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A look at musicians Lulu and the TomCat

By Ty Dilello

Roland's Lulu and the TomCat is a Juno Award-nominated children's musical group that has produced numerous children's albums and made many concert appearances around the globe.

They are a multi-instrumental, bilingual entertainment group that encourages active audience participation. With their colourful puppets and creative themes, this duo performs many different shows and tailors each to suit your particular audience.

Originally from Montreal, LuLu (Lori Neufeld) and TomCat (Tom Neufeld) were members of several bands before meeting at Beaconsfield High School in Montreal. They played and composed music together in a band that Tom led. They both continued their education in Quebec and after university, they relocated to Roland, where they found jobs in local schools.

LuLu taught Music, French, Spanish, and German, while Tom was a high school librarian and did extra-curricular music. Because of their backgrounds, the group combines music with education in its music,



books, and live shows.

"While we were in Montreal, Lori and I would put on shows for her little sisters," said Tom Neufeld. "I guess that's where the enjoyment of Children's Music started. After moving to Manitoba, we still did all types of music and entertainment, but the Children's Music seemed to strike a chord with us and our audiences. We still do all types of performances, including shows by Tom and Lori."

Over the years, Lulu and the TomCat have toured Manitoba, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. They have produced nine multiple award-winning CDs and a series of children's books with accompanying pedagogical activity guides.



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Roland's Lulu and the TomCat (Lori and Tom Neufeld) is a local Juno Award-nominated children's musical group that has been around for decades, entertaining children and folks of all ages worldwide.

They have earned three Parents' Choice Awards, a Children's Music Web Award, a Western Canadian Music Award, a Prairie Music Award, and two Canadian Children's Book Centre "Our Choice" awards for their original compositions. Of their nine albums, seven have received WCMA nominations, two have received WCMA awards, and one has received a Juno nomination.

Some of the significant career highlights include representing Canada at the World 2005 Expo in Aichi, Japan. In 2006, they toured schools and community centres in Cuba with

a 15-piece band. In 2008, they performed in Ottawa for Canada Day. In 2010, they performed at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

"We have been so fortunate to be able to perform all over the world," said Neufeld. "I still remember our Canada Day show in Ottawa. We were singing a song that we wrote about the colours of Canada, and during the song, the Canadian Snowbirds Aerobatic jets flew overhead. I told the crowd, 'Just like in rehearsal.'"

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Local fire departments control pair of blazes

By Ty Dilello

It was a busier than usual week for Carman's fire departments, as they were dispatched to a series of fires.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 26, the Carman Dufferin Fire Department was requested for mutual aid to a structure fire at a dairy barn in the RM of Grey near Haywood. Firefighters responded with two pumpers, a tanker and a QRV (quick-response vehicle). Crews worked hard for several hours to keep the fire from spreading.

The four fire departments involved in helping with the blaze were St. Claude, Elm Creek, Carman-Dufferin, and Rathwell. Treherne RCMP and an ambulance were also on the scene.

The dairy barn fire is believed to have started from a piece of equipment called a bale buster. However, the Carman Dufferin Fire Department noted that the official cause is still under investigation.

"We responded as a mutual aid call for Elm Creek, and we took four trucks, including two pumpers, the tanker and Quick Response Vehicle and over a dozen firefighters," said Carman Dufferin deputy fire chief Joey McElroy.

"When we arrived, the owner had opened the doors for the animals to escape and there were hundreds of cows just roaming the yard. From what we saw, they were contained and hauled out with livestock trailers fairly quickly."

The fire departments were told that the dairy barn's animal loss was relatively low, expected to be less than 10 out of the approximately 450 cows.

"For a while, we had our crews working on the roof, creating a fire break ahead of the fire to stop it from spreading, while there were some Elm Creek and St. Claude firefighters working inside the attic. The fire grew

quicker than that could be completed, and those firefighters had to evacuate the building and roof for their safety."

At that point, the goal was to try and keep the fire from spreading to the calf barn at the west end, as well as the silage pile on the south side of the barn. An excavator and loader were used to help move debris around to contain it.

"By the time we were done cleaning up our equipment, we had just about eight hours invested into that fire," said McElroy. "Elm Creek and St. Claude's fire department stayed on scene to monitor things."

"It was a great job by the surrounding community in helping out rounding up the herd, helping to organize shipping the cows elsewhere so that they can be milked and properly cared for," added Leen Blok, deputy fire chief of the Elm Creek (RM of Grey) Fire Department. "It was a job well done by firefighters, but we're never happy when we lose a structure. The last crew left at 11:50 p.m."

Unfortunately, the workday wasn't yet done for Carman Dufferin firefighters. At approximately 10:45 p.m. on that same night, the Carman Dufferin Fire Department was dispatched to reports of a structure fire in the Town of Carman at a garage in the back lane behind 2nd Street SW.

When firefighters arrived, they found a detached garage that was fully engulfed. Crews were able to contain the blaze over four hours before it spread to neighbouring buildings, and some of the neighbouring buildings sustained minor damage.

There were no occupants in the garage at the time of the blaze, and those who lived in the house on the property were fine.

"When we got there, the detached garage was fully involved and threat-



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On Aug. 26, the Carman Dufferin Fire Department split their day between putting out a major fire at a dairy barn outside Haywood and putting out a garage fire in the Town of Carman.

ening the neighbour's garage, power lines and even the house in the yard of the garage," said McElroy. "Our crews brought multiple hose lines to the backyard and attacked the fire, knocking it down quickly. We were on scene for several hours extinguishing hot spots and cleaning our equipment again."

