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Relaxing at the Rendezvous

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Members of the Manitoba Muzzleloaders Association set up their traditional campsites at Stanley Park this weekend for the annual Rendezvous of the Pembina Valley Fur Council. See a few more highlights inside this edition of the Voice.

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Work underway on Habitat home

By Lorne Stelmach

It all finally came full circle for Habitat for Humanity Saturday as the Winkler and Morden chapter turned the sod to kick off construction of its first home.

Habitat for Humanity Canada first got its start in Winkler in 1985, and it is finally back here with the family of John and Margaret Wiebe to be the beneficiaries.

"It's very overwhelming," said John, whose family of four children including Latisha, Alia, and six-month-old twins Owen and Emma currently rent a house trailer that they've long since outgrown.

"It's been a long journey, it started before the twins were even born, and they're over a year now," he noted. "We're very excited to start going with the building."

"I just want to say a big thank you to everyone that has done so much for us to get this home. It means a lot to have a home of our own for our family," said Margaret.

There is a ways to go for the Wiebes, who will now need to put in 500 hours of sweat equity, which includes a financial training course as well as volunteering for community service aside from helping out in building their home, but they welcome all of it.

Margaret has been doing things like helping sell playhouse raffle tickets, and John has been mowing the lawn and helped with a recent fundraising garage sale.

Margaret said she is especially looking forward to "just seeing when the home is up, to work inside, doing the

painting or whatever it needs."

"Even just to see starting with digging the hole for the basement will be very exciting for me," added John.

Margaret added it also feels special to her that their mortgage payments will in turn go towards helping the next family chosen for a Habitat home.

"It's just so great to know that we're going to be able to help another family like we've been helped to get this home ... to see that it's just going to keep on going like that," she said. "There's not really any words to express how that it feels. It's just wonderful. We have a very great community."

"They're part of the solution, which I think is beautiful," said local chapter representative Christina Falk.

She noted it has been a long process to get this point including raising the money for the build as well as selecting the family, so it feels special to see it finally happening now.

"In this world, we want things to be done yesterday, and to do things right, sometimes you need to take a little time, and we have worked extremely hard to make sure that this runs well and we can keep it sustainable. We really want this to be something that just goes on and on and on in Winkler and Morden," she said.

Duane Falk noted they hoped to have their permits in place this week so that work can get going on the home.

"Hopefully, in August, we'll start digging the basement," he said. "It's a little bit longer process with volun-

"IT'S BEEN A LONG JOURNEY ... WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO START GOING WITH THE BUILDING."



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity turned the sod Saturday to kick off construction of their first home, and the family of John and Margaret Wiebe are anxious to help get to work on it.

teers to build a house ... I'm thinking six months or so we should be getting close to done anyway."

Christina noted there will be opportunities for people to get involved in the build.

"We will have, obviously, volunteer days where people can come swing a hammer. If you have a skill set of some sort, we'd love to hear from you ... also if you have no skills, you are definitely welcome to come. We have designated days for non-skilled volunteers to come."

And while work continues on the Winkler home, they also continue their fundraising and planning for their second home to be built in Morden.

"We'll be taking applications for a family for the Morden house this fall ... we would like to build that one as soon as possible," she said.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder agreed it was great to see the organization back at work again in this region.

"Just seeing what



happened to Habitat for Humanity in Canada as a result of the beginnings in Winkler, it's incredible," he said. "To reach out to a family who need the hand up, that's really what it's all about ... to invest in people to make their lives better ... that's what makes our community great."

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Access aids new day care

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's new day care facility received another major financial boost last week.

Access Credit Union provided a \$30,000 contribution for the second Pembina Valley Child Care Centre location just down the road from the existing day care on Rampton Street in northeast Morden.

The donation will be used for an accordion style wall to divide off the sleeping room from the playroom in the infant space.

"That wasn't within our original quote, so this was something above and beyond what was in the projected numbers," explained Shuana Richards, executive director of the Pembina Valley Child Care Centre.

"We definitely see a need for child care in the area. We thought it was really important for the community of Morden, and we are happy to do it," said Keesy Rodewald, community

co-ordinator for Access Credit Union. "The costs associated with putting these projects together is very high, so we definitely wanted to be a part of it."

Aside from a ten year \$450,000 contribution and donation of the land by the City of Morden, the \$1.25 million day care project being overseen by Hive Development Group is also benefitting from the support of a number of local businesses, noted Richards.

"We've been really fortunate that our businesses have been contributing," she said, citing the examples of Winkler Co-op donating the appliances, Decor doing the cabinetry and Vern's Carpets offering carpeting for the centre.

The estimate is for the approximate 7,000 square foot facility to be completed by year-end and for the centre to be open and operating by next March.

"It's very exciting ... we didn't anticipate this to be coming up this fast," said Richards, who noted the project



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Representatives of Access Credit Union presented a \$30,000 donation last Wednesday for the new Pembina Valley Child Care Centre facility in Morden.

is slightly ahead of schedule.

"It's looking really good," she said. "They're looking at putting the siding and finishing the outside work within the next couple of weeks, and then they'll actually before fall already start doing some of the yard work."

The centre will have 90 spaces including 16 for infants, and it will significantly help address the shortage of child care spaces in the area.

"We do have 163 on our wait list, so it should be hopefully not too hard to fill," said Richards.

“We should open with a little bit of a waiting list still, but it’s not such a bad wait list anymore ... a manageable one because everybody that puts their name on our list isn’t looking for care right now today ... they’re planning ahead.”

Super Thrift celebrates



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Adult and Teen Challenge celebrated the grand opening of its Super Thrift Store in Winkler Saturday. The store launched in May will provide support for the Christian organization's programs to help people struggling with addictions and also provides volunteer and employment opportunities for residents and its graduates.



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Salem fundraiser set

Homelessness advocate to address dinner

By Lorne Stelmach

A speaker who challenges people to put their faith into action will be featured at the 2019 Building For Tomorrow fundraising dinner of the Salem Foundation and Salem Ladies Auxiliary.

Mike Yankoski, who authored *Under the Overpass* as a challenging portrait of the homeless crisis, will address the October 10 event which will raise funds for new furniture for resident rooms at the Winkler personal care facility.

With only a backpack, a sleeping bag and a guitar, Mike and his traveling companion Sam set out to experience life on the streets in six different cities from Washington D.C. to San Diego. For more than five months the pair experienced first hand the extreme pains of hunger, the constant uncertainty and danger of living on the streets, exhaustion, depression and social rejection.

"I think it's a personal story. It may make people uncomfortable but ... when you think of someone sharing their personal experiences ... we have found it has great appeal to individuals," suggested Sherry Janzen, executive director of the Salem Foundation.

"This resonates kind of across the board ... caring for those who can not care for themselves," added Hilda Friesen, executive co-ordinator of the foundation.

"And it ties in really with what we're doing here

as well with looking after the vulnerable," added Janzen.

The goal for the foundation and auxiliary is to raise money towards replacing furniture in all of the rooms at Salem Home including a dresser, nightstand and chair.

It is a significant project, considering their estimate is it will cost about \$5,500 per room with a total of 146 rooms; that would put the total at about \$800,000.

"We know that we will not achieve it in one evening, but it's a start," said Janzen. "We're going to start on Maple, which is on the main floor, because that furniture really needs to start being replaced."

She noted much of the furniture in the rooms goes back to 1986 and are showing their age.

