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Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe (left) presents Morden research station associate director David Wall with a painting to celebrate the station's 100th anniversary. The painting recreates a photograph of workers leaving the station en masse on their bikes, as well as images of the former director's home and the apple trees that the community has become known for. PHOTO BY LORNE



Celebrating a century of ag research

By Lorne Stelmach

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It has already left a lasting legacy, but officials gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Morden research station last week also celebrated the centre's future.

The facility has again taken on a stronger role in

recent years as a cereal research centre for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

The closure of the cereal research centre in Winnipeg in 2012 moved some of the 41 positions to the Morden station. Growth of the research programs here has continued since that time, and Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe applauded that renewed commitment from the federal government at the anniversary celebrations held Aug. 12.

"It's had its ups and downs . . . right now, we're at a very good stage where there's a lot of research going on here," he said.

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Katie Cares playhouse raffle raises \$7,200

Check out the second playhouse up for grabs this weekend at the Corn & Apple

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There are going to be two very excited little girls in Minnedosa when a Grandeur Housing playhouse shows up on their doorstep, courtesy of their grandmother, later this summer.

Anne Heppner's name was chosen from over a thousand raffle tickets sold in support of Katie Cares during Harvest Festival weekend.

The Plum Coulee resident said she never expected she would win, but wanted to support the Katie's Cottage respite home by picking up a few tickets.

"The chances of winning are so odd that that really made no difference," she said."I just wanted to buy tickets because I think it's going to an absolutely good cause."

The 100 square foot playhouse-

which comes complete with a tiny veranda-is bound for her daughter's home in Minnedosa, Heppner said, where her granddaughters, ages three and five, can make full use of it.

"They have been talking for awhile already about getting a playhouse and I can't believe this ... they will be so happy."

Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer said they sold \$7,200 worth of tickets for the raffle and they're grateful to Grandeur Housing for making it possible.

"Any time you make money from something like this, we're pleasedit's more than we had the day before," she said, noting they're about halfway to their goal to get the respite home across the street from the Boundary Trails Health Centre built.

tients to retreat to when they need time away from the hospital. The facility will also include shared kitchen, dining, and lounge areas, as well as two meeting rooms where families can gather in private.

"So families can come in and close the door and talk privately about private issues that you do not want to be doing in the hospital hallway," Reimer said."Boundary Trails has nothing like this. There is no place in that hospital to go and get rested, relaxed, and just let yourself go for a few minutes and rejuvenate yourself. This will provide that . . . it's going to be a home away from home.'

The home is being built with future

expansion in mind, Reimer added, noting they have space on the lot to add an additional wing in the years

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Grandeur Housing's Jeff Enns and Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer (far right) congratulate playhouse raffle winner Anne Heppner last week.







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"There was a time it looked fairly bleak here, but that has turned a corner again . . . and the work they're doing here has effects for grains and beans all over the world. So it's great to see that this facility is being used the way it should be used."

"Many facilities that the federal government established are long gone, and this one has managed to hang on for a hundred years," added Wiebe. "It's not every day you get to celebrate a hundred years ... this is an extremely big milestone."

The day-long anniversary celebration included self-guided tours of the grounds and arboretum as well as guided tours of the research buildings.

In addition, there were displays and demonstrations reflecting the importance of the research done at the Morden station. That fact was also highlighted by the number of dignitaries who were on hand for the occasion.

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The Morden station has a very proud history in helping to establish a thriving agricultural sector in the prairies and Manitoba in particular, and that pivotal role in introducing new crop species and varieties to the prairies is ongoing with an emphasis on new technology to help increase productivity and build improved environmental sustainability.

"It really is quite impressive and I think it underscores the department's commitment and the research centre's commitment to the agricultural sector in the prairies," said associate federal Deputy Minister Chris Forbes. "It is an important part of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's research agenda. It is an impressive display of work, and it is due to the commitment of the staff here in Morden."

Dr. Gabriel Piette, acting director general of the federal science and technology branch, also commented on the high level of expertise among the staff and what the station can do for the agricultural sector and economy as a whole.

"I can only be impressed by the amount of work that has been done within these 100 years," he said.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder commented that it is good that "there's an extra effort being placed in order to preserve this facility" and that the federal government does "realize the value that it really has . . . not just to this region but to the country as a whole." "Truly, this is a regional event . . . this is a regional facility. It has an impact not only in the region, but has an im-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Colin Hiebert (left) explained some of the work he does at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research centre in Morden as part of the tours held for the 100th anniversary celebration Aug. 12. Ken Bergmann (right) then tried his hand at some of the scientific equipment and tools on display.

pact throughout the world,"he added, observing the kind of work done here has far-reaching effects. "Without the research that has gone on in places like this... the world could not be fed to this day. So it's vitally important to be able to have the research here."

Morden's mayor also related his personal connection to the station, recalling coming to the station grounds to play around as a kid as well as the fact the bridge by the fish pond was built by his father-in-law, who worked at the station.

"All the things that he watched the various scientists do here, he tried them at home ... particularly propagation of apple trees,"Wiebe recalled. "He had, at one time, some 30 varieties of apple trees in his back yard. It was a pretty amazing orchard ... some of those trees are still there."

Wiebe then presented station officials with a reproduction of a histori-

cal photo showing workers leaving the station on their bikes along with highlights like Morden's trademark apple trees and the former station director's home.

ORNAMENTAL LEGACY

A large part of the Morden research station's lasting legacy came through the centre's former role in ornamental landscape plant research.

Dr. Wilbert Ronald, representing the Canadian Nursery and Landscape Trades Association, was well positioned to comment on that aspect of the station's history, having first worked there about 50 years ago originally as an agronomy student.

"But when I saw the trees in the arboretum ... I switched into landscape and to what was then mostly called

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PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Above: This display showed some of the end results of the research work done at the Morden research station. The facility celebrated its 100th anniversary Aug. 12 with exhibits, demonstrations, tours of the facility and arboretum as well as an official ceremony (at right) featuring station leaders and local dignitaries.



Gospel Echoes Thrift Store on the move

Cargill Rd. store opens second location across the street from existing home

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

On Aug. 10, the jam-packed Gospel Echoes Thrift Store located at 310 Cargill Rd. expanded their store to a larger warehouse just across the road to provide even more selection for local shoppers.

"We weren't keeping up with the donated materials that we had," says store manager, Chris Pauls, who notes that the thrift store had become known for its crowded and cluttered canyon-like aisles of items."The response in terms of the community has

been overwhelming-our little 5,000 square foot building wasn't cutting it."

The thrift store that sells everything from donated clothing and appliances to local garden produce will now be split into two different locations to provide a roomier shopping experience.

The new building will be reserved for clothing, small houseware items, and toys, explains Pauls, while the old

one will have furniture, hardware, appliances, and a back room to sort and price all the donations.

"The old store didn't have enough space to display everything we had," he says, adding that there was still a mountain of donations in the back waiting to be brought out."Storage is something nobody is looking at. Unless you

can put it out somewhere, that storage is useless. That means that that stuff has a place now."

For example, with the additional space the houseware section has



PHOTO BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE

Gospel Echoes Thrift Store manager Chris Pauls in the store's new second storefront, located across the street from its old one on Cargill Road. The two buildings gives the store more room to display the many donated items it receives in support of its ministry.

grown from seven shelves of dishes and utensils to 24 shelves.

The non-profit thrift store has been up and running in Winkler for a little over two years now, raising funds for the Gospel Echoes Team, a Christian prison ministry.

"I feel that we've come a long way," Pauls says, looking back. "I feel it's been successful. I think everybody was thinking things would move a little faster, but, that being said, I believe Gospel Echoes Thrift Store is here to stay."

"We still have a lot of stuff to do, but it's the volunteers who make the difference," he adds, noting they're looking for people willing to help out in the sorting and pricing departments as well as behind the till at the new building.

If you're interested in getting involved, give Pauls a call at 204-325-0095.

Stanley council wants equitable access to compost

By Lorne Stelmach

There are some aspects of waste management in the region that could be more uniform and equitable.

That was the crux of discussions on issues related to waste diversion and recycling, said Coun. Alfred Loewen in a report to the RM of Stanley council Aug. 13.

One area of concern particularly for the RM of Stanley is that composting is available for free to Winkler and Morden residents, but there is a cost to the RM for those similar services.

Loewen also touched on some variations in fees that are charged for some kinds of waste materials.

Those are issues that will need further discussion between the three municipalities, he stressed.

"All these kinds of things need to get ironed out because they are not all fair and equal," Loewen stressed, adding another matter they want to address further is how they can get more materials out of the waste stream that are still going to the landfill.

Meanwhile, Stanley council also reported on a number of other matters at its latest meeting, including the proposed annexation of RM of Stan-

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to come.

Grandeur Housing sales and marketing director Jeff Enns said the company is happy to be involved not just as the project's builder but also by helping with fundraising by building not one but two playhouses to be raffled off for the cause.