The Carman Dufferin Fire Department maintained personnel on the scene overnight and into the morning as the Office of the Fire Commissioner sent out an investigator.

At this point, the cause is still under investigation with the Office of the Fire Commissioner.



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Universal birth control coverage as of Oct. 1 for Manitobans

By Lana Meier

Manitoba residents will now have universal access to birth control coverage as announced by the provincial government, effective October 1.

Last Thursday, Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara declared that Manitobans will experience financial benefits with the implementation of free prescription birth control

“Prescription birth control is a right, not a luxury,” said Asagwara. “Money should never be a barrier to accessing reproductive health care. Starting Oct. 1, Manitobans will be able to get some of the most common and effective birth control without having to worry about the cost. This will save people hundreds of dollars and it will ensure you are fully in control of your body and your choices.”

The recently released Budget 2024 from the Manitoba government included a proposal to provide free prescription birth control for all residents of Manitoba. Under the coverage of the Manitoba Pharmacare Program, approximately 60 frequently prescribed forms of birth control, such as the pill, IUDs, and hormone injections, will be fully covered.

Prescriptions can be obtained from a doctor or nurse practitioner during a scheduled appointment, at a walk-in clinic, or in a hospital.

According to Dr. Jacqueline Gougeon, a family physician, the recent announcement guarantees that all Manitobans in need will have dependable access to contraception.

“It further empowers women to make decisions around their education and careers that are based solely

on their own hopes and dreams and not around unintended pregnancies. This decision represents renewed choice and opportunity for so many of my patients, and removes a tremendous barrier to adequate health care and gender equity,” said Gougeon.

The program will save Manitobans hundreds of dollars a year on birth control costs, the minister noted, adding that someone who pays \$25 a month for oral hormonal pills, the new free plan could save them as much as \$10,000 over their lifetime.

Eligible Manitobans without existing coverage from a federal or provincial program can receive free coverage for birth control by presenting their prescription and Manitoba Health Card at a pharmacy.

Security rebate funding expanded for homeowners, renters and small businesses

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba government is increasing the Manitoba Security Rebate Program by \$1.5 million to help more Manitobans save money on cameras, security systems, and other equipment, Premier Wab Kinew and Justice Minister Matt Wiebe announced Thursday.

According to Kinew, the safety of Manitobans in their homes and communities is crucial. Installing a camera or alarm can contribute to this security. The positive feedback received from families and businesses in Manitoba has prompted us to extend the rebate program. This will enable more individuals to access affordable security equipment.

Initially in June, the program provided a \$300 refund to homeowners, renters and small businesses who invested in security equipment as a component of Budget 2024. The initial allocation was \$500,000 for rebates accessible to all. The overall budget is now being increased to \$2

million.

“After seeing such high interest from Manitobans, our government is increasing the total amount of funding for security rebates so that more homeowners, renters and small business owners can save money on security measures such as cameras, lights and other products designed to help keep properties safe,” said Wiebe. “This is one part of our plan to make communities across Manitoba safer.”

The goal of the rebate is to cover the expenses of enhancing security measures for Manitoba residents and small business proprietors. Qualified enhancements consist of installing security cameras, doorbell cameras, alarm systems, motion detectors, reinforced doors or windows, anti-graffiti film and paints, security gates, roll-down protection shutters and permanent security fencing.

Limited space is available in the program, and so Manitobans planning to apply should do so as soon as possible, the minister noted. Applica-

tions are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis and the program will be closed when it reaches \$2 million in applications. Rebates for those who have already applied are beginning to roll out this week and will continue to be processed over the coming weeks.

Any purchase made after Sept. 1, 2023, is eligible to receive the rebate. It can include multiple expenses for a single property or business, as long as they are submitted together and do not exceed \$300. Manitobans with multiple homes or business locations in the province are only eligible to apply once for one location. Ongoing subscriptions or monthly fees for existing security systems are not eligible and only equipment associated with a new security system is covered by the rebate.

For more information on how to apply, visit www.manitoba.ca/justice/securityrebate.html.

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True Wireless, Rogers opens location in Carman

By Ty Dilello

True Wireless Canada proudly opened its Carman location on Aug. 9 and received a wonderfully warm reception from the community.

The new True Wireless store is located at 28 1st Street SW in Carman. Its hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The store's contact number is 431-202-1001.

"At True Wireless Carman, we're more than just a Rogers dealer," said Harry Singh of True Wireless. "We specialize in comprehensive cellphone repair services. Whether you're looking to upgrade to the latest model or breathe new life into your existing device with a bit of expert care, we've got you covered. Our repair center is known for its reliability and expertise, ensuring your devices are in the best hands.

The Rogers network provides excellent reception and high-speed service, so staying connected has never been easier.

With the school season fast approaching, True Wireless Canada has rolled out some back-to-school deals

that offer significant savings. Its exclusive offers include mobility plans and home internet services that cater specifically to the local community's needs. Additionally, they're offering a 20 percent discount on all cellphone repairs, whether it's a cracked screen or a worn-out battery, ensuring top-notch service at an affordable price.

True Wireless is also proud to offer exclusive deals such as up to 30% off on regular mobile plan pricing for healthcare workers, teachers, and students.

"It's our way of giving back to those who contribute so much to our community," said Singh. "And our Back-to-School deals are for everyone. Being a small town, Carman values personalized service, and we've ensured our approach is tailored to meet those expectations."

True Wireless also carries a wide variety of cellphone accessories, including cases and screen protectors. The store's staff has carefully curated its selection to ensure it offers something for everyone, from stylish to durable options.