"You can only imagine what it looks like, it's very beat up ... the newer furniture from 1995 also by now is looking very ratty ... it's starting to fall apart, so we need that replaced," she said.

"The furniture that we have chosen is furniture that ... if something breaks or is damaged, that particular piece can be replaced," she said, adding it will also provide the home with some greater sustainability because "rather than constantly buying new furniture all the time, we have the ability to replace those pieces that need to be replaced and keep the furniture."

She is hopeful that having a project that will provide direct benefit to residents will encourage strong support from the community.

"A lot of times it depends on the project. Because this directly benefits the residents, we find those are the projects that are much more relatable to the



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Addressing the Building For Tomorrow fundraising dinner will be Mike Yankoski, author of *Under The Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America*.

general public." She concluded. "I think that's going to be a much bigger draw."

Tickets go on sale August 1 at 9 a.m. at the Salem Home business office at 165 15th Street. They are \$100 each or \$800 for a table of eight, and you can call 204-325-4316 or go online to www.salemhome.ca for more information.

Making cooking fun

Central Station hosts Kids in the Kitchen

By Lorne Stelmach

A local program is all about teaching kids that cooking and eating healthy can be fun.

Central Station Community Centre again hosted Kids in the Kitchen last week with a full complement of 10 youth aged 9 to 12 taking part in the initiative.

Stacey Vigier, a dietitian at CW Wiebe Medical Centre, said the program has gone over well.

"The kids are loving it, and the parents are reporting good comments after the classes," Vigier said last Thursday, as the group was busy making some healthy cookies.

The hour and a half sessions over the lunch hour had them making a variety of things.

"On Wednesday, we cut up some vegetables and made a homemade veggie dip and had some muffins," she said.

Thursday then offered not only the cookies but also granola bars, and on Friday it was spaghetti and sauce.

"Anything from breakfast to meals to dessert,



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Some yummy but healthy cookies were being prepared last Thursday as part of the Kids in the Kitchen program at Central Station Community Centre in Winkler.

everything even like snacks. We try to mix it up throughout the week," said Vigier.

"We cook something up, and then we sit around the table and we enjoy it, and then we do some fun nutrition-related activities."

Vigier said the hope is "just to learn some basic

cooking skills to be able to know that cooking and healthy eating can be fun and easy ... just to have a good time in the kitchen.

"It's a cooking program to teach kids how to have fun in the kitchen and to make some healthy recipes. I think It's a great program."

Winklerite honoured

Kathy Hildebrand welcomed into Order of Manitoba

By Lorne Stelmach

A Winkler resident was among a dozen recipients of the province's highest honour last week.

Kathy Hildebrand was welcomed into the Order of Manitoba at the investiture ceremony last Thursday at the Manitoba Legislative Building.

A dedicated community volunteer in Winkler for more than 35 years, Kathy Hildebrand is the co-founder and president of Hearth Families Incorporated - an organization established to help new immigrants settle in the community.

She has helped many immigrant families obtain basic necessities, while also connecting them with local programs to help them learn English.

A past winner of the Premier's Vol-

unteer Service Award, Hildebrand has also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, the Stanley Agricultural Society, community round tables and her church.

Hildebrand had not been reached for comment, but in an earlier interview, she had called it a humbling experience to receive the honour.

"You read through the list ... and it's certainly a great group of Manitobans," she said. "You don't work necessarily for the award, but I think when the recognition comes, it is a wonderful feeling."

"The Lord certainly has brought many wonderful opportunities my way. I've met many wonderful people along the way. So it's all been a great opportunity for me, a great experience."

Lt.-Gov. Janice Filmon, chancellor of the order, presided over the investiture of the 12 new members whose achievements encompass a broad range of accomplishments.

"They are leaders and role models who represent the best of our prov-



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Kathy Hildebrand (first row on left) with the other recipients of the Order of Manitoba honour.

ince, adding to our shared provincial pride as we prepare to celebrate Manitoba150," said Filmon.

The Order of Manitoba was established in 1999 to honour Manitobans who have demonstrated excellence and achievement, thereby enriching the social, cultural or economic well-being of the province and its resi-

dents.

Appointments to the order are made by the chancellor on the recommendations of an advisory council. Once invested, members are entitled to use the initials O.M. after their names for life and will have their names placed on permanent display in the Legislative Building.

Big Rigs Big Hearts this Saturday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The regional trucking community gathers in Winkler this weekend for a day of camaraderie and giving.

The annual Big Rigs Big Hearts truck rally sets up shop in the Southland Mall parking lot on Saturday.

Over 100 big rigs—last year the event drew 154—are expected to start parking at the mall that morning, and the general public are invited to come check them out and enjoy an afternoon of festivities, says organizer Diedrich Wall.

"We have lots of local entertainment lined up," he said, noting the stage entertainment kicks off with Harvey Allen & Dwayne at 2:30 p.m. They're followed by the Quonset Brothers at 4 p.m., Ed Wayne and the North Border Band at 5:30 p.m., and Quinton Blair at 7 p.m.

Also on tap are good eats from DJ's Family Restaurant and That Burrito Place, tug of war and arm wrestling competitions, and activities for the kids including carnival games, train rides, bouncy houses, and a chance to vote on their favourite truck.

At 8:15 p.m., the entire convoy of

trucks will leave the mall and head out through the streets of Winkler (a map will be posted online at bigrigs-bighearts.com and Facebook, though it's expected to be the same route as in past years).

"We've set a new record for trucks pretty much every year we've had this event," said Wall, who expects truckers and their families will once again come out to support this year's selected charitable causes. "There's always a lot of excitement every year. They want to be part of it."

Funds raised through driver registration fees and other donations are earmarked for Teen Challenge and a local family in need.

"Teen Challenge does a lot of good in the community. They help a lot of people," Wall said of the addictions program, which has had an increased presence in the area in recent years. "We're very happy to support that organization."

Organizers have decided to keep the recipient family anonymous, but Wall said it's a young widow in desperate financial need.

For the first time this year, the Big Rigs Big Hearts committee opted to



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The Big Rigs Big Hearts truck rally will make its way through the streets of Winkler Saturday evening. Over 100 trucks will be parked on the Southland Mall parking lot earlier in the day, and the public are invited to come take a look and enjoy an afternoon of music, food, and family-friendly activities.

let the community nominate potential recipient families.

"We did get a lot of suggestions," Wall said. "We got a lot of interesting stories and it was a very difficult decision."

"We want to definitely pick the right people who could use the help the most."

In past years, the rally has raised over \$20,000.

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Miffed and adrift about gifts

Birthday gifts are a difficult thing. I mean, it is difficult for me to shop for or otherwise find what I would consider a good birthday gift. It is likely that my neurotic approach to birthdays reflects my inner turmoil when it comes to relationships.

How much is too much? Does a zombie lawn gnome say I love you or I hate you (or both)? When a person says they really don't want anything, should I believe them?

I actually tell people not to get me things and I genuinely mean it. I am just happy to have these people in my life (cue audience reaction: AAAAWWWW!). Still, I quite enjoy receiving and giving gifts. This makes the whole process confusing not just for me but for the people I am entangled with.



By Peter Cantelon

"See, I knew you wanted something!"

"Well yeah. I mean, I love this, but I would have been fine with nothing too."

People (including myself) find protestations against gifts difficult to believe. Of course, this problem is all in the head of the giver. We worry that we will disappoint the people we love if we give the wrong gift, the too cheap gift, the too late gift, no gift ... and the list goes on.

