may help to stop and ask, "Is this good for me?" before mindlessly continuing in a comfortable habit. You will then be well on your way to being kinder to your body.

The message here is not new, it is not complicated and is certainly not financially draining. The cost, however, is significant in personal discipline, time, and planning your day ahead.

Investing in your health today, will ensure a rewarding pay-out later. Our health is largely in our own hands.

What one, new healthy decision are you making today?



By Dr. Ockie Persson

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Flyers off to fine start in pre-season

Winkler wins Goose Cup from Norskies for a second year

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers are well on their way to getting a solid win streak going in the pre-season.

The junior team kicked things off last Tuesday night by downing the visiting Winnipeg Blues 4-2.

Wyatt Emms made 41 saves on 43 shots while rookies Drake Burgin contributed a pair of goals and Carter Ives and Trent Halfdanson scored singles.

Then, over the weekend, the boys retained the Goose Cup title in their two game exhibition series against the Thief River Falls Norskies.

Game one in Winkler Friday saw Troy Martyniuk stop all 26 shots he faced in net en route to a 5-0 victory for his team.

The first period saw Winkler take an early lead thanks to a goal from Nolan McGuire. Matt Christian and Micah Anderson made it 3-0 in the middle frame. Coltyn Bates and Garrett Kuklica rounded things out with two more goals in the third, bookending the period.

Saturday night on the Norskies home turf proved more of a challenge, but the Flyers were up to it.

Winkler, fielding many of their rookies this night, found themselves down 2-0 after the opening period.

They rallied, then, with goals from Lucas Barker and Tyson Novakoski in the second, and then pulled ahead in the final frame with goals from Max Daerendinger and an empty-netter from Griffin Leonard to take the game 4-2.

Aaron Brunn was between the posts, denying all but two of the 42 shots he faced as Thief River Falls



PHOTO BY RYAN SAWATZKY

For the second year in a row, the Winkler Flyers brought home the Goose Cup after defeating the Thief River Fall Norskies 5-0 Friday night in Winkler (above) and 4-2 Saturday in Thief River Falls.

outshot Winkler 42-35 overall.

The pre-season continued this week with Winkler heading into Winnipeg to play the Blues Tuesday. Results

were not available at press time.

This weekend the team plays two games against the Neepawa Natives, one away on Friday and one in Win-

kler on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The regular season opens in Neepawa Sept. 22, followed by a home game against the Natives Sept. 23.

Storm down Forza, Rovers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm added a strong win to their record in their second-last home game of the season last weekend.

Winkler bested the visiting Forza WSP 4-1 Sunday afternoon.

Scoring for the home team were Tobias Morasch, Mamadou Turay,

Thomas Giesbrecht, and Goran Kucar.

The win came on the heels of Friday's de facto victory over the Britannia Rovers, who forfeited the match.

That brings the team's record to 9-5 and places them in the middle of the pack in the 10 team 1st Division of the Manitoba Major Soccer League.

The Storm take a breather this week.

Their next matches are away games Sept. 25 versus Internazionale and Sept. 30 against the Wasps.

They then close out the regular season the first weekend of October with an away game against FCNW Waverley Mitsubishi Oct. 7 and their final home game against Scotia United Oct. 8.

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Winkler Cricket club wins provincial title

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Cricket Club is tops in the province after going undefeated in the Manitoba Cricket Association's T20 tournament.

In addition to its Division 2 league play (where Winkler has a 6-4 record), the team also played six shorter cricket games against teams from other divisions this summer.

"For T20, every team across every division can participate," explained club president Zahid Zehri. "It's one of the most competitive events ... they're very tense, very competitive games."

T20 games are only four hours each (compared to regular cricket matches, which run all day) and that, coupled with the fact the tournament attracts the top players in the province, makes Winkler's first place finish all the more impressive for a team with only a few seasons under its belt.

"Winkler went up against all of them and that, I think, shows that we are a very competitive team," said Zehri.

In the final match on Sept. 3, Winkler soundly defeated the Trailblazers Cricket Club to sweep the tournament.