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The new True Wireless store in Carman is tailored to meet the customer's needs as it offers many mobile phone solutions for the coverage area.

"We invite everyone to visit True Wireless Carman to experience our personalized service and take advantage of our great deals."

Manitoba advises rent guideline set at 1.7 percent for 2025

By Lana Meier

According to Manitoba Consumer Protection and Government Services, the rent guideline for 2025 has been established at 1.7 percent, taking effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

Each year, the guideline is determined through a transparent formula utilizing Manitoba's consumer price index (CPI). It applies to various types of rental properties such as apartments, single rooms, houses, and duplexes. The current 2025

guideline is lower than the previous year's guideline, which had increased by three percent in 2024.

The guideline does not apply to:

- rental units renting for \$1,640 or more per month;
- various types of social housing;
- rental units owned and operated by, or for, provincial, municipal or federal governments;
- rental units in buildings first occupied after March 2005;

- not-for-profit life lease units;
- co-operative units; and
- approved rehabilitated rental units.

Tenants must receive written notice of a rent increase at least three months before the increase takes effect. For example, for a rent increase to take effect Jan. 1, 2025, tenants must receive notice by Sept. 30, 2024. With few exceptions, rent can only be increased once a year.

It is recommended for both land-

lords and tenants to reach out to the Residential Tenancies Branch at 204-945-2476 in Winnipeg or 1-800-782-8403 (toll-free in Manitoba) for information regarding rent increases and their respective rights and duties.

More information is also available at www.manitoba.ca/rtb.

> MUSICIANS, FROM PG. 2

Playing at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. was another privilege, as we looked out over the mall at the iconic buildings."

Perhaps the biggest honour of Lulu and TomCat's careers was being asked to represent Canada at the 2005 World Expo in Japan.

"Lori, being a language specialist, spent about six months learning as much Japanese as she could, even writing songs and choruses in Japanese that really connected with the crowds. It even got us on a Japanese national radio program to perform a

song live. The people, the culture, the food, the opportunity. What a great experience."

Through it all, the pair still writes and performs as much as they can for kids, adults, and seniors and plays with various community bands.

They have several upcoming performances and private and public functions (schools, senior homes, private parties). The public functions include Winnipeg's Teddy Bear's Picnic in Assiniboine Park on Sept. 8 and the Roland Pumpkin Fair on Oct. 5.

"We are also in final negotiations for a major local public concert, tentatively in January of 2025."

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PVLIP puts call out for Welcoming Week participants

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP) is launching a fun new social media campaign next month, and they're inviting you to be part of it.

From Sept. 13-22, PVLIP will for the first time be taking part in Welcoming Week.

Welcoming Week is an annual opportunity to recognize and celebrate the people, places, and values that help everyone feel welcome and give them a sense of belonging in their community, no matter where they come from.

"It's a national initiative that started about four years ago," explains PVLIP coordinator Elaine Burton-Saindon. "For us, it's really the first year we've had the resources and the staffing to manage it on top of everything else, so we're stepping into it this year with the intention of keeping it going on an annual basis."

Taking the lead on the campaign is PVLIP community liaison Kevin Driedger, who has put a call out for people and businesses to make use of the "I'm a Welcomer" selfie frame they've created.

"We at PVLIP want to celebrate all the people who make the Pembina Valley a welcoming place," he says, explaining he and other agency staff are open to scheduling a time to stop by locations across the region to snap

a photo of individuals, employee groups, volunteers, etc. with the frame to be posted on social media during Welcoming Week (#WelcomingWeek2024 and #WelcomingPV).

"Already I've got places that are interested, scheduling times," Driedger says, noting that you can also take part by sending him photo that he can insert into the frame digitally. "We're trying to make it as accessible as possible for people to participate."

"This is a fun and engaging way to get community people involved, businesses, other organizations, municipal leaders ... we hope throughout the region there's a wide variety of participation," says Burton-Saindon.

"The plan is for that week, social media will be flooded with pictures of welcoming people from throughout the Pembina Valley," Driedger adds. "That's the goal."

Helping create communities where everyone feels like they belong is what PVLIP was created for, Burton-Saindon says, so this campaign is a great fit for the organization.

"Everything we do—in all of our strategies, our promotions, our campaigns—is all about creating that welcoming space," she says, explaining they do that in a variety of ways, including helping municipalities and businesses create policies that foster inclusiveness, hosting community



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PVLIP staffers Kevin Driedger, Elaine Burton-Saindon (centre), and Tara Funke with the "I'm a Welcomer" photo frame they've created to mark Welcoming Week 2024 on social media Sept. 13-22. Contact PVLIP today to get your photo with the frame.

events to bring people from all walks of life together, and shining a spotlight on local success stories.

"Businesses are thriving because of immigration, economic development is happening because of immigration, and our communities, in general, are very welcoming. There's a lot of good

stories out there," Burton-Saindon says, and this campaign is one way to shine a spotlight on that.

If you'd like to get involved in Welcoming Week 2024, connect with Driedger via email to kevin@pvlip.ca.

Immigration Business Expo comes to Morden Sept. 20

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Immigrant Employment Council (MBIEC), Regional Connections, and New Horizons Media are teaming up to bring a new event to the area next month.

The Immigrant Business Expo Southern Manitoba (IBE) takes over the Morden Access Event Centre on Friday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Its goal is to help new immigrants in navigating the often complex requirements of operating a small business in Canada, says organizer Bisi Adebayo, outreach and partnerships manager with MBIEC.

"It's a great opportunity for immigrants looking to start up a business to receive this support," she says. "[This expo] has never happened in the province before."

