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Thumbs up for Morden Triathlon

The Morden Triathlon battled some crazy hot and wet weather over the weekend, but competitors still gave the event a big thumbs up. For the full story and more photos, see Pgs. 12-13.

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Eden supporters set out to 'Visit the Villages'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As he has for more than a decade, Armin Enns led the way as Eden Foundation's Visit the Villages Tractor Trek set out from Reinland on Saturday.

Over 40 vintage tractors left the community hall first thing that morning and made their way along the "Old Post Road" to Stanley Park and back again.

Along the way they visited the sites of dozens of current and former villages that once formed the backbone of this area.

"This year we decided to go west, ending up in Mountain City. It's only two miles from Stanley Park," said Enns, who noted the 40 mile route took them through such locations as Blumenfeld, Osterwick, Neuenburg, and Waldheim.

"Some of these villages exist in spirit only now," he said, adding getting the chance to see them from the back of a tractor is something many participants look forward to each year. "A lot of them have told me, 'We never really see a village or a field or something like that unless we're out on the tractor and can watch it go by, not through an air conditioned car window.'"

Enns, who helped found this fundraiser for Eden Health Cares Ser-



Armin Enns led the way in his family's 1948 Ford tractor Saturday as Eden Foundation's Visit the Villages Tractor Trek set out from Reinland. Over 40 vintage tractors took part in the ride to Mountain City (near Stanley Park) and back in support of mental health programs.

vices's 40th anniversary 12 years ago and has had a hand in keeping it going annually ever since, sees the day as a great way to honour the men and women who helped create the mental health agency all those years ago.

"It really brings us back to our roots," he said. "Initially, Eden's ideas came from the rural grassroots areas."

It's also a fun way to give people a chance to support Eden's ongoing programs and services.

"Eden has got programs that are appealing to a lot of people and that have proved to be useful to a lot of people," Enns said. "And there are a lot of people that are interested in driving their tractors. So it's a good fit."

He led the trek on the back of his family's 1948 8N Ford tractor.

"It happens to be the tractor that my dad bought new and it's stayed in the family ever since," Enns said, noting he sees a lot of returning farm families represented at the trek each year, but also some welcome new faces. "There's probably about 10 per cent new ones every year ... they want to



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support Eden and this is an excuse, as well, to show off their tractors, to take them for a ride."

A final fundraising tally could not be con-

firmed at press time, but riders were asked to collect at least \$500 and ideally as much as \$1,000 in donations. The event generally raises over \$40,000 for Eden's programs.

"IT REALLY BRINGS US BACK TO OUR ROOTS. INITIALLY, EDEN'S IDEAS CAME FROM THE RURAL GRASSROOTS AREAS."

Our mistake

A story in the July 11 edition of the Voice on the presentation of this year's Michael Mutcheson Memorial Scholarships had an error in the headline.

The correct spelling of the family's name is, of course, Mutcheson.

We sincerely regret the typo.

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Meridian, Sawatzky's come on board as U18 sponsors

By Lorne Stelmach

The challenge for local organizers right now as Morden and Winkler gear up to host a national hockey championship this fall is to get people thinking about hockey.

Committee co-chair Clare Agnew is feeling good about preparations so far, even though Hockey Canada's national women's under-18 championship is only coming to Winkler and Morden this November.

"The behind the scenes stuff is really coming together. We're starting the marketing and promotion of it," Agnew noted Monday as they officially welcomed two major event sponsors.

"It's a little tricky because the event is early in the hockey season, and we know people don't really want to talk about hockey right now, but we have to be ready so that in September we're ready to go and everything will be set."

The championship will bring 120 athletes to compete for the gold medal. Tournament games will be played in the Winkler Centennial Arena and the Access Event Centre, with four exhibition games also planned.

Eight regional and provincial teams (Alberta, Atlantic, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario Blue, Ontario Red, Quebec and Saskatchewan) will face off in 18 games over five days for the tournament that serves as a platform for Hockey Canada scouts to evaluate candidates for Canada's national women's U-18 team that will compete at the U-18 world championship.

Announced Monday as platinum level sponsors of the event were Sawatzky's Furniture & Appliances and Meridian Manufacturing. They join gold level sponsors Huron Window Corporation, Image Promotions, Winkler/Morden Co-op, Access



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Meridian Manufacturing and Sawatzky's Furniture and Appliances were announced Monday as platinum sponsors for the national women's under-18 championship coming to Morden-Winkler this fall. From left are Rob Reimer, director of sales for Meridian Manufacturing, planning committee co-chair Clare Agnew, Norma and Brad Collins of Sawatzky's Furniture, and marketing chair Connie Bailey.

Credit Union, WBS, and Telus, and Pembina Valley Cellular.

Rob Reimer, director of sales for Meridian, said it is important for them to invest back into the communities where they draw a lot of customers and employees.

"We just felt it was a really good event, and we definitely wanted to support it."

"I think it's important, especially for a national event like this, to be part of what's going on here," said Brad Collins of Sawatzky's Furniture.

"It's always nice to promote female hockey as well. We've been involved in that for a few years, and it's going to be great for both communities, and we're really looking forward to it."

"It takes a long list of partners to make an event like this work. We're grateful for all those community-minded organizations who very generously sponsor these opportunities," said organizing committee co-chair Jordan Driedger.

"We have a few other opportunities still available for organizations to participate, and we're open to finding the perfect solution for a community partner that wants to really make an impact at this tournament," added Agnew.

Meanwhile, the host committee continues working towards Aug. 24 when tickets will go on sale and volunteer recruitment will start in earnest.

"We have started to do some recruit-

ing. We were planning more towards the end of August ... I think we have about 65 people registered so far and we're hoping for 250," said Agnew. "I'm not nervous about that—I'm confident they will come through."

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Winkler's K-9 unit acing their training

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler's next police dog is well on her way to earning her badge.

Juno, a Dutch shepherd, is part way through her training process in Winnipeg, and her handler is pleased with her progress so far.

"She has really taken well to the program," Cst. Sean O'Brien said after a day of training was held in Winkler last Tuesday alongside several other future police dogs from Winnipeg and Grand Forks. "She's done a really good job so far for a young dog."

Juno and O'Brien underwent eight months of acclimatization ahead of their formal training.

Once they finish the four-month training course this summer, they'll be ready to

assist the department with tracking, including finding missing people, suspects, and items such as weapons used in a crime. Drug tracking could come next for the pair with further training.

"That's something else entirely," said O'Brien. "Drug detection will come after, some time in 2020."

He anticipates the first round of training will be done by the end of August and that Juno could be on duty by September.

In the meantime, there is a lot involved in the training process, which is why it is spread out into a few phases. Juno so far has gone through level one tracking and done quite well.

"Juno entered the program as one of the youngest dogs of the crew that were there," O'Brien said. "She entered at around 10 months, so now she's a year and she's matured into the role."

"It's great; we can see the change in her, her behaviour. She has been true to tracking and really staying with the track for 1.5 kilometres so far," he continued.

"We teach the dog how to pattern the field ... the dog will run basically a pattern in that field, and if anything is in there that they need to find, they will find it. So far we've been starting on that, and she has done really well."

The training is now progressing into

level two where "we have to introduce distractions, because that's real life," O'Brien explained. "That means more distraction, more urban. Level ones are mostly in more grass fields with some road crossings ... now we move into more urban environments."

"Then with level three there are, of course, harder tracks, more turns and more double backs, more distractions for her," he said, noting it can involve such things as having to go over fences and into buildings.

O'Brien has developed an appreciation for the absolute dedication of the dog to its task.

