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Young sleuths examine the clues at the WISE Kid-Netic Energy science and engineering day camp held in Morden last week. Each day focused on a different topic, including biology, engineering, and forensic science. On forensics day, the kids used what they had learned about crime scene investigation to try and solve a mystery. For the full story, see Pg. 4.

Regional wastewater project receives provincial funds

By Lorne Stelmach

The federal and provincial governments have come on board to help planning for a wastewater treatment facility for the Morden-Winkler area move forward.

The \$3.6 million design and engineering phase of the project is being half funded with \$1.8 million from the federal government.

The Manitoba government, meanwhile, announced just last week it will kick in \$900,000, with the remaining quarter of the costs split between the cities of Winkler and Morden and the RM of Stanley.

"The engineering and design process all needs to be completed first," said Winkler Mayor Martin Harder, who noted that this funding will help get the project ready to go to tender.

"Good news all around," said Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe. "It's really good to see that all three levels of government can work together and tackle things like this ... because it is an important issue."

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Morden Handi-Van trying to get the word out

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Community Handi-Van makes living day-to-day life in the community possible for Audrey Woods.

The resident of Homestead South

has been using the transportation service regularly now since November, and she readily sings its praises.

"I use it a lot because I don't have a car. I think it's great. I don't know what I would do without it," she said. "They take me to the doctor, to get my medi-

cations ... just downtown in general. It's wonderful, and they're always ready and obliging.

"They make sure you're in, and they'll make sure you're out," added Woods. "So I think it's needed in a place like this. People can't drive ... it's the only way for them to get around." The Morden Community Handi-Van is looking for more people like Woods.

"We're just looking to promote ourselves more in the community, get ourselves more out front with every-

> one and see what we can do to help the community more," said co-ordinator Lory Wowk.

His appeal comes at a time when the program has lost a fair bit of its aging client base, which is down by 55 clients last year and 27 so far this year.

That can translate to a loss of about one third in the number of trips and

has a ripple effect then with their revenue.

The service does bring in other revenue from an annual grant as well as fundraising ticket sales and donations, Wowk noted, and if needed the City of Morden will cover any year-



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erever business takes you.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Community Handi-Van co-ordinator Lory Wowk and driver Dean Turnbull with the service's newest vehicle, which can be configured to suit a variety of different user needs.

end deficit.

"We would rather be ahead on our own, though," he said.

Formerly operating out of Tabor Home, the program was relocated to Homestead South a year ago.

The vehicles are available not only to seniors but anyone with a disability, whether permanent or temporary, as well as people with illnesses impacting their mobility.

"Anybody who is interested in checking in to our services, give us

a call and see if you qualify," said Wowk, who stressed they ensure clients are transported safely whatever their needs may be."We will take you into the grocery store, pick up your groceries and bring them back with you. We make sure you have door-todoor service."

It can also be available for group outings and trips to Winnipeg, and

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Construction could start by late 2017

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R.M. of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson was not available for comment as of press time.

Harder noted they had originally thought to seek funding for the entire project, but construction could not have been completed by the deadline with the funding program, so it has instead been broken down into phases.

It was a benefit to the municipalities, he added, that the federal government stepped up to meet half of the cost rather than just a third.

"Otherwise, it would cost us 33 cent dollars ... now it's 25 ... so it's a win for us."

The planning and engineering will have to be completed within the next

year and a half and "we could then go to tender and make application for the project itself," said Harder.

"In chunks, it's doable, and obviously without federal and provincial funding it would never work."

The overall proposal has been estimated to be a \$70 million, threephase project centred around a regional wastewater treatment plant for the three municipalities.

The phases of the project would involve not only all the infrastructure for the regional facility but also tying in the villages of Schanzenfeld and Reinfeld as well as a another separate plant for Morden, noted Harder.

If the project proceeds and is able to obtain further funding, it could potentially move towards construction by the end of 2017.

"WE'RE LOOK-ING TO PROMOTE OURSELVES MORE IN THE COMMUNITY ..."

New "dino" book shines light on CFDC

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By Lorne Stelmach

A new book that puts the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in the spotlight may not have the most accurate title, scientifically speaking.

The reality, though, is calling it"Dinosaurs" *Of The Deep* will attract readers and sell the book detailing prehistoric marine life.

Speaking at a launch for the book at the CFDC in Morden last week, author Larry Verstraete said that while Morden's fossils are more accu-

rately classified as marine reptiles, the word "dinosaur" has an immediate impact with people.

"To get people even into the book or to have some kind of familiarity with the content, the word dinosaurs in quotes would probably

frame the book nicely ... and attract attention to it," said Verstraete.

"It is a tightrope that we walk ... to try to ensure that we are attracting people ... but at the same time not staying there ... then migrating

them and educating them," added CFDC executive director Peter Cantelon of the dinosaur-marine reptile distinction.

Verstraete and Cantelon were joined at the book's launch by CFDC paleontologist Victoria Markstrom in talking about the science and the appeal of the aquatic creatures of Manitoba's

prehistoric past. Verstraete worked with paleo-

artist Julius Csotonyi to bring the ancient marine creatures of the Western Interior Seaway to vivid life.



He explained that the book, which is aimed at all ages, is a collaborative effort between Turnstone Press and the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

"They had already kind of melded together and initiated the project, and they were looking for a science writer ... I was lucky enough to get the job," he said.

Verstraete's aim with the book was for people to get as excited about the subject as he was and to present it in a way that would be easy to read.

"I always have this picture of somebody reading the book who will probably be like me, really getting intrigued," he said. "My job as a writer is really to bring that out, bring out the interest and fascination with the subject."

Though the book has a broad scope, Morden and specifically the CFDC play a significant role in it.

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WINKLER CITY COUNCIL Shoplifting in Winkler on the rise

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler city council touched on a number of matters related to policing and traffic at its July 26 meeting.

Police Chief Rick Hiebert presented the statistics for up to the midway point of the year and touched on a few highlights.

Many categories of offences such as break-ins and mischief overall have remained consistent with little change from a year earlier, he said.

"Thefts of bicycles are down ... shoplifting is way up ... that's unfortunate," said Hiebert.

Mayor Martin Harder wondered if some shoplifters are enticed because there is too much merchandise easily accessible at the fronts of some stores.

Hiebert said that concern has been raised, but he also believed that stores have mostly made a good ef-

fort to address these kinds of issues. "They have reduced the amount of product in the fover ... made it less attractive," he suggested, noting a particular concern is that many of these people are repeat offenders.

Overall, Criminal Code offences in the first three months of the year were up from 169 to 192, but the total then dropped in the next three months from 285 to 278, so offences overall have only increased by 16 by the mid-year point.

SPEED SIGNS RAISING AWARENESS

Also at the meeting, Mayor Harder commented on the city employing solar powered speed signs.

The use of the signs is an issue of awareness, with Harder believing they have some impact in alerting people to the speed they are driving. "I want to see it on Main Street on Friday night, Saturday night," he said. "I've had enough complaints from people who live there and are very annoved at the amount of traffic ... the speed and the noise level." Meanwhile, the city also had a traffic counter located on Grandeur Avenue, and Harder said that was connected to their planning study on the exhibition centre and will give them a better idea of traffic volumes and flow in the area, particularly at the intersection of 15th St. and Grandeur.

"We want to find exactly what the traffic pattern is like ... have some firm numbers that we can go on in order to decide what the future holds there," he said. "I know as well that we had some discussions regards to 15th. It's becoming very busy."



Camp aims to get kids passionate about science

"WE JUST WANT

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FUN."

By Lorne Stelmach

There's no need to stress the learning aspect of the WISE Kid-Netic Energy science camp when the kids are having so much fun.

That was clear when you saw local youth working the forensics of a crime scene during

the camp in Morden last week.

Those running the five-day camp at École Morden Middle School said they work hard to strike a balance between fun and learning.

"We do an activity ... but always make sure to throw in a little bit of background

knowledge behind it," said instructor Yoni Coodin. "If they're doing a fun activity, they can pair it with the knowledge they learned."

Founded in 1990, WISE Kid-Netic

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Town of Morden and the surrounding

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Energy is an outreach program offered by the University of Manitoba primarily through the Faculty of Engineering.

It works as a non-profit organization to offer hands-on, curriculum-based science, engineering, and technology programs for youth in Kindergarten

through Grade 12.

The camp in our area was aimed at youth aged nine to 12-a great age to expose youth to science, said Coodin.

"We just want to take kids who haven't had a lot of involvement with science yet, just get them immersed in it and get them to have fun," he said.

"Hopefully, later in life, they may be more willing to get into it. I find sometimes there's a stigma behind

The week offered the kids a variety



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nce the Differ

PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Thursday at the WISE Kid-Netic Energy science camp gave the budding scientists the chance to dissect sea cucumbers, which elicited reactions ranging from "Cool" to "Ew."

of experiences in several different scientific fields.

For example, Tuesday's activities all focused on forensics.

"We spent the morning teaching them different techniques on how to solve crimes," said Coodin. "Then we built our crime scenes, and now they're putting all those to use to figure out who stole the comic book."