This is rooted in a deep-seated need to be loved and an emotional fear that there is a currency to said love and you better spend it if you want to get it.

Knowing all of this does not make the problems go away, however. I am not anti-consumerist and so I have no problem buying stuff for myself and other people. I am, however, anti-stuff-equals-love. It does not.

Your wife didn't buy you that cordless drill you have been dropping hints about for weeks? Too bad. Suck it up and stop whining. She still loves you.

Your husband doesn't buy you flowers for every freaking occasion? Get over it. Love is not an economy.

You partner didn't book that dream vacation on your birthday? Move on and consider yourself lucky to have a

partner.

This goes for kids and parents and various other relatives and friends too—stop holding each other as emotional hostages in exchange for concrete proofs of love.

The reverse is true, too. Some people struggle to accept gifts.

Once I admired a book a friend of mine was reading. I told him I loved the cover and the binding, etc. He handed it to me and said, "Here take it."

I was like, "What? No man, that's yours."

He's all, "Look, I have another copy. Just take it."

I respond, "I can't do that. I really don't want to take your book."

Finally, he looks at me and says, "Peter, you really have to learn to accept gifts. Don't deny people the opportunity to give."

He was right. So I took the book.

As much as we should not guilt and pressure and cry and whine people into buying us stuff, we should absolutely allow people to give us things if they want to. It's okay. It does not mean you are suddenly obligated to them and if they treat you like you are just walk away. Destroy that relational balance scale in your head that keeps track of this stuff. It is toxic.

So all that being said, I may not get you anything and that's okay. I still love you. But if I do get you something, take it. And trust me when I say if you send me a gift I WILL accept it and be thankful.

Morden police investigate thefts

The Morden police are investigating a number of thefts and break-ins that happened last week.

Several reports came in involving thefts from vehicles including one where a vehicle was entered while parked on the driveway of a residence in the 900 block of Wardrop Street, and a small flashlight and a set of binoculars were taken.

In another instance, a small amount of cash was taken from another vehicle, whose owner also reported that a brown mountain bike was taken from the home on the 900 block of Parkhill Drive.

Finally, police received another report of two vehicles gone through in the 400 block of Birchwood Drive, and two phone chargers and a small

amount of cash was taken.

In another incident July 18, Morden police received a call about a break and enter at a residence on Dogwood Street. A suspect entered a vehicle on the driveway, took keys from inside and used them to unlock the garage door. The suspect then entered the garage, but nothing appears to have been taken, and it remains under investigation.

Meanwhile, Winkler police say a woman reported that her vehicle was vandalized sometime the night of July 13 while parked on Royal Crescent. It appeared as though air soft pellets were shot at the vehicle, and there were scratches near the driver's side door handle. Entry was not gained to the locked vehicle.

Also on July 13, staff of a local store reported a theft that had happened about a 30 minutes earlier. A male suspect was being confronted by store staff after he exited the store without paying for several items of merchandise, but he was able load the items into an awaiting vehicle and flee the scene.

Winkler police were also called July 17 to a home about a possible assault in progress. Officers found the door open but did not find anyone inside while seeing signs that a struggle took place.

While still were on scene, a female tenant arrived, and she was belligerent with police and denied having

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Work progressing on Meridian Ex. Centre

By Lorne Stelmach

There may not be much showing yet, but work on the Meridian Exhibition Centre is progressing.

Things are gradually moving along on the \$20 million project that will add a second arena and exhibition facility to the Winkler recreation centre.

"It should start sprouting up very soon," Winkler Mayor Martin Harder suggested last week. "We are currently in the middle of pouring the concrete foundation ... it's a long time to complete the base work before you ever get to see anything more visible."

Harder said the project is at a point where the tenders have gone out, and they are now being reviewed, so that will provide a clearer picture then of where the costs are coming in, he noted.

"We're fine tuning it at this point in time, and we'll take a look and see what the results are ... there are items that may be added; there's items that

may be needed to take off the list as far as what's in the arena.

"I think one of the things that we, as council and as a group, had decided is that we are not going to compromise, first of all, the quality of the structure, the quality of the materials that are going into it and the quality of facility that we envision that we are going to get," said Harder.

"We received assurances, even after the last go-round with the tendering process, the things that we are looking at maybe dropping or substituting are not issues that will negatively affect the operational costs and will not negatively affect the quality of the building," he continued. "Those are fundamentals that we as a city are saying we have no compromise there."

The total project costs would reach up to \$20 million with the City of Winkler to borrow up to \$17 million. Another \$1,250,000 is to come from donations with another \$1,750,000 committed from recreation reserve funds. It has been estimated a residential property valued at \$250,000 would see a local improvement tax of \$211.16 annually over the 20 year period.



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Work continues on the foundation of the Meridian Exhibition Centre project.

The biggest change with the final plans for the Meridian Exhibition Centre project took it down from a 2,200 seat arena to 400 which is expandable to 600, so it becomes the secondary rather than the primary arena, and it had been estimated that basically took about \$10 million off the price tag.

As for the timeline, Harder said that they "keep saying it's a year. We fully expect it's still to be late spring or early summer of 2020. We are certainly going to be within the parameters of celebrating the opening of the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Manitoba's 150."

Man charged for pipeline bomb threat

RCMP have charged a Winnipeg man with public mischief as a result of a bomb threat made last fall involving a major pipeline passing through the region.

A report came to the Manitoba RCMP October 19 from a manager of the energy company indicating that one of his employees had overheard another employee make a threat to bomb the stretch of pipeline in the Morden and Winkler area.

The pipeline was immediately shut down, and the RCMP explosive disposal unit and police dog services were called in, and a thorough search was done but nothing turned up.

A detailed investigation into the threat was conducted by investigators from the RCMP national security enforcement section, major crime services and the Morden RCMP detachment. As a result, it was eventually found the employee who overheard the threat and reported it to his manager had made a false allegation.

On July 7, the 37-year-old resident of Winnipeg was charged with public mischief and mischief over \$5,000, and he was to make an initial appearance in Morden Provincial Court in August.

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Familiar face for Liberals

By Lorne Stelmach

Loren Braul will carry the Liberal banner in the region again in this fall's provincial election.

A lawyer who placed second in the 2016 election in the Emerson riding to former Conservative MLA Cliff Graydon, Braul recently earned the nomination for the riding that has been reshaped and renamed Borderland.

Braul said the Borderland constituency needs responsible representation and an active voice in the Legislature that will take their concerns seriously, and he suggested there is a desire for new energy, voices, and ideas.

"We had a good campaign last time. We had a very clean and deliberate campaign where we focused on the issues that matter to people who live here. People respected that approach," Braul said.

"We talked about different ideas that don't require negative commentary or partisan attacks. We can talk about ideas that work here, ideas that matter to people, and they liked the way I did that, and they liked the way the team worked on that."

The Emerson riding went solidly in favour of the Conservatives last time with Graydon winning 70 per cent of the vote and Braul placing second at around 20 per cent, but things have changed with Graydon having been turfed from the Conservative caucus as a result of sexual harassment allegations. He has since been sitting as an independent MLA and had suggested he would not seek re-election.

To date, Josh Guenter is nominated as the Conservative candidate, while the NDP have nominated Liz Cronk.

Braul serves as a vice-chair of the Altona Community Foundation and as moderator for the Altona Mennonite Church, and he has been serving as the board chair of Regional Connections, which provides settlement, language, and employment services to newcomers in the Pembina Valley.