The IBE shines a light on the fact newcomers to Canada are not simply filling existing jobs in our communities, but also creating new ones, both for themselves and others.

"We want to support employers in hiring newcomers, but newcomers are also job creators in the province," Adebayo stresses. "So we want to support immigrants with these resources and tools [they need to] start their own businesses."

The day will provide existing entrepreneurs and those who aspire to run their own business the opportunity to learn "how to grow their businesses, network, get more profitable branding, getting loans and access to grants" and more, says Adebayo.

Starting a business isn't an easy task for anyone, but newcomers often have additional hurdles to overcome on the path to success.

"The unique challenges are mainly because they're in a new environ-

ment, a new country, so [knowing] how to go about it, where to go, how to start, can be a challenge," Adebayo says.

The expo will connect participants with community services and supports that help newcomers start or grow their own small businesses.

There will be workshops, panel discussions led by leading immigrant entrepreneurs and business leaders, a marketplace featuring immigrant-service organizations and business service providers as well as booths from

immigrant entrepreneurs showcasing their companies, small business clinics on a variety of topics, and guest speakers, including Jamie Moses, the provincial minister of economic trade and investment, and Zahid Zehri, a successful pharmacist and business

owner in Winkler.

While geared towards immigrants, Adebayo notes the expo is open to anyone interested in this topic.

"It's open to everyone—non-immigrants, immigrants—to attend and learn one or two things about immigrant businesses," she says. "And even those that are non-immigrant that have started businesses here can also help support and promote information of business ideas that would interest someone looking to start a business."

Attendance as a participant is free. You can reserve a spot in advance at the Southern Manitoba Immigrant Business Expo page on [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca).

If you'd like to book a promotional vendor booth at the event (which does come with a cost), or have any other questions, you can connect with Adebayo at 204-325-4059 or bisi@manitobaiec.ca.

"NEWCOMERS ARE ALSO JOB CREATORS IN THE PROVINCE."

Province announces forthcoming legislation to let municipalities opt out of metro region

By Patricia Barrett

Some Interlake municipalities that oppose being part of the Capital Planning Region were breathing a little easier last week after the provincial NDP government said it intends to let them opt out under legislation it will table this fall.

The Capital Planning Region operates under the name the Winnipeg Metro Region. It was created by the former provincial Conservative government under the Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Bill 37). The WMR's 18 member municipalities were assigned to the region whether they wanted to be part of it or not.

The region consists of the City of Winnipeg, City of Selkirk, Town of Niverville, Town of Stonewall, Village of Dunnottar and the rural municipalities of Cartier, East St. Paul, Headingley, Macdonald, Ritchot, Rockwood, Rosser, Springfield, St. Andrews, St. Clements, St. François Xavier, Tache and West St. Paul.

The NDP government said last week it will introduce legislation to allow municipalities the "freedom to choose" whether they want to be part of the region.

"This is about giving municipalities the freedom to make their own planning decisions, rather than force them into a planning region that isn't working," said premier Wab Kinew in an Aug. 21 news release. "We've heard what municipalities have to say and that's why we're moving forward with legislation to make membership in Plan 20-50 voluntary. We're working with communities like Selkirk, Niverville and Stonewall to grow the economy, and build more housing in a way that makes sense for them."

The government's move comes after some municipalities publicly protested against being forcibly included in the WMR and residents raised concerns about how it could override the authority of their local governments to make land-use decisions.

The WMR released a yet-to-be-adopted 30-year blueprint for land-use planning titled Plan20-50: A Regional Plan for the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. The plan – a bylaw that has passed first reading by the WMR board – contains development policies for areas such as housing, community expansion, transportation, agriculture and water and wastewater. Details of what those policies will entail are unknown because they haven't either been written or released.

The City of Selkirk said it was pleased the province announced it will introduce legislation to make municipal inclusion in the WMR vol-



The WMR is made up of the City of Winnipeg, City of Selkirk, Town of Niverville, Town of Stonewall, Village of Dunnottar and the rural municipalities of Cartier, East St. Paul, Headingley, Macdonald, Ritchot, Rockwood, Rosser, Springfield, St. Andrews, St. Clements, St. François Xavier, Tache and West St. Paul.

untary. Selkirk had earlier stated publicly that it had been forced to join the WMR.

Selkirk mayor Larry Johannson said he and council "applaud" premier Wab Kinew and the government for listening to Selkirk and other municipalities which expressed concern with the "undemocratic creation" of the planning region and the "sweeping powers" provided to it to control development and municipal services.

"We thank Premier Kinew for his announcement and for the government's efforts to restore our city's authority to make its own choice. In our efforts to correct the forced and inappropriate inclusion of Selkirk into the region, we have emphasized that local governments should have the choice to join or not. At election time we are given a mandate to lead our community, and Bill 37 took that away in many ways," said Johannson in an Aug. 21 news release. "Not only will this new legislation create that opportunity, it also demonstrates respect for local governments."

Selkirk councillor John Buffie, who was appointed to sit on the WMR board, said in the news release that Selkirk is more regionally aligned with municipalities close to it than it is to the wider WMR. And Selkirk is committed to demonstrating excellence in urban planning, infrastructure asset management and regional thinking.

Buffie said Selkirk's region is the Triple S region, which is made up of St. Andrews, St. Clements and Selkirk. And its extended region includes the Interlake and eastern Manitoba. According to Statistics Canada's data, 30 per cent of St. Andrews' residents



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An aerial view of downtown Selkirk.

work in Selkirk and 23 per cent of St. Clements' residents work in Selkirk. The majority of Selkirk's working residents work in Selkirk. Therefore, services should be tailored to the needs of that region.