Wednesday, then, was construction day with a focus on engineering. The kids heard from guest speakers and learned all about making concrete and testing it, among other related activities.

Thursday and Friday focused on marine biology and mammal biology, offering participants the chance to dissect sea cucumbers and pig hearts.

"We want to make sure to cover all of the STEM fields ... science, engineering, and mathematics. We want to be sure to take a little bit of each so that they can get involved in all of it,"

said Coodin.

"We want to make sure that we have lots of fun and that this is an experience they remember later in life when they have an opportunity to maybe take more science courses in high school ... maybe they'll think back to this and think they had so much fun ... learned so much."

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Participant Patrick Boulet was back for another summer session because he enjoyed it so much the first time.

"I came two years ago and I really, really liked it, so I came back this year with my sister. So far, I'm liking it very much," he said.

"I really liked the crime scene that we had," Boulet added. "It was very cool how they set up everything. It was fun to find out who did what and how it all worked."

Zooey Pritchard also enjoyed investigating the crime scene.

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Tallying up the clues to crack the case on forensics day last week.





PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Five wings of 20 units each will make up the new 100 unit Tabor Home in Morden. Construction continues on schedule for completion this fall.

thrilled with it. It's going to be a beautiful place, and I'm sure the people who are going to live there will really love it."

With construction proceeding so well, more focus has been going into the coming transition into the new facility from the old.

Warkentin said they have ramped

up planning and preparation for the move, which will take some time to complete.

"We hoped it would be before Christmas ... but there's going to be a lot of time after the building is done," he noted. "We've got to hire extra staff and do all kinds of things."

The project has also not only kept within the budget of about \$39 million but in fact is estimated to be coming in at closer to \$36 million.

That means some features that had

to be cut before the project went to tender are expected to be back in the plans, such as some paving as well as the front canopy.

The new 100-bed long-term care facility taking shape on the east side of Morden north of Hwy. 3 and east of 1st Street will replace the existing Tabor facility built in 1968 on 9th St. South.

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> HANDI-VAN, FROM PG. 2

Tabor Home has daily bookings for its adult day program from 8:45 to 10 a.m. and 3:45 to 5 p.m. There is also a weekly grocery run to the Morden Co-op for Homestead South residents.

Home had been moved up from the spring of 2017 to this summer or fall,

and board chairperson Wilf Warken-

tin that target date remains on track.

"It's coming along very well. They are still very well ahead of schedule.

The wiring and the plumbing and

heating is pretty well done, and they

are doing the finishing touches," he

"We had a tour of the building the

other day and it is amazing how big

it is and how much work they have

done," he continued. "We're really

said.

Otherwise, normal hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but arrangements can be made for evenings and weekends, as well.

User fees start at \$14 return, \$7 for two people, and \$5 for three or more in town with a set rate of \$15 return plus \$5 service fee for Boundary Trails Health Centre or \$25 one-way and \$45 return for Winkler.

Mileage fees are set at \$1 per kilometre for other destinations such as \$12 one way and \$24 return for Thornhill and \$32 one way or \$64 return for Miami.

The Handi-Van operates with one staff position split between two

people and one full time driver position also shared between two staff. There is another part time paid driver as well as five volunteer evening and weekend drivers.

"We have three vehicles available to us," said Wowk, although usually there is just one vehicle on the go at any one time.

The newest of the three vehicles can fit three passengers and one wheelchair or one passenger and two wheelchairs with the added benefit of being able to put one wheelchair right in the front seating area.

Wowk encouraged people who think they may be able to make use of the service to call them at 204-822-5047 for more information.

"We're just trying to make ourselves more available to those people who could use our services."

> SCIENCE CAMP, FROM PG. 4

"I really liked when we did the footprint with plaster," she said.

"I've always liked science from a young age," Pritchard added. "I like learning about how the world works and how different things work on our planet."

Coodin said that is very much the kind of reactions they want to see

from the kids.

"We just want them to take away the idea that science is fun and that they can have fun doing it and that it's a great career if they choose later on in life,"he said."We're pretty passionate about [science], so we want to pass on that passion to them."









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We're a three day camping family awesome waves on windy days, and any of us can be

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partly defined by our limits or boundaries.

For instance, some people are three cups of coffee a day people, while others can be measured in wine drunk, kilometres jogged or biked, kilograms lifted, Skittles eaten, etc.

I have come to learn that, as a group, we are a three day camping family.

Not one day. Not four days. Three days. Now, I need to

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> to reach our limit. No cushy cabins or RVs, just the right number of

> > mosquitoes and black flies, humidity should be nice and high and, if possible, it should rain a lot.

> > If this select group of conditions are met, *then* we are a three day camping family.

> > We went camping not long ago at Grand Beach. We love Grand Beach for its kilometres of white sand beach.

the choice of isolation on the east beach or crowds on the west beach.

I love that if I narrow my vision just right on a hot and sunny day I can trick myself into thinking for a few minutes that I am in the Caribbean somewhere. I love that on a windier, slightly overcast day I can trick myself into thinking for a few minutes that I am on Martha's Vineyard.

Grand Beach is a very versatile place to camp with just the right amount of threat from local bears to make you excited and vigilant without going insane with fear at night and keeping an axe beside the sleeping bag.

The limit sneaks up on you. By the end of Day 1 everyone is happy with getting back to nature, making fires, roasting marshmallows at night and spending the day at the beach. Tired, we retreat to our sleeping bags for a good night's sleep ... until 5 a.m. when a heavy metal chorus of birds and the rising sun shock you awake.

Tired but excited at the prospect of another day at the beach and maybe a hike along the trail to the Ancient Beach, you exit your tent and attempt to figure out how to start the breakfast fire with matches that have become soggy with dew from being left out overnight.

By the end of Day 2 you return to the

campsite and enjoy an evening by the soft red glow of emerging sunburns because you forgot your suntan lotion and didn't want to hike all the way back to the site to get it.

You decide to treat yourself by wandering to the camp showers and then spend 20 minutes waiting for them to be vacated by current occupants. Finally, you have a stall and gingerly you reach in to turn on the water only to have it blast you in the face because the shower head was pointed directly at you.

Day 3 begins with conflicting thoughts of mutiny or another pleasurable day at the beach. You go to the beach because the wind is perfect.

By noon you begin thinking about the prospects of Day 4 as your wood is almost out from early miscalculation, the meat in your cooler doesn't smell the way it should anymore, and your bread has been stolen by invading ground squirrels.

Faced with these challenges, you casually propose the idea of packing it in that afternoon and spending the next night at a hotel (with a waterslide) in Winnipeg, a visit to the mall, and dinner out, to which you are greeted with shouts of "YES!"

Three days.

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> CFDC, FROM PG. 3

"We've got something very special in this corner of our province," said Verstraete. "I really appreciated the fact that I could actually write about it .. and get people as interested as I was."

The stories about the discoveries of fossils such as Bruce the mosasaur obviously have starring roles, but equally significant for the author were the stories of the people behind these discoveries. Verstraete cited Don Bell and Henry Isaac as founding fathers of the CFDC, as well as Dave Lumgair, whose Thornhill property has produced a bounty of fossils.

"These three people were so essential to the foundation of this whole thing ... and really didn't attract a lot of attention to themselves."

"Dinosaurs" Of The Deep, meanwhile, has already attracted plenty of attention.

The Boston Public Library named it one of the top five summer reads for youth and young adults, and it has been number one on a Winnipeg bestseller list for young adult non-fiction.

That is not lost on Cantelon, who notes the collaboration has created a product that will attract interest and readers far and wide.

"It's amazing. The exposure is fantastic," he said. "It does just point an eye directly at Morden and the museum, and for us I think it's part of a long term strategy to increase our exposure."



By Peter Cantelon

White Bird speaks to the need to build relationships

"WE LEARNED TO

WORK WITH ONE

ONE ANOTHER."

ANOTHER, HELPING

By Lorne Stelmach

A Supreme Court decision once described treaties as "an exchange of solemn promises."

If that is the case, then many promises have been broken, which is why people like Dennis White Bird talk about the need for reconciliation with First Nations in Canada.

"We need to reconcile our history ... so that we can reach a plateau of understanding ... that we can all have the same benefit from Canada,"

White Bird said as he addressed the Diversitas session in Morden Saturday afternoon. "We hope through the reconciliation process ... people of this country can come together."

The Diversitas series aims to build

greater appreciation for the diversity in our society and to encourage dialogue and understanding, and this member of the Anishinaabe from the Rolling River First Nation is well qualified to speak on treaty relationships.

White Bird worked as a teacher for seven years before taking a leadership role within his community, including 18 years as the chief of Rolling River, where he successfully negotiated a treaty land entitlement agreement.

He went on to be regional chief for

the Manitoba region within the national Assembly of First Nations, where he was in charge of treaties.

White Bird was then elected Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in 2000 and then treaty relations commissioner for Manitoba in 2005.

In his presentation, White Bird started with a traditional greeting in the Anishinaabe language that includes his traditional spiritual name and his clan—the bear—which has responsibilities in their system such as secu-

rity and health.