Braul noted the Borderland constituency is a diverse riding with at least three or four distinct communities or centres, and he aims to reach out to as



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Loren Braul came in second in the Emerson riding in the 2016 provincial election.

many different communities as possible, and he identified what he sees as a key overriding issue for this fall's election.

"The cost of providing essential services is going to be a critical issue," he suggested.

"The present government has downloaded a lot of costs to municipalities, and they have removed the ability of schools to generate revenue," said Braul.

"So we're going to be left with a system where schools have a hard time managing class sizes, and keeping programs open ... municipalities have a hard time paving roads and providing critical infrastructure, let alone sort of quality of life projects like parks and recreational items.

"We're going to be faced with trying to save our way into prosperity. It doesn't work like that. We have to invest in our communities, and we have to enable those communities to invest in the people who live there. So adding costs and removing funding isn't going to do that."

Dougald Lamont, leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party, offered his congratulations to Braul.

"I am honoured and excited that Loren is running with the Manitoba Liberal team. He is a great candidate and will serve Borderland with tremendous passion as their MLA."

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any knowledge of what took place inside the home. A male known to the female then attended the Winkler Police Service a short time later with several injuries, though he claimed he knew nothing about the suspected assault and provided an unrelated reason for his injuries.

In the end, police say there were unable to lay any charges due to the un-

cooperative nature of both parties.

Finally, on July 21, Winkler police received a complaint about an intoxicated woman and were asked to help get her out of the home. While speaking with police on the phone, the complainant then was just assaulted by the woman, and officers arrived and arrested her for assault and transported her to the Winkler Police Service, where she was held until sober.

Camp takes kids around the world

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's summer day camp program is offering local youth a wide variety of programs and activities again this year.

The initiative that kicked off with the park days July 2 to 5 and then a sports camp July 8 to 12 continued last week with the around the world theme.

"Every day, we feature a different country," explained Chloe McLeod, summer program co-ordinator for the City of Morden.

Held at the The Warehouse Youth for Christ drop-in centre, each session included making food and a craft from each nation

It started with Italy and the Philippines Tuesday then carried on with Brazil and India Wednesday, and then it was Mexico on Thursday and Canada on Friday.

About a dozen youth participated each day with the majority registered for the entire week, and McLeod noted the kids seemed to be really getting into it.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the kids to try some different foods and to learn about other countries that they probably have never been exposed to before," she said. "I think they're learning a lot more from this camp than we may have even expected ... so that's awesome."

This week, the program continued with the adventures camp including visits to the Winkler Aquatic



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Kids enjoyed making some Brazilian style cheesy balls Wednesday morning as part of the Around The World summer day camp.

Centre, Hy-Wire Zipline Adventures, Pembina Valley Humane Society and Pembina Threshermen's Museum.

The week of July 29 to August 2 offers kids camp and crazy chemistry, then it continues August 6 to 9

with the sports and taekwondo camps, and it wraps up with another park days from August 12 to 16.

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Gathering celebrates fur trade traditions



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The Rendezvous held Friday evening to Sunday morning at Stanley Park celebrated the traditions of the fur trade and the trapping lifestyle with a variety of demonstrations, competitions and activities. Some of the feature events included the outdoor seminars and demonstrations on such skills as blacksmithing, flint knapping and trapping and skinning, while competitions include archery, knife and tomahawk throwing, black powder shooting and 22 calibre shooting.



Citizen patrols funded

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Citizens on Patrol program is carrying on its work for another year with the support of the City of Winkler and the police.

The volunteer-based initiative last week received its annual \$4,500 in funding to assist with the administrative costs of the program.

Co-ordinator Dustin Brown said the operating grant that keeps the program going by paying for everything from administrative costs to some equipment expenses.

He also used the occasion to tout the work of Citizens on Patrol and encourage others to get involved as well.

"Right now, we have about 14 active members, but we're always looking for more if anybody's interested to join," he said.

"It's something that a person can do, it makes you feel good to give back to the community ... it doesn't take a lot of work either," he said. "We have come across quite a bit over the years. We've been doing it for a long time, and we have had a number of things that we have come across."

"Dustin puts a lot of work into the program and organizing volunteers that go out on patrol, and it's just a way for the city to help cover the costs of that," said police chief Ryan Hunt.

"IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO US. IT'S A HUGE BENEFIT TO OUR OFFICERS."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Winkler police chief Ryan Hunt presented the \$4,500 operating grant for the Winkler Citizens on Patrol program to co-ordinator Dustin Brown.

"It's really important to us. It's a huge benefit to our officers ... they sometimes get busy on a call, and they certainly can't be everywhere in

the City of Winkler at the same time, so it's just nice having that extra set of eyes and ears on the street."

Art camp offers a natural perspective

Wish tree a highlight of Morden program

By Lorne Stelmach

A summer art camp not only had kids getting creative in Morden last week but got them thinking about the environment as well.

The Pembina Hills Arts Council program with the theme of artists in nature got them outside with a variety of activities at the Morden research station as well as a special one at Confederation Park.

"They're loving nature in a fun and creative way," suggested Cyndie Wiebe, who led the summer camp for kids aged six to ten that ran from Monday to Friday.

Wiebe took the kids on an adventure into art involving the natural world for this popular camp, which is now in its second year.

It included a collaborative art installation project inspired by the children's novel Wishtree by Katherine Applegate.

"The theme of the story relates to the interconnection between humans, nature and animals ... the author takes on the voice of the tree," Wiebe explained. "In the story, the tree ultimately is saved by the animals and the children who go back in time when the tree was just a sapling."

With the inspiration of its idea of tying ribbons or strips of fabric on to a tree with their wishes written out, Wiebe came to the idea of doing something similar here, and she found a perfect location for it.

"This particular oak tree in Confed-

eration Park was planted in 1967 by the children of Maple Leaf School," she said, noting it all came together then with the support of the City of Morden and Quilter's Den donating the fabric.

The kids had the opportunity to put up their wishes Thursday afternoon with their families also invited to take part, and Wiebe said she liked how it involved a number of aspects.

"It's kind of community and art and some history coming into play ... there's lots of elements in play, and I think they came together in such a beautiful way," she suggested, adding it was also interesting to see the range of wishes that came up. "One of my wishes would be that for every tree that gets cut down, we plant five more."

The week also included a variety of other activities. One involved clay pressed into the bark of a tree, and the kids used little acorns and sticks to make faces, and another centred

around pressed flowers being used to make a design.

"It was like this is your reminder of the beauty of summer," said Wiebe, who added she enjoyed seeing their level of thought and creativity throughout the week.

"Their out of the box thinking is very encouraging for our future generations," she concluded. "I want them to recognize how there actually is art in nature all around us ... and we can kind of participate in that beauty, in that creativity that is al-

ready there."

Tricia Dyck, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the arts council, suggested they would like to be able to do the wish tree project again.

"Next year, we're hoping to be able to make it a community project where anyone from the community could come and do it."

Up next for the arts council's summer camp program was kids pottery with Margie Hildebrand running from July 22 to August 2.



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Students participating in the Pembina Hills Arts Council summer art camp tied their wishes to an oak tree in Confederation Park last Thursday.

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Play explores ideas of land and ownership

Presentation sponsored by Truth & Action Working Group

By Lorne Stelmach

A two-person drama in Morden this weekend will explore how the land under our feet came to be under our feet.