"Getting out of the Winnipeg Metro Region will allow us to focus on our true region," Buffie added. "Being a regional service hub is part of our community strategic plan, and we've demonstrated that we can work with our neighbouring municipalities to deliver for our shared citizens."

The RM of St. Andrews council issued an official response to Plan20-50, saying that mayor Joy Sul always had concerns as to how it would impact the RM's "autonomy as decision-makers," and that she and council believe that residents could "lose their voice" in municipal matters. Development in St. Andrews is currently guided by zoning by-laws and secondary plans, and the RM is a member of the Red River Planning District.

"A decision will be made regionally at a higher level and the impact will be felt at the local level," said St. Andrews' chief administrative officer Brent Olynyk, referring to the policies that will be set by the WMR and which will affect all the member municipalities whether it makes sense for them or not.

Although St. Andrews supports the concept of a regional plan, the statement says mayor Sul wants to see the public better informed about Plan20-50 "before it can be finalized," and that the RM does not support the plan as it's currently written.

"Plan20-50 needs to go back to the public to have that consultation process, in the same way that all other legislative decisions have been approved in the past," says the statement.

The RM of West Paul said in a news release that it believes Plan20-50 "subjugates the authority of local governments" and it supports "further consultation" with the leaders of the 18 municipalities before the plan receives final approval.

"The RM of West St. Paul supports the concept of a regional planning model for the region to support economic growth and success for all but has concerns with Plan 20-50," states the release. "Mayor and Council believe the plan subjugates the authority of local governments and eliminates their ability to determine the scale and nature of development in their communities. West St. Paul believes that further consultation with local governments is needed prior to finalizing Plan 20-50 to ensure that local influence over development is not lost."

Dunnottar Ratepayers Association president Ed Strauman said he as a taxpayer is not in favour of Plan20-50 and thinks the Village of Dunnottar shouldn't be part of it. He sent an email to the chief administrative officer and a council member, saying it should pull out as "mass development" is not in keeping with Dunnottar's rural setting.

"I am totally against this plan and I

Pembina Threshermen's Museum Reunion Days Sept. 6 and 7

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum are welcoming people this weekend to enjoy its annual Reunion Days celebration.

This activities Friday and Saturday offer a good chance for people to get a taste of "life in the past lane" at the museum off Hwy. 3 between Morden and Winkler.

A large part of the appeal is just good food and the overall atmosphere of the pioneer vil-

lage museum, said president Ike Elias.

"It's a very homey feeling around here with lots of good food, and we put a lot of effort into putting on a good event on the well-kept grounds," he said.

The entire museum comes alive with tons of great old-fashioned fun like threshing, saw-mill, blacksmith, rope making and spinning demonstrations, antique tractor parades, and children's activities including barrel train rides,



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The Pembina Threshermen's Museum's Reunion Days festivities take place this weekend, Friday through Saturday, at the heritage museum between Morden and Winkler.

hands-on interactive stations like corn grinding, and the kids zone activity centre.

All the buildings are open including the 4,000 sq. ft. indoor Brimberly Village and the general store with ice cream and treats for sale. Lunch is available for purchase in the dining hall, and there is entertainment and music in the evenings.

A few of the regular features are always main highlights. "The parade is a big thing ... and I'm trying to change it up a little bit every year to keep it interesting," said Elias.

"I see very few changes from our regular event," he added. "Last year, the comeback of the tractor pull and the spark show were big hits, and it should be improved a bit. The ladies in the hall are actually already working hard at prepping for lots of good food as always."

Another feature that will be back after being introduced last year is a surplus inventory sales booth featuring items that they have too much of.

"There should be more antiques and surplus available for sale," Elias said. "We have more than we can properly display, so we want to make select items available for the public."

Overall, Elias says this summer season has been "very much the same, with a couple of little improvements. We get a lot of good feedback from the public, so we don't make a lot of major changes.

"We've had artifacts coming in ... so we can dress the buildings up a little bit better every year. We try to have some new old stuff in the buildings."

He added they are grateful for the support of the many volunteers who get involved and make it happen each year.

"It takes a lot of time and volunteers, and we are always looking for more volunteers. We could do more here if we had more people. That is what holds us back from adding even more to the event," said Elias. "I do believe most of the event day volunteers are in place, so we're looking forward to a great event."

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Summer Reading Program wraps up at Boyne Regional Library

By Ty Dilello

As summer winds down, so does the excitement of the Boyne Regional Library's annual Summer Reading Program. This year, it launched on July 2 and attracted an impressive 519 young readers eager to embark on literary adventures.

The program wrapped up with a draw for the ten grand prizes on Aug. 28 and overall was very successful. There were some new aspects and prizes to this year's program.

The goal of the Summer Reading Program is to encourage children to read outside of school, instill the love of reading independently, and encourage children to read outside of their comfort zone.

Each kid received ten ballots just for signing up, but each week, there was also an incentive challenge for the chance to win more ballots. Some of the challenges included asking a library staff member a question, reading a nonfiction book on a new topic, and checking out a book they located using the library's search engine.

Giving registered participants this extra chance to get a ballot increased their chances of winning a prize. It also helped them become more familiar with the library and library

resources and explore new topics in their reading.

The grand prize winners were drawn on Aug. 29 by Tanis of Access Credit Union, the generous sponsor of the grand prizes. The prizes included a swing, a tent, fun family activities, items for teens, John Deere toys, a karaoke machine, a rock tumbler, crafts, and, of course, books. The winners have all been contacted and have picked up their prizes. The results have also been posted on the Boyne Regional Library's social media pages and on its website.