The Erickson area was their home territory, included Rolling River First Nation, but he noted it was also an area scattered with Scandinavian people. "We learned to work with one another,

helping one another ... trying to make a living. There was a lot of camaraderie ...

good working relationships ... to me that is the most important part ... relationship building.

White Bird touched on some myths and misconceptions about First Nations.

"One of the greatest misunderstandings that is out there is that we don't have a God ... that we are pagan people. We are very Creator-oriented. The Creator will guide everything that we do," he said.

As well, he noted Indian people

Former treaty commissioner **Dennis White Bird addressed** the issues surrounding the treaty relationship with Canada in the Diversitas session focused on First Nations held in Morden last Saturday. No matter the issues, White Bird stressed the need to build a better relationship with all Canadian people.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

come from India, whereas here his people are Anishinaabe.

They only came to be called Indians because those who "discovered" America were looking for a shortcut to the Indies, he explained.

He also offered some basic background about First Nations people in Manitoba.

"There's five nations in this territory. We've all survived in this territory for thousands of years," said White Bird, going on to touch on some of their struggles.



"Language is very important. Within our language, it's so descriptive ... our stories are embedded in that language," he said. "For us, it's important to try to continue to keep our language alive, although it's one

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The Bra Lady Is Coming To Size You Up

Are you tired of feeling saggy, lumpy, pinched or strained? Well you're not alone. As you've probably seen on Oprah or read in women's magazines, over 80 per cent of all women wear the wrong size bra. Here's where Barb Chapman, the Bra Lady, comes in.

Due to the overwhelming response to the previous clinic, Chapman

is coming to **WINKLER ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16** to outfit you with the best possible bra for your body. Chapman said she will be seeing clients on a one-on-one basis, explaining the benefits of good bras and measuring their bodies properly.

"Most women just want to find a good-fitting bra that's not uncomfortable," Chapman says. "What they don't realize is that a good support bra is also important for blood circulation and enhanced lymph drainage."

Chapman has over 200 bra sizes available for ordering, ranging from 30AA to 52KK. It's likely that you'll fit somewhere between those sizes.

- She offers these questions for women to ask themselves:
- Do you have a drawer full of bras but none that fit comfortably?
- Does your bust line "bounce" when you walk while wearing your "everyday" bra?
- Do you overflow the cup of your bra?
- Do your bra straps dig into your shoulders leaving red and painful marks?
- Does your bra ride up in the back because you tighten
- the straps to give you added support?
- Have you ever begun an exercise class only to drop out because your
- breasts ached from lack of support while jumping or running?

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She doesn't come into town very often so she advises booking as soon as possible.Although Chapman enjoys coming to this area, she is on the look-out for someone to train for the business. WWW.BRALADY.COM

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"We've been working on this new Tabor Home for at least 15 years"

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The new building will be 77,319 square feet, which is more than twice the size of the current care home, and it will offer far greater flexibility with units that will be adaptable to various levels of care.

That could mean utilizing up to 20 beds for supportive housing, allowing the facility to be more responsive to changing community needs. The building will also include a unit to provide care for seniors with more complex needs, such as severe dementia or behavioural management issues. The care home will feature larger singleresident bedrooms with private washrooms and a variety of spaces for dining, recreation and large gatherings.

As for the current Tabor Home, its future remains uncertain, though it will be on the market, Warkentin said.

For Warkentin, seeing this project come to fruition has been a satisfying experience after many years of lobbying and fundraising. "I've been on the Tabor Home board for 33 years ... we've been working on this new Tabor Home for at least 15 years," he said. "And finally we got it."





Provincial funding for Stanley Ag Society

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen presented the Stanley Agricultural Society treasurer Marilyn Elias and president Peter Penner with a cheque for \$2,610 from the provincial government's Agriculture Societies Program last week. The society plans to use the funds for some new educational displays, as well as a projector and computer. Stanley Ag has a busy weekend coming up with the Harvest Festival and Exhibition next week. In addition to its exhibition and educational displays in the Winkler Arena, they also help to organize the festival's Open Youth Horse Show, Light Horse and Pony Show, and Open Gymhkana in the horse ring.

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Community involvement can help build a stronger resumé

By Paige Ready, Manitoba Youth Job Centre

Students today are often involved in clubs, teams or organizations outside of school, and sometimes are involved in multiple groups at once.

Despite their extensive commitments, many students don't recognize how much employers appreciate seeing extracurricular activities on a resumé.

Here's why employers love it when you're involved:

It builds skills

If you've been on student council, played on a hockey team, or worked with a youth group, you've most likely picked up some skills!

It could be anything from organizing and running a barbecue to working as a team to win gold at a tournament—these events have all given you experience.

Consider putting things like teamwork, planning and organization, or time management on your resumé, as you gained these skills from your extracurricular activities.

It shows commitment

Being involved with community groups or clubs shows that you are willing to commit to a purpose or cause for a long period of time.

Putting on your resumé that you've been volunteering at an animal shelter for years shows that you are someone who will commit to a position.

It shows personality and interests

Getting involved with your community shows your interests and tells your future employer a bit about who you are as a person.

If you were applying for a position at a farm, for example, listing your participation in your 4-H club could show your employer that you have an interest in that field, making you the best person to hire.

As you can see, getting involved in your community is not only fun, but it can really benefit you as you are applying for jobs!

For more resumé tips as well as employment opportunities, contact the Winkler MYJC at 204-332-0971 or winklermyjc@gov.mb.ca or the Morden office at 204-823-2423 or mordenmyjc@gov.mb.ca.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Above: Winkler Odd Job Squad members Jenissa Enns, Katie Klassen, Tom Enns, and Jonathan Friesen were hard at work for MYJC's town clean-up days July 19-20. Right: Olivia Ehnes and Laura Peters selling cake pops at the July 21 Concerts in Park.



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Treaty promises have not been kept: White Bird

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of the most difficult things we face now. Along with that language loss, there's cultural loss."

White Bird also touched on the topic of treaties and the treaty relationship with Canada.

"Nations of people come together and make a treaty. Nations are people. Even in today's time frame, today's history, history is made this way."

When the 1763 treaty was reached, it was supposed to have recognized the native people's nationhood and such things as their entitlement to the land.

"The people who were negotiating the treaty ... they were legally trained, they could read, they could speak English, they were Christian," said White Bird. "Indigenous people on the other hand ... they couldn't speak the language, they couldn't read ... they had their own culture, their own way of life, their own way of worship."

As a result, it became a one-sided, fraudulent re-

lationship that failed to acknowledge their inherent rights,

with the donation bin, which quickly filled up over the course of the evening. Partial proceeds from the Iceburg's food sales also went to

the cause. A final tally was not available at press time.

he said. "The rights that they had before the treaty ... the right to use the land, the right to live as people, the right

to occupy their territory.

"The days of freedom were no longer here after the treaty," White Bird said."There was a lot of, I would say, misrepresentation." Promises were made but have not been kept to this day, he added.

"That is why the indigenous people still talk about those promises that were made.

> "Still today, we still have difficulties," he said, referencing Supreme Court case rulings on land, for example, that told them they had to show prior occupation, exclusive use, and continued use of the land.

"We can't prove exclusivity, we're not exclusive, but

we're part of ... and I think that is what relationship is all about ... being able to work together ... being able to work for the common benefit of everybody. "But we've had very supportive Supreme Court decisions," White Bird added, citing particularly that the courts have directed that there needed to be more consultation with the First Nations people.

He noted there have been other positive steps as well in building relationships, such as the University of Manitoba recently stipulating that students complete mandatory indigenous studies courses. Work is also being done on including such studies in the provincial curriculum.

White Bird encouraged people to be part of the solution by pressuring their governments to take action and address the treaties as well as to push for the abolishment of the Indian Act.

"The Indian Act is one of the most destructive pieces of legislation," he said."Tell the government this has to go. It is 2016."

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Left: Morgan Fehr hams it up with her clay lollipop during the Clay-Tastic! children's art class at the Winkler Arts & Culture Centre last week. Above: Madelyn Toews, Theodore Pinlac, Isabella Oestreicher, and Hailey Peters with their creations. The first week of WAC summer classes for kids included packed sessions in water colours, clay, and sketching. The fun continues this and next week at the Park St. arts centre. For registration information, email admin@winklerarts.com or head online to winklerarts.com/workshops.



• AN ARTIST'S LIFE Art therapy improves physical, emotional well-being

y definition, art therapy is "a form of expressive therapy

that uses the creative process of making art to improve a person's physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing."



By Candace Hamm

Trained, certified art therapists are educated in art, psychology, and human development, using visual

By Lorne Stelmach

At this point, Ed Wayne can't necessarily see music becoming a full time gig for him.

But there is no doubt that the local singer-songwriter will continue creating and performing as much as he possibly can.

"It's something I'm praying about and seeing if it's for me," he said in advance of an Aug. 4 show at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden with Dead Horse Entertainment to debut his new CD *Heart and Home*.

"I enjoy doing it. I enjoy being on the road. I enjoy playing for people and meeting new people and doing what I do. I really, really enjoy it."