"They're a team which was formed around six, seven years back, a well established team, a very good team, but still we were better," said Winkler coach Mandeep Saini, noting

The Winkler Cricket Club won the Manitoba Cricket Association's T20 tournament this month, defeating teams of varying skill levels from all across Manitoba.

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that both teams headed into that final match undefeated.

Winning T20 was a goal the club set out for themselves after coming in third in the tournament last summer, losing just one match.

"We decided to target the T20 cup this year, and we planned and we trained for this," said Zehri. "We did everything toward winning it, and we did."

Now the club will set its sights on clinching first place in their division so they can start to move up to higher levels of play.

"Once we win [Division 2] we can move into Division 1," Zehri said. "And then down the road we have a plan for the next five years ... our team has a lot of natural talent and I can see our team participating in the Premier matches."

Helping them reach that goal will be the creation of a cricket pitch in Winkler, which the club hopes to see up and running in time for them to be able to host games next summer.

"The city is working hard to get the ground ready, but unfortunately ... we didn't get the grass in this year, but

hopefully next year it will be ready," Zehri said.

The Winkler Cricket Club currently has 17 active members, all hailing from the Winkler-Morden area. They invite newcomers to try out next summer.

"It is always better to have a lot of strength, [more] players we can choose from," said Saini, noting they need 11 to field a team.

If you'd like information on potentially joining the team, you can get in touch with them through their Facebook page or by calling 204-312-0786.

Thanks for Giving Run scheduled for Oct. 7

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Thanks for Giving Run is back for its 11th year next month.

The event drew upwards of 200 racers and raised nearly \$7,000 for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard last fall, and organizers hope to hit similar numbers again this year.

Race director Dwight Suderman, who has been involved since the very first run in 2007, said the event serves two very different purposes.

"We put it on, first of all, to kind of support the running community here in southern Manitoba," he said, noting they draw runners from all across the region and from Winnipeg, too. "And, secondly, to support the Winkler food cupboard ... we're very happy to be able to help them and support the work they do. There are always hungry people in this world and even in our local commu-

nity."

This year's Thanks for Giving Run takes place at the Winkler arena the morning of Saturday, Oct. 7.

You can choose from a half-marathon (21.1 kilometres) or 10k and 5k routes. Registration fees are \$60 for the half marathon, \$35 for the 10k, and \$26 for the 5k run/walk until Oct. 1. Registrations after that date will be \$10 more. Day-of registrations are welcome.

There's also a 1.2 km Kids Fun Run for youth 10 and under. In lieu of a registration fee, kids are asked to bring a tin for the bin.

Registration forms and event information can be found online at thanksgivingrun.ca or runningroom.com. Forms are also available at the offices of Dwight Suderman Chartered Accountant, Access Credit Union, and Time-Out Sports in Winkler.

Runners are encouraged to collect pledges in support of the food cupboard and everyone is invited to stop by the arena that morning to drop off donations of non-perishable food items.

"We historically haven't raised a lot of food that way but we're always hoping to get better at that," Suderman said.

Hawks 2-1 in Swift Current

The Pembina Valley Hawks flew high at their first tournament of the season.

Just a week after hosting tryouts, the ladies midget team were in Swift Current for a trio of games Sept. 8-10.

After a rocky start that saw them fall

5-1 to the Saskatchewan U16 team Friday (Sage McElroy-Scott got the lone Hawks goal), the Hawks went on to blank Kimberley Nitro Express 4-0 (featuring a hat trick from Makenzie McCallum, a single from Kaila Powell, and netminding by Halle Oswald) on

Saturday and defeat the Lloydminster Steelers 3-1 Sunday (another hat trick from McCallum; Oswald and Kadynce Romijn split goal duties).

This weekend the Hawks host Pilot Mound Prep Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Morden.

Checking out the local recreational options



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Hockey, drumming, and yoga were just a few of the activities on display at the Morden Sport and Leisure Demo and Expo nights last week.



By Lorne Stelmach

Watching his son Brady for the first time out on the ice was a highlight of Morden's Sport and Leisure Demo Expo for Jeremy Winslow.

The Morden resident joined others in taking part in the two-day event at the Access Event Centre last week.

"He's pretty excited to come out," said Winslow, who took advantage of Morden Minor Hockey's idea to do something at the expo for first-time players.