Presented by the Truth & Action Working Group, the play *Discovery: A Comic Lament* is being presented Friday evening at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church.

Performed by Ted and Company, a Virginia-based theatre company with Mennonite roots, the play looks at love of land, loss of land and what it means to own something.

It explores the attitudes and legal concepts at play when Europeans came to these shores and tracks these to the present, but the play is also about learning to face big problems with the energy that only shared

laughter can create.

"I like that this play looks a really tough issue square in the eye and does so with a smirk," said spokesperson Will Braun. "I think a lot of us feel understandably defensive when questions of land, discovery and Indigenous relations are raised. But we gotta talk about this stuff. And throwing in a few laughs might make it a bit easier."

The play, performed by Ted Schwartz and Michelle Milne, was written by Alison Brookins and is directed by Phil Weaver-Stoesz.

You follow the characters of Chris and daughter Riley as they navigate their changing relationship to each other and to the land their family has farmed for several generations.

Interspersed with their story are vignettes examining how ownership has come to be defined in the US and Canada. Diving into historical documents, absurd situations and extended metaphors, the audience also learns about the doctrine of discovery - the legal framework that justified the theft of land and oppression of Indigenous people.



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Michelle Milne and Ted Schwartz in a scene from *Discovery: A Comic Lament*.

The Truth & Action Working Group is made up of local citizens primarily from six churches centred in the Morden and Winkler area, and it aims to promote positive public awareness of Indigenous realities and to build relationships with Indigenous neigh-

bours.

Discovery: A Comic Lament gets underway at 7 p.m. at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler. All are welcome, and a free will offering will be taken.

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HOGS hit the road with toys

By Lorne Stelmach

The Harleys hit the road again Sunday for the annual ride to benefit the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

The southern Manitoba HOG (Harley Owners Group) chapter held its seventh Toy Run, and there were about 50 bikes that set out from Gaslight Harley Davidson in Morden to St. Norbert Heritage Park, where they delivered their donations.

"This year, we expect to be at above about \$15,000 in donations," said director Sherry Klassen, noting the project has come a long way from when it started out with donations of between \$4,000 to \$5,000.

The ambassador for this year's toy run was 11-year-old Heidi Braun, who was diagnosed two and a half years ago with optic pathway glioma - a slow-growing brain tumor that arises in or around the optic nerve, which connects the eye to the brain.

"We've spent the last two and a half years going to and from Winnipeg to the Children's Hospital and to CancerCare seeking treatment," noted

her father Mark Braun of Gnadenthal. "We're still currently working with it ... right now, there is no foreseeable cure for it, but they are working with that."

Braun said they deeply appreciate seeing support from the community like that of the HOG chapter.

"There's a lot of effort and a lot of donations, a lot of time that goes into the children at the childrens hospital, and it's good that these kinds of events and that there are groups that organize these kinds of events to support that," he said.

"It's just good to know that there is a lot of support out there for families like us," he added. "This gives you a total different insight ... there are a lot of caring people ... they are out there and they are willing to help."

Klassen said the annual campaign has continued to grow steadily since its inception by two members of their chapter whose family had a child in hospital at the time.

"First hand, they saw what was happening there," she said

The aim is to support all ages of chil-



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About 50 bikes participated in the annual toy run Sunday that set out from Gaslight Harley Davidson in Morden.

dren from babies to teens who are in longer term care, and it provides toys for a range of occasions from their birthday or at Christmas to when they are going for surgery.

"It kind of just brightens their day a little bit to receive a toy when they are going through a lot of high stress stuff."

She expressed appreciation for the

strong support they get from the communities here.

"There's a lot of good support behind this," she said. "This year, we've had so many corporate donations ... businesses that have donated large amounts of money, so it's been really great to see more and more people coming on board to support it."

Shadow Valley back in action

By Lorne Stelmach

A motocross track south of Morden is continuing to draw crowds again after having been revived this past year.

Shadow Valley Raceway is even hosting a second Manitoba Motocross Association race this Sunday after having been named its track of the year last season by the membership.

It all came about when Charlie Westfall approached the owner and worked out a lease for the track, and then they got to work.

"We tore the track down and rebuilt it from the ground up," explained Westfall.

Shadow Valley has been around for about two decades and has been a popular track for many racers, suggested Westfall, who also had a personal motivation for wanting to help spearhead the effort.

"My son Jessie races, and that's the main reason that I decided to take it on ... it's a pile of work, but I just wanted someplace for the kids to be able to go ride around Morden and Winkler because there aren't a lot of spots," he explained.

"When it shut down, there was really no place around here ... so we thought it would be good to fire it back up again," added Westfall. "I still race myself as well ... I love the sport, and I



think that a lot of times you do things, it's not monetary, it's a passion."

Its first race of the season was held last month, and Westfall said it was encouraging to see a good response.

"You've got kids from four to five years old all the way up to 60 year old guys racing ... and we had 300 riders the last race," he said.

"The sport kind of ebbs and flows a bit ... there was a few years ago there would have been something like 600 riders. It's kind of slowed down.

"People seem to enjoy the layout and the design," said Westfall, who gave the credit to Mike Harms of Altona. "He builds tracks for a living, and he did a fantastic job building this one, and it shows."

"Mike was a huge part of that. We worked together to do it, and he still comes and helps out on race days," said Westfall, noting each time, they



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Motocross racers will be competing again this Sunday at Shadow Valley south of Morden. The event is a memorial race for long time racer Albert Fehr.

need to do some work on the track and to water it at half time.

Now, for this Sunday, the second race of the season will be a memorial motocross race in honour of Albert Fehr, an owner of 180 Collision who passed away suddenly this past January.

"We all got together, and the idea was pitched that we should do a memorial race to pay homage to him," said Westfall, noting there will be a ceremony as well as a billboard with photos and some of Fehr's story that will be left there permanently

"It's just to acknowledge he was part of this all," said Westfall. "He was a

great guy. I don't think he had a bad bone in his body."

Westfall encouraged people to come and check out the action, and he gave credit to those people who are helping to make it happen.

"Something like this doesn't run without the help of a lot of volunteers, and we have a lot of really good people who help us every time we have a function there," he said.

"I think if people come out to watch, they'll see it's a really fun track."

You can find more information on the Shadow Valley MX Facebook page.

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Morden falls at provincials

The host team came up short this weekend in their quest for a provincial title.

The 2019 18U AA provincial baseball championship held in Morden Friday to Sunday saw Morden finish 1 & 2 in pool A to miss the playoff round.

Morden had a rough start to the tournament in falling 15-0 to Portage Friday morning, but they rebounded that afternoon to double up Grosse Isle 6-3. On Saturday, Fort Garry ended Morden's weekend with a 6-5 victory.

Morden finished third in their pool behind Fort Garry at 2 & 1 and Portage at 3 & 0, while Gross Isle went winless.

Altona had a more successful run, as they came in first in pool B with three wins - 12-2 over Tuxedo, 15-5 over Brandon and 10-0 over Ste. Rose. They then eliminated Fort Garry in their opening playoff game with an 11-2 win, and they got to the final with a 13-1 victory over Boissevain to go to the championship final, where they were edged 6-4 by Portage.



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Morden didn't have much good fortune at the 18U AA provincials, as they bowed out with a 1 & 2 record.