Wayne has received accolades for his music, including being nominated for Male Artist of the Year by the Manitoba Country Music Association in 2015.

While he does also perform solo, he will be performing this week as well as at the Corn and Apple Festival in August with the North Border Band.

Wayne remembers at a young age wanting to be a performer, playing in a band during high school at various venues and contests.

"I always wrote songs, even when I was young."

While his music is generally classified as country, he doesn't necessarily see it as just straight ahead traditional country.

"It's hard to classify it as just classic country ... it's also very rootsy ... it's got some folk aspects to it as well," he suggested. "We do some cover songs, but most of it is originals that I write."

His songs speak to common people about things that matter, like love, heartache, faith in God and the struggles of life.

"It is stories of life ... whether it would be heartache, love, faith ... anything that you just experience in life ... looking back at how things were," Wayne said. "I've always liked writing songs about relationships and feel-

"I ENJOY PLAYING FOR PEOPLE AND MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND DOING WHAT I DO."

ings."

He sees that very much being a reflection of some of the artists who have inspired him.

"Some of the artists that I would say have inspired me in the past would be Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson ... a lot of the older guys, but it's sort of timeless."

In 2013, Wayne released his first album *Waitin For a Whistle*. He followed it up in 2014 with *It's Christmas*.

Now, two years of writing and recording with the North Border Band has resulted in *Heart and Home*, which includes the single "Manitoba Girl."

The album features 11 original songs that all tie into the theme of the title.

"The title comes from just a feeling behind a lot of the songs about coming home," Wayne said.

"One is a remake of a previous release ... we just thought we would do it a little bit differently. People may not even recognize it from the first CD."

A special treat for him was having his daughter, Emily Penner, sing with him on this album.

"It was a highlight for me. The song 'Beauty as Lovely as You' was something I wrote a few years ago for my wife. And Emily was able to join me on this duet. I was very honoured."

Now he was looking forward to getting out and performing the songs with the band, which includes Ron Hiebert, Brian Thiessen, Ed Friesen, and Ken Schendel.

"They have been such an amazing group of guys to work with," said



Wavne.

Tonight's show will include as the opening act Larry and Janelle Abrams.

Tickets are \$10 each. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.



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Freedom Singers to headline Corn and Apple Sunday line-up

By Lorne Stelmach

The Freedom Singers have an appropriate name given the journey this trio has taken in a life that now brings them to Morden as one of the Sunday headliners at the Corn and Apple Festival Aug. 26-28.

Simon Ivascu, Steven Ivascu and Wesley Pop fled Romania for Italy when they were only teenagers.

In the midst of starting their new lives there, the trio found the music that would become the driving force for them.

"We were singing mostly hymns together, back when we were in Italy, but we started to sing southern gospel music in 2000 after we heard the Gaithers and the Cathedrals on television," said Simon Ivascu. "It was a sound that we instantly fell in love with."

After singing at local churches and telling their story, it was suggested to actually give the group a name, and the Freedom Singers were born in 2001.

"We've been blessed beyond our imagination in so many ways," said Ivascu.

"From the opportunity of sharing our music and testimony in churches big and small to performing at the largest annual Canadian gospel convention in Red Deer and doing radio and TV interviews to being a guest artist on a Christian music cruise."

The Freedom Singers will share their music and testimony as part of the recently-announced festival Sunday lineup that also features Pastor Bruce Martin as the speaker and music by The Taylors and Orlando and Grace Sukkau with Rosemary Siemens.

Martin is the lead pastor and chairman of the board of Calvary Temple in Winnipeg.

The Taylors are a brother-sister trio from the heart of North Carolina. It was around the church piano that they learned the four-part harmony





<image>

The Freedom Singers (above) and The Taylors (left) will take the Sunday stage at the Morden Corn and Apple Festival later this month.

that has gone on to earn them numerous awards and chart-topping hits.

The Sukkaus, a husband and wife duo from Winkler, have made two recordings featuring sweet harmonies and thoughtful lyrics. They will perform with Siemens, an accomplished violinist formerly from Plum Coulee now living in Vancouver.

> AN ARTIST'S LIFE, FROM PG. 10

arts to improve health and well-being in many different ways.

Art therapy can be used as a treatment, but also as a stress or tension reliever or a mode of self discovery. These facets of the human psyche are often intertwined and art therapy is one way to improve quality of well-being as a whole.

The premise behind the use of art in a therapeutic context is that making art is inherently therapeutic. As such, art therapy can be used to explore life issues or abuse that can affect mental health. Art therapy can also be extremely beneficial for individuals struggling with developmental disorder or delay.

Often particularly effective in a group setting, art therapy programs aid patients and participants in schools, rehabilitation centres, treatment centres, hospitals, and elder care facilities.

Art therapy is widely effective for a range of ages, personalities, and medical needs. Painting scenarios, honing motor skills and communication, expressing feeling through various media, problem solving with new challenges such as mixed media or lesser known art forms like print making or pottery are just a few of the ways in which art therapy benefits many participants.

Individuals looking into the possibility of art therapy as a career should plan on completing an undergraduate degree in fine arts, psychology, counselling, or social work before applying to art therapy programs. Art therapy is a graduate program and may take the form of post graduate diplomas, graduate diplomas, or master's level programs.

To become a member of the Canadian Art Therapy Association, therapists must have graduated from an approved art therapy program. The association provides a list of approved programs on their website under Art Therapy Schools (canadianarttherapy.org).

With an increasing emphasis on mental and physical health and well being in all stages of life, the stage has been set for the arts to enter healthcare in many different ways.

Art therapy is just one of the many rewarding careers available to a student interested in having a positive effect on the mental and physical health of others. It's also gaining widespread recognition for the results being seen in participants in art therapy programs across the country, bringing increased recognition to the ways in which fine arts can positively affect our lives.

Learn more online at oata.ca, arttherapyblog.com, and canadianarttherapy.org.

Hundreds come home for La Riviere's 130th

By Angela Lovell

The community of La Riviere celebrated its 130th anniversary July 29-31 with a homecoming attended by around 500 people.

Some of them had connections to the community, which was founded around the Canadian Pacific Railway line in 1886, while others just came to enjoy the fun and learn a little more about the history of the town.

Some of that history was evident in the stories stitched into the beautiful

quilts on display at the Plymouth Brethren Church.

They included the Bachelor's Quilt, made from fragments of gentlemens' clothing by Arthur Bannister, who came to La Riviere in 1914 at the age of 25.

Bannister was a trained tailor, but he really wanted to be a farmer, and eventually he obtained his own

farm. But his trade came in handy that first, unimaginably cold Manitoba winter when he sewed the Bachelor's Quilt to keep himself warm. It's been in the Bannister family ever since.

It's one of Evelyn Janzen's favourite stories and just one of many that the homecoming organizing committee—chaired by Janzen—came across as they prepared for the event, which took 12 months to plan and 110 volunteers to put on.

"We have had awesome community support," said Janzen. "It has been a

great success. We have people coming from Calgary, British Columbia, Ontario and North Dakota."

Highlights of the weekend included the annual La Riviere Duck Race on Saturday, which sold 700 tickets and raised \$1,750 for the community's recreation centre, and a colourful Grand Parade on Sunday.

There were also a number of class reunion sites for people to find old schoolmates from years gone by, as well as many displays by local veterans and various community groups and organizations.

Fireworks wrapped up the celebrations on Sunday night.

There was also a surprise in store for the community as Canada Post's local area manager Bernie Stahn and La Riviere postmistress Sharon Moffatt unveiled a special 130th anniversary commemorative cancellation stamp that will be used on every piece of mail leaving the La Riv-

iere post office from now on.

Dignitaries attending the opening ceremony—including MLA Blaine Peterson—congratulated the town on remaining a vibrant, thriving community, which continues to attract new residents.

Janzen was one of them. She and her family first came to ski at La Riviere's Holiday Mountain ski resort in 1989 and ended up retiring there.

"Once you get here you can't leave this place," she said. "It's a little slice of heaven." LA KIVIERE 1886 - 201

PHOTOS BY ANGELA LOVELL/VOICE Above: The wild tur-

key—La Riviere's town emblem—leads the Grand Parade at the community's 130th anniversary Homecoming. Right: Canada Post's Sharon Moffatt unveils a commemorative cancellation stamp to celebrate. Below: The Bachelor's Quilt was one of many featured at the Quilt Display.







"ONCE YOU GET HERE YOU CAN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE. IT'S A LITTLE SLICE OF HEAVEN."

Old-fashioned fun on tap at Dogtown

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you're looking for the definition of a hidden gem, Dogtown just might be it.

Located just a few miles south of Morden, the acreage owned by artist, collector, and "professional putterer" Linda Rempel has been transforming itself from a labour of love into a unique tourist attraction.

"I truly believe there's more or less something here for everyone," says Rempel while touring her yard, which is dotted with all manner of mock village buildings and other attractions that she started out creating mainly for her own amusement.

"I've always been a pack rat, a collector, so I thought I'd just put up a building to store my stuff," she says. "It sort of grew from there."