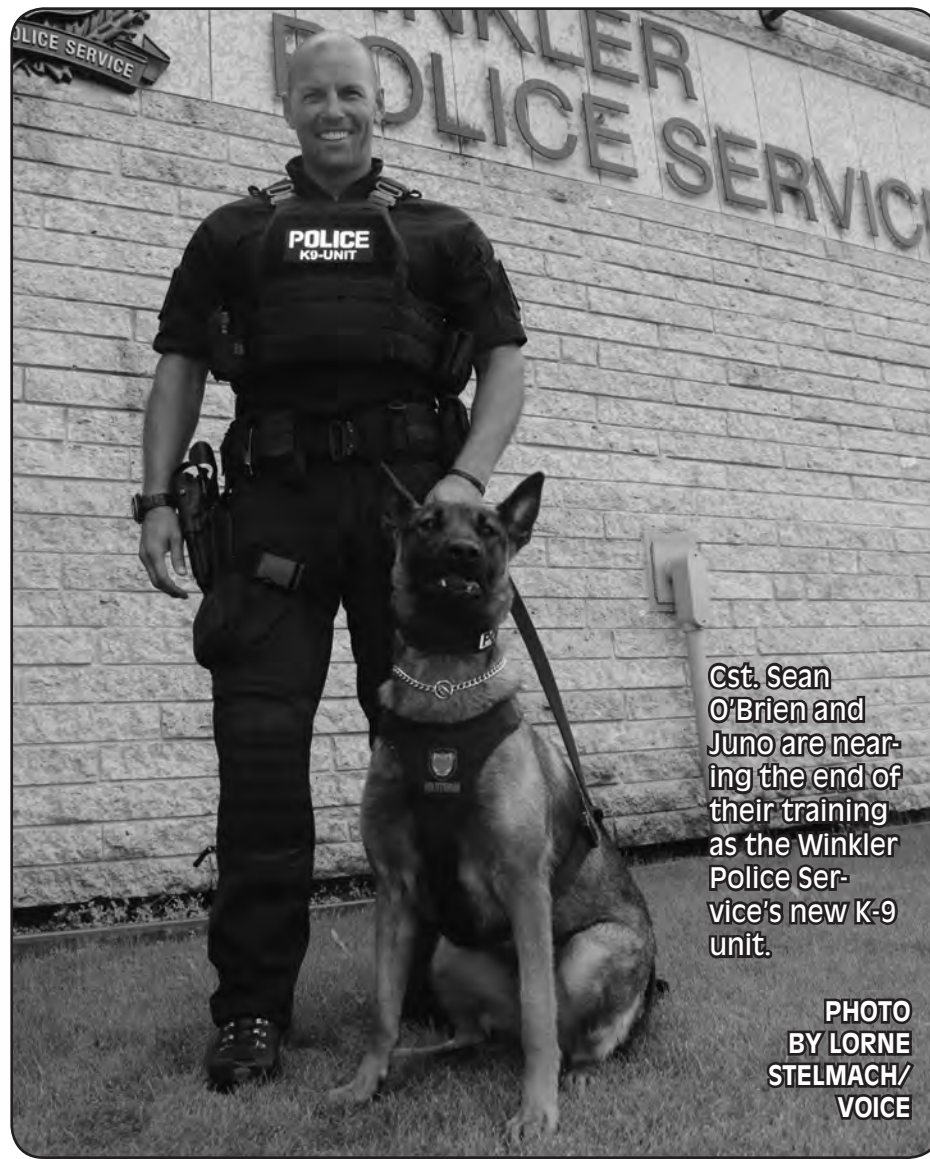
"It's amazing what happens when you get a dog with the genetics and the lines that she has and the work ethic ... once you get that, and you find what drives her, she will work and keep working at it," he

said. "Normally it's toy drive or prey drive or food drive ... what gets the dog to do what you ask them to do and what's their best reward?"

"Everything we do with the dog is positive reinforcement. At the end of each track there's a reward, and once they find the reward or get the reward we play with them for 10 or 15 minutes."

The day of training in Winkler last week was a good chance for the dogs

"SHE'S DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB SO FAR FOR A YOUNG DOG."



Cst. Sean O'Brien and Juno are nearing the end of their training as the Winkler Police Service's new K-9 unit.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

to be in a different environment than Winnipeg,

"It makes for quite a long day if you think that each dog has to lay at least two tracks a day in order to improve," O'Brien said. "And then we also do some obedience each day."

As her training progresses, Juno will also continue to be introduced to the community at large, as she has been in recent months.

"Juno has been out in the community since she was eight weeks old,

so she's had tons of interaction in the city of Winkler with the schools, with businesses," O'Brien said. "We've had a ton of great exposure to the community."

"We're looking, of course, to always reach out to other businesses, other community events," he said. "It's part of our service ... she's an asset to our community, so we want her exposed to as much of the community as we can; it helps her as well."

Health concerns lead council to nix apiary

By Lorne Stelmach

A local resident's wish to have his beekeeping operation on his Winkler property left city council divided last week.

In the end, council voted four to two against granting a conditional use order to allow Paul Boger to have an apiary operation on his property, which was also rezoned at the meeting from community reserve to rural residential.

What turned the tide against the request was opposition from a neighbouring family whose daughter has an untreatable and life threatening

allergy to bee stings.

Carl and Karen Toews wrote in a letter to council that their daughter has a multitude of conditions caused by a genetic disorder, including anaphylaxis to bee stings.

"One has a reasonable expectation to sit and relax in your back yard without having to worry about your child and the next trip to the emergency department," they said.

The Boger family previously had hives on their property but had to relocate them to a nearby property in the RM of Stanley as a result of the concerns. In addition to the practicalities of having them on

his property, Boger also noted he uses the honey himself for personal health reasons.

The City of Winkler earlier this year amended its zoning bylaw allowing the restricted possession of bees, but only as a conditional use in certain zones. The city rules include a number of restrictions, including a maximum of four hives and certain species of bees as well as minimum distances from property lines and dwellings.

"There's merits for both of them, but in reality, if we as council want

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H.O.G. Toy Run sets out for St. Norbert this Sunday

Donations accepted at Gaslight Harley-Davidson

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Southern Manitoba Harley Owners Group's seventh annual Toy Run sets out from Gaslight Harley Davidson in Morden this Sunday.

Bikes of all makes are welcome to join the group as they make their way from Morden to St. Norbert Heritage Park to deliver toys to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, says chapter president Sherry Klassen.

"We never know what to expect, but we usually see about 50 riders if the weather's good," she said. "It just keeps getting bigger and bigger."

When the first ride set out seven years ago, the group collected about \$4,000 worth in donations for the Children's Hospital.

"The last couple of years we've been doing between \$11,000-\$12,000," Klassen said. "We're seeing more interest all the time."

The collected toys and other gifts are distributed to children receiving treatment at the hospital. They're also used to help replenish the facility's toy rooms.

"The gifts and toys that they re-



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The Southern Manitoba H.O.G. chapter's seventh annual Toy Run leaves from Gaslight Harley-Davidson in Morden Sunday morning and makes its way into Winnipeg armed with toys for the Children's Hospital.

ceive—after they have surgery or if they're in over Christmas or a birthday they get a gift—they're a big deal. They really look forward to them," Klassen said. "It helps brighten their day a little bit."

You don't have to have a motorcycle to support the cause—a donation box is set up at Gaslight and people are also welcome to drop off a toy the morning of the ride.

Klassen noted that while toys for children of all ages are most certainly welcome, the hospital's wish list includes a range of other items, including gift cards for teens, sleepers for infants, craft kits, and more.

"The nurses give us their list of things that are most wanted," she said. "It's anywhere from infant toys all the way up to teens."

"Typically we hear that teens often

get forgotten," Klassen added. "People think toy run and they bring toys, but things like gift cards for teens are great so that they can grab a coffee or go to a movie, if they can get out for a day."

A complete wish list is available online at smhogchapter.net.

Ride registration takes place from 10-11 a.m. The group will set out at 11:30 a.m.

Two Winklerites facing drug charges after bust

Two people are facing drug charges after police searched a home on Park St. in Winkler on Sunday.

The Winkler Police Service, with assistance from the Morden Police Service and the Regional Support Tactical Team, concluded a drug investigation with a traffic stop on Boundary Trail and the execution of a search warrant in the 400 block of Park St.