ALH results

The top three finishers at Morden's ALH Motor Speedway Sunday:

- Street stocks: Bradon Miller, James Wall, Rod Wolfe.
- Modifieds: Ward Imrie, Shawn Teunis, Scott Greer.
- Pure stocks: Pat Smith, Kevin Smith, Jeff Gillies.
- Midwest Modifieds: Austin Hunter, Grant Hall, Gary Unrau.
- Four cylinder: Ryan Roeland, Alex Mira, Cassandra Worms.
- Slingshots: Ashley Temple, Sierra Staff, Rebecca Stutsky.

Hurricanes fall to Vikings 3-1

The South Central Hurricanes fell to the Vikings 3-1 on Monday in front of a hometown crowd. Selina Steiger scored the team's lone goal.

Also taking the field that evening were the Winkler Storm. The Storm, who play in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 1st Division, fell to the Bandits in Winnipeg 1-0.

Faring better this week were the SC Riot, who on Sunday defeated North Winnipeg United 2-1. Kris Roberts and Zein Hamam scored for the home team.

Coming up, the Riot travel to play Les Blues Friday, the Storm host the Lions Sunday at 6 p.m., and the Hurricanes hit the road to play the SE Shooters Sunday.

Orioles off to strong start

Sweep St. James, battling St. Boniface

By Lorne Stelmach

After a regular season where Pembina Valley came up just short in a number of games, good fortune was favouring the Orioles so far in the post-season.

The Orioles had advanced with a two game sweep of the St. James As in the best of three quarter-final, and they then kicked off their best of five semi-final against St. Boniface with an 8-7 win Sunday before falling 6-3 in game two Monday.

"During the regular season, we lost a lot of one run games ... everyone in the order is just digging a bit deeper, and they're giving a little more, and we're finding ways now to turn those

one run losses into one run wins," said assistant coach Phil Hildebrand.

"We're getting clutch hits at the right time, late in the game, and it's been good to see the boys come through when they need to ... they're definitely playing with some confidence," he said, after however that he expected a tough series. "We battled them all year; they were close games, and they were one of the hottest teams coming down in the second half."

Game three was last Tuesday in Winnipeg with the result not available at press time, and game four is in Morden Thursday. If necessary, game five is set for Friday back in the city.

In the best of three quarter-final, after taking game one 5-3 last Tuesday in Winnipeg, game two ended in dramatic fashion after having started Wednesday in Morden before being called due to darkness tied at 9-9. It was finished up in Winnipeg before

going to the potential game three, and the Orioles pulled it out for the 10-9 victory.

"Winning at home would have been nice. A lot of the boys were disappointed that they couldn't finish it at home, noted Hildebrand.

"In the eighth inning, we had an opportunity with the bases loaded ... but it worked out for us. We were able to get them three up, three down in the top of the ninth ... once we got our lead off runner on in the bottom of the ninth, it was just a matter of executing and getting that guy home."

Hildebrand was proud of the team's effort in a battle that could have gone either way.

"They were two games that were really back and forth and a lot of ups and downs for both teams. It just came down to, I think, maybe our guys were maybe wanting it a little more."

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Border playoffs underway

Mohawks, Whips finish 2nd & 3rd

The Morden Mohawks and Winkler Whips kicked off their Border Baseball League playoff campaigns this week.

Second place Morden was set to face the seventh place Altona Bisons, while third place Winkler went up against the sixth place Carman Cardinals.

The Mohawks were scheduled to host the Bisons Tuesday then visit Altona Thursday followed by game three back in Morden Monday. The Whips were Games four and five, if needed, are set for Wednesday and Friday.

The Whips were scheduled to host the Cardinals Tuesday then visit Carman Thursday followed by game three back in Winkler Sunday. Games four and five, if needed, are set for Tuesday and Thursday.

The other quarter-finals had fourth place Cartwright Twins playing the fifth place Baldur Regals, while the first place Pilot Mound Pilots were taking on Clearwater after the latter eliminated Killarney 12-3 in the wild-card game Monday night.

The Mohawks finished second at 12 & 4 behind only Pilot Mound at 14 & 2 after wrapping things up with a 16-2 victory last Wednesday over Cartwright. Three runs in both the second and third innings put them up 8-1 then six more came across the plate in the bottom of the sixth.

The Whips were just a game back of Morden in third at 11 & 5 after concluding its regular season last Tuesday with a 14-5 win over Clearwater. Winkler took control with four runs in the third to go up 6-2, and they led 10-4 after five before adding four more in the sixth to put it away.

ALL STAR ACTION

The best of the Border League also competed this weekend at the 2019 senior AA all stars provincial championship.

After opening Friday with a 5-1 win over Santa Clara, Border were edged 2-1 by South West. They then rebounded nicely on Saturday, winning 5-1 over Oak River and 14-3 over St. Boniface, but they came up short of the final Sunday as they were edged 6-5 by Brandon.

In the end, South West took the honours with a 4-3 win over Brandon.

Flyers high on trade acquisition

Second deal made to bring back Cattani

The Winkler Flyers last week acquired a forward who they feel could prove to be a key part of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League team in the 2019-20 season.

The Flyers traded for 20 year old forward Jaden Townsend from the Lloydminster Bobcats in exchange for a player development fee.

The Roblin native served as captain of the Swan Valley Stampede last season, and the Flyers described him as a '200 foot player' who is a tenacious defender, contributes offensively and has good leadership skills that will be a benefit on and off the ice.

"Jaden is exactly the type of player we are looking for," said general manager Jeff Jeanson. "He is an extremely hard worker. He will fit in great with the veteran players we have coming back and will be a great mentor for the good crop of younger players that we have as well."

Townsend had been sent to Lloydminster from Swan Valley at the conclusion of the season to complete a future considerations deal from ear-

lier in the season.

Townsend will be entering his fourth season in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, playing his first three seasons with the Stampede. The 6'0", 194 lbs forward recorded 36 points on 18 goals and 18 assists with Swan Valley last season and served as team captain on a veteran laden club that made it to the MJHL final in 2018-2019.

The Flyers then later completed their second trade of the week in acquiring 18 year old forward Alex Cattani (01) in exchange for 18 year old defenseman Rylan Thiessen.

Cattani was originally drafted by the Flyers in 2016 but was sent to the Kings in a 2017 trade for Jayden McCarthy.

Cattani is a 6'0", 195 lbs power forward with great hands and recorded 47 points on 20 goals and 27 assists in 43 games with the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League Central Plains Capitals last season. The Winnipeg native is over a point per game player in his two seasons with the Capitals and served as team captain.

"Alex is a hard worker with good character and is a very good teammate. We are very excited to be able to bring him back," said Jeanson.

• HEALTH CORNER

Shame: Is it a friend or a foe?

The first step on the road to recovery from an addiction is always to take full responsibility for our own mess. As long as we are blaming and offloading the responsibility to someone else we stay captive and remain the victim in our own story.



By Dr. Johann Bignaut

means telling someone else about our mess. This is where the rubber hits the road. The force that opposes us from taking that next step is called shame. It says: "If people find out what I am really like, they will reject me."

Unfortunately, the things we hide and keep secret tend to be the things that continue to poison us from within. The things that we are brave enough to acknowledge in a safe environment, like when talking to a counsellor or trusted friend, seem to lose their power over us. I have heard this step being called "bringing it into the light." As a physician I like that imagery. It reminds me of how certain "bugs" that attack our bodies will tend to thrive in the dark but deteriorate when exposed to light.

As someone who works with people with addictions, I am very familiar with how powerful shame can be. I frequently see people who are so ex-

tremely ashamed of their past that it seems to paralyze them. They seem frozen in time. Stuck in a place where they would rather stay put and stay sick than acknowledge the reality of their condition.