The first building up was a little white church, which has been followed in the 16 years since by no less than a general store, jail house, and even a saloon, all packed full—inside and out—with Rempel's collection of antiques and artistic odds and ends.

"I never meant to do tours. I did this just for my own pleasure, just to have a cool backyard," says Rempel, who started work on Dogtown while making a living as a dog breeder. "I raised dogs seriously for 25 years ... You have to do chores at least twice a day and so you really couldn't leave much. So you had to make home as interesting as you could.

"I think I might have succeeded at that," she says, laughing, "Now I feel it's a shame not to share it."







PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Collector and artist Linda Rempel has turned her 13 acres south of Morden into a burgeoning tourist attraction known as Dogtown. Left: The site includes several village buildings packed full of Rempel's collection of antiques and art.

While Rempel has been offering tours of her village for years, this summer she and partner Jim Fuller are intent on truly making the most of their 13 acres.

"We wanted to take it to the next level this year," Rempel says, explaining that poor health had kept her from dedicating the time she wanted to Dogtown these past few summers. "Then this last year we thought what the heck: go big or go home. Throw caution to the wind."

And so they've added an art gallery for her original creations, a petting farm full of animals, swinging bridges over the pond (which is also home to a ship run aground and an overlooking lighthouse), two giant pendulum waves, a Mystery Shack where the

laws of physics seem to take a vacation, and a large stage overlooking it all.

The latter has been getting heavy use at the new Dogtown Market, which runs Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day includes live musical entertainment starting at 1 p.m. (coming up is Dale Maksymic and the 78 RPM's this Sunday followed by Big Dave McLean on Aug. 14) and a Farmers' Market.

"It started off nicely and it just keeps growing," Rempel says of the four markets they've held so far this summer. "But we do need more vendors and we need to get the word out more."

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Dogtown introduced a new petting farm this summer, featuring a host of four-legged pals to meet.

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Rick and Senta Bergmann are handing over the reigns to their son, Mitchell, who joined the company in 2009. It is their confidence in his abilities that makes them feel comfortable stepping aside after so many years.

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"It feels really good. I'm very comfortable here, and I've been taught well," said Mitchell, who earned a Manitoba Apprenticeship award last year as Rural Journeyman of the Year for their work on the Bunge plant in

wide variety of areas from commercial and industrial to institutional, agricultural, and residential, Mitchell said they aim to serve their customers with dedication and commitment

solid team ... willing to go the extra mile," he said

... we're adapting. We are now fully the bases?

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Mitchell Bergmann is taking on the reins of his parents' longrunning company, Bergmann Plumbing and Heating, which has been providing quality service to the Morden area for over 30 years.

also to be able to do the air conditioning ... whatever the customer needed," added Senta Bergmann.

"To Rick, it was always important to have all the trades that were involved," she said. "And quality is the big thing ... getting things done right the first time."

You can find out more about Bergmann Plumbing and Heating online at www.bergmannph.com or reach them at 204-822-3294.

Morden Chamber is seeking nominations for the following awards: Business of the Year (x2), Entrepreneur of the Year & Not for Profit of the Year. Nominate online at mordenchamber.com or call 822-5630 ext. 1 until August 15th.





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"We feel as though we're a very

"We've always tried to cover whatever the community is asking for certified for radon testing and mitigation. Whatever people need ... on every job, we're trying to cover all

"It was always very important to be diverse, to be able to service a



ABOVE PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Left: Jim Fuller in Dogtown's Mystery Shack. Above: A look inside the village's barber shop. Below: Having a blast on the swinging bridge.

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"It's just beyond belief how many great artisans there are in this community, in southern Manitoba," she adds. "And so I would love to have this place open to them and to everyone to come and enjoy on Sundays."

The vendor tables are open to anyone and everything for \$20 per week. The markets will run until the end of September.

Admission to Dogtown on Sundays

is \$2 to enjoy just the market and musical performances, or \$10 for the run of the entire grounds, including the village and the petting farm. The lighthouse also doubles as a canteen, with hot dogs and snacks for sale.

Rempel also offers detailed tours of the grounds by appointment the rest of the week (call 204-362-2212 for information).

Dogtown will also have booths set

up at both the Winkler Harvest Festival & Exhibition and the Morden Corn & Apple Festival, complete with a nearby shuttle bus to bring people to the site and back for \$10 per person.

If you're one of the many locals who have seen the Dogtown signs but never really knew exactly what they were for, Rempel hopes you'll stop by for a visit.



"I wish people knew just how much

people walking and finding the next treasure. It doesn't take them long to see that around every corner there's something else. It just goes on and on and on."

Learn more about Dogtown on its Facebook page.

Dogtown directions: Travel one mile south on Route 100 (1st St. South) from Morden, 1/8 mile east, south another mile, and then west 1/2 mile to enter the driveway at the top of the hill. There are signs marking the latter two turns.









PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Families, friends and admirers joined the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in celebrating the birthday of its most famous resident Saturday. It was around this day that Bruce the mosasaur's fossil was discovered, making him about 80 million and 42 years old—give or take a few million years. Left: Victoria Markstrom, field and collection manager, led everyone in singing happy birthday. Above: The afternoon also included fun kid's activities and birthday cake.



Whips headed to finals after game three win

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Whips avoided playoff elimination Friday by downing the Baldur Regals 4-1 in game three of the best-of-three semi-final series.

After finishing their first season in the Border West Baseball League in second place behind only the Pilot Mound Pilots, the Whips got a bye to the second round of playoffs against Baldur, who had knocked out the Killarney Lakers in the first round.

Game one went to the Regals 9-8, making game two on July 26 do-ordie for Winkler.

They went with do, scoring the game's lone run to force game three July 29.

There, Abe Friesen pitched a compete game, giving up just four hits and one run en route to the Whips' victory.

Baldur drew first blood with the first run in the second inning, but Winkler retaliated with three runs of their own at the bottom of the third and one more besides in the sixth to take the series 2-1.

Winkler will now face the top ranked



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

This traffic jam at third base may have cost the Whips an out, but that didn't keep the Winkler team down for long, as they went on to win 4-1 to take the semi-final series against Baldur two games to one.

Pilots in the best-of-five finals. Pilot Monday to take the series. Mound crushed Cartwright 11-1 in game three of their semi-final round been released as of press time. Check

A schedule for the finals had not

out ballcharts.com/borderwestbaseball for the schedule later this week.

End of the line for Pembina Valley O's

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles 2016 Manitoba Junior Baseball League season came to an end last week.

The Orioles bowed out in three games to the Winnipeg South Chiefs in their preliminary round playoff series.

The team drew first blood in a wide open affair July 27 that ended

with Pembina Valley outscoring the Chiefs 12-11 in eight innings.

Winnipeg South evened it up in game two, though, the next night with a 6-3 win. They then dashed the Orioles' post-season hopes with a 10-0 shutout Friday night.

The series was a tough challenge for the Orioles, as they were tasked to play the series in three nights in a row and all in Winnipeg.

Meanwhile, Altona advanced to the next round as the defending champion Bisons beat St. James 14-4 in game three to take that series two games to one.

Altona will now face the Winnipeg South Chiefs in the semifinals, while the Carillon Sultans take on the Elmwood Giants, who had a bye.

Though the MJHL season is behind them, the Orioles still have one last

chance to get back on the field this summer.

The Orioles, St. Boniface Legionaires, and St. James A's are all slated to play a mini tournament this week to determine who will join the Brandon Marlins at the Western Canada Championship Aug. 12-14.

Morden's Mardli tops in province in 50m swim

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden's Abdalla Mardli gave it his all at the 2016 Manitoba-Saskachewan Open Championships last month and came home with a silver medal to show for his efforts.

Competing with the Manitoba Marlins National Team, the 17-year-old went up against swimmers several years his senior at the event, which draws teams from across the country.

"The 50m breaststroke I went in seeded fifth, which is pretty good for a meet of that size," said Mardli."And considering that the age is 16 and over, I'm one of the youngest competing. There's a lot of college seniors competing.

"It's super intimidating because they're all kind of huge," he added with a chuckle."But it's really fun and it motivates you to continue swimming so you can see how fast you'll be when you're their age."

Mardli went on to come in second in the race, just behind the 25-yearold Saskatchewan swimmer who clinched first place.

"So that was really exciting," he said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY ANDREW WITWICKI Abdalla Mardli hits the pool. The 17-year-old Mordenite recently won silver at the Manitoba-Saskachewan Open Championships in Regina. "And since the only guy who beat me was from Saskatchewan, I top the province, too."

Mardli also competed in the 100m breaststroke at the event.

"Going into it I wasn't even seeded in the top ten, but in the finals I got fourth place," he said.

Mardli also got the chance to swim on the Provincial Relay Team alongside teammates Cody Evans, Jamie Alexiuk, Dora Modrcin, Carter Wasyliw, and Alisha Muth. The group lost out to the Saskatchewan relay team.

"The thing I like about the Provincial Relay is all the provinces line up on the side and then you and the three other fastest in each discipline come together for one relay, which is really exciting," said Mardli.