As a result of this investigation, four suspects were taken into custody and police seized approximately 10.5 grams of cocaine, 11 grams of methamphetamine, a small quantity of fentanyl, and \$410 in cash believed to be proceeds of drug trafficking.

Melanie Denise Chaboyer, age 26 of Winkler, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of fentanyl, and possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime. She was released on

a Promise to Appear with an Undertaking and is set to appear in Morden Provincial Court on Aug. 27.

Philip Raymond Reimer, age 34 of Winkler, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of fentanyl, and possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime. He was held in custody and appeared in Portage la Prairie Provincial Court on Monday.

Two other adult males were released without charges.

Other items of note in the police reports for the past week include:

- July 8: Morden Police are investigating the early morning theft of approximately \$300-\$500 worth of copper wire from a local business.

- July 8: While monitoring traffic, Winkler officers observed a vehicle travelling west on Hwy. 14 at a high rate of speed. Police obtained a read-

ing of 129 km/h in a 100 km/h zone, proceeded to conduct a traffic stop, and issued the driver a \$429 ticket for speeding.

- July 10: While on patrol, Winkler officers observed a four vehicle accident at the intersection of Main St. and Roblin Blvd.

Police learned that three vehicles were stopped at a green light while the lead vehicle waited for pedestrians to finish crossing the street before making a right turn onto Roblin. The driver of a fourth vehicle proceeded to rear-end the third vehicle, causing a chain reaction of each vehicle being pushed into the next.

No injuries were reported, and police assisted all parties in exchanging information. Two of the vehicles were towed from the scene due to damage caused by the accident.

- July 11: Emergency crews responded to reports of a two car collision at the corner of Thornhill St. and

Route 100 in Morden. The driver of a westbound vehicle attempting to turn south onto Route 100 failed to see an eastbound vehicle driving in the curb lane. No injuries, but one vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

- July 12: At 3 p.m., Morden Police received a call regarding theft of fragrances from a local business.

At the same time, police received a dispatch from the Winkler Police Service stating that one of their businesses had also had a theft of fragrances.

Police located the suspects and upon further investigation found several large bags full of items from stores in Morden and Winkler. In total, approximately \$3,500 in clothing and fragrances was taken from stores.

A 21-year-old female and a 38-year-old female were arrested and charged with two counts of theft under \$5,000 and were released on a Promise to Appear in Morden court next month.

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Unsheathing my sword

Recently I purchased a sword. That's right. I own a sword.

"Honey, I would like to buy this sword."

Silence.

"What would you...why do you... why would you...?"

I have an incredibly supportive spouse.

Swords (like bow ties) are cool.

Sword ownership is not uncommon (he wrote in defence of his odd purchase). Really. Lots of people own swords. Cosplayers, historical reenactors, museum executive directors, etc.

In this instance I noticed the long, sleek figure laying casually on a table in Morden's Oldies & Goodies. Initially I walked past it, but periodically I would come back and glance in its direction before deciding to finally pick it up and check

it out.

Of course, once you hold it you pretty much have to own it.

A nice British officer's court sword from the Victorian era, I estimate it is approximately 130-150 years old. It has a fine brass pommel and guard with a reasonably blemish free engraved blade and original scabbard.

I spent a few weeks researching my newest addiction, err, acquisition and find the whole history of sword making and swords fascinating.

Prior to the 20th century pretty much every man owned a sword. I say men fully realizing that women owned swords as well, but patriarchy and inequality generally relegated swords to the realm of men.

As a child, as soon as you could pick up a stick you were basically swinging it at literally everything and everyone in mock swordplay.

Now obviously Freud would have a field day talking about men playing with their swords, but we will not go down that path and instead leave such thoughts to your imagination. Instead we will talk about our desire to own useless items.

Why own a sword? Well, back in the day it was both a weapon and a status symbol all wrapped up in one. A

person of a certain station would virtually be required to own them. One could hardly defend one's honour in a duel if one did not have a sword.

Thankfully we are past that (for the most part) and swords now sit on walls in the houses of people like me to be a focal point, an item of discussion and research, and a symbol of historical interest.

Honestly, there is not a single practical reason to own a sword. None. I have tried and tried and tried to come up with them and they simply do not exist. In reality, I own it simply because I think it is cool.

I recognize in saying this that the original purpose of the sword was for defensive and offensive warfare. Objectively I understand this and still think they are cool.

I resist the urge to wear it in public (perfectly legal depending on why you are wearing it) because:

1. That's just stupid.
2. I would look stupid, and,
3. See A & B.

However, I will admit to wielding it in the house and perhaps in the backyard from time to time to threaten squirrels with.



By Peter Cantelon

Letters

Exercising a parent's right to choose

After reading Florence Dyck's "My childhood bout with pneumonia" in the July 11th edition, I wanted to address the subtle shaming toward parents who exercise their right to choose what they believe to be best for their children via declining vaccinations.

We, for one, have researched extensively in order to make an informed choice, including reading the manu-

facturer's vaccine package inserts and learning the ingredients from Canada.ca.

We decided that injecting antigens, chemicals, and neurotoxins is not right for our family, and the many horrific possible vaccine adverse reactions are simply not risks we are willing to take on our children.

Instead, we aim to confer strong immunity with a clean, nutrient dense

diet, resulting in a 2.5-year-old and a six-month-old who have never even been sick with a cold, let alone whooping cough, measles, mumps or any other infectious disease.

Research everything for yourself, take no one's word for anything, and never let anyone diminish your glorious Canadian right to choose.

Emily Banman, Winkler

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Sparkle Dry Cleaning and Laundry open for business

By Lorne Stelmach

Sparkle Dry Cleaning and Laundry is aiming to provide a service that is better not only for your clothes but the environment as well.

Located at 1-282 Loren Drive in the Pembina Connection development, the new business celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting last Thursday.

Owners Bill and Lilli Olschewski tout their ozone cleaning process as one that cleans clothes without leaving behind any lingering chemicals.

The ozone solution is not only completely biodegradable but kills bacteria and organic soils like mold faster than chemicals such as chlorine bleach, they noted, and it uses cooler water and fewer cycles to get

the job done, while the dry cleaning machines cleanse the solvent after every wash.

Using the best equipment and current technology that is environmentally friendly was important to the couple, who moved to the region from Germany about 15 years ago.

"About two years ago we started looking into a dry cleaning business and researched and discovered, okay, that's what we want to do," Bill said. "In the last few months, we worked really hard to put it together, and this is where we are right now."

They felt there was a need for this service in the region.

"We get more and more people into the town, and we saw a lot of businesses coming up," noted Lilli.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The ribbon was cut last week on Morden's new Sparkle Dry Cleaning and Laundry, located in the Pembina Connection east of Morden.

"I think we just had a perfect spot," added Bill, who likes the visibility of the location on the eastern highway entrance to Morden. "It's a really exciting time for us and [we're] looking

forward to serve the people."

The Olschewskis note they are able to clean any type of leather and also offer on-site alterations and repairs.

Miami Railway Stn. Museum marking 130 years

By Lorne Stelmach

The Miami Railway Station Museum is working on some more additions and renovations this summer, and a golf tournament this weekend will help raise funds for those projects.

In addition to painting the interior and setting up a donated model railroad set, volunteers are also preparing for the arrival of a 1914 wooden caboose.

"We're raising the funds to have to moved to Miami," said Joan Driedger, who estimated they will need to raise around \$5,000.

"The RM [of Thompson] has contributed by preparing the track bed for us and some gravel," said Driedger, who noted some work is already underway.

"We had a track on the north side, but it was pulled away because of the building of our platform," she explained. "I have the rail, but most of the ties are rotten ... though we do have access to a number of railway ties."

"We're looking for young people who could drive a spike," she added with a chuckle.

Also in the works is the addition of a model railway donated by the Patrick Mowbray Memorial Fund and, thanks to funding from the Miami Foundation, a new paint job inside the museum.