I used to think shame was a sign of mental health. Maybe you think that way too. What I have learned is that there are two kinds of shame.

We all feel healthy shame from time to time. When we slip on a banana peel and almost lose our balance we quickly look around, our face blushing red with embarrassment, very eager to see if anyone else saw the slip and may be laughing at us. Healthy shame says, "I MADE a mistake." Unhealthy or toxic shame says, "I AM a mistake."

As human beings, if we are not careful we can over a period of time come to a place where we start to identify with our past mistakes to the point where they actually become a

part of us. They become us. This is a very unhealthy place to be. It stunts our growth and keeps us from moving forward in our lives.

For many of us, toxic shame gets its grip on us at a very young age. For example, children who are exposed to adults acting shamelessly can often start to "carry" shame around with them. In this case the children take on shame that does not even belong to them. They were the innocent victims, but because the adults refuse to accept responsibility for their actions, the children somehow feel responsible.

The good news is that there is hope and help for those of us who struggle with shame. The author Brene Brown has written several excellent books on shame and how to overcome it. If you feel you need one-on-one help with shame, please consider reaching out to a counsellor or health professional in your area.

Agriculture

A need inspired farmer entrepreneur

By Harry Siemens

Necessity is the mother of invention, and farmers often come up with great ideas because they need a tool, implement, machine or simply that something to complete a task out of necessity.

Bryan Devloo, 26, owns and operates BD Manufacturing - a Swan Lake manufacturer of a wide range of land maintenance equipment from yard maintenance up to heavy ditching products as well as snow removal equipment.

Recently, Devloo showed his equipment at the Ag in Motion outdoor farm expo near Saskatoon.

"We sell equipment throughout western Canada, and this show for us is a great way to get customers to get a feel of the equipment we have on hand," he said. "We don't do live demos currently, but possibly in the future, we will put products out on the live demonstrations."

So how does a young fellow like Devloo get involved in manufacturing equipment on the farm in rural Manitoba?

"As the farm needed equipment such as this, we started the business and realized there was a need for it by other farmers, and that's how we started to grow," he said. "I started this venture six years ago."

Innovation starts on the farm most of the time, and Bryan talks about how that first idea occurred and how he took that next step.

"It came down to a family member deciding to keep the yard up with a piece of equipment, something simple to use, easy to hook up. And that's why we came up with what we did at the time. So we started with our land level equipment line. I then expanded it from there."

For now, it is mainly for farmers and also some commercial use as a lease and oil field maintenance.

"Anybody that's doing anything with a yard or even higher heavier ditching projects, a site prep, so just a wide range of people can use it," he suggested.

"With our snow removal equipment, throughout Canada, we know that everybody gets a lot of snow. So it's al-

ways nice to be able to accommodate those customers as well," said Devloo.

"As time goes on, the business grows and grows. I was a part of the farm up until a few years ago but more or less full time with this business now."

Devloo said mainly family work in his business with some additional employees during busy times, but, as the firm grows, he definitely will hire more people as the need dictates.

"We look at competitors, what they're doing and what we can do different in the market, making things a little bit easier to use and better features," he said.

"We design all products on the computer first and use CNC cutting and bending equipment to make the highest quality product possible. I do most of the welding myself and some by our family members who are available at times."

BD Manufacturing plans on expanding the list of distributors. They have two so far at Rouleau, SK and in Alberta.

"Otherwise, any other region is sold directly through us. So we work with a few different trucking companies, and we deliver it right to your yard."

Devloo operates the business in shops on the farmyard but is looking into plans for building a shop dedicated to the manufacturing business.

"I see us expanding our line, continue to meet the needs of customers, to keep up with trends and provide equipment that's reliable and have features that will stand out from the rest," he said.

"I can see us eventually getting into a bit heavier land maintenance equipment and maybe even venture off into completely different lines, maybe such as trailer manufacturing, possibly in the future."

"We decided to put something out in the marketplace. Next getting into the quality cut parts with CNC equipment, and that changed things for us because we can become productive and efficient at making the equipment," he concluded.

"I graduated out of high school and worked on the farm, getting my basic inspiration, nothing other than that. And everything was just learned, learned as you go basically. And



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Brian Devloo, here with brother Alex, of BD Manufacturing at Swan Lake showed his equipment at the Ag in Motion outdoor farm expo near Saskatoon.

sometimes it's the way you have to do it, and sometimes it helps you be the most innovative."



Tackling PED virus in Manitoba

International livestock veterinarian consultant and lecturer Dr. John Carr sees two major issues these days.

"We've got to fix Manitoba's PED outbreak. I don't know; we seem to almost to get there and then not quite enough. This is quite frustrating," Carr said in speaking candidly from the Manila airport.

The second issue is African Swine Fever, and he seems to be spending most of his time on that one now.

Carr has as good a handle on the ASF in China as anyone because he is responsible for the health of at least 150,000 sows.

When I spoke with him recently, he'd spent four or five days dealing with the pig industry, where they are still free of ASF. How long is hard to say.

Carr is also responsible for the

health of various hog operations in Canada, and therefore, his concern also rests with the continuous outbreak of the PED virus here.

"You know, in some respects, I don't want the PED to be a lesson regarding ASF, but some of the same principles apply," he suggested.

"The advantage of ASF is it doesn't move through the air, but I'm convinced PED moves through the air. I haven't finished all my analysis, of course, but one of the problems I have is I still think the chief veterinary office is not making a big enough exclusion zone.

"See, I give it a 10-mile radius, at least, around farms. In my experience, particularly with the wind blowing in one direction, a virus

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can move a long way," he continued. "And 10 miles is not very far when the wind's blowing, when you work it out, the wind's blowing 50 kilometres an hour, the stuff's there in 5, 10 minutes. And people tend to ignore the weather more than I think they should."

Dr. Carr has another concern as well. "People are now trying to grow out some of these pigs, and I'm not entirely sure if that's a way to tackle the problem. It seems that people have got almost punch drunk so they have got used to it, and that's what frightens me. They'll suddenly panic because they get used to two or three cases, and then it'll get to 20, and they'll panic. And then it'll get back down to two or three; they'll not get it to zero."

"But again, no disrespect to the government, but we should know that the cases are all related. I could do

an RNA analysis and know where it came from. I should very quickly be able to tell whether it's the United States or Canada. I should see if it's origin is from Ontario or Manitoba. I probably should know if it's the same strain or something new. And in truth, I should know whether it's your farm versus Joe's farm.

"Now I appreciate the government sometimes doesn't want me to know all of that detail, but they do. If they don't know, they should know."

Carr said they should know where this is coming from, and he finds there's a wall of silence which is unpleasant.

"I'll tell you, it doesn't move by people. Not really. I mean, not if you wash, change your clothes, change your boots, wash your hands, soak or shower. I wouldn't be able to do my job. If people easily transmitted all

these diseases, there would be a wake of diseases behind me."

Carr said the industry needs to make some hard decisions.

"To my mind, each farm needs an eradication plan. Total PED eradication, not pigs," he said.

"I don't mean to depopulate for PED. I think I can control PED, but I need a formal plan for each one of those farms carried through to completion. And if you don't want to go along with this, then they should be made to depopulate."

He believes strongly Canada needs to make the PED virus a notifiable disease.

"The difference in England, we

made PED a notifiable disease, and I was instrumental in achieving that goal. In Canada, it's not, I only have to advise people that I have the problem. But in England, we made PED a notifiable disease. It means that, as a practiced veterinarian, I must report this. I don't even have to have confirmation, and I need to have some signs."

The sad part in all of this, said Carr, is PED virus in Manitoba is a considerable distraction.

"We need to do is, we need to take a really good shake at the whole industry and just say, boys, this is not good enough. To my mind, we need to be concentrating on feeding China and not being distracted by PED."

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Partner to "oohed"
 6. Frying dishes
 10. Turncoats
 14. Tropical fruit
 15. Combinations of ideas
 17. Sick
 19. Consumed
 20. Is in possession of
 21. Zodiac sign
 22. Hem and —
 23. Small country along the Arabian Peninsula
 24. Petty quarrel
 26. Scold
 29. Volcanic crater
 31. Present
 32. TV network
 34. "Rule Britannia" composer
 35. Some hold lunches
 37. Spring harvest in South Asia
 38. Feline
 39. Precipitation
 40. In addition
 41. Using as a foundation
 43. Without
 45. Ancient Roman garment
 46. Political action committee
 47. A way to excite
 49. Swiss river
 50. A place to relax
 53. NE Ohio ballplayer
 57. Rocky bodies orbiting the sun
 58. Horse-drawn vehicle
 59. Soaks
 60. Cunning
 61. The underworld
- #### CLUES DOWN
1. Water (Spanish)
 2. Your parent's sister
 3. Incline from vertical
 4. The night before
 5. Female descendants from American revolutionaries

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6. Exclamation of disgust
7. Affirmative votes
8. Midway between north and northwest
9. Soft-shell clams
10. Layer at the back of the eyeball
11. Tennis great Arthur
12. Where golf games begin
13. Soviet Socialist Republic
16. Capital of Zimbabwe
18. This and —
22. Laugh
23. Adhere to the rules
24. He comes each December
25. Before
27. Hindu cymbals
28. — and flows
29. Personal computer
30. Semite
31. "Star Wars" hero Solo

33. Data executive
35. Hybrid fruits
36. Capital of Latvia
37. Moved swiftly
39. Troublemaker
42. Averts
43. Garment worn by S. Asian women
44. It cools your house
46. Homes to bachelors
47. Besides
48. Cowboys great Leon
49. Griffith or Rooney
50. Province of Pakistan
51. Part of a book
52. Gasteyer and Ivanovic are two
53. Automobile
54. Afflict
55. To the — degree
56. Arrived extinct

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Chief Executive Officer

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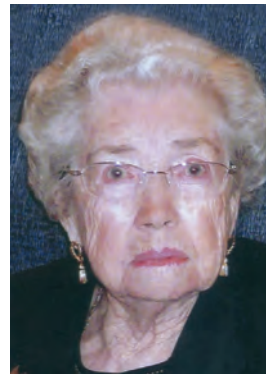


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OBITUARY

Alice Madeleine Waddingham (nee Lowry) 1922 – 2019



Alice Madeleine Lowry was born June 15, 1922 in the Barclay district north of Darlingford, MB. Her parents were Alex and Adeline Lowry (nee McElroy). Grandma was the second oldest of four girls and one boy; Mary, Madeleine, Beatrice, Joseph and Ruth were the order of their arrival.

Grandma had just recently celebrated her 97th birthday. Grandma married Grandpa, Russ Waddingham, on December 15, 1939 and raised four children on the family farm, south of Darlingford. Grandma and Grandpa had four children: Myrna, Donna, Hugh and Ray. Myrna married Ed Holenski and they reside in Morden. Myrna has two children, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Donna resides in Morden and shares her life with her extended Barnet and Kreuger families. Hugh married Betty Strong and together have five children and eight grandchildren. Ray married Tina Enns and together they have three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Grandma and Grandpa lived on the family farm until 1967 and touched on all aspects of farming. From chickens to cows and of course grain farming. They worked very hard to provide for their family. Grandma also spent many hours working as an aide at the Morden Hospital. She also worked at Best Photography, Voths Dress Shop and Morden Motor Inn as well as also lending a hand to any and everyone who may have needed it or not. Grandma had many hobbies including painting, sewing, ceramics, quilting, crocheting, babysitting and tending to her flower beds. She took great pride in watching all of her grandchildren but had a special place in her heart for Devin. Grandma was predeceased by her parents, three sisters, husband and one great-grandson. She is survived by her only brother, Joseph and his wife, Jennie, her children, 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Grandma and Grandpa enjoyed old time music, dancing, card games as well as traveling. They spent many hours on the highway on their trips visiting Arizona, Texas and a few road trips to the west coast. Grandma entered Tabor Home in the fall of 2014 and to the new residence in November 2017 where she was looked after by the fantastic staff. She always marveled at the way the place was so neat and tidy and the way the caring staff always had a smile on their face.

Grandma passed peacefully with family by her side in the wee hours of Sunday, July 14, 2019. There is no more pain and no more suffering! Rest in Peace Grandma Mad, you will be greatly missed.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2019 at St. Paul's United Church with ash interment at Darlingford Cemetery.

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

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OBITUARY

James Ralph Conner 1927 – 2019



James Ralph Conner passed away on Monday, June 10, 2019 at the age of 92 in Morden, Manitoba following a short illness.

Jim was born in Morden on April 23, 1927 to Tom and Elizabeth (Goertzen) Conner. His was a large family consisting of five siblings and five half brothers and sisters. Jim attended school in Morden and graduated from Morden Collegiate School in 1945. He moved to Flin Flon, Manitoba in 1947 as an employee of Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company. What followed was a successful 36-year career with Hudson Bay Mining which began underground and ended as Manager of Industrial Relations at head office in Toronto, Ont. Jim was active in many organizations. He served as a town Councillor and Mayor of Flin Flon, volunteered on the board

of St. Luke's United Church and was a member of curling and golf organizations in Flin Flon, Kelowna and Morden. Jim's sporting interests included golf and curling, participating in both into his 90's. Jim also enjoyed a good game of bridge.

Jim married Isobel Rex in 1953 and enjoyed a loving marriage until Isobel's death in 2013. They owned a cottage at Bakers Narrows Manitoba for 40 years. Their family has many happy memories of summer days at the lake with their grandparents.

Jim will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his three children, Joan (Randy) Bowman, Pat (Barry) Oxby and Ross (Amy) Conner; his eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is also sadly missed by his sister, Betty Wilkinson; his brother-in-law, Allan McCulloch; and sisters-in-law, Edythe Arnott and Elaine Rex. Jim is also survived by many nephews and nieces.

Memorial service for Jim Conner will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at St. Paul's United Church, 353 Thornhill St. in Morden, MB with private family interment at Hillside Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Nause for her attentive care of Jim. Also thank you to the medical staff at the Boundary Trails Health Centre who cared for Jim during his time there.

If so wished, donations in Jim's memory may be made to the Tabor Care Home or the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation.

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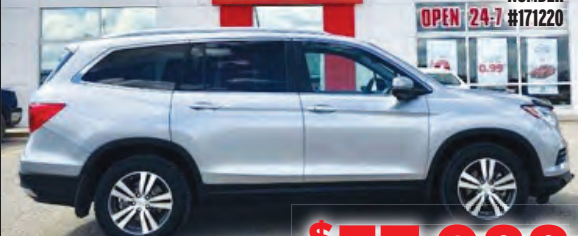
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