Mardli, a former Winkler Barracuda, has competed with the Marlins for several years now, but this marks the end of his first year on the club's National Team. He'll be back for a second season with them this fall.

"We'll be competing in Hawaii, Regina, Minnesota next year," he said."It should be fun."

The past few years have included a lot of time in the pool practising, but the results have been worth it.

"I joined the Marlins in Gr. 9 and ever since then I've kind of kissed my social life goodbye and drove every day, except for Sundays, to Winnipeg to swim," said Mardli.

What's kept him at it?

"Qualifying for new meets and getting best times is always exciting," he said.

As he enters his senior year at Morden Collegiate, Mardli is in the process of working out whether he'll swim at the college level after he graduates next summer.

"I could swim with University of Manitoba and I'm also talking to two or three colleges in the States right now," he said.

Warren signs with Voyageurs

The list of former Winkler Flyers finding success at the college level continues to grow.

Former goaltender Nathan Warren has committed to suit up for the Portage College Voyageurs (ACAC) this fall.

The 21-year-old joined the Flyers in November and backstopped the

club through to a stellar post-season, earning him the team's Playoff MVP title. He had previously played junior hockey for the Alberni Valley Bulldogs of the BCHL and the Soo T-Birds of the NOJHL.

Warren will be studying in the college's natural resource technology program.

Pembina Valley Challenge early bird deadline nears

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers of the annual fall event that showcases the region see interest starting to build for the 2016 Pembina Valley Challenge.

Registrations are already starting to come in for the Sept. 2-4 event.

"We have 16 teams that are interested, and 10 have already signed up ... so we're ahead of our schedule," said Colleen Kyle, director of the Pembina Valley Central Plains Tourism Association, noting they usually end up with about 40 teams. "We have 70 challenges lined up, which is right on par with what we usually have."

About a dozen communities are involved in the Pembina Valley Challenge, which offers partici-

pants a chance to explore the region and have fun doing it.

While competing in the race, teams participate in challenges located at various businesses and non-profit organizations. Teams are also encouraged to make purchases and donations for additional points.

The teams with the most points at the end of the race win the grand prize of \$1,000 and the second-place prize of \$500.

Kyle believes it is a boost for the event to have R.M. of Louise serving as the race's base his year, with the communities of Pilot Mound, Crystal City, and Clearwater providing something new to draw people.

"We've never been that far west in that area, and

they are a brand new municipal partner with Pembina Valley Central Plains Tourism, so we're excited about being in that corner."

She added they've also been doing some different marketing this summer in the hope of attracting locals and out-of-towners alike.

"We're just trying to expand the awareness of the race across the region," Kyle said. "We especially want to really highlight and show what the Pembina Valley and Central Plains has to offer."

Team registration is \$75 per team before Aug. 15 and \$95 afterwards. Teams can be anywhere from two to eight people travelling in one vehicle.

For more information or to register, go online to www.pembinavalleycentralplainstourism.com or call 1-877-324-6645.

Agriculture Drainage tiling an investment in the future

By Harry Siemens

Chris Unrau of Precision Land Solutions says it takes education and doing it right when convincing the powers that be and the farmers making the investment in tiling crop land.

"We've seen a lot of interest in drainage and water management over the years," says Unrau, who together with his family and staff

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celebrated the company's 10th anniversary in Winkler last week."Obviously, there are municipalities and people out there concerned about drainage, but everyone knows that water needs to be managed and, if managed effectively, it will not have a negative impact on neighbours and land downstream."

PLS' goal is always to look at what kind of impact their work will have, he stresses.

"We want to have a positive impact for our clients and we want to help them to succeed, but we don't want to impact other people down or upstream negatively and we want to make sure this will be sustainable for future generations.

Following the technology is something PLS is also good at. They currently operate four tiling plows, but also adding rock in some areas to the pipe and using a new V-Plow they built themselves.

"The last couple of years, the drainage demand was a touch softer probably due to lower commodity prices and the weather was a touch drier," Unrau says. "This year we're seeing a huge upswing in requests for drainage so it looks like we'll be running at full capacity this year and looking for a good fall."

The V-Plow came about after seeing the device being used to great success in Europe.

"In Holland, they do 100 per cent of the tile drainage in Holland with the V-plow," Unrau says. "Why not in North America? It looks so good, so much less disturbance, it really doesn't rip up the fields as the single leg plow does."

The PLS team built their own V-Plow and, after testing it for a year, feel there is a good place for it here.

"Like anything, it has its place. Probably doesn't fit as well where the land has rocks, it is a little more limited to the depth, so there are some places where it doesn't fit as well as in oth-

er areas as a single leg," says Unrau. "It is something that we're seeing more interest and will continue to grow."

"Another practice, that of dropping small rocks, called the French drain, is something we've worked on developing over the course of the last year or so," he says. "We've had some requests from people who have heavy land where there are restrictive lay-

ers and we can't get that water to move quickly through the soil profile. "We built our own shoot to deposit gravel on top of the pipe and what happens [is] the single leg plow slides through the ground and there is a gravel hopper that deposits gravel straight on top of the drainage pipe. We can bring it right up to the surface if we want or we can leave it just be-

low the topsoil." This allows more surface area for water to seep in. If the field has areas that drain quite poorly, they can keep



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At its 10th anniversary celebration last week, Precision Land Solutions auctioned off 20 acres of draining tile to raise \$19,500 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

the gravel layer right near the surface and allow surface water to flow into the gravel and still make it down to the tile.

Whatever equipment they end up using, every job starts with a chat with the customer and then taking a look at the field in question, Unrau says.

"A farmer can't bring his land to us, we have to go look at it. It all starts out with an inquiry, and often over a cup of coffee with the farmer and listen to what his challenges are," he says. "Sometimes they want to get more out of their existing land base ... Sometimes they have trouble areas and with the risk factor so high, they need to get a crop off their land to service debt, and manage the risk they have."

"What it comes down to is for us to put boots on the ground and eyes on the field and let's drive around your field and have a look and see what can we do and we'll try to offer you some solutions to help improve your land."



By Harry Siemens

OmniTrax shocked employees and the entire community last week with layoffs at the Port of Churchill, telling them this year's shipping season is now closed.

In August 2014, during the opening of the shipping season and to commemorate the loading of the first vessel, my wife and I, during happier days for OmniTrax, spent a day in Churchill.

Coming off a good average 500,000 tonne handle the year before, things were looking quite good then, considering.

It appears from the news conference with Premier Brian Pallister, that former Premier Greg Selinger, sometime between then and April 2016, had struck some kind of deal for a small bailout that no one knew anything about.

In my humble opinion, I think OmniTrax wants out, clear and simple.

Former Ag Minister Gerry Ritz tells me, while no expert on the matter, that it will take at least \$200 million to upgrade the track and the port to even make it viable.

Rye, wheat harvest getting underway in some parts

By Harry Siemens

The harvest has started in southern Manitoba and more specifically the Pembina Valley.

Early reports so far on crops seeded last fall, namely fall rye and winter wheat, are above average. Two reports peg fall rye at upwards of 80 bushels an acre, and winter wheat about the same.

With many reports of hail and too much rain, crop yields and quality will of course vary greatly.

"We may start winter wheat next week," says Weldon Newton of Neepawa, meaning the week of Aug. 1. "Crops look pretty good, but we had some hail damage the previous week where peas saw heavy damage and some canola got hit, but hard to put a number on it yet."

Pam de Rocquigny, a cereal crop specialist with Manitoba Agriculture, said winter cereals are progressing quite rapidly back on July 22, but the harvest almost snuck up, it seems.

However, had it not been for the heavy rains in July, some areas reporting 15 to 20 inches, and had the sun been out beating on those crops, the harvest would have happened even sooner.

The heavy rains and high humidity

has been perfect for disease development. Risk for fusarium head blight in cereal crops was also very high this year, but it appears fungicide applications have worked well, as incidences are mostly at low levels.

Reports indicate crop disease overall this year is more widespread, but not as serious as some other years.

De Rocquigny says in most of the Central Region the main harvest they're thinking could start fairly shortly, weather allowing. That's why

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 19

My friend Joe the Shipper tells me there was no warning about the layoff notices, and he finds it troubling to hear earlier this year from Merv Tweed of OmniTrax that ships were coming, grain was moving, and they were looking forward to a stellar shipping season. All for naught, he says. Now he and the rest are out of a job, and in many cases a way of life.

Messages, news releases, interviews, even charges and countercharges, and OmniTrax saying very little have confused and the distorted the issue. I'm not one who thinks that the Port of Churchill will do much for the grain farmer per se, and that governments and private industry should when the tweets on Twitter started to indicate farmers were already moving their combines out to the fields, it took most by surprise.

"For the most part we've been hearing that the fall seeded crops appear to be in good condition," she says. "They've been growing quite nicely with the weather and they seem to have been handling the excess moisture a little bit better than some of the later seeded crops that we did see.