With all this going on, the museum is hosting a golf tournament this Sun-

day at the Miami Golf and Country Club. It's a fun, mixed, all age tournament with prizes and a rainbow auction. Registration is \$45. Tee off is 9 a.m.

"We're hoping to get 18 teams," said Driedger on Monday. "We're pretty close."

Also coming up next week on July 26, during the Miami Showcase, the railway station museum will mark the 130th anniversary of the building and also thank major donors for their help in building the platform.

Capping it all off will be a fun way to bring a little bit of history to life.

"It's going to be an old fashioned gold robbery ... we have some local people who are going to try to steal some gold bars," said Driedger.

"And of course everyone is welcome to come and tour the museum. We're hoping to have lots of people," she said, adding it's already been a busy summer for the facility. "We have had over 530 visitors so far, which is impressive for us."

Details about signing up for the golf

"WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO COULD DRIVE A SPIKE."

tournament or purchasing tickets for the train station robbery are available by calling 204-435-2756.

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to make a decision, we want to ensure that we have the life issue that is represented first and foremost," Mayor Martin Harder suggested after the meeting.

"When you have the life of an individual potentially at stake because of the risks ... we certainly wouldn't want for us as council to bear that responsibility if something happens."

"If the conditions change down the road, and certainly as neighbours if they can sort things out how this would work and they come back to council with another conditional use, then we would re-examine this at a future date."

In other council news, the City of Winkler has learned it is losing a portion of funding from the province.

A grant of \$50,000 had been approved in 2017 for the proposed Winkler to Morden corridor pathway project, and a payment of \$25,000 was made up front that year. Those costs have since been deemed ineligible, so the next transfer of gas tax fund revenues to the city will be reduced by that amount to \$315,659.

"It's a little disappointing, and yet I understand why they do it that way. You can't do a project and then go and ask for funds later. Generally, you ask for funds and then you do the project," said Harder, who chalked it up to a lesson learned. "Let's make sure that we remember that the application goes in first before you do the project."

Finally, council also gave its blessing to a large new subdivision on the

north end of the city.

The development north of PTH 14 and west of 15th Street North in the area of the extension of Northlands Parkway will subdivide 40.63 from 75.92 acres. The proposal is for 135 residential lots including 71 for single family and 64 duplex lots.

Other subdivisions were also approved for further development in the vicinity of Northlands Parkway on Cambridge Crescent.

Phase two will involve nine single family and eight two family lots as well as public reserve with a subdivision of 3.6 from 5.6 acres.

Phase three will involve 12 single family and eight two family lots as well as public reserve with a subdivision of 3.06 from 11.026 acres.



Concerts in the Park

Dark by Three (above) rocked the Bethel Heritage Park July 11 to kick off another season of Concerts in the Park. The evening also offered a vendor market (right), food served up by the The Bunker, and inflatables for the kids (right, top). This week's performers are the Quonset Brothers. Subsequent weeks feature Nothing' but Cash (July 25), The Cracked Eggshell (Aug. 1), Link and the Moustaches (Aug. 8), L Rae & J (Aug. 15), and Frank MacLean and Jayme G (Aug. 22). Food vendors and the bouncers open weekly at 6 p.m. Music starts at 7 p.m.

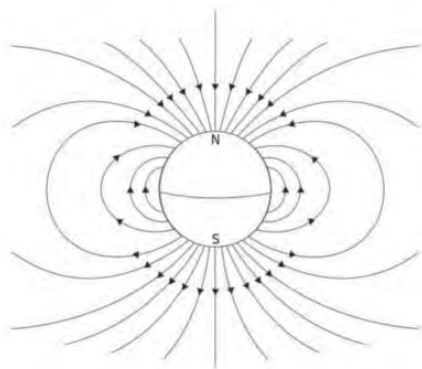


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Many people have the idea that Earth's magnetic field moves very slowly. However, the Earth's magnetic field offers some of the clearest evidences that the Earth is young. Geophysicists recently reported that the north magnetic pole has moved 800 kilometers northwest of where it was in 1904. That's a much faster rate of movement than many

people imagined. However, its speed and direction of movement are about what was expected by geophysicists. They also report that the magnetic pole has moved as much as 80 kilometers in one day.

Measurements taken over the last 150 years show that the Earth's magnetic field is decaying. When Christ walked the hills of Palestine, the magnetic field was twice as powerful as it is today.

The Earth is much more dynamic and changeable than most people, including most scientists, think. These rapid changes in the position of the magnetic pole and the rapid decay of the magnetic field offer evidence that the Earth is much younger than many people think. One of the world's best known experts has shown that the decaying magnetic field means that the Earth could not be much older than the Bible's genealogies indicate.

Prayer: Lord, the blessings of modern travel rely on Your gift to us of the Earth's magnetic field. I also thank You for the beauty of the northern and southern lights that is created by the magnetic field. Amen.

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Cripple Creek Music Festival on July 28

By Lorne Stelmach

The sun seems to almost always shine on the Cripple Creek Music Festival, both literally and figuratively.

Heading into its 38th year on Sunday, July 28, the celebration of old time bluegrass, country, folk and gospel music performed in the scenic shade of the mighty oak and ash trees at the site south of Morden has been blessed in many ways, including with favourable weather.

"That fourth Sunday in July seems to have worked well for us. We've only been rained out once ... last year, we had a one hour rain delay, but other than that it has been smooth sailing," said Art Wiebe, a long time member

of the organizing committee.

The timing for the festival also seems to be ideal, as these days it falls in between other major festivals.

It has also been a blessing to have use of the site south of the Glencross Church in exchange for looking after the property, Wiebe said.

"It has been a godsend," he said. "It's just a gorgeous site. The majority of the trees are oaks, so there's lots of shade.

"I'm not an expert on sound, but I almost think that somehow the trees add to the acoustics."

The appeal of the festival aside from the setting is simply the traditional roots music that has lasting appeal.

The day starts with a morning of



Musicians enjoy a jam session at last year's Cripple Creek Music Festival. This year's festival starts at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 28.

gospel music followed by the remainder of the festival at about noon, and the musical lineup features some familiar names, but they try to mix it up a bit each year.

One new act for the festival this year is Just Passing Thru from Snowflake, while back again are Stew and Juanita Clayton. Other acts on the lineup include Agassiz Railroad, Lazy Creek Express, On The Edge, Orlando and Grace, Rosebank Road, Virginia Ridge, and other possible surprises.

"We have made a change in our sets. Instead of having 30 minute sets, we

moved to 45 minute sets," said Wiebe, who noted another feature back after being introduced last year are jam sessions early in the day and again at the end.

"Back in the '80s, when we started, groups would come and jam around the fire pit. Now they have a chance to jam with other groups on stage."

The day runs from about 10 a.m. starting with a gospel session and continues to 7:30 p.m., weather permitting.

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'Newsies' taking over the Manitou stage

By Lorne Stelmach

Candlewick Productions is preparing for its summer musical production at the Manitou Opera House.

The troupe is taking on Disney's

Newsies, which is set in turn-of-the-century New York City and offers the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged newspaper boys.

When titans of publishing raise

distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions.

It's a story producer Richard Klassen suggests is a timely one for Manitou.

"It hits on a year celebrating the 100 years since the general strike in Winnipeg," he said, going on to sing the praises of the "plethora of people from the Morden and Winkler area involved. With a big cast and crew, there will be many local and familiar faces.

"The calibre of our cast continues to grow," Klassen said, "and we are excited at what looks to be a fantastic show with super sets, phenomenal costumes and absolutely terrific singing, acting, and dancing."

Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, *Newsies* features a Tony Award-winning musical score by Alan Menken and a story by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein. It features classic songs such as *Carrying the Banner*, *Seize the Day* and *Santa Fe*.

The musical is based on several historical events that took place during the 1899 newsboys strike in New York.

The local production is guided by director Caitlin Cranmer, vocal director Erin Klassen, and choreographer Tanya Schobert.

Shows take place July 26-27 and Aug. 2-3 at 7 p.m. and July 28 and Aug. 4 at 3 p.m.

Ticket information is available at candlewick.ca.



CANDLEWICK PHOTO

Candlewick actors run through a rousing scene of Disney's *Newsies* at the Manitou Opera House. The musical runs July 26-28 and Aug. 2-4

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There will be food available at The Bunker's food truck as well as snacks from Sunny Day. A shuttle will be available to take people from the overflow parking lot.

Cripple Creek is located about six miles south of Morden on Road 27

West, or go seven miles south of Winkler on Highway 32, six miles west on PR 201, and a half mile north.

You can find more information on the festival at www.facebook.com/CrippleCreekMusicFestivalMB.

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Eating right can improve quality of life

Legend states that on April 2, 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León was the first European to discover modern-day Florida when he traveled on a quest for the mythical "Fountain of Youth." While modern science has proven that there is no mystical fountain or body of water that can reverse or slow down the aging process, there are many steps people can take to age well and prolong their lives.

Eating the right foods is one way to age well. According to Ralph Felder, M.D., Ph.D., coauthor of "The Bonus Years Diet," reversing the aging process internally

is more difficult than outward cosmetic changes. But the right foods can go a long way toward increasing both life expectancy and quality of life. Those who want to employ diet to increase their life expectancy may want to start adding more of the following foods to their breakfast, lunch and dinner plates.

- **Berries:** In addition to their abundance of antioxidants, berries have other benefits. A 2012 study from Harvard University found that at least one serving of blueberries or two servings of strawberries each week may reduce the risk of cognitive decline in older adults.

- **Fruits and vegetables:** Produce is good for the body because it's low in calories and high in fiber, vitamins and other nutrients. Numerous studies have indicated that diets plentiful in

fruits and vegetables help people maintain a healthy weight and protect against cardiovascular disease.

- **Fiber:** Increase your fiber intake for a longer life. Research from The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition finds that the more fiber you include in your

diet, the lower your risk of coronary heart disease. The daily recommendation is 25 to 35 grams.

While there may be no such thing as the fountain of youth, a healthy diet can help men and women prolong their lives.

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Road repair season well underway in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Summer, of course, is always the season for construction, and it is no different in Morden, which has a number of projects on the go around town.

Some of the road work has been minor, but there is at least one more major project coming soon, city officials noted last week.

"One of the large, upcoming projects will be the Parkhill and Mountain intersection, including drainage improvements and road surface repairs," said Tatiana Sinchenko, engineering assistant with the City of Morden. "This will involve a full closure of Parkhill East and partial closure of Parkhill West for a two week period."

There are other areas of the city that may need work as well, but Sinchenko said there are a number of factors that need to be considered.

"We prioritize projects based on a condition assessment at the beginning of the year, taking into consideration residents' comments and available funds," she said.

With any project, Sinchenko noted the city's noise by-law limits construction work to between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10

a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays.

"We do not expect to be working outside of these hours," she said. "We ask people to watch for signs, construction crews, and equipment, and please plan your route based on announced road closures."

A number of other projects have been on the go in recent weeks, including reconstruction of concrete swales and sidewalk ramps at several intersections: the south side of Stephen and 2nd St. Nelson St. and Leslie Drive, and Rampton St. and Shannon Cres. There is one lane access for local traffic during the construction, which is tentatively to finish by the end of August.

Another project involves installing a storm sewer in the vicinity of at North Railway and 7th St. and reconstructing sidewalks and curbing on the east side of from the back lane to North Railway.

The work will improve drainage in this challenging area, explained Sinchenko, as well as accessibility and safety. It is tentatively to be finished by mid-August. Seventh Street from the back lane to North Railway will be closed on and off during the construction period, and parking will be restricted in the area. Pedestrian access to the Legion will be maintained.



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The City of Morden is installing storm sewer in the vicinity of North Railway and 7th St. and reconstructing sidewalks and curbing on the east side from the back lane to North Railway.

Another significant project has a storm sewer being installed along South Railway St., and it includes and filling in the ditch on the south side from Mountain St to Ninth St. This

will improve traffic safety and resolve maintenance issues related to the ditch. Work is expected to be finished by the end of July.

Rendezvous on this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

This weekend's Rendezvous at Stanley Park is a celebration of a way of life that remains alive and well.

The annual gathering of the Pembina Valley Fur Council is not simply a harkening back to the pioneer days of past, suggest organizers.

"It's a different way to see things and a different outdoor experience," president Patrick Thiessen said of the

event taking place Friday to Sunday at the park southwest of Morden.

"I think it's just something different. Not a lot of people are exposed to trapping, so it's something unique," he said. "I think having the history about it and the way that trapping is now is unique; people get to see it from both sides, learning how it was and we also get to show them how it is now."

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The Pembina Valley Fur Council Rendezvous takes over Stanley Park this weekend, offering a glimpse at the fur trapper's way of life.

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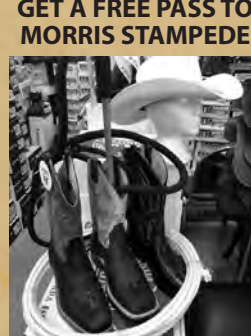
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“It’s a fixture in our community”

Morden Triathlon water station volunteers happy to support, cheer on competitors

By Lorne Stelmach

Veterans of the Morden Triathlon might recognize the smiling and cheering faces greeting them at the aid station up on Conner Hill Drive.

Volunteering has become a tradition for Sheri-Lynn Duncan and Rhonda Plett and their families, and they were all back at it this past weekend as the triathlon returned to the streets of Morden after a year’s hiatus.

“We’re glad its back. We had a year off last year and the kids were [asking], ‘Are we not doing triathlon this year?’” noted Plett.

“It’s a fixture in our community,” added Duncan. “Maybe it flies a little under the radar ... but I think the triathlon community is well aware of Morden. It has a long standing history of hosting triathlons here.”

Their aid station was towards the

high end of Conner Hill where the route for the running leg loops back. There, this happy crew of volunteers cheered on the competitors and handed out ice, water, and Gatorade.

For Duncan and Plett, who have both competed in the triathlon in the past, it’s a fun way to remain involved.

“I grew up watching the triathlon. We camped at the Morden beach, so the triathlon was always part of our summer activities,” she said.

“I think it’s a great showcase for Morden ... all these athletes get to swim, bike, and run around this beautiful community. I think it’s a great thing for residents of Morden as well. It’s like a parade of athletes, and it does get people out on to the streets, cheering and encouraging the athletes along the way.”

Duncan said she very much appreciates what goes into both competing



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Manning the Morden Triathlon’s Connor Hill Dr. aid station has become a tradition for Sheri-Lynn Duncan and Rhonda Plett and their families.

in and organizing such a large athletic competition.

“It was a lot of work to volunteer and to compete at the same time ... so I’m quite enjoying just being a volunteer these days,” she said. “It’s great for

the athletes. When I did it, sometimes you need that encouragement or even just a distraction from the physical wear and tear on your body.”

“I tried the one triathlon in 2005 with Sheri-Lynn and another girlfriend ... I’ve been helping now as a sidekick and doing the aid station with my family,” said Plett. “We’ve been doing it for quite a few years here now up on Conner Hill. We live close by, and it’s been great to show the kids that volunteering in the community is important.”

“Some of my kids have been in the Kids of Steel on the Sunday, so it shows them what they could eventually do when they get older. Participation as a volunteer and as an athlete is always good,” she continued.

“It’s a community event, and the athletes, I think they all become community as well. You can get to know a lot of people from different places, and if you do the circuit of triathlons, you get to know a lot of people and you can train together.”

“We always have beautiful weather, and it’s a beautiful way to spend a Saturday and a Sunday morning in Morden,” added Duncan.



Murder suspect crossed into Canada at Haskett: RCMP

An American wanted for murder is believed to have crossed over into Canada near Haskett, RCMP warned last week.

The Manitoba RCMP believe that a 27-year-old male who is evading police in the United States illegally crossed into Canada near Haskett south of Winkler sometime during the week of June 24 before travelling to Winnipeg and possibly eastern Canada.