"Katie Cares came to us roughly a year ago with their vision for Katie's Cottage," he said."We knew we wanted to be part of it."

"We decided long ago that when you get in on a job like this, you're in ley land to the City of Morden.

The long pending annexation of a number of sections of land bordering the two municipalities have received Manitoba municipal board approval but is still awaiting final approval from the province, council was told. Stanley is also looking at joining the

it or you're not. It's community support or not," he said. "There's good community people that needed help and you just step up. We're blessed enough to be a big employer in town and we had the opportunity to do this, so why not?"

Construction of the playhouses was a volunteer effort by Grandeur's staff, with about 40 people signing up to help build them.

Raffle tickets for the second playhouse are available now for \$5 each at Grandeur Housing, the Crocus Real

City of Morden in signing up for the CodeRED program.

CodeRED is a service that allows residents and businesses to be alerted of various local emergencies by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media.

Estate offices in both Winkler and Morden, BSI Insurance, and Sheer Bliss.

The playhouse can also be seen in Saturday's Corn and Apple Festival parade in Morden, and at Katie Cares' booth at the festival, where raffle tickets will also be sold.

"We're hoping to sell a lot of tickets," Enns said. "We're looking for a lot of support."

The draw for the second playhouse will take place next Tuesday.

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ing on a sumptuous buffet of food packed ahead of time.

No need for a sleeper-better to save that much money for a new someday, house anyhow. We would

By Peter Cantelon

recline in the comfy train chairs and let the rocking movement of our chariot send us to dreamland.

Certainly this was better than driving, we thought. We would spend the same time on the train but not be as cramped and there would be less fighting.

Things got off to a rocky start on the way there when the train was delayed two and a half hours. Having arrived at the train station an hour early, we passed the three and a half hours playing cards.

After finally boarding we were thrilled to find four seats together (two facing two). We settled in and committed ourselves to sleep, which was interesting, to say the least.

The seats didn't quite unfold in any sort of logical way. They reclined well enough, but you had these odd footstools you had to fold out and precariously balance on rounded metal legs. This propped the cushion up in front of the seat but just a bit higher than the seat itself, which led to the interesting experience of having you legs

fall asleep below the waist (at least a part of us could sleep).

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With all four stools up the effect was to bridge the four seats, allowing us to stretch out across to the other side. In the end this was a little like what four giraffes must feel like when forced to travel together in a small box for an extended period of time. Lots of elbows and knees.

About every two hours the train would have to stop for about 15-20 minutes to let an oncoming freight train pass. This was because "freight is more important than passengers" we were told by one weary, resigned rail employee.

About twice on the way to Toronto the train stopped to let people off for a 15 minute stretch. During this time, near suicidal smokers were jammed against the exits ready to leap out as soon as the doors opened to compete for the world record in "most cigarettes smoked in 15 minutes" before the "all aboard" sounded.

The trip back was pretty much the same except the two and a half hour delay was 14 hours. The good news was that Via Rail put us up on the 43rd floor of the brand new Delta Hotel next to the CN Tower.

The journey itself was amazing. We saw family and drove all around southern Ontario re-visiting my old haunts and site-seeing.

The passage through Northern Ontario was breathtaking and the opportunity to bond was a thousand hours of delay. We laughed more than we complained and many an hour was spent in the observation car watching the world fly by.

While it was not the land cruise we may have expected nor the Canadian equivalent of the Orient Express, we were glad for the experience in the way you are glad of any experience: after it has passed and you can look back fondly and with good humour.

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ornamental horticulture . . . and I've never regretted it," said Ronald, who also paid tribute to those at the station who had mentored him.

"I've been privileged to know six of the last directors here and worked under three of them in the late '60s, the '70s and the early '80s," he said, singling out Dr. W.R. (Russ) Leslie, who started the arboretum in 1924 and served as station director for 35 years from 1921 to 1956.

"He put Morden on the map. He was a tireless promoter, and he really built Morden up as a horticulture centre and left a heritage that was very difficult to build on," he said. "He was certainly a memorable individual. I had an opportunity to meet him, but he had retired to Winnipeg."

He touched on the many outstanding achievements of the ornamentals program—ranging from the Morden roses to the prairie cascade weeping willow like the wellknown one by the research station pond.

And there are others with connections to Morden, like the development of the more disease-resistant Asiatic elms and the Mancana Ash, which is now playing a role in the fight against the emerald ash borer.

'The front line battle is being fought now in Ohio based on Mancana Ash, which was named right in Morden in 1976. The two hybrids that we developed . . . they are the front line sources now of resistance."

Ronald emphasized that he was thankful that when the ornamentals program here ended Ag Canada worked with the industry and "helped see some of these things through to completion. Breeding programs are continuous ... there's always developments . . . I really compliment the leadership.

"So Morden has such a heritage, it's tremendous. The industry really misses Morden ... but we appreciate what they've done and we appreciate that industry has been able to work with a number of consortiums here and keep things going.

"Knowing all that Morden has meant in the past . . . knowing all that Morden has done . . . we still are building a lot of our business around good plants from Morden."



Foundations off to a good start on Thomas Sill challenge

By Cori Bezan

The Winkler and Morden community foundations are well on their way to reaching the Thomas Sill Foundation's challenge to raise \$50,000 by September 2016.

The Winnipeg foundation has committed to donating up to \$25,000 to any rural Manitoba community foundation that raises \$50,000 by the deadline.

Since the campaign started in March, Morden's foundation has raised over \$18,400, says executive director Lynda MacLean.

With such a strong start, MacLean is confident they can reach the goal long before the deadline.

"Of course, we don't want to wait that long, we want to have this done in six months," she said, adding that she would like to reach the goal by the end of December. "We're a little aggressive over here."

In Winkler, meanwhile, the Winkler Community Foundation has raised just over \$12,000 in their campaign, owed in large part to a \$10,000 donation from the proceeds of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts earlier this year.

WCF executive director Myra Peters says the foundation plans to ramp up awareness on the campaign in the next few months.

"We are going to be doing a campaign starting this fall," she says. "We'll definitely be doing a big push for Nov. 14, which is National Philanthropy Day . . . we'll be doing some kind of event on that day to raise awareness and encourage people to show their support."

Thieves make away with skid steer

Winkler Police are asking for the public's help in solving a theft that took place on a local construction site earlier this month. On Aug.



8, Winkler Construction reported the theft of a \$90,000, 2013 John Deere compact track loader model 329D from a site on the northwest corner of Hwy. 14 and 15th St. North.

Tracks show that the vehicle, which did not have a key in it at the time, was driven from the construction site onto 15th St. in a northerly direction and then possible loaded onto a trailer.

Anyone who may have seen something suspicious or who may have knowledge of the theft is asked to call police at 204-325-9990.



Peters notes that with \$12,000 in donations thus far, the foundation has already met the minimum amount required for the challenge.

"The overall goal is to raise \$50,000, and that is definitely our focus," she says. "But already at \$10,000 Thomas Sill is matching that amount 50 cents for each dollar."

The money coming in from the Thomas Sill Foundation will be used by the Winkler and Morden foundations to give back to their respective communities by way of supporting local charities and projects.

"We can use it to put it in our general endowment fund to help earn more interest on things for future granting," MacLean said. "Or we can use it specifically for a couple of bigger projects that are coming up, and we can grant it straight out."

"Donations we receive means we can give more back to the community," adds Peters. "Which means that every donation will impact the community for years to come."

If you'd like to make a donation to either the Winkler Community Foundation or the Morden Area Foundation, get in touch with them by calling MacLean at 204-822-5614 or by email at info@mordenfoundation.ca or Peters at 204-362-9292 or myra@winklercommunityfoundation.

—with files from Ashleigh Viveiros



Your home has a building envelope that includes **2.** Take note of areas in the attic, walls, the exterior walls, foundation, roof, windows and doors. The envelope should keep out extreme temperatures, moisture, dust, and wind.

By properly insulating your building envelope, you will reduce heat loss, create a more comfortable living space, and reduce your energy bills. Some of the signs that might indicate insulation problems are high heating costs, cold walls and floors, uneven heating levels within your home, or mold growth on your walls.

The initial amount of insulation added to an un-insulated area makes a big difference, and adding insulation to top up an area that isn't sufficient also contributes to helping cut heat loss. The measure of how well insulation material resists heat transfer is called its R-value, while the metric equivalent is RSI. The higher the ${\sf R}$ or ${\sf RSI}\xspace$ value of a product, the better it resists heat transfer.

To increase the insulation levels in your home:

1. Determine which areas of your home's envelope require additional insulation, or may have moisture problems or drafts.

- or foundation that do not have any insulation, as these areas are likely to have the greatest impact on lowering your energy bills
- 3. Consider if you will do-it-yourself or hire a contractor.
- 4. Regardless of which option you choose, do your research. You are more likely to get the results you want if you are knowledgeable about the work.

Most importantly, before the work begins, make sure to apply for pre-approval to Manitoba Hydro's Home Insulation Program. You can do this by filling out an application with your insulation retailer or chosen contractor. If your project and home qualify you will receive a rebate for up to 100 per cent of your insulation material costs. If your home is poorly insulated, the rebate along with the energy savings you will realize will make your insulation project very worthwhile.

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Festival marks major milestone next year

Even as the 49th Corn & Apple takes place this weekend, organizers are already looking ahead to 2016's jubilee year

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden will be abuzz with the excitement and activity surrounding the 2015 Corn and Apple Festival this weekend, but organizers are also already looking ahead to next year's festival.

The 2016 edition will be the 50th anniversary of Morden's signature event, so there has already been a lot of talk about how to mark that milestone.

Taking on the task of heading up preparations as the next chairperson will be someone with a strong family connection to the festival.

Lynda MacLean steps into the role for the 50th year, following in the footsteps of her mother, Dianne Lambert, who chaired the festival in its 25th year, and her father, Dale Lambert, who served as chairperson in earlier years.

"My dad also looked after corn for 30 or 35 years, and he was one of the founding guys. I think it was the second or third year he came on," said MacLean."So I thought why wouldn't I chair it . . . because I have wanted to chair the festival for years. It's very exciting."

As well as being a former Corn and Apple Festival queen herself, MacLean said the festival has always just been a part of her family's lives.

"I remember going out there every year. For years, I ran the corn selling booth too . . . I've done bus tours . . . the queen pageant . . . lots of things," she said, noting she has in the past also created painted event t-shirts which she enjoys occasionally seeing people wearing still to this day out at the festival.

"People who really know me just classify me as a Corn and Apple freak. I just love it, love everything about it. The town fills up with people. I just love every aspect of it. It's such a celebration."

Heading things up for a bigger year like the 50th anniversary of the festival could seem daunting, but MacLean welcomes the challenge.

"I've always had a little piece of it. But, you know, Corn and Apple is like a well-oiled machine. So many people all do their little piece, and people always take it on."

"It's daunting because I don't want anybody to come and be disappointed," she says, "that's my biggest fear ... but how could they be?"

Current festival chairperson Chris MacPherson thought it was cool to have the family milestone connection for next year and gave MacLean a strong vote of confidence as he passes on the mantle of chair after three years.

"She knows what's going on and will be great for next year," he said.

Heading into this weekend's event, MacPherson stresses that it's the dedication of the volunteers and committee members that makes it all work so well year after year.

"I think I have the easiest job," he said. "The volunteers here are great, the committee is great. It's probably one of the most well run festivals out there."

For this year, MacPherson said he particularly wanted to see the youth stage, now in its third year, continue to grow and become a bigger part of the festival.

"We're probably going to change its venue next year. We want to move it closer to the rest of the festival, but



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Corn and Apple Festival is on in Morden this weekend, organized by an army of volunteers. Get your free corn on the cob daily at the corner of Stephen and Nelson.

nothing panned out for this year," he said, noting it will remain at its 3rd St. location for now.

And he also sees the rest of the entertainment lineup for the weekend being a highlight of the festival.

"And D2UR is opening up for Prism. It's a local Winnipeg band that's doing very well for themselves . . . and they sent us an e-mail saying that a dream had come true to be opening up for Prism."

Otherwise, MacPherson said they just hope for good weather.

"Last year, with the weather, we had some cancellations, like the mud bog racing was cancelled, so hopefully we have some great weather this year."

Not long after the 2015 festival is a memory, organizers will turn their attention to how to improve things for next year, MacPherson said.

They always do look for ways to change things up a bit with the fes-

tival, he said, but obviously they will want to do something special for the anniversary.

"We do have some ideas for a few new things for next year. We'll see what happens,"he said."There's room for growth. There's always thoughts on some new ideas . . . there's always problems that come up with those ideas that we have to work our way around."

"The biggest thing is always the budget as well," said MacPherson. "We want to keep the festival free, but things go up in price every year. And I think prices are going up faster than we can get sponsorship from local businesses. It's getting harder every year, so some of our ideas for next year could possibly include going after more national sponsorship.

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Festival aiming for 'zero waste'

An event the size of the Morden Corn and Apple Festival will generate a fair share of waste, but David Weiss would like to eliminate all of it if possible.

The long-time festival committee member in charge of garbage and sanitation, the owner and manager of Pembina Valley Containers has a goal to make this weekend's festival a "zero waste" event.

He had learned more about the zero waste idea at an event in Phoenix.

"I thought we could do this. We've only got about 50,000 people, where they had 500,000 people, and they were doing it there. So that kind of inspired me," said Weiss.

The idea of zero waste basically works with three streams of waste management—waste, recyclable materials, and compostable materials with the aim to be able to have as much as possible go into the recyclables and composting and leave little or nothing as waste in the end.

"Last year we attempted it with just one extra stream, but this year, if everything lines up, we will do it with three streams," said Weiss. "Hopefully, the garbage will have very little ... hopefully less than five per cent waste. The rest would all be either composted or recycled."

"We were very close last year," he added. "I think we were actually less than 10 per cent that went to the landfill."

Accomplishing this, though, does involve a lot of work, as workers spend hours sorting the waste.

"But that's what the province actually wants everybody to go to," Weiss said. "So we're just doing it a little ahead of the province. I think it will be mandated probably within the next few years. We're just starting it with this as pilot project."

Prism ready to rock Corn & Apple stage

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By Lorne Stelmach

A lot of bands may have enjoyed out-of-this-world fame, but few can truly claim to have had their music go beyond our global confines.

That honour goes to classic Canadian rockers Prism, who had their biggest hit "Spaceship Superstar" chosen as the official song for the final flight of the space shuttle Challenger.

"That caught my attention first before it really became public. I think a fan from Houston sent me a note in an email," recalled founding member Al Harlow recently in advance of Prism's headlining performance at the 2015 Corn and Apple Festival this Saturday.

"I immediately phoned the song's composer, Jim Vallance, and said 'Hey, you've got to check this out'. Within a micro-second, it was just like the song said . . . it was like we're on top of the charts on Mars!" Prism comes to Morden with a rich history

dian classic rock. Not only does the band have album sales

in the annals of Cana-

in the millions to their credit as well as two Juno awards, but Prism's legacy has gone even further beyond, with various band members having gone on to play significant roles in the music world on their own.

Early band members went on to be part of other hit bands such as Chilliwack, Headpins and the Powder Blues Band, while Bruce Fairbairn became a top producer and Jim Vallance became a co-songwriter for Bryan Adams.

"Tom Lavin of Powder Blues was in the band for a short time . . . our producer, Bruce Fairbairn, that was his beginnings and our manager Bruce Allen," noted Harlow, who is the band's remaining original member. "Jim Vallance and Bryan Adams ... some of the first songs that those guys ever wrote appeared on Prism albums before Bryan was making his own records."

Those connections were all a reflection of what Harlow recalled was a burgeoning music scene on the west coast back in those days. There was a strong sense of community among various bands, he said, noting that Prism was an amalgamation of two other Vancouver bands.

The group deliberated over a band name until the 1977 self-titled album *Prism* was chosen to reflect their musical influences of blues, rock and R&B. That album yielded three Billboard chart hits, including "Spaceship Superstar."

Harlow joined the band as guitarist and later bassist and was a key songwriter for their second album, *See Forever Eyes*, released in 1978.

The band went on to further success, touring across North America, until a number of lineup changes eventually led to the original members disband-

ing Prism in 1982.

Early talk of a reunion in 1984 was halted by the tragic death of lead singer Ron Tabak, but then Prism came back together in 1988 and eventually were recording and touring again in the early 1990s.

Always the high-harmony voice, Harlow took over lead vocals in 2003. "I think there was a

sense that that's our catalogue, that there's a sense of ownership and we're proud of what we did,"Harlow said of the decision to get back at it. "I think that was the element that caused us to say there's nothing preventing us from hitting the road and presenting our own music once again."

For Harlow, the inspiration that drew him to music was typical of his generation.

"I guess we're all products of our own generation, so of course I was right in the middle of the Beatles and Rolling Stones tidal wave," he recalled.

"I just grew up presuming that you had to write your own songs and you had to perform them. When you are young, you don't just edit these thoughts, you just kind of assume that's what you do. You grow up in Canada, you go into either hockey or music."

That early passion and drive always remained and is what keeps him out on his musical journey to this day.

"Again, I always just presume that's



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Canadian rock royalty Prism perform at the Morden Corn and Apple Festival this Saturday. They take to the Main Stage at 9 p.m.

just part of what you do. It seemed to come naturally," Harlow said. "A lot of people can say they're comfortable in a room talking to one person and uncomfortable with a thousand. As a performer, it's the opposite. I'm comfortable in front of 5,000 and awkward in front of three or four."

The size of the crowds may have changed since the days when Prism played to 18,000 in arenas, but that suits Harlow just fine.

Coming to a festival in a smaller centre like Morden is an atmosphere he enjoys, he says, noting that many artists are opting for smaller venues.

"For a lot of bands these days, you've got your casino theatre circuit, and of course we're seeing outdoor festivals in the summer time," he said. "So it's quite a different landscape then it once was, but we really enjoy it.

"I think we're more able to just really enjoy the process now," Harlow added. "They say with the touring, you either thrive on it or it kills you. I've always loved it, loved making records, going into the studio and taking it out on the road.

"Now we're more mellow and not

ambitious young kids full of ourselves anymore," he joked. "I think we kind of slow down and really enjoy it. I'm probably enjoying it more now than I did back then."

Harlow said they were looking forward to the show in Morden and he promised diehard fans that "we play all the most famous songs, but we also throw a few surprises in the middle."

"It's good to look out at the crowd and see who really knows how deep the album cuts go. What I find too is a lot of the folks who come to the shows will say, 'I recognized every single song but I didn't know all those songs were yours.""

"That always gives me a kick to know that this stuff is well known ... some people didn't know that all those songs were ours," Harlow said. "There's quite a catalogue there and of course, we don't have time to play them all ... otherwise we would be there four hours."

Prism takes to the Corn and Apple Festival Main Stage on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 9 p.m.

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"We would like to have a bigger bang for the 50th. We're probably going to have a meeting open to the public coming up later this year or early next year where we could have the people give us their ideas ... what they would like to see.

"We could hopefully even recruit some new volunteers and get more involvement from the community ... we'll see what comes of it."

The Morden Corn and Apple Festival gets underway tomorrow, Aug. 21, and run through to Sunday, Aug. 23.

For a full schedule of events, go to cornandapple.com.

Libraries celebrate a summer of reading

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Regional Library branches wrapped up another hugely successful Summer Reading Program last week.

Storyteller Leigh-Anne Kehler stopped by the Winkler, Morden, Miami, and Altona branches to help the program's participants celebrate the thousands of hours of reading they did over the last two months.

At the Winkler library's wind-up on Aug. 13, branch librarian Elaine Dyck announced the program's 603 participants had read a total of 687,000 minutes.

"They were a little shy of the goal, but it's still an amazing amount of reading, "Dyck said, noting the "Birds" team beat out the "Foxes" by about 36 reading hours.

As always, librarians heard many stories of the program either keeping kids interested in reading during summer holidays or, in some cases, being the thing that finally got them hooked on it, Dyck said. "Often it's kids who are just learning how to read, just starting to be interested in it, and then this comes along" and keeps them engaged, she said.

"It really does keep kids enthusiastic about reading," agreed Morden librarian Kim Van Vliet.

Morden held its wind-up on Aug. 14. This year's program saw 404 kids take part, reading an impressive 408,960 minutes.

Van Vliet said it was the Dodgers team who came in first this summer, out-reading the Rovers by about 83,000 minutes.

Over in Miami, meanwhile, 91 kids signed-up and collectively read 122,460 minutes, says librarian Cherie Debreuil.

"There kids were incredibly motivated," she said, noting there were nearly 20 more kids and over 800 more hours read over last summer.

For every minute they logged reading, kids earned various prizes and raffle tickets. They also had the option of donating their prize "Play Bucks"



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Storyteller Leigh-Anne Kehler stopped by the South Central Regional Library branches in Winkler (above), Morden, Miami, and Altona to help wrap-up the Summer Reading Program last week.

to this year's chosen charity: Toys for Travis.

Toys for Travis purchases board and video games for local hospitals, and the cause so resonated with this summer's young readers that they donated a total of \$18,903 Play Bucks to it, translating into the SCRL making a donation of \$475 to the charity.

Council approves new mixed residential development

By Lorne Stelmach

More residential development is on the way for the north side of Winkler.

The proposal for more mixed residential in the area north of Wal-mart earned subdivision approval from Winkler city council on Aug. 11, but not without some questions about how much should be allowed.

"It's still a density issue we have to decide on," said Mayor Martin Harder, while Counc. Henry Siemens also wondered about plans for green space.

The proposal will subdivide 23.55 acres from a 36.54 acre parcel of land for a combination of single family housing, row housing, duplexes and a multiple family residential

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development.

The plan shows 18 single family homes, 40 duplexes, and 22 row housing lots which would include three eight-unit and one six-unit developments. There would also be one multiple family development with 3.55 acres set aside as public reserve, leaving a residual parcel of 12.99 acres.

Council raised questions about the number of units that were possible, particularly in the multiple family development. Developer John Froese noted the multiple family development could have had a maximum of 128 units, but they were looking to restrict it to 96 units instead.

Council also wondered about restrictions on the height of the developments. In the end they approved the subdivision, but with a number of conditions, including a three storey maximum height.

Counc. Siemens also raised questions about the developer's plans for the public reserve green space, such as playground equipment, as



he suggested this development is happening in an area which is as of yet under-served in terms of recreation.

The subdivision will also be subject yet to approval of a drainage plan and development agreement, as well as Manitoba Hydro easement agreement.

In other business, city council approved the tender for the reconstruction of 3rd Street South.

Triple L Construction's \$745,000 bid was the lowest tender and came within the project's budget of \$750,000, with some funding coming through a grant of \$350,000.

And the monthly report from the Winkler fire department noted 11 emergency calls in July brought the year to date total to 95, which is an increase from 85 up to the end of July, 2014.

The report estimated the average number of calls for this time frame would be 94. The emergency calls in July included 10 in the City of Winkler and one in the RM of Stanley.

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CFDC in the running for **Not-for-Profit of the Year**

Museum named a finalist in provincial MBiz Awards

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden is now up for another award.

It is one of three finalists for the Not-for-Profit of the Year in the 2015 Manitoba Chambers of Commerce MBiz Awards. Also in the running is Canadian Blood Services and the Children's Wish Foundation.

Coming on the heels of the CFDC receiving a similar award last year from the Morden District Chamber of Commerce, this latest honour brings yet more welcome attention to the centre as it continues to grow.

For executive director Peter Cantelon, it is also rather humbling.

"It's awesome, but it's also a challenge because there are so many notfor-profits out there," he said. "There are not for profits that feed the homeless . . . raise funds for people who have cancer. I don't want to diminish who we are, but then I think, wow, that's stiff competition for this kind of award."

Cantelon learned the CFDC had been nominated for the award several months ago. They then had to complete a detailed nomination which earned them a spot as one of the finalists.

Citing other recent honours such as the Not-for-Profit Award from the Morden chamber, Cantelon commented that"we've been on a run of a great couple of years.

"It's been a good time frame for us to get nominated because there's been a lot for us to talk about in terms of provincial recognition, tourism increasing and some restructuring that we've done. I think those are some of the kinds of things that gave us traction in this category."

And they welcome the recognition and awareness that this brings to the CFDC, as it boosts their longer term development plans, Cantelon says, including working towards having their own building some day.

"We've been trying to ratchet up the provincial level of awareness so that we have more visibility," he said. "So we've really seen some major strides in that area, and this is validating and affirming our work."

"That level of awareness, combined with the kind of attention we've been getting from the Winnipeg population—who are our largest demographic in terms of visitors here—I think will serve to help us continue to move forward in terms of provincial funding and partnerships with the private sector. Hopefully, the goal is that we can use this to start building



PHOTO BY LORN STELMACH/VOICE

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre has been named one of three finalists for the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce's 2015 MBiz Awards in the Not-for-Profit category. The award will be handed out this fall.

our awareness at the federal level as well."

Working towards their long term goal of the CFDC being in its own building"we've learned is not a short term process," Cantelon said. "We have a lot of work to do."

"We have to achieve increased visitation ... we have to drive more of our own revenue outside of grant revenue. And that only happens with this kind of recognition and awareness."

And, in the short term, it helps keep more people coming through the doors.

"It just keeps us in people's minds," Cantelon said."The more we do these kinds of things, the more we get these kinds of awards... the more we start building momentum so that there's name recognition, people talk about us, and they come down and visit us because they heard about us.

"Even locally it's nice because for a long time there was some level of uncertainty as to the value of the CFDC," he added."Over the last couple years, it's become pretty obvious . . . that we're bringing tourist dollars into the region. The fact that we're bringing a lot of tourism investment into the area has been a real benefit."

The award will be presented to the winner at a gala event October 28 in Winnipeg.

Still plenty of room to sign-up to Head for the Hills

Eden Fdn. hopes to reach 200 riders, raise \$100,000 By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's not too late to sign-up for Eden Foundation's annual Head for the Hills cycling event, taking place on the trails and country roads of the Pembina Valley on Sept. 12.

The 36-kilometer bike ride is coasting into its 13th year and organizers are hoping this will be the most successful one yet.

"We're hoping that we can reach 200 riders, that's our goal for this year," says the foundation's Earl Reimer, who notes they've had about 180 riders in recent years. "We've had very good, very strong support from those riders and we're very grateful for that, but we've set our sights on more."

More riders hopefully means more pledges, which is why the foundation is also upping its fundraising goal to \$100,000.

"We've been at around the \$80,000 mark for the past while, so we feel that is achievable, but it will be directly dependent on whether or not our good friends, our cyclists, feel the same about it as we do," Reimer says.

Every dollar in pledges riders collect goes to Eden Health Care Services to fund the many programs it operates across the region for people struggling with mental illness.

"This is a premiere event for us," Reimer says. "It's one of our two most important events that are held every year . . . as such, it provides a significant boost in income, which gives us the ability for us to do the things we need to do for people dealing with mental issues."

The ride is suited to just about every skill level, Reimer stresses, as cyclists can choose between either a somewhat more challenging trail ride through the valley or a smoother road route, both of which start out from Colert Beach in Morden and end with a free barbecue celebration on a farm yard near the Trans Canada Trail just north of the U.S. border.

Whichever path you choose, "it's a beautiful ride," Reimer says. "The goal for us is to provide a route that is achievable for everyone who wants to take part."

Registration is \$25 per rider (which covers the cost of your event T-shirt and a few other expenses). Riders are also asked to round up at least \$100 in pledges.

You can sign-up right up until the day-of, Reimer says, adding that you can take part individually or as part of a team.

"We won't turn anyone away," he says, noting all the information for tackling the ride is available at edenhealthcare.ca or by calling Eden at 204-325-5355.





It was a packed-full weekend in Plum Coulee during Plum Fest Aug. 14-16. Clockwise from above: The Old-Time Dance was a big hit in its new home in the park; Mary Bergen and Nettie Kehler served up plum delights at the Plum Tea Room; firefighters from Plum Coulee, Winkler, Morden, and Altona faced-off in the Fireman's Rodeo; vintage vehicles lined Main Ave. for the Car Show; Vince and Stacey Anderson were two of the many entertainers who graced the stage; goofing around with the festival's mascot.

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Bringing the past to life

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum held its final "A Day in the Life of a Pioneer" on Saturday, wrapping up the event's 2015 run with some help from a few thespians from the Flatlands Theatre Company.

Flatlands actors donning period clothing have been getting into character at the heritage museum to add a little extra flair to the Pioneer Days this summer, says general manager Kim Striemer.

"It really adds something to the whole experience," she says, noting the actors stay in character as they bring the village to life by showcasing everyday pioneer tasks—everything from washing clothes to sprucing up the greenspace to offering rides in a vintage car.

While the museum has made aprons and suspenders and bandanas available for kids stopping by on Pioneer Day to wear to get into character, some visitors have been coming in full costumes they made themselves, fully immersing themselves in spending an afternoon living like a pioneer.

"Two little girls came out dressed up in costumes that their mom specifically made for them to come," Striemer says, noting that kind of excitement has been heartening for the museum's staff and volunteers to see.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE The Pembina Threshermen's Museum was brought to life Saturday for its final Pioneer Day of the summer thanks to museum volunteers and actors from the Flatlands Theatre Company. Above, from left: General manager Kim Striemer with volunteers Liam Epp, Bev Billing, Alyce Klassen, and Betty Warkentin. Right: Flatlands actors Katrina Epp and Demeter Vaisius at the old-school washing station.

"It's fabulous. To me that means that people are interested enough that they're actually coming prepared already, willing to really get into it. To me, that's such an honour to see."

With Pioneer Days done for the season, the museum now turns its attention to its next big event: Reunion Days.

The 2015 Reunion Days celebration takes place on Friday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 29 starting at 9 a.m. both days.

The weekend will be packed full of demonstrations (everything from blacksmithing to corn grinding to lumber sawing), antique tractor parades, barrel train rides, interactive stations, a petting zoo, and a kid's carnival.

Visitors can also enjoy oldtime meals prepared by the Valley Harvest Maids both days, a Tractor Pull on the Saturday at 3:30 p.m., and musical entertainment every evening starting at 7 p.m.

A highlight of this year's Re-

union Days is the ribbon cutting for the Haskett grain elevator, which will have its grand opening that weekend.

Volunteers have been hard at work all summer long getting this newest addition to the museum's village ready for public tours, Striemer says, noting the ribbon cutting will take place at 11 a.m. on the Saturday.

If you haven't been to the Threshermen's in a few years, this year's Reunion Days celebration is a prime time to re-



discover the museum.

"It seems like every year there's something new to see," says Striemer, adding they've introduced a new scavenger hunt and a brand new history walk."I've really been trying to just get it out there so that people can get more out of the museum every time they come back."

Admission on Reunion Days is \$8 for adults, with kids 12 and under getting in for free.

For more information, go to www.threshermensmuseum.com.

"IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY YEAR THERE'S SOMETHING NEW TO SEE."



Busy week for Kids in Motion

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The annual Kids in Motion day camp lived up to its name last week.

Thirty-six kids took part in this year's program, jointly run Aug. 10-14 by Genesis House and Winkler Parks & Recreation.

"That's up by 10 kids from last year, which is great to see," said organizer Lori Penner, noting

the camp strives to engage kids with a range of themed activity days. "We want to get the kids out of the house, being active, and getting to know other kids."

Every day was a different adventure for the participants, who ranged in age from four to 10 years old.

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Some of the participants in the Kids in Motion summer day camp strike a pose at the tail-end of the Family Carnival held in Winkler Park on Thursday. Thirty-six kids took part in this year's program, which featured a different activity every day.



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Miniature art project leaves a big impression

Morden artist's work ends up in the hands of an actor half a world away

By Lorne Stelmach

It began simply enough with just a book read during a holiday.

It became an immense artistic creation, so to speak—immense in scope, though each individual piece that made it up was little more than an inch or two in size.

And along the way, Morden artist Kelly Klages made a surprising connection with the actor who has become synonymous with the character who inspired her work.

"Especially with social media now, you never know how one thing is going to lead to another," said Klages, as she recalled the events surrounding her handmade collection of mini Hercule Poirot novels, based on Agatha Christie's fictional Belgian detective.

It all started last summer, when Klages was on vacation and, on a whim, pulled one of Christie's books off the shelf.

Loving it, she ended up going through several more during that holiday.

Back at home, Klages checked out what they had at the Morden library, and had soon read through the library's entire collection of Christie books in about a month and a half. She became particularly interested in Poirot and was soon following up the books with viewings of the longrunning television series featuring the character, who is played by English actor David Suchet

"When I saw the show, I was so impressed by the characterization that I did something I had never done before—I actually wrote to the actor," said Klages. "Much to my surprise, he wrote me back. He actually sent me a nice hand-written letter and a photo." Suchet even went a bit further, however, as Klages learned "he even had googled my name and found out I was an artist, so I was impressed . . . he's very notorious for being very gracious to fans."

Klages had bought and watched the entire series, which spans 13 seasons, and in February she came upon the idea to do some miniature paintings an idea which evolved into miniature books to look like the Poirot novels.

After making the tiny books, her idea was to put the author's name and book title on each front cover, along with a quote from the story on the back.

"And in this little area on the front, which is just a shade under an inch wide, I painted a miniature screen shot from the episode," said Klages. "From February, in about three months I had a complete set of 39 of his books."

For Klages, it was interesting working on something on such a small scale, which is in far contrast to another project she had more recently been involved in: helping with the sets for



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Morden's Kelly Klages was inspired by the writings of Agatha Christie and the long-running Poirot television series to create this collection of mini books, each with a tiny painting of a scene from the show.

the Candlewick production of Mary Poppins at the Manitou Opera House. "I had been doing set painting for them. I did this big wall of an old London skyline . . . and it took a total of about six hours," she noted.

"And six hours might be about the same in time as one of these little books," said Klages, who explained the process included going through each book to find a quote and then through every episode to consider screen shots to use for the cover paintings.

"There was quite a lot of time on each one," she said, "and lots of very meticulous painting." Once they were completed, Klages had a miniature bookshelf made to hold all of the books. And, given the Morden library helped feed this artistic obsession, she went back there with her creations, putting them on display there earlier this summer.

Eventually, though, she started to wonder what to do with the books, as she thought they would likely just end up gathering dust in her home.

"I could either keep the whole thing or I could give the whole thing away," she said.

"Meanwhile, when I had been painting these books, I occasionally posted pictures of the books I was working on on Twitter."

That is when she heard again from Suchet, who was starring in a stage production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* in London's west end at the time.

"He had been tweeting encouraging little notes throughout the project, and so, in gratitude, I decided to pack the whole thing up and send it to him," Klages said, adding she told him he could keep them or use them however he saw fit, with no further reply necessary

Soon after came another tweet from the actor: "Your gift to me has left me speechless. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

And another week or two later, Klages received a personal letter:





After painstakingly creating the tiny works of art, Klages packed up and shipped the entire collection to English actor David Suchet (at left) in recognition for his 28 years spent portraying detective Poirot. The actor called the gift a true "little treasure."

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"In all the years since I started playing Poirot until now, nearly 28 years, I have never received such a gift. It is indeed a little treasure," wrote Suchet, who went on to explain he might put the collection of miniature books towards something like a charity auction.

"Looking at each book, I am astonished by the accuracy of your work . . . quite extraordinary," he wrote. "Also the illustrations on your letter reflect your God-given gift. A

person's gifts are only given to be shared and to build upon and benefit others, and this is certainly what you have done."

Receiving the letter absolutely made Klages' day.

"He's a very nice man, very gracious," she said. "Probably keeps a lot of loyal fans that way."

"I know that he has answered mail and tweets in the past, but that's very much going above and beyond the call of duty. It's very kind."

In the end, it has been a surprising and wonderful experience for the artist, who added she actually wasn't really that sad to give away her inspired creation. "IT WAS A LOT OF TIME AND WORK . . . BUT IF YOU KNOW THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS GOING TO APPRECIATE IT, THEN IT'S WORTH IT."

"It's a nice feeling to be able to do a project . . . over the course of several months, and to just give the whole thing away. It's kind of a liberating feeling, and it's a good way to surprise the daylights out of someone," she said.

"It was a lot of time and work . . . but if you know that someone else is going to appreciate it, then it's worth it. I could keep it, but what would I do with it? It would sit there, out of sight," Klages said. "I'm an artist. I have quite a lot of my own paintings just tucked in a closet in my craft room. No one sees them, and they're not doing anyone any good. So might as well do some good."

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They toured the Winkler fire hall and went on a dinosaur egg scavenger hunt in Bethel Heritage Park on Monday, watched the movie *Minions* at Southland Cinemas on Tuesday, went on a tour around the world with their own mini-Folklorama"Eat Around the World" in the Royal Hall on Wednesday, took over Winkler Park for a Family Carnival on Thursday, and wrapped up the week with Beach Day at the Winkler Aquatic Centre on Friday.

"Eat Around the World, especially, was a big hit," Penner said. "We had four different stations: Mexico, Russia, Rwanda, and China. So the kids got to try different foods from each and talk about the different countries. It was a lot of fun."







A sweet treat for a great cause

By Lorne Stelmach

A hot summer day made it a perfect time to go for ice cream, and children in need of medical care will be the beneficiaries.

The Dairy Queen restaurants in Winkler and Morden participated in the 2015 Miracle Treat Day Aug. 13, and both had banner days.

The Winkler restaurant made 1,050 blizzards and raised about \$5,700 in proceeds and donations, while the Morden location made 1,054 blizzards and raised about \$5,600. For both Dairy Queens, it was an increase from last year. "We've never gone over a thousand before,"

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Chris MacPherson, manager of the Morden Dairy Queen, was busy handing out balloons and other treats to the kids for the Miracle Treat Day August 13. Both the Morden and Winkler restaurants sold over 1,000 blizzard ice cream treats to raise over \$10,000 collectively in support of the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. said Winkler DQ manager Ben Rempel. "We enjoy it. It's a fun event for us."

"It was a busy day . . . but it went well," said Morden DQ manager Chris MacPherson. "Thanks to all the people who came out . . . and thanks to all the local businesses that placed their pre-orders with us."

MacPherson noted money raised by the Miracle Treat Day in Manitoba in past year had provided a range of equipment for the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg, including an endoscope, gastroscope, and a colonoscope.

This year, the goal was to be able to provide an operating microscope, which he noted would come with a price tag of about \$100,000 roughly what the Miracle Treat Day raises each year in the province.

"It leads to less invasive surgeries, which leads to faster recovery time, and children spend less time in the hospital," he said.

Over the past 13 years, Miracle Treat Day in Manitoba alone has raised over \$1.4 million, while nationally DQ and the Children's Miracle Network have raised more than \$100 million together since 1984.

Décor golf tourney raises \$53K

By Lorne Stelmach

Since its founding in 1977, Décor Cabinets has always been about more than just building quality cabinets.

There is also a mission to bring light into the world and community and light into people's lives, and the idea of leaving behind more than you take is a philosophy that drives president and co-founder Larry Dyck.

He was a fitting choice, then, for the guest speaker at the annual Décor Charities Classic held last Friday at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club.

"A lot of what we do ... it's for a purpose," said Dyck."We want to be very intentional with all the aspects of what's important to us in our mission statement."

Now in its 12th year, the Décor Charities Classic this year raised an estimated \$53,000, said Dave Schellenberg, vice president of finance and the key tournament organizer.

There were a little fewer than 140 golfers, which was about what they usually have participating in the tournament.

"As far as the tournament proceeds go, it's a little bit down from prior years," he noted. "But I thought it was a good day."

Since 2004, the generosity of sponsors, golfers and prize donors has allowed the Decor Charity Classic to raise over \$800,000.

Proceeds from this tournament will once again be divided equally among four worthwhile charities, with Decor Cabinets matching half of the all net proceeds.

The charities benefitting this year include WorldServe Ministries in addition to the annual beneficiaries: Youth for Christ Morden, Pembina Counselling Centre and Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

One newer addition to the tournament's lineup this year was a vendor appreciation event that was held last Thursday. That is another example of the importance the company places on building relationships and partnerships, said Dyck.

At the evening banquet, Dyck talked about that philosophy as part of an address that touched on his journey, everything from starting Décor Cabinets and its milestones to his personal journey in life.

He said a key aspect of it all has been that of the choices that one has to make along the way.

"There have been some areas in my past where I've had to make some choices, and they seemed insignificant, but they were a stake in the ground."

Dyck also shared his faith journey with an emphasis on "the inter-relationship between business and faith and personal life and how it all comes together.

"It's not possible, really, to separate the two," he commented. "We have this idea we can separate faith from politics, we can separate faith from business. We can't . . . because faith is who we are. I think faith becomes an integral part of who we are."

As for the golf tournament, Dyck said he remains grateful for the opportunity it continues to provide to give back to the community.

"We would like to have that continue ... and we're always looking for ways we can make it even better," he said. "I get a lot of comments saying it's a really great tournament."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Participants in the 2015 Décor Charity Classic golf tournament held August 14 at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club raised \$53,000 for three local and one global charity.

"We have people coming from as far away as Quebec and as far away as Calgary . . . right across Canada . . . coming here to support the tournament."



Mohawks clinch title

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Mohawks clinched the Border West Baseball League championship for the third year in a row Monday night.

The Mohawks headed to Baldur for the decisive fifth game with the Regals after the two teams had each won two games on the road.

It was truly a back-and-forth series, which started when Morden took game one 3-1 way back on Aug. 4

A week later, on Aug. 12, the Regals pulled off a 6-3 win, scoring twice in the second inning and once more in the sixth for a 3-0 lead before Morden's bats came to life to tie the game at the bottom of the sixth. Baldur answered with another trio of runs in the seventh, which went unanswered by Morden.

Game three swung things back Morden's way last Thursday, Aug. 13. The game was 1-1 until the sixth, when Morden's offence exploded with nine runs on their way to a 12-1 win that gave them a 2-1 series lead.

That made game four do-or-die for Baldur playing on Morden's home field on Sunday.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Mohawks took game three (above) of the Border West Baseball League championship series 12-1 to take a 2-1 lead. Game four went to Baldur, forcing a final game Monday night, which Morden handily won 10-7 to retain their title for the third year in a row.

After Morden opened with a single run in the first inning, the Regals took the lead with two runs in the fourth. They added one more run in the fifth to lead 3-1 until giving up a solo run to the Mohawks in the bottom of the

sixth inning, but that was all Morden could manage, giving the Regals the win and one final crack at the title with game five.

Playing back in Baldur Monday night, the Mohawks pulled out all the

stops to retain their title, coming from behind midway through the game to ultimately put 10 runs across home plate to the Regals' seven to take the game, the series, and the championship title for yet another year.

Winkler Storm retain hold on first place

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm held on to their first-place position in the Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 1 standings despite taking a loss last weekend.

The Storm faced off against the Scotia United—who currently sit in second place—on Sunday in Winkler.

Winkler just couldn't gather the momentum needed to score, while Scotia got two past Storm netminders Alvin Rode and Waldi Friebus for a shutout victory.

That brings the Storm's summer record to 8-5 and keeps them in first place by one point over Scotia United and two points over Bonivital United, Pescara, and Brandon Inspire FC. The boys get a week off before travelling to Winnipeg to play Britannia on Aug. 28 and Bonivital on Aug. 30.

In the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, meanwhile, the South Central Hurricanes added a win and a loss to their record. First off, the Portage Blaze were due in town last Thursday, but opted to forfeit the game, giving Winkler a default win.

Then on Monday, the 'Canes headed into Winnipeg to face the Vikings, coming home with a 1-0 loss. The ladies are in second place in Division 1 with a record of 8-2-4, trailing the first-place Victorious Secret by several points.

After a week off, the ladies play their final game of the season at home Aug. 30 against Portage.

Barracudas host championship Sunday

The Winkler Barracudas hit the pool in Manitou last weekend for the final regular swim meet of the season.

Though, for the first time this summer, Winkler posted no new records at the meet, the local swimmers still left the pool with 39 first-place finishes and an overall team win in points. Five swimmers earned first in all five of their races: Denika Corrigal, Reinhart Blignaut, Aidan Driedger, and Sven Schefer.

Other honours went to Ethne Gerbrandt (Bell Heat, 50m freestyle), Ava Rickey (Bell Heat, 25m breast stroke), Aidan Driedger (Bell Heat, 50m butterfly), and Hallie Loutchan (Swim of the Meet for her 50m freestyle).

The 'Cudas have led the Swim Manitoba Summer Swim league by a wide margin in points.

The summer's championship meet takes place in Winkler this Sunday.

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Hirschfeld memorial tourney donates \$1,000 to Special Olympics

Eight teams took part in the Aug. 8 Harvest Festival beach volleyball tournament, which was renamed to the Erich Hirschfeld Memorial Beach Volleyball tournament in memory of the late local volleyball coach and organizer. In honour of its namesake, the event donated \$1,000 to Special Olympics, a cause dear to Hirschfeld's heart. Above: Special O athlete Keith Peters (far left) and coach Sharon Dueck (far right) accepted the cheque from Hirschfeld's family (from left) brother-in-law Gerhard Krahn and nephews Nicholas, Alex, and Ken Krahn. At left: Winning the trophy this year was Team No Name Brand.

Clark Elder ball tourney raises \$2,300

By Lorne Stelmach

The numbers may have been down, but that didn't disappoint organizers of the Clark Elder memorial slo-pitch tournament. "It was still a good turnout, and everybody

had fun," Cheryl Digby said in summing up the feeling of everyone involved in the fifth annual tournament held Aug. 8 in Morden. The yearly event held in honour of Dig-

by's late son gives back to the community through the sport that Clark Elder loved: baseball.

Since its inception, the tournament has raised \$4,000-\$5,000 annually, and up to this year it had resulted in about \$21,000 being donated back into the community through various organizations, including about \$11,000 to the Morden Area Foundation.

This year the event drew 12 teams who helped raise around \$2,300.

The day had included a social in the past, but this year it instead featured a beer garden as well as a steak, sud and spud night at the Morden Motor Inn.

The proceeds from the day are headed to the Morden Area Foundation in support of its sports grants, the Morden police and fire

"IT'S HEARTWARMING TO SEE PEOPLE COME OUT AND ENJOY THE DAY."

departments for their outdoor rinks, and the City of Morden for improvements to its ball diamonds.

Digby noted that friends of Clark have really continued to step up and make this tournament happen each year, and she is very thankful for the community involvement.

"I would have never expected it to keep going like this," she said, adding that "some of Clark's friends have agreed to take over organizing the slow pitch tournament."

The emphasis will continue to be "that the people come out and have fun," Digby stressed."A lot of people wouldn't have even known Clark, but it's just heartwarming to see people come out and enjoy the day."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE A participant in the Clark Elder memorial slo-pitch tournament gears up for a hit on Aug. 8. The fifth annual event brought in \$2,300 for a number of local sporting projects and programs.

Another home run for CCI ball tourney

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The eight annual Big Hit Slow Pitch Tournament hit it out of the park last weekend—288 times, actually.

The Children's Camps International fundraiser had nine teams come out for three days of softball, where each home run helped send a child overseas to one of the Christian ministry's camp programs.

Organizer Steve Zacharias said on Monday that they were still expecting a few more donations to come in this week, but that the event was poised to surpass \$20,000 thanks to registration fees, donations, and pledges for each of the 288 home runs scored (a new home run record for the compe-

tition).

"It's always such a great event ... a real feel-good event," he says, stressing that the dollar amount doesn't concern them so much as another number: the fact the money brought in will send over 4,000 kids to camp. "That's the real success of all this."

Earning bragging rights this year was tournament champion the Silver Sluggers, who beat out Ministry of Defence in the final.

The winners earned themselves a team party featuring food and entertainment reflecting one of the many countries CCI operates in.

If you'd like to learn more about Children's Camps International or make a donation towards the Big Hit



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

A player gets a hit in Children's Camps International's eighth annual Big Hit Slow Pitch Tournament in Winkler last weekend, which raised enough funds to send 4,000 kids overseas to camp.

Slow Pitch Tournament, check them out online at ccicamps.com or give

them a call at 204-331-4003.

Locals taking on the Dragon Boat Challenge

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a tradition rooted in ancient Chinese culture, but it is being used here today to help in the fight against cancer. And a local team is gearing up to compete in the upcoming 2015 Dragon Boat Challenge in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Team Morden came about after the community hosted its first Paddle Fest at Lake Minnewasta in June, said Stephanie Dueck, the city's recreation programmer.

"We're trying to get more people in Morden interested in paddling sports, and the Dragon Boat Challenge is one of the things we thought we could try," she said, noting it's a fundraiser for a great cause.

The 2015 Canadian Cancer Society

September Dragon Boat Challenge will take place Sept. 11-12 at the Manitoba Canoe and Kayak Centre in Winnipeg.

Dueck said they thought they would like to one day host a dragon boat event in Morden but"we had to try to spark the interest before we could do a bigger event like that."

"We had tried to get a group together for the River City Dragon Boat Festival in June in Winnipeg, but those were larger boats requiring 20 people, and I didn't quite reach that. But I did have 13 people, and this Dragon Boat Challenge in September only requires 10 people because they use smaller boats."

The sport has gained popularity in recent years worldwide, and the Canadian Cancer Society has been involved in dragon boating for 14 years, with paddlers raising over \$3.5 million for the fight against cancer.

Dueck suggested "the appeal is it's a chance to be outside in the summer and try a new activity. And it's the team dynamic that makes it interesting, and the boats look cool with the dragon heads. And, of course, you're supporting a good cause as well . . . raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society."

She said the dragon boat racing would be good for a variety of ages and ability levels.

"Those at a beginner level are welcome. Most of us have probably at least done some kayaking or canoeing but never been on a dragon boat before," she said.

"We do get to practice ahead of time,

so that helps. They schedule practices for us, so we're heading in on August 27 for a practice.

"It will be great. And people from Morden are welcome to come and watch us," said Dueck. "On Friday, September 11, racing starts at 6 p.m. We probably won't be racing until 7:30 or so. On Saturday, racing starts at 10 a.m. and goes until about 7 p.m. It will be a fun time."

And since it is a fundraiser, the group is also planning to host a Sud, Spud and Steak Night at Rocks Bar and Grill Aug. 27. Tickets are available for \$20 at Thornview Grocery and the Access Event Centre.

"The fundraising will go to the cancer society and part of our pledges," Dueck said. "We're hoping to raise \$1,200 as a team."



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The 2015 Harvest 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament was a big hit in its second year at the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition, with 20 teams and nearly 70 players taking part. Earning bragging rights and prizes of gift cards from Charley B's and Molten outdoor basketballs were (clockwise from above left) Riley Ens, Rylan Metcalf, Kole Bergman, and Matthew Dennis in the 16U division; Ryan Wiebe, Adam Bergen, Nick Friesen, and Frankie Tocci in the 19U event; Campbell Ens, Kolton Shindle, and Matthew Lehmann in 14U; and Trenton Penner, Asher Blatz, and Mike Heppener in 12U.



Locals shine at Western Summer Games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Win or lose, local athletes did Manitoba proud at the Western Canada Summer Games in Wood Buffalo, Alberta last week.

Winkler's Martin Russo fought his way to the gold medal bout in judo, where he fell to a competitor from Saskatchewan 1-0 to bring home silver. In the team judo competition, Manitoba fell to Alberta in the bronze medal match 27-17.

Fellow Winklerite Tristan Peters helped Manitoba win bronze in baseball. Team 'Toba was 2-4 in the round robin and then beat Alberta 5-1 for the third-place finish.

Morden's Abbey Sager was part

of the Team Manitoba softball team that made it to the bronze medal match, where they fell to Saskatchewan 6-3.

Rayvn Wiebe, also from Morden, helped her team get to the bronze

medal game, as well, in indoor volleyball. There, they narrowly lost to Saskatchewan 25-23 for a fourth-place finish.

Also donning Manitoba colours at the Games was Pilot Mound's Avery McLean, who competed but did not place in swimming, and Swan Lake's Jessica Gundrum, who competed in hurdles, coming in 10th in 400m and 11th in 100m.

One more weekend at the ALH races

The winners at the ALH Motor Speedway races last Sunday included:

• Pure Stock: Les McRae in first place, Steve Redman in second, and Brad Wall in third place.

• Midwest Mod: Austin Hunter, Aaron Blacklance, and Brodie Dobson.

• Street Stock: Billy Maruca, Shawn

Teunis, and Kyle Dykhoff.

• Super Trucks: Rene Poluyko, Tyson Hiebert, and Rob Penner.

• A-Mods: Ward Imrie, Scott Greer, and Lee McRae.

• Four-Cylinder: Dean Miljure, Sean Cassidy, and Brandon Rehill.

The track, located just west of Morden, holds its final races of the season this weekend with its Corn and Apple Special Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 23.

The day will feature street stock, midwest mods, A-mods, four-cylinder, pure stocks, and super truck divisions both days.

Racing gets underway at 4 p.m. For more information, check out www.alhmotorspeedway.com

Agriculture Farmers get to work on 2015 harvest

By Harry Siemens

The harvest in Southern Manitoba continues with good to above average yields in the winter wheat and spring wheats, while initial canola yields seem to vary, depending on the weather conditions during the growing season.

Jack Siemens, who farms northeast of Plum Coulee, says their new feed wheat averaged between 70 and the high 80s and, weather permitting, their canola harvest was to start on Monday, just after the time of this writing.

Ben Heide of Boissevain says their spring wheat harvest was to start Monday, too, if the weather continued to cooperate.

Reg Friesen, president of Aerial Seeding & Spraying Service, Prairie Sky, says preharvest application is going strong with their aircraft and some with ground sprayers too.

"Yields seem to be varying around the area on wheat and winter wheat, with one canola yield report very good considering the season," says Friesen. "Soybeans . . . where they weren't flooded out, are looking amazing."

With acres down because of dry conditions last fall, Manitoba Ag's Pam de Rocquigny, a cereal crop specialist, says this year's fall seeded crops are showing above average yields and are coming off the fields in very good condition.

"Winter cereals are coming off right now so that includes crops such as our winter wheat and our fall rye. We do have some preliminary yield numbers for our winter wheat and they're ranging anywhere from 55 to upwards of 90 bushels per acre," she says. "So some really good looking yields out there for our winter wheat and so far we've been hearing good quality."

She says that's always good to hear in terms of not only yields looking average to a little bit above average but good quality, too. Often quality is associated with disease pressure.

"Last year, in 2014, our winter wheat was definitely impacted by fusarium head blight and that resulted in some downgrading due to fusarium damaged kernels," says de Rocquigny. "This year, in 2015, we're hearing so far low levels of fusarium head blight in both the winter wheat and the spring wheat crops."

In Saskatchewan, Shannon Friesen of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture says yields of the early harvested crops are well below average but good quality.

In that department's weekly crop report through Aug. 10, Friesen says it was only in the last couple of weeks that the province has received any amount of rain, hindering growth significantly.

"Certainly harvest progress is well ahead of the last couple of years," she says. "For the most part, the crops that have come off so far are our winter cereals, wheat and rye, and quite a bit of the peas and the lentils."

Friesen says most of these were the earlier seeded ones that did not receive the rain, and, in fact, some of them may have been flowering during the extreme heat in the June-July time period.

"For the most part the crops looked

great and they perked up, especially after the rain," she says. "But what we are hearing is that, as guys cut into those fields and started to combine, the yields were maybe only half of where they would typically expect it to be, maybe even half of where we were last year, so that's quite disappointing for most producers."

Friesen says, for the most part, producers will be looking for continued dry weather now that the harvest is underway, but cooler temperatures.

Government promises flood protection

By Harry Siemens

Federal and provincial government representatives recently assured residents of five Manitoba communities that they can look forward to improved flood protection for their families and properties thanks to a joint federal-provincial investment from the Community Dikes Initiative through the Provincial-Territorial Base Fund.

The five projects include upgraded flood protection in the rural municipalities of Cartier, Taché, Wallace-Woodworth, Deloraine-Winchester and Grahamdale. In total, these projects will help protect more than 280 properties.

The Canadian and Manitoba governments will jointly provide over \$9.2 million in funding for these projects, with the municipal contributions totaling just over \$1 million.

Tom Teichroeb, chair of the Manitoba Lake Rehabilitation Committee, welcomed this news with open arms.

"That would be a tremendous contribution if we could get all those

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> HARRY SIEMENS

s I sit here in the La Mision Boutique Hotel in Asuncion, I reflect on the two plus weeks my wife Judith and I spent relating, sharing, listening, and simply visiting with whomever we came into contact with, especially those whose language is Low German.

It isn't the same in Asuncion with-

out our Low German and Spanish speaking friends to navigate and make purchases in an otherwise spotless and attractive mall with stores of every choice and colour.

While different in many ways, farming in the Chaco amongst and by the Menno Colony farmers is also the same in many ways.

While under the umbrella of the Cooperativa Chortitzer where the majority of Menno Colony farmers do their business from cradle to grave, there's a free enterprise spirit and system that smacks of togetherness.

In future columns I will tell the story of several farmers, I will share with you the interviewI did with Gustav Sawatzky, the current president of the Cooperativa Chortitzer, and also share stories of how the Menno Colony takes whatever those farmers produce in crops, like corn, peanuts, sesame seed, and cotton. I'll also talk about the huge meat and dairy processing plants where the co-op exports much of the products.

But for now, as I'm writing this, we are getting ready to head to the airport.

There is another part of Paraguay called east Paraguay, with a much wetter and somewhat milder climate, where farmers raise wheat, corn and soybeans in a big way.

I met John Driedger, a businessman, entrepreneur and farmer from the village of Somerfeld, in East Paraguay, the last morning in Loma Plata having breakfast in the dining room of the Motel Mora.

As so often happens, as we chat-

Triple Threat Arts Camp kids prepare for Rapunzel



SUBMITTED PHOTO

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Over two dozen young performing artists spent the last week in intensive preparations for this Saturday's production of *Rapunzel* at Morden's Kenmor Theatre.

Participants in Candlewick/ Danceworks/Xplor Drama's Triple Threat Arts Camp spent Monday and Tuesday creating their own musical version of the classic fairy tale, writing the script from scratch and then incorporating into it several songs and dance routines.

The kids spent the rest of the week rehearsing their creation

in the lead-up to performing it at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Aug. 22 as part of the Morden Corn and Apple Festival line-up.

"It is fantastic to see all the students soaking up the rehearsal time, working hard, and putting a full day of effort into it," says camp director Richard Klassen. "One wishes they could be this age all over again just to relax, have fun, play theatre games, learn some dance, express your ideas—and then make it all come together."

The show will run about 35-45 minutes in length. Admission is free.

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flood works implemented in due time," says the cattle rancher who knows all too well the suffering the people around Lake Manitoba have endured since the 'Big One' in 2011.

While Teichroeb is a positive person and a realist who has seen and heard some of this before, he thinks this time around it will really happen.

"I believe this has finally become a reality. I know we still have some challenges. Just last week, the First Nations folks from Lake St. Martin say they still need some settlements to happen from their perspective," he says. "We need to do more work there and I think it's relevant and needs to happen because they have suffered for a very, very long time."

Teichroeb doesn't think the upcoming elections will likely derail these plans, either.

"The federal government has come in, and they made that announcement, and from the province's side, we have a very good feeling from both the opposition and NDP government, no matter who comes in, this will become a reality from the provincial side. I'm very, very optimistic."

He says the current status of the

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ted and compared friends, he has an uncle Abe in Altona who is a good friend of mine.

John and his family had travelled 600 km across Paraguay to attend Trebol, a modern and up-to-date farm machinery and cattle show, exposition, with whooping and hollering rodeo.

This week-long event attracted people from far and wide, as we noticed the previous day while walking down lake, of the farmers, and this year's harvest around Lake Manitoba is tolerable. Lake Manitoba right now is approximately 812.4 feet above sea level at the maximum level of the operating range, which is between 810.5 to 812.5 feet above sea level.

Being at the upper operating level, it has not impacted the harvest, he says. Whatever farmers seeded after that

the various streets.

Driedger tells me he operates a large farm with his sons, a dairy, several milling plants, and other businesses. Our next trip may well include East Paraguay.

As I sit here and write and switch gears to what is happening at home in Canada, we look back at the last two weeks and say to ourselves, 'We'll miss the people and the lovely mornone big wind event this spring seems to have survived.

"But there still remains a tremendous amount of reclamation work that needs to happen in the next four to five years," says Teichroeb. "Especially where the conditions trapped the water forcing salinity to become the big issue."

ings and evenings outside.' Yet, we also longingly look forward to the moment we touch down in Winnipeg after 20 hours of travelling.

When I mix the two emotions—leaving newfound friends with the feeling of seeing family and long-time friends—it is a feeling of satisfaction, meaning we had a good and profitable time.





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Oualifications

- Must have or be able to obtain a Class 3 drivers license with air endorsement Experience in operating light equipment and trucks with ability to learn
- heavy equipment operation
- Basic welding, plumbing, piping and mechanical skills are desirable
- Possess or be able to gain through studies water and wastewater certification
- Physically capable of heavy lifting
- Grade 12 education

Forward resumes by September 4. 2015 to:

- City of Winkler 185 Main Street
- Winkler, MB R6W 1B4
- breimer@citvofwinkler.ca
- Attention: Bill Reimer, Utilities Foreman

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