"While heavy rains, winds and even

spend tonnes of money to save the jobs, but, as Jim Pallister of Portage la Prairie tells me, if a country like Canada cannot keep one deepwater port open, then maybe we're not a country.

That railroad line and the trains that travel it are the lifeline to many small communities along the way. Grain companies don't own any terminals up there, and most, if not all, are not interested in shipping there at any time.

At this point, the mayor of Churchill, Michael Spence, the Hudson Bay Route Association, and the Manitoba government are pointing all fingers to Ottawa to see if any help is available from there. some hail have lodged some of the crops, hopefully this occurred late enough in the season that it's not going have a huge impact on the yield or the quality of the crop," says de Rocquigny. "We haven't really done any yield estimates in our winter cereal crops but we're always hoping for an average to above average crop. We'll see, once combines start rolling in the fields, what kind of yields there are for our winter cereals here in the province for 2016."

So far, at least not at the time of the writing, Ottawa had not responded.

Another farmer I talked with says while he's all in favour of keeping the port open for those who use it, in his opinion farmers should not have to pay for that unless they use it.

I think the writing is one wall ... Pallister says he's not responding to someone trying to hold him over the barrel, OmniTrax is eerily quiet, and the feds, while spending money on other things, I don't think have the collective stomach to step up to the plate on this one.

If no one steps up to save it, I'm afraid the Port of Churchill as I saw it bacl in 2014 is history.

• HEALTH CORNER When life gets too sweet: getting proactive on diabetes

iabetes, that awful sounding word. Visions of sugar-free foods, no bread on our plates, exercising every day, needles and visits to the doctor start to float through our heads. Followed by, "How could this happen to me and where did I go wrong?"

The truth is that 3.4 million Canadians are diabetic and 5.7 million of us are pre-diabetic, meaning we will develop diabetes in the future. Chances are that you most likely know someone who has diabetes or will have in the future.

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Canadians so sweet? A number of factors can lead to developing diabetes: family members with diabetes, high blood pressure/cholesterol, being overweight, belonging to a high risk group

(Aboriginal, Asian, African, or Hispanic), obstructive sleep apnea, polycystic ovarian syndrome, giving birth to a baby that weighed more than nine pounds, or having a diag-

nosis of depression/schizophrenia/ bipolar disorder.

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- **CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Greenwich Time
- 4. English sailor missionary 9. Type of wheat
- 14. Wreath
- 15. Hesitate
- 16. Hollvhocks
- 17. Not even
- 18. Former talk show host
- 20. Rugged mountain range
- 22. Greek muse 23. Ancient Greek comedy
- 24. Jeopardizes
- 28. Singer DiFranco
- 29. Calcium
- 30. Employee stock ownership
- plan
- 31. Gemstones
- 33. Got the job
- 37. Tantalum
- 38. Red deer
- 39. Not a pro
- 41. Coffee alternative
- 42. Aluminum
- 43. Northern Italian language
- 44. Smart __: Wiseacre
- 46. Sanskrit rulers (pl.)
- 49. <u>hoc</u>
- 50. Mousse 51. Closures
- 55. Russian lake
- 58. Small lunar crater
- 59. Appear with
- 60. Beginning
- 64. Type of Chinese language
- 65. Jewish composer
- 66. Sensation of flavor
- 67. Payment (abbr.)
- 68. High-class
- 69. Clocked
- 70. Midway between east and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Shine
- 2. They spread the news



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- 3. Indicates water limits
- 4. Determines value
- 5. Capital of Okinawa
- 6. Chinese river
- 7. Sign language
- 8. Passover feast and ceremony
- 9. Yemen capital
- 10. A tributary of the Missouri
- River 11. Sounds
- 12. Andorra-La Seu d'Urgell Airport
- 13. Korean name
- 19. A metal-bearing mineral
- valuable enough to be mined 21. Outer layer
- 24. African nation (Fr.)
- 25. From Haiti
- 26. Polish river
- 27. Paul Henri ___, Belgian statesman

- 31. Retailer 32. Supreme being
- 34. Tears into pieces
- 35. European Union
- 36. Coerced
- 40. She ran the Barker gang
- 41. Send wire
- 45. Optical device
- 47. ___ Bond, civil rights leader
- 48. Cigar
- 52. Spiritual being **53. Possess**
- 54. Thomas ___, English poet 56. Dials
- 57. Sharp mountain ridge
- 59. Pigeon shelter

62. A citizen of Thailand

60. Month

63. Suffix

61. Letter of the Greek alphabet



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- Obtain Continuing Education Units (CEU's) as per Provincial requirements to maintain operator certification;
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- Good understanding of mechanical systems, particularly related to water treatment Knowledge of water treatment principles and practices

This description is not intended to limit the assignment of work or be a complete list of the many duties to be performed by the incumbent. A more detailed list of duties is available upon request.

Salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience. A comprehensive Municipal benefits package is available, including pension, insurance and health care benefits.

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OBITUARY Isaac F. (Ike) Hiebert

1937 - 2016

Isaac F. (Ike) Hiebert passed away on July 26, 2016 at 7:35 p.m. at Boundary Trails Health Center, at the age of 79.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Jessie (nee Wiebe); his children, Keith, Janet (Pete), Wendy (Dave), John (Sadie), Peter (Lana), Jill (Will); 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dad was born in Winkler to Frank and Margaret (nee Banman) Hiebert on May 7, 1937. He was the youngest of thirteen children. He married Jessie Wiebe on January 22, 1960 and they were both baptized in 1967. Together they had six children, three sons and three daughters. During their first years of marriage, Dad worked as a gravel truck driver. In 1967, Dad took a Horology (Watch Repair) course at the Red River Community College in Winnipeg.

After graduation, we moved to Carman where Dad worked as a watchmaker. We lived there for two years before moving back to the Winkler area. Soon after, Dad started his own repair business out of Appelt's Jewelry store in Morden, where he worked for the next 30 years. He then worked out of the L.A. Gold store in Winkler for the next five years before retiring. Dad got to know many people during those years and was known for the quality work that he did. Dad also enjoyed many activities when he wasn't working, including flying, camping, fishing, golf, floor curling and even dancing!

About four years ago, Dad was diagnosed with a lung condition, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. On July 18th, he was having trouble breathing so Mom brought him to the hospital where he was admitted. During the next week, breathing became more and more of a struggle for him and on Tuesday, July 26th he just could breathe no more.

Dad was a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. We couldn't have asked for better, and we all miss him very much.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday July 30, 2016 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with a private burial prior to the service at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ike's memory to the Manitoba Lung Association. A special thanks to Dr. Roberts, and Dr. Allen, and all the wonderful staff at the Boundary Trails Health Centre and Wiebe Funeral Home for their professional and caring service. Also a special thanks to family and friends for their caring and support during this difficult time. The Hiebert Family

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MAIN STAGE HEADLINERS



Tom Cochrane performs Friday, Aug. 12.

Rock, country, and gospel take over the Main Stage

The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition is sticking to the tried and true trifecta of rock, country, and gospel again this year.

Kicking things off on festival Friday at 9 p.m. is Canadian rock legend Tom Cochrane.

The eight-time Juno Award winner and former Red Rider frontman is known for his hits like 1991's "Life is a Highway."

"He's really a living legend in rock music, not just in Canada but I think in North America as well, with just a huge amount of hits," said festival director Deb Penner. "I'm just picturing Friday evening, a hot summer night, and 'Life is a Highway' playing. We're just going to rock it out. It's going to be amazing."

Taking to the stage Saturday night at 9 p.m. are country stars The Road Hammers. The trio are known for smash hits like "Get On Down the Road" and "Mud."

"They're the top selling coun-

try band in Canada," said Penner. "They've been a strong, super energetic entertainers for many years and we're very excited to have them coming to Winkler."

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MAIN STAGE HEADLINERS

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Finally, anchoring Sunday evening's traditionally Christian-themed lineup is Winkler-based band The Color, featuring James Shiels, Jordan Janzen, Larry Abrams, and Tyson Unrau. "They've been touring across the country and getting rave reviews," Penner said. "They've been doing so well and I'm happy to be able to support them here."

The Color perform from 8:45-10 p.m. and will be followed by fireworks to wrap up the festival.

For more on the Main Stage line-up, see our story on Pg. 8





Christian trio The Color perform Sunday, Aug. 14.



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The Harvest Festival reserves the right to change times and locations of events FREE WIFI on the grounds! Stop by the VISP booth to get the password.

THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS WILL OPEN AT 3PM. THE CIBC INFORMATION **BOOTH IS OPEN NOON TO 10PM**

8:30am to 5:30pm • Ring 1 4-H Open Youth Horse Show

3-9pm • Arena Stanley Agricultural Society Exhibits

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3-7pm Kids Entertainment Open!

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4-9pm • 547 Park St

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6-6:45pm • Main Stage

Reckless Tram & the Frying Pan (Blues Duo) 6-10PM • Ring 1

Gymkhana. A variety of challenging games on horseback like egg and spoon; also barrel racing and pole bending

7-8:30pm • Main Stage Uncle Jake's Country Band featuring Matt Sibbald

9-10:30pm • Main Stage

Tom Cochrane, Legendary rocker with hits like "Life Is A Highway"



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Volunteers: Look for Festival volunteers in royal blue colored t-shirts. They can answer many of your questions.