Derek Whisenand (shown in the police photo at right) is currently wanted in Texas for murder. He is also the subject of a warrant for arrest in Canada.

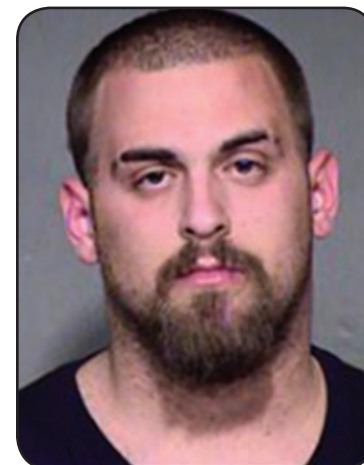
Whisenand is described as Caucasian, 6’ tall, 230 lbs with

brown eyes and brown hair. He was last seen with a black goatee.

He is travelling with a large mixed breed dog, possibly a mix of a German Shepard and pit bull or boxer, brindle in color.

He may be armed and is considered dangerous and not to be approached.

Anyone with information is asked to immediately call 911 or the RCMP Integrated Border Enforcement Team at 204-324-9177 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477. You can also submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.



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The Morden Triathlon pushed athletes to their limits over the weekend. Left: A competitor on his way back from the 40 km bike portion of the Standard Triathlon event. Above: Leanne Swayze was the first female to cross the finish line in the Sprint Duathlon



Water station volunteers take advantage of a break in passing runners to cool off themselves.

Triathlon makes a triumphant return

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers were very happy with the turnout for the Morden Triathlon last weekend. The two days of racing Saturday and Sunday attracted around 275 athletes in total, including 140 athletes on Saturday and another 100 kids and 35 adults for the Sunday races.

"They are actually up from previous years for adults and about what we have normally had for kids," said co-chair Heather Francis on Monday.

"It's still surprising to us, especially how many kids still came and registered," she

said. "Considering we had a storm, I think we probably would have had even more kids on the Sunday. We actually had a surprising number of walk-ups for the Kids of Steel on Sunday."

The competition, which includes a number of events of varying lengths, returned for a 35th year after a hiatus in 2018. It also served as a qualifier for the 2020 International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Triathlon Multi-sport Championships in Almere, Netherlands.

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Competitors hit the water of Lake Minnewasta to start their day with the swimming leg Saturday morning.

Winkler, Morden teams compete at provincials

Winkler hosted the 2019 11U AA Provincial Championship over the weekend.

Winkler's team at the event went

2-2 in their pool, including a 5-1 loss (shown at right) to Brandon Friday night.

Morden's team had a 1-3 record in the round robin, including a 21-10 trouncing over Killarney (shown at left).

Neither team made the playoffs, which were ultimately won by North Winnipeg, who downed Charleswood 3-1 in the final.

Morden's 13U team fared better at the provincials in Altona, which were also held last weekend.

The boys downed East Selkirk 11-1, North Winnipeg 15-2, Dauphin 15-3, and Seine River 15-3 for a flawless record in their pool.



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They then crushed Stonewall 10-0 to advance to the final against Boissevain, which they took 8-2 to earn the provincial title.

Meanwhile, Winkler's 15U team, the Winkler Rays, came in second in the provincials in East St. Paul.

After a 14-9 loss to MacDonald, the Rays beat Seine River 6-1, Boissevain 9-8, and Bonivital 6-3 before defeating Boissevain again 11-10 to earn a seat at the final.

There, they fell to Gladstone 12-1.

Orioles finish season in 5th, will face St. James in playoffs

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles went into their MJBL quarter-final this week feeling good about their game.

Although they closed out their regular season with a 6-3 loss to the Altona Bisons last Wednesday, they had rattled off three straight wins before that finale, and assistant coach Phil Hildebrand hoped they might be able to carry some of that momentum with them into the post-season.

"We'll just go out there and have fun

and compete," he said. "With the last couple of games, I sense that the guys feel good about their game. They're playing loose, they're not uptight, so that's a good scenario going into the playoffs."

The Orioles and Bisons certainly had a good battle to close out the season.

"Both teams played well. It was a very close game," said Hildebrand. "It was a one run ball game right to the last part of the game when they were able to put a couple more on us.

"We had chances to score with the bases loaded; another inning we had runners on second and third but just weren't able to get the runs across in those situations."

The Orioles ended the regular season with a 10-14 record as they went 5-7 both at home and on the road.

Their fifth place finish put them in a best of three opening round series with the St. James As, who ended up in fourth place with their 12-12 record.

Game one of the series was on St. James' home turf Tuesday night. The Orioles were scheduled to host game

two Wednesday evening.

The Orioles head into the playoffs with a number of players having had pretty solid regular seasons.

Liam Giesbrecht was their busiest batter and one of their leading hitters. In 72 times at bat, he had a .375 batting average with 27 hits and 22 runs. Another leader was Braden Hatley with 53 at bats and a .321 batting average with 17 hits and eight runs.

On the mound, their top pitchers included Hatley with a 2.90 earned run average, Kyle Dyck with a 3.00 ERA, and Seth Staple with a 4.30 ERA.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Orioles closed out their regular season with a 6-3 loss to the Altona Bisons July 10. They finish the summer in fifth place and will now face the St. James As in the playoffs this week.

Flyers sign Thiessen

The Winkler Flyers announced a new addition to its roster last week.

Forward Mitch Thiessen (2002) has signed with the junior team for the 2019-2020 season.

Thiessen was a key member of the Brandon Wheat Kings last season, helping the team capture the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League championship.

"Mitch is a skilled and hard working player," said Flyers general manager Jeff Jeanson. "His character both on and off the ice is also something that

will make him a very valuable asset to our hockey club."

The 5'11", 165 lbs Brandon native had 36 points (18 goals and 18 assists) and 65 penalty minutes in 36 regular season games played with the Wheat Kings last season.

He also recorded 10 points (five goals and five assists) in 11 playoffs games.

The Flyers drafted Thiessen in the third round, 32nd overall in the 2017 MJHL Bantam Draft.

SC Riot tie Stonewall

The South Central Riot battled the visiting Stonewall United to a 1-1 tie Sunday afternoon. Scoring for the home team was Christian Hoffman.

The Riot are 6-3-2 for the season thus far, keeping them in the top three spots of the Manitoba Major Soccer League 5th Division standings.

This weekend they host North Winnipeg at 7 p.m. at the 15th St. field.

Playing in the league's 1st Division, the Winkler Storm's game

against Granite United had to be re-scheduled. They'll take the field next against Bandits FC in Winnipeg on Monday.

In the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, the SC Hurricanes lost to the Winnipeg Storm 3-0 Monday night.

The ladies are 0-5-1 this season and in last place.

They host the Titans this Thursday and the Vikings next Monday. Both games start at 7:15 p.m.

'Cudas hit the water

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Barracudas swim team are 43 swimmers strong this season, and they kicked the summer off with a meet in Swan Valley Sunday.

Only a couple dozen of the 'Cudas made the trek north to the Swim Manitoba Summer Swim Program's opening meet, but they made quite a splash.

The team saw its swimmers clinch 39 first place, 11 second place, and five third place finishes. The team overall finished second behind the host Rapids with 1,126 points.

Khyler Sherington-Voth also set a record in the 100 meter individual medley event, while Finn Soltis set one in the 200m freestyle.

Coach Eric Tanguay says the group is an experienced one this summer.

"We definitely have a lot of returning swimmers and around 10 rookies," he said, noting a good number of the team are in the 12-14 age group.

They've been practising three times a week since the Winkler pool opened

at the end of May, Tanguay said, and the kids were "very excited to get in the water" at the opening meet.

Competitive swimming is a unique sport in that it provides the best of individual challenge with team camaraderie, said Tanguay, who is himself a former Barracuda.

"You race other kids in the pool all the time, which is great, but at the end of the day you're really racing against yourself," he said, noting swimmers are always trying to set new personal best times for their events. "When you do that, you can physically see that progression on yourself. It doesn't matter if you won the first one, lost the second one—you got better."

"And there's also the team camaraderie. It is an individual sport, but we compete as a team."

This Sunday the Barracudas compete in Treherne. They go on to host their home tournament July 28, swim in Manitou Aug. 18, and then round out the season with the championship meet in Neepawa Aug. 25.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler's Kris Roberts misses on a great scoring attempt on Stonewall's Jesse Chupkia in Sunday's game, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Whips, Mohawks in Border Baseball League's top three

Morden and Winkler wrapped up their regular seasons in the Border Baseball League this past week.

The Mohawks lost to the first-place Pilot Mound Pilots Monday night 6-4 to bring their record to 11-4 for second place.

They were slated to play one last game against Cartwright Wednesday night. Results were not available at press time.

Meanwhile, Winkler downed Balduf 7-5 Friday night and were to end the season with a make-up game against Clearwater Tuesday.

Prior to that last game, the Whips were 10-5 for third place in the league behind the Pilots and Morden.

Once the final games decide the standings, the playoff schedule will be posted online at ballcharts.com/borderwestbaseball.

Triathlon weathers storm

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Official results were not available at press time, but Francis noted it was particularly encouraging that there was a strong turnout of local athletes who not only participated but excelled.

"Our club has grown significantly this last year, which is really good to see ... that the interest is there. I think we had lots of new athletes this year as well, so that was cool to see."

She was also pleased that the races went as planned with the exception of the cross triathlon needing to be re-worked because of Sunday morning's downpour.

"We were very happy to see the turnout despite the weather. It went

as well as possible with the storm conditions. We had to modify our Sunday races, but all of the athletes were very understanding."

Francis gave credit to their volunteers for sticking it out through all the weather.

"I think there was great support in the community, and the volunteers were amazing," she said. "We were kind of told to expect that when storms happen you can lose about 30 per cent of your volunteers ... but we did not have a single volunteer that didn't stick out the storm."

"It turned out we just had a delay and were able to carry on, so that was really, really impressive to see the quality and dedication of our volunteers here."



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The Winkler Barracudas swim team—of which this photo shows just a few of the 43 swimmers taking part this summer—kicked off the season with a meet in Swan Valley on Sunday.

Agriculture

Disease and production has pork industry in a quandary

By Harry Siemens

The United States Department of Agriculture is now forecasting pork production for 2019 at 27.662 billion pounds—360 million pounds higher than the forecast presented a month ago.

The June inventory survey pointed to larger inventories of hogs available for marketing this summer. The pig crop for the March to May period was 3.7 per cent higher than a year ago, which likely caused USDA to up its slaughter/production estimates for the fall months.

Tyler Fulton of HAMS Marketing Services is advising swine producers to watch for any rallies in the futures market and consider locking in fourth quarter hog prices.

About the USDA's second quarter Hogs and Pigs Report, Fulton said it showed an unprecedented eight per cent year over year increase in U.S. slaughter hog numbers, further pressuring hog prices and adding to the volatility of the past several months.

He said as large as the hog numbers are and as burdensome as the pork inventory has grown, this took the industry to another level, further

increasing pressure in both the cash and futures markets.

Fulton noted that China is expected to increase pork imports to make up deficits resulting from African Swine Fever, but there are constraints such as its trade friction with the U.S.

"African Swine Fever is established now in Vietnam and it's moving through southeast Asia, so we're not necessarily beholden to what these issues are in China," he said. "And to some degree, it's a bit of a shell game where, if European suppliers concentrate filling that deficit in China, that may open up opportunities for North American pork in other destinations where the Europeans had the foothold. But there's no tangible shift in sales patterns yet."

Fulton said there is minimal certainty as to what the timeline would be behind any kind of increased exports to Asia.

"We think that if we were to get a good recovery, even a 25 percent recovery back to some of the highs that we saw ... that might be a decent pricing point to cover some or more of your fourth quarter production," he said. "It's really not clear as to when we will start to see some price move-

ments that reflect increased exports so I think in that circumstance if you can secure good profitable prices in the fourth quarter, which is not the norm, then it's probably a prudent action to do a portion of your production."

Fulton said producers should watch for any rallies and react accordingly.

"We see a continuation of unprecedented volatility. The market is struggling with trying to reconcile the near term heavy supplies and sufficient production levels against the possibility of exceptional demand, in particular in the export markets as a result of the ASF. Those two are at odds with each other."

Hog commentator Jim Long, who spoke recently at the National Pork Industry Conference in Wisconsin, said about 960 people registered at the conference and exports to China were a hot topic.

"Our premise is that right now the USA-Canada market depends on when and if China begins large shipments of pork to China," he said. "In our talk, we pointed out why we know and pay attention to China. Genesis in the last three years has exported more than 35 percent of all breeding

stock shipped to China from anywhere in the world. It follows the money trail. It's our vested interest to pay attention to when the massive airlift begins to restock China's breeding herd. Currently, we have several 747 shipments of breeding stock on hold until China's customs feel comfortable to import."

Long said hog prices in the U.S. and Canada are under siege and it's discouraging and financially hurting.

"Maybe we are the boy that sees the Pony in the Manure Pile. Maybe, but we can't ignore what we hear and see.

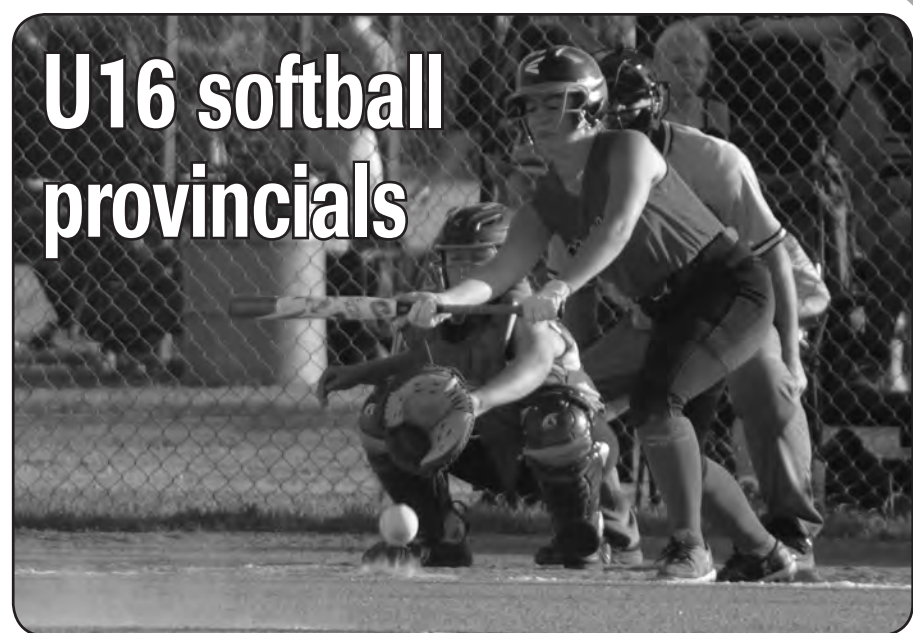
Long passed on some unique quotes of people at the conference:

"Our budget is down four million hogs for this year due to ASF," said one large Chinese producer-owner.

"We had 70,000 sows, now 30,000," said another. "We are in the feed business. We just had a conference call with many other Chinese feed companies. Feed production down 60 percent."

"With government inspecting and testing storage stocks for ASF beginning July 1, storage is being emptied," said a producer/packer.

"We had 15,000 sows; now we have none," said another producer.



U16 softball provincials

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler hosted the 2019 Minor Provincial U16-B Girls Championships July 12-14. The Winkler Momentum (batting above) welcomed 19 teams from all over Manitoba for the competition. The title ultimately went to the Brandon Heat, who beat out the Souris Cardinals in the final. Third place went to the Hamiota Red Sox.

> RENDEZVOUS, FROM PG. 11

The Pembina Valley Rendezvous and Trade Fair has been going strong now for 23 years after having been hosted in Carman for its first four years before it relocated to Stanley Park.

It continues helping carry on the traditions of the fur trade and the trapping lifestyle by featuring a variety of demonstrations, competitions, and activities.

"It seems like there's a lot of people and they come from all over the province," said Thiessen. "There's people who come out from the Interlake every year, and there's people from Dauphin every year, so certainly people are willing to travel to come."

Some of the feature events include the outdoor seminars and demonstrations on such skills as blacksmithing, flint knapping, and trapping and skinning, while the competitions include archery, knife and tomahawk throwing, black powder shooting, and .22 calibre shooting.

"The Manitoba Muzzleloaders are

going to be back again with their primitive camp," said Thiessen.

"The hog roast on Friday night and the fish fry on Saturday are also always big draws for people," he added, noting there will be live music each evening as well as Sunday morning when the activities conclude with a church service.

There is free admission and free unserviced camping at the park.

Thiessen encourages people to come see what it's all about and maybe even consider getting involved with the fur council.

"There's a good group of people involved. We've made some changes, so we have new people in new roles," he said. "It's moving right along and continuing, but we're always looking for new members or anybody who is interested."

Learn more about the event on the Pembina Valley Fur Council's Facebook page.

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I am tough and I am strong...
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OBITUARY



**David Friesen
1924 - 2019**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Reverend David F. Friesen of Winkler, MB formerly of Rosenfeld at the age of 94. He passed away peacefully at home on Thursday July 11, 2019.

David will be missed by his beloved wife of 68 years, Mary (Wiebe) Friesen; his son, John (Donna) and daughters, Linda (Gil), Mary Ann and Cate (Allan); his sisters, Mary Friesen and Anne (Friesen) Doell; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren as well as many other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Helen (Friesen) Doell; his brother, Tony Friesen and son-in-law, Don Hiebert.

David had a passion for his family, his community and his faith.

He had a special gift for connecting with everyone he met, with genuine care and concern. David grew up on a farm near Rosenfeld and always remained close to his family. He served as a conscientious objector for three years during WWII. After that, he returned to school, and met the love of his life, Mary, while they were students at MCI. David loved farming, and even after he gave it up, first for teaching and then to serve the church, he was always interested in how the crops were doing. He worked as a teacher for 12 years and then heeded the call to serve as pastor of Altona Bergthaler Church. During the time he served in Altona, and then in Gretna, he officiated many weddings and funerals, comforted and counselled countless people, and welcomed many refugee families to the community. David and Mary will be remembered well for the flower messages along Highway 14 from 1983 - 2002, including "Keep Hope Alive", "Remember Who You Are" and "Love Never Fails". When David could no longer walk or get out easily, hardly a day would go by without family or friends coming to David and Mary's home. It is a testimony to the love he gave so freely to others.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at the Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church with private burial at the Rosenfeld Cemetery.

In honour of David's commitment to supporting refugees, donations may be made in his memory to MCC Canada, for their work with asylum seekers.

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OBITUARY



**Frank Wolfe
1932 - 2019**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

He was predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Aganetha Wolfe and his siblings, Mary, Elizabeth, Jake, Nettie, Annie and Cornelius as well as numerous family members.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, Katharina; his children, Evelyn (Keith), Vickie (Craig) and Eunice (Curt); his grandchildren, Kristin, Jake, Maisy, Mack, Zachery, Tucker, Frank, Sam and Talia. He is survived by his sister, Susan and brother, John.

Frank was born in Neuhorst, Manitoba on September 25, 1932. In 1957, he married Katharina Kauenhofen. They immediately moved to Winnipeg as Frank had begun his career at American Motors. He worked for American Motors for 29 years. Frank enjoyed his summers camping at West Hawk Lake. He also looked forward to his yearly fishing trip with his buddies up in Flin Flon. Frank had a full and wonderful life.

We miss you and we love you. You are gone but, will never be forgotten.

When I come to the end of my journey and I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget, if you can, that I ever frowned and remember only the smile.

Forget unkind words I have spoken; remember some good I have done.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered and sometimes fell by

the way.

Remember I have fought some hard battles and won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going; I would not have you sad for a day,
But in summer just gather some flowers and remember the place where I lay.
And come in the shade of the evening when the sun paints the sky in the west,
Stand for a few moments beside me and remember only my best.

Private service for close family and friends was held with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens in Winkler.

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OBITUARY



**Sarah Elsie Brown (nee Braun)
July 5, 1925 - July 5, 2019**

Sarah Elsie Brown was born on July 5, 1925 in the Burwalde District to William J. and Sarah Giesbrecht Braun. Her mother passed away on June 1, 1941, when Elsie was almost 16. Her father passed away in 1963, when Elsie was 38. As a result of her mother's death, Elsie, as the oldest daughter, helped to take care of the whole family. Elsie contracted polio in 1952, at the age of 27. She put her faith in God at a young age, which helped her through these difficult situations. Elsie was extremely determined. She learned 500 Bible verses in 1941 and won a free week at Gimli Bible Camp. Elsie met J. Harry Brown at the Burwalde School, and they married on September 3, 1949. They farmed and lived on the Burwalde home farm where their three children were born, Rod, Jean and Roger, and where they lived from 1949 until April 11, 1970 when they moved to Winkler. Elsie and Harry then moved to Crocus Village in 2002 and enjoyed their time there. Elsie and Harry loved playing games with family and friends, including Skip Bo, Crokinole, Rook, Rummikub, Black Queen and Dominoes. Elsie was extremely competitive! Elsie had many interests, and a real entrepreneurial spirit. She received her piano degree in 1968 and gave piano lessons in her home and in Haskett. At 45 years of age, she took a Stretch & Sew class from her sister-in-law, Anne, and gave Stretch & Sew lessons in Winkler, Carman, Elm Creek, Altona and Plum Coulee. In 1985, at 60 years of age Mom (with her daughter Jean's help), took over management of Twice as Nice in Winkler. Elsie and Harry loved travelling and took many trips, including Thompson, Churchill, Florida, California, the East Coast, Alaska and B.C. Elsie also travelled to South America and after Harry passed, she went to Clear Lake, Phoenix and Kenora.

Elsie was predeceased by her husband, J. Harry Brown; by her siblings, Ted, Bill and Miriam and by her sister-in-law, Tina. Elsie is survived by her sons: Rod (Anne) and their son, Dustin (Crystal); and Roger (Alma) and their children, Lindsay (Bryce), Jaymi, Cassidy and Josiah; and by her daughter, Jean (John) and their children, Ken (Alexa) and daughter, Jenna Rose, and Cindy (Tyler) and their children, Marcuz (Bernadette) and their son, Atticus, Grady and Jaylene.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with private interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Wiebe Funeral Home, Dr. Bessie, Dr. Don Klassen and the staff of the Boundary Trails Health Centre and the staff at Salem Home for their loving care of Elsie.

Donations may be made in Elsie's memory to Back to the Bible. The family would also like to thank each one of you for your words of comfort, gifts of food, and for your prayers.

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OBITUARY



**Harry Ens
August 21, 1928 - June 29, 2019**

Harry was predeceased by his parents, Henry and Maria Ens, two sisters, one died at birth and the second sister died at age five from pneumonia, and one nephew, Stephen Ens. He is survived by four brothers, Waldo (Elfriede) Ens, Cornelius (Carol) Ens, William (J. Carol) Ens and W. Rudy (Betty) Ens as well as six nieces and six nephews.

Harry loved his family and especially family gatherings. He loved gardening, hunting and fishing; fishing being his favorite. He had numerous Master Angler Awards that still stand to this day. As Harry Ens Construction, he built many homes and commercial buildings in Morden and surrounding region. The Ens Crescent development was named after him. Harry spent the last seven


years of his life at Tabor Home. He enjoyed the staff and the good care he received during his stay there.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden and Harry was laid to rest at Southside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Harry's memory to the Tabor Home Fund.

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