"I think this is a good experience ... with the rest of the little ones who have never played before ... surrounded with others who are in the same position. They're maybe just not quite as nervous," said Winslow.

"It sounded like a great way to get them going. They're out having fun

with their friends ... and it's nice to see a good mix of kids," he added. "It's a great way for them to figure out hockey's going to be fun and not a scary or daunting thing for them to do."

The City of Morden opted this year to split the event into two nights, the first an evening of demonstrations on Sept. 5, followed by registration on Sept. 6.

Among the many local clubs and sports associations offering demonstrations was Sheena Kilpatrick of Harmony Tree Studio.

"I think it's a very good idea," said Kilpatrick, noting some people aren't aware of what programs are all available in the community. "This gives them a little experience, a taste."

That's just what Morden recreational programmer Stephanie Dueck was hoping for.

"I was aiming to give people the opportunity to see what's all offered in Morden," she said. "It can be pretty overwhelming ... this can be an opportunity to experience what a class will be like, what the program will be like."

"And it's to showcase what all can be done in our community to keep active ... so hopefully this kind of event will grow and more organizations will participate, and more people will attend because I think it's a great opportunity," Dueck said.

"There's a lot of fitness program providers and a lot of programs for kids ... the list is long ... and we're always adding to that because there's more organizations popping up."

Winkler Family Resource launches fall programs

Parenting classes, community field trips starting up this month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre is gearing up to begin its fall session of free programming for pre-school age kids and their parents next week.

In addition to several returning favourite programs, WFRC is also excited to offer a few new opportunities, said coordinator Cathy Savage.

One of them is In My Community, which will run 9:30-11 a.m. on Thursdays from Sept. 21 to Oct. 26.

"We'll be doing a weekly field trip

to lots of different places in the community," explained Savage.

The list includes Sweetnam's Dairy Farm, Winkler Co-op, the Winkler Police station, Winkler fire hall, City Hall, the library, and a special surprise location for the final week.

It's a great way for parents and kids to get out of the house and out exploring the city together, said Savage.

"It's just kind of showing the children what happens in the community, behind the scenes stuff," she said. "It's going to be really fun for the kids."

WFRC is also teaming up with Central Station Community Centre to host a new parenting class.

The Nobody's Perfect course runs Tuesday evenings at Central Station from Sept. 19 to Oct. 24. Childcare is available.

"It's just basically to improve your parenting skills and give you some ideas and tips," said Savage. The program is being led by a trained facilitator and is aimed at parents of children from birth to age five.

Other programs also starting up this month include the All Aboard the Number Train numeracy program Fridays from 9:30-11 a.m. Sept. 22 to Oct. 27, the Book Buddies vocabulary learning program running at Southwood School in Schanzenfeld

Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 20 to Oct. 25, and the Fit Kids Healthy Kids open gym nights at J.R. Walkoff School Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 to Oct. 24.

The resource centre's popular Jolly Tots Family Drop In also got underway earlier this week and will run Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon at Central Station.

"There's still space in all these programs," Savage said last week, stressing they're completely free and open to all.

All of the centre's programs are geared toward helping kids prepare for school by honing their literacy, numeracy, and social skills.

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New walking poles at WSC

Cathleen Bergen of the Winkler Senior Centre with some of the new walking poles they were able to purchase thanks to a \$1,000 grant from Lifeline. The poles are available for short and long-term rentals for \$10 a month, plus a \$30 damage deposit. "Physiotherapists sometimes recommend these for people recovering from an injury," noted Bergen, adding they can also be handy for anyone who wants a little extra support while walking. Contact the centre for more information on pole rentals.

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Letters

Huge thanks go out to Corn & Apple volunteers

We would like to thank the organizers and volunteers of the 51st Morden Corn and Apple Festival for a job well done.

The hard work and dedication of all committee members and volunteers is reflected in the number of booths as well as the number of people who attend.

Morden's welcoming community spirit is reflected in the success of the event.

We were happy to have the opportunity to participate again this year.

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Our most recent program development has been the In School Mentoring program. Building friendships in the school setting began with a few mentors in 2000, and has grown to mentors being placed in 6 schools.