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8:30am-6pm • Ring 1 Light Horse and Pony Show

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1-5pm • Ring 2

Manitoba High School Rodeo Association Rodeo. Featuring barrel racing, roping, bull riding, steer wrestling and more!

1-5pm • West of Arena

A variety of local performers at the Showcase Stage

1pm Ronald McDonald Magic Show 2pm Ronald McDonald Magic Show

> Information Station: Located at the East Entrance to the Fair Grounds, off of Park Street

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3pm Dog Fashion show 4pm Lip Sync Battle, Celebrity Edition 5pm 3 mol Plaut, Low German band singing some of your favorite popular songs! 6pm 3 mol Plaut

1-5nm • Baskethall court

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1-5pm • West of stage

Kids Entertainment Open! Petting zoo and kids Activity Tent, for 10 and under only. Wagon rides \$2 per person. Presented by Manitoba Hydro

1-3pm • Park

Pet Value Dog Picnic. Games, giveaways and prizes. One dog per person and please keep your dog leashed at all times 1:30-5pm • South of arena

Strong Man competition. Watch these strong men lift, push, heave and pull!

2-6pm

Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre, display featuring reptiles, amphibians and raptors 6-10pm • Ring 1

3D Barrel Racing and Pole Bending

6-6:45pm • Main Stage Robin Chestnut, world champion juggler

7-8:30pm • Main Stage Leanne Pearson, winner of the Manitoba Country Music Association Emerging Artist award

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3D Barrel Racing

10-11:30am • Main Stage **Community Worship Service**

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meeting place for lost kids. Go to the tent near the

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2-6pm • East of the dining tent

Showcase Stage, Cultural Variety Show

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5pm BMW - German Band

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4:00nm • Food Court While supplies last...Free Watermelon and Roll

pick up your entries 6-6:45pm • Main Stage Robin Chestnut, World champion juggler and entertainer!

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Homegrown musicians to open for headliners

Homegrown entertainment is the name of the game at the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition next week.

Warming up the audience in advance of headliners Tom Cochrane, the Road Hammers, and the Color festival weekend will be several local or close-to-home acts.

Opening for Cochrane Friday evening will be blues duo Reckless Tram and the Frying Pan (Link Neufeld and Stephen Dueck) at 6 p.m. followed by Uncle Jake's Country Band featuring Matt Sibbald at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, in advance of the Road Hammers, world champion juggler Robin Chesnutt from Winnipeg will take the stage at 6 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by up and comer Leanne Pearson, winner last fall of the Emerging Artist



Award from the Manitoba Association of Country Arts.

Chesnutt will return Sunday at 6 p.m. for more juggling antics in advance of The Color.

The evening will also include the James Fehr Gospel Group, a local band who will perform an hour of traditional and classic gospel music starting at 7 p.m.

The Main Stage will also host the Community Worship Service Sunday morning from 10-11:30 a.m.

Food donations will be collected for the local food bank, while monetary donations will be collected for the victims of the Fort McMurry fire.



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2016 PARADE ROUTE



Eric Fehr to lead Saturday morning parade

Hometown hockey hero Eric Fehr will lead this year's Harvest Festival and Exhibition's Saturday morning parade.

Fehr, who helped the Pittsburgh Penguins win the Stanley Cup in June, has been named the 2016 parade marshal.

"Winning the Stanley Cup is, of course, the culmination of anybody's hockey career, and so it's great that we can honour him in this way," said festival director Deb Penner. "This gives people an opportunity to congratulate and holler at him from the sidelines and for him to kind of feel the love and really get a feel for the support from the community."

This won't be Fehr's first time in the role—he previously marshalled the parade in 2005 when he won the WHL's Memorial Trophy during his time with the Brandon Wheat Kings.

"He's probably the first person to ever be given this honour twice," noted Penner.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Pembina Ave. and 15th St. It travels north on 15th St., then east on Mountain Ave., north on Main St., and then west at Roblin Ave. down to Park St.





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The 70th annual edition of the Stanley Agricultural Society's Exhibition takes over the Winkler arena all three days of the festival.

One of the largest remaining exhibitions in Manitoba, the Winkler exhibition features a variety of display categories, including garden vegetables, crops, crafts and hobbies, 4-H and school work, and more.

Also on display in the arena are a host of agricultural and educational displays for kids and adults alike.

The exhibition runs from 3-9 p.m. on Friday, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

If you'd like to take part in the exhibition, check out stanleyagsociety. com for entry details.

While you're in the arena, also be sure to check out the travelling Hockey Hall of Fame display set up in the lobby.





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Rising high school rodeo stars take to the ring

The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition is the second stop on the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association circuit's new season next week.

The best Gr. 6-12 youth rodeo athletes will take to the Winkler rodeo ring from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13 and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14.

These rising rodeo stars will tackle barrel racing, roping, bull riding, steer wrestling, and more, says organizer Sheila Reimer.

"It's all the same events you'd see at a Heartland rodeo, and then we have a few more, like pole bending, ribbon roping," she says.

Coupled as it is with the festival, Winkler's rodeo is a favourite on the MHSRA circuit for competitors and their families.

"The kids really enjoy coming to Winkler because there's so much more to offer," Reimer says. "They can be in the parade, they can go to the pool, see the stage entertainment. There's something for everybody in the family."

The Winkler fans are also among the most welcoming, she adds. "We fill the stands every year ... The kids really enjoy hearing lots of fan cheering them on."

Check out the rodeo ring just east of the festival Main Stage.

Gymkhana, horse show also on tap

Want more agricultural competition?

On Friday the horse show ring hosts the 4H Open Youth Horse Show from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the Gymkhana from 6-10 p.m. On Saturday the Light Horse & Pony Show runs all day until 6 p.m.,

followed by 3D Barrel Racing and Pole Bending until 10 p.m. More 3D barrel racing action takes place Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon.



The Manitoba High School Rodeo Association rodeo takes over the festival rodeo ring with events from 1-5 p.m. on Aug. 13 and noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 14.









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Manitoba Hydro will also be on hand to get kids active at their Motion Zone. There will also be wagon rides available for \$2 per person.

It's all open from 3-7 p.m. on Friday and 1-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.





Free faspa



Festival volunteers will once again be handing out free watermelon and roll kuchen in the food court dining tent on Sunday starting at 4 p.m. This popular Mennonite summer snack will be available only until supplies last, so be sure to get in line early.



The Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre will be showcasing some feathered and warm-blooded friends at their display this year. Check them out from 2-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.







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Lots of variety on this year's Showcase Stage

is fast becoming known for its varied stage entertainment, and the Showcase Stage is a big part of that.

The festival's second stage is back for another year of musical alternatives to the Main Stage line-up. It'll be located once again on the eastern end of the fairgrounds.

"More and more I think the festival is known for its entertainment and I think my future vision for it would be to have multiple stages eventually," said festival director Deb Penner. "So this Showcase Stage is kind of the next

going on entertainment-wise."

This year's line-up includes a Lip Sync Battle Friday at 4 p.m. (simply walk up and show 'em what you've got) followed by country band Five Acres at 6 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

Saturday the Ronald McDonald Magic Show will wow the kids starting at 1 p.m. That will be followed by a Dog Fashion Show at 3 p.m. (open to anyone who wants to dress their dogs up in their best duds and show them off on the runway).

Following the pooches at 4 p.m. is the celeb-

The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition step in trying to have a couple of things always rity edition of the Lip Sync Battle featuring local dignitaries.

Rounding out the day with performances at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. is Low German group 3 Mol Plaut.

On Sunday the Showcase Stage goes inter-national with a Cultural Variety Show that will include Caribbean steel drums by the Winnipeg Steel Orchestra at 2 p.m., Latin artists Trio Bembe at 3 p.m., African drumming from Coffieman at 4 p.m., and German polka band BMW at 5 p.m.



Feats of strength



The festival's hugely popular Strong Man competition returns with something new this year: female competitors. Come see the Strong Women compete in lifting, pushing, heaving, and pulling events on Sunday from 1:30 to 5 p.m. The Strong Man events, meanwhile, will run on Saturday, also from 1:30 to 5 p.m. It all happens at the festival grounds entrance between the Winkler Aquatic Centre and the arena.

On the courts



Don't forget to check out the 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the park tennis courts or the beach volleyball tournament running at the outdoor volleyball arena all day Saturday and Sunday.



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5:00 pmPulled Pork on a Bun -
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5:15 pm	Thistle & Tyme
7:00 pm	Ron Braun Band
8:30 pm	Hatfield McCoy
10:00 pm	Street Dance
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3:00 pmNorthern Reflections4:00 pmThe Echo Valley Boys

Sunday • August 21 Main Stage/Downtown

10:30 am	Community Wide Church Service
12:00 pm	Community Lunch \$5- Hotdogs,
	Home Fries, Drink and Ice Cream
12:00 pm	Ron Braun Band
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