The Boyne Regional Library is tremendously grateful for all of the local businesses that contributed to its Summer Reading Program this year. They would like to thank Access Credit Union, Blue Crescent Hotel, Syl's Drive Inn, Greenland Equipment Ltd, Evensong, The Prices Rite, Carman Pharmacy, Peace Lily Therapeutics, Paul's Place, Toews Printing, The Home Hardware, Whitehots, Carman 5 Pin Bowling and True North Sports and Entertainment for their generous role in making the Summer Reading Program happen.

"We hope to continue growing and improving the Summer Reading Program in the coming years, but in the



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Scarlett Friesen and the Boyne Regional Library in Carman had another successful Summer Reading Program with 519 local kids participating.

meantime, we are excited about the other opportunities and activities happening throughout the year at the library," said Scarlett Friesen, a staff member at Boyne Regional Library.

Just a few of these activities include the Youth Makers Market on Nov. 16. Applications for youth vendors can be found on the library's website. Another upcoming event is Wine Survivor, the annual Boyne Regional

Library fundraiser. This year's funds will go towards library programming for children, adults, and families.

Astro Club on Sept. 18 and an All About Birds workshop on Sept. 19 are also coming up. Stay tuned to the Boyne Regional Library's social media pages and website for more information on those events and many more to be announced.

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Carman Active Living Centre open house Sept. 12 and 13

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Active Living Centre will hold an open house on Sept. 12 and 13. They are currently fundraising for a new roof.

Registration days for the 2024-25 season for the Active Living Centre will be on Sept. 12 and 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. This will allow previous and new members to pay for their membership and the fees for the programs they sign up for.

Pickleball, table tennis, carpet bowling, and floor shuffle will be demonstrated on the day. Exercise, choir, movie night, cards, mah-jong, and ukelele will also be offered. Refreshments will also be served for all in attendance.

The Active Living Centre building is 19 years old and needs a new roof. Different donation levels and incentives are being offered this year only. All donations will receive a tax-deductible receipt. The staff would like

to thank everyone for their support in this huge capital project.

For more information about registration day and raise-the-roof donations, please call Linda Maslow at the Active Living Centre at 204-745-2356.

Pilates is a new program offered this year at the Carman Active Living Centre. It is an exercise method that increases strength, flexibility, and body awareness. What sets Pilates apart, however, is the approach. By prioritizing midline activation and engagement and encouraging participants to sync breath-to-movement, Pilates promises a whole lot of core bang for your movement buck. It also offers mental health benefits like improved concentration, boosted mind-body connection, and a feeling of centeredness.

For more information on this program, please call Nancy at the Carman Seniors Resource at 204-745-6611.



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Registration for the Carman Active Living Centre for the 2024-25 season will be during its annual open house on Sept. 12 and 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. The Active Living Centre is also raising funds for a new roof.

Mark World Suicide Prevention Day with “living room conversations”: RHA

By Lorne Stelmach

People are being encouraged to have conversations about a difficult topic next week.

For World Suicide Prevention Day, the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region is promoting the idea of having “living room conversations” about it on or around Sept. 10.

The hope is that these conversations could help people move from a culture of silence and misunderstanding to openness, empathy, and support.

“It’s promoting people having conversations about suicide and mental health to kind of reduce some of those barriers that kind of stop people from reaching out for help,” said Lindsay Hainsworth, a community mental

health worker with the mental health and addictions program.

“I thought this was well suited to the theme for this year’s World Suicide Prevention Day, which basically involves changing the narrative on suicide,” she said. “It gives people an opportunity to engage in conversation about topics that maybe we normally wouldn’t talk about ... it uses a guide that really helps people set up that conversation.”

Living room conversations can involve a group of four to six people gathering in a private space and using a structured conversation guide to help people, build understanding on a specific topic. It is not a debate, and the goal is not to change one an-

other’s opinion. The questions are designed to draw out personal experiences rather than opinions around the topic.

You don’t require a trained facilitator to take part, and there are conversation agreements like “listen and be curious” and “show respect and suspend judgement” that create the framework for diving into the provided questions.

If a group or organization is interested in hosting a living room conversation, you can contact Hainsworth via email at lhainsworth@southernhealth.ca

Hosts will receive a hosting tool kit with a resource list of mental health services specific to your area. The first

five organizations to register will receive a \$25 gift card to use for snacks/refreshments, and there will be a grand prize entry for each participant.

“It really helps that we are creating a safe space for people to have these conversations and recognizing that everyone is going to come with different perspectives and experiences with it, and it’s more just to build that understanding,” said Hainsworth.

“I hope too that it inspires maybe individuals to be more aware of what role they can play in supporting people around them who may be struggling ... there are lots of programs out there to help people become more comfortable in doing that.”



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Taking action on verticillium stripe

By Breanna Miller

Researchers detected verticillium stripe, caused by the pathogen *Verticillium longisporum*, in canola in Manitoba in 2014. Since then, the disease has been found across the Prairies, causing yield loss and lodging in some fields.

Disease surveys from the three Prairie provinces indicate the verticillium stripe situation in each province.

Manitoba 2023

Surveyors participating in the Manitoba Agriculture and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Brandon survey assessed 129 canola crops in August 2023. Most of the fields were ripening, not yet swathed or combined, when surveyed.

Disease prevalence is the percentage of fields surveyed that have infection in them. The average prevalence was 29 per cent for verticillium stripe. Incidence is the percentage of plants surveyed within a field that have disease symptoms. Average incidence in infected crops was 11 per cent.

Saskatchewan 2023

In 2023, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture surveyed 218 fields through the general canola disease survey and an additional 103 fields after harvest. Results confirmed ver-

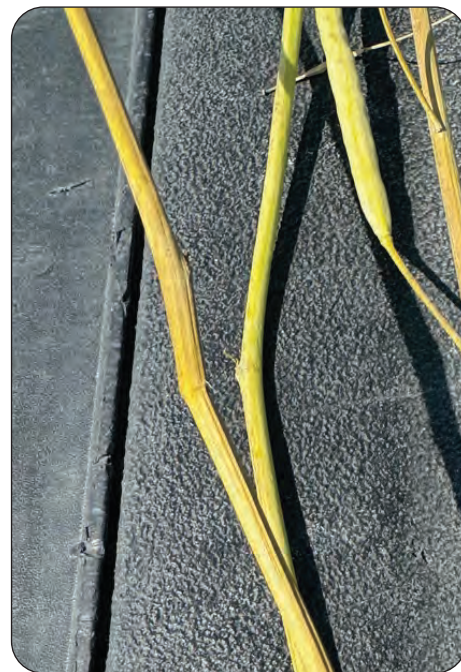
ticillium stripe in 25 fields in 23 rural municipalities (RMs). SaskCanola also expanded its disease testing program last year to include verticillium stripe, which found the disease in an additional 16 RMs, bringing the total to 39.

Alberta 2023

In Alberta, 356 fields were included in the 2023 disease survey, resulting in verticillium stripe prevalence at 18 per cent and incidence at just under one per cent. The complete plant disease situation from 2023 will be posted in the Canadian Plant Disease Survey once finalized.

WHAT CAN GROWERS AND AGRONOMISTS DO?

- Verticillium microsclerotia are soil-borne. Steps to keep soil in place could provide some reduction in spread.
- Two- or three-year breaks between canola crops is a disease management best practice. This should help reduce verticillium severity, although verticillium microsclerotia can remain viable for many years.
- Scout effectively. If you suspect the disease, submit samples for testing. Watch the video “How to collect



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Left: When the crop is full height but still green, canola plants infected with verticillium stripe will often have a two-toned stem—half healthy and green and half discoloured and drying down. Right: This canola stem cross section (cut near ground level) shows both verticillium stripe infection throughout and a small wedge of darker discoloration that is likely blackleg.

canola samples for verticillium stripe testing” at youtube.com/canolacouncil.

- Get involved. For more information on verticillium stripe testing and participating in disease surveys, check out the ‘Preparing for 2024: Canola disease recap’ blog at CanolaResearch.ca.

WHAT'S NEXT?

In the long term, we hope genetic resistance or tolerance will provide the best solution for control. Canola breeders are actively working to develop this trait.

Research is also underway to help quantify yield loss from verticillium stripe across the Prairies. Four Canola Research Agronomic Program (CARP) projects are investigating the disease.

To learn more about verticillium stripe, check out the verticillium stripe chapter at CanolaEncyclopedia.ca, or the Canola Watch fundamentals article ‘How to identify verticillium stripe’ at CanolaWatch.org.

—Breanna Miller is an agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada

Manitou Honey, Garlic, & Maple Syrup fest is Saturday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The community of Manitou will be alive with the sights and sounds of its annual Honey, Garlic, and Maple Syrup Festival this weekend.

Set for Saturday, Sept. 7, the celebration offers something for everyone, says organizing committee chair Juanita Cobb, though food is certainly a big focus of the day.

“It’s basically a food festival,” she says.

To that end, there’s no shortage of meals and vendors to check out: the Kinsmen Pancake Breakfast; honey, garlic, and maple syrup vendor booths; a large farmers’ market; Gourmet Alley vendors; adult beverages at the Pembina Valley Saloon; cooking demonstrations with Chef Devin Boulton; and, to top it all off, a gourmet buffet supper (tickets can be purchased that day or in advance at 204-242-4233).

“There’s so many choices,” Cobb says, noting the buffet especially is a hit every year. “We feed over 500 people at the supper.”

The arena stage features free entertainment from 10:45 a.m. through to 5:30 p.m., including performances from Ceclia, Jonathan & Tracy, On

the Edge, Ron Braun, and a very special tribute to the late Stew Clayton.

“He was our local musical celebrity,” Cobb says, noting Clayton was a fixture at the festival for years, so honouring him this fall, nearly a year after his death, seemed fitting. “He came and he played for the festival at no charge when it was just trying to get launched and establish itself.

“So we have a tribute band that is doing Stew’s original music. And then we also have his two daughters—the Yodeling Farmers’ Daughters—with special guests Common Threads.”

Also taking the stage is Fender Bender, who will play outdoors at the Show ‘n Shine being put on by the Country Hicks Car Club all afternoon.

“The car show is typically over 100 cars,” shares Cobb, noting gearheads young and old can also get their fix at the Mighty Machines displays along the west fence from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There’s also a craft show and sale, self-guided

tours of the community, and children’s tent activities.

The day wraps up with a performance from The Janzen Boys at the Manitou Opera House. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth.

If you’ve never ventured to Manitou for the festival before, this is the year to do it, Cobb says.

“I would say come for lunch so you can take in all the sights and then stay for supper to wrap up a great day of shopping and eating.”

For the full schedule, head to hgmsfestival.com/schedule

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Cancer is the leading cause of death from disease in children and adolescents in Canada. Approximately 10,000 children are living with cancer in this country and 1,500 more are diagnosed every year.

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – a time to reflect on how we can better understand and address the needs of children affected by cancer, as well as their families and caregivers.

Through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), our government has invested more than \$1 billion in cancer research and more than \$61 million in pediatric cancer research over the past five years (2016-2017 to 2020-2021). Through these investments, we are making significant strides towards providing the highest quality care, new treatments, and opportunities for children to live longer and healthier lives.

Most recently, CIHR invested \$23 million to establish the first Canadian Pediatric Cancer Consortium (CPCC) – the largest investment to date for a Canadian pediatric cancer research project. Through the CPCC a national net-

work of clinicians, researchers, caregivers, patients, and families are coming together with the goal to ensure that every child affected by cancer in Canada has access to the latest scientific advances, diagnostic tools, therapies, and supportive care. Researchers from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto will lead team members from across Canada with diverse experiences, including research involving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples to support groundbreaking research on pediatric cancer that would improve the health outcomes and quality of life of children affected by cancer across the country.

In addition to funding the CPCC, CIHR supports a wide range of pediatric cancer research across the country through the Project Grant Program. Examples include research related to patient-centered precision oncology, novel immunotherapies for children with high-risk cancers,

the potential of exercise in minimizing chemotherapy-related cognitive side effects, and improving access to pediatric palliative care across the country.

Canada also continues to accelerate progress against cancer through international collaboration and partnerships. CIHR is among one of the founding members of G7 Cancer (in French only), led by the French National Cancer Institute (INCa (in French only)). This new alliance aims to further strengthen cooperation among cancer research funders around the world to address this major health challenge.

By continuing to invest in research and championing global knowledge sharing, we will make great progress in advancing cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment to improve the health and quality of life of children affected by cancer in Canada and around the world.

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Pembina Valley Studio Tour returns Sept. 14-15

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual showcase of the arts across the region is back with a full slate of artists' homes, studios, and galleries to visit.

The Pembina Valley Studio Tour is now in its 20th year, and it has become a good chance for artists to be able to show their work and the spaces that they create and find inspiration in across the region.

There are usually at least a few new artists along with some of the familiar faces who are there most years with new work to show, organizers noted in advance of the tour weekend set for Sept. 14-15.

"I'm always happy when we get some new additions ... some of the old guard bow out for a year or maybe just need a break ... and a few new people come in," said Margie Hildebrand.

There will be many familiar faces and places but also some new highlights for the self-guided tour.

There are 20 locations overall this year, going as far east as potter Joanne Graydon in Emerson and as far west as Pilot Mound with the United Community Arts. To the north, Carman has a presence with not only the Golden Prairie Arts Council but also artist Barb Murray.

Altona stops include not only the Gallery in the Park but also artists Ken Loewen and Olga Krahn, and

then there is also Jake Goertzen in Horndean.

In Winkler, there is not only the Winkler Arts and Culture centre stop but also artists Nina Sawazki as well as new additions Jodie Rietze and Marcy Penner along with a group exhibit at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Herb Kuhl has been part of the tour in the past but not in recent years, and he is back this year at his location northeast of the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

In Morden, the tour features not only the Pembina Hills Gallery but artists George Fieber Laverne Lovatt, while the area from Darlingford to Manitou and La Riviere includes participating artists Susan Crawford Young along with Jennifer Smirl. The Miami Arts Association is also involved with a group show.

"It covers a really big area ... there's not as many sites, but they are pretty far flung if you want to hit them all," said Hildebrand, who has often been a stop on the tour but this year is part of a group exhibit on display at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

"I'm hoping to get some of us there to do demonstrations there," she noted. "I'm not on it this year, so I hope to get to some of these new places and check some of it out."

"There's such a wide variety from sculptures like metal sculptures to fibre arts and pottery to painting and



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The Sept. 14-15 Pembina Valley Studio Tour gives art lovers a glimpse at the studios, galleries, and work spaces creatives across the region call home.

other new things. There's lots to see," said Hildebrand.

The variety of galleries, studios, and homes will be open that Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and the Sunday between noon and 5 p.m.

Brochures are available at various lo-

cations including Gallery in the Park in Altona, Winkler Arts and Culture and the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden. You can also head to www.pembinavalleystudiotour.com for more information.

Eden Fdn. welcomes new director of development

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Eden Health Care Services has a new face at the helm of its fundraising efforts.

Eden Foundation announced last week that Dave Sawatsky has stepped into the director of development role, taking over from the departing Jayme Giesbrecht.

"Sawatsky brings broad leadership, strategy, governance, project/event management, and communications experience to the role from his years in the insurance industry and has demonstrated abilities in working collaboratively to implement new programs and processes at work and in his church," the foundation board shared in a release.

The director of development position oversees all aspects of the foundation's fundraising efforts, including donor relations, major gifts, planned

giving, and events. Funds raised go to support Eden's mental health programming across southern Manitoba.

Foundation board chair Barry Dyck said they are "delighted by Dave's enthusiasm to be a part of the Eden team, pursuing Eden's mission through all its programs."

Eden CEO Brad Unger emphasized the vital importance of the foundation to the agency.

"It's such a link and a connector between the community and the support from the community, the business community, the church and faith groups, and the general public, and it provides a real critical link both in terms of communication and storytelling and sharing what the work of Eden is.

"And then of course it's the channel through which we receive a lot of financial and in-kind support from the

community. That financial support is really vital to so many of our programs ... we wouldn't be able to do the work we do and to the extent we do without the work of the foundation.

"We're really excited that Dave's joined the team," Unger said. "He has a real wealth of experience in leadership and doing some strategic