In the fall of 2005, we implemented a Teen Mentoring Program, where grade 11 and 12 students are matched with elementary school students.

We are proud of our achievements and continue to strive to be on the leading edge of the Big Brothers Big Sisters movement in Canada.



We are always looking for more Big Brothers! If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child or youth contact the office to learn more.

Why Be a Mentor?

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Professional staff is there to work with you, the child and the family throughout the course of the mentoring relationship to provide necessary training and support. Funding allows us to carefully make and support more matches. Sometimes, the supply of volunteers and kids is greater than the necessary agency funding. We are grateful for your willingness to be involved and while it is certainly not a requirement, we welcome you to also become a donor - as you volunteer or wait to be matched.

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NOTICES

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NOTICES



Morden Police Board Meeting

Tuesday,
September 19, 2017
7:00 pm
Morden Civic Centre
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All those wishing to be on the agenda to speak must register at the beginning of the meeting.

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PROPERTY FOR SALE

FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed tenders in writing for the purchase of the property described below will be received by **McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP** as follows:

PROPERTY FOR SALE (owned by Margaret Fehr):

LEGAL DESCRIPTION – approximately 127.5 acres:

THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 33-1-3 WPM EXC ALL THAT PORTION OF THE WLY 1205 FEET PERP OF THE SAID SW 1/4 LYING BETWEEN TWO LINES DRAWN ELY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE EASTERN LIMIT OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 32-1-3 WPM FROM POINTS THEREIN DISTANT SLY THEREON 590 FEET AND 1763 FEET RESPECTIVELY FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SE 1/4

CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be delivered to **MCCULLOCH MOONEY JOHNSTON SELBY MORDEN OFFICE** (at the address below) by 2:00 p.m., October 4, 2017.

Please mark on front of envelope "Fehr Tender".

- Tenders must be accompanied by a **\$10,000.00** deposit cheque payable to "McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby". Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an Agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
- Possession date will be November 1, 2017. Adjustment date will be December 31, 2017.**
- The successful bidder will, of course, be responsible for all realty taxes following December 31, 2017.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the possession date or under such acceptable conditions, the deposit paid shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

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(204) 822-6588

Attention: Bob McCulloch

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **5th day of October, 2017**, at the hour of **1:00 PM**, at Rural Municipality of Stanley, 23111 PTH 14, Winkler Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

| Roll Number | Description | Assessed Value | Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| 119730 | LOT 2 BLOCK 4 PLAN 42828 MLTO IN W 1/2 OF NE 1/4 21-2-4 WPM - 8 MOLINE DR E | L -\$51,000 B -\$183,500 | \$4,908.18 |

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the Rural Municipality of Stanley as follows:
 - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration
- The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title in the land titles office, including the registration costs.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2017.

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OBITUARY



Diedrich (Dick) Fehr 1942 - 2017

On Monday, September 4, 2017, at Rock Lake Hospital in Crystal City and surrounded by his family, Dick Fehr, age 75 years of Winkler, MB went to be with his Lord after a long struggle with cancer.

He was born on March 4, 1942 to Diedrich and Margaret (nee Reimer) Fehr and married Helen Peters on August 4, 1965 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church. Dick retired on April 30, 2005 from Centra Gas after 33 years, three months and three days of loyal service. Over the years, he was active in the community with the Lions Club, coaching sports and was also a volunteer firefighter for 20 years. In retirement, Dick enjoyed woodworking, working on projects around the house and spending time with his family.

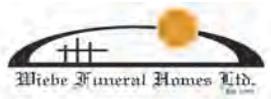
He was predeceased by his parents; brother, John Fehr; sister, Anne Smart; brothers-in-law, Barry Smart, Jake Enns and Donald Peters. Dick is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Helen; children, Shane Fehr (Lily), Terry Fehr (Lisa) and Sandra Reimer (Vince). He was a proud grandpa of eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His passing is mourned by family and friends.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at the Rosenbach Cemetery.

Special thanks to the hospital staff at BTHC and Rock Lake Hospital and to the Cancer Unit at BTHC.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dick's memory to the Winkler Fire and Rescue c/o Ernie Froese at the Access Credit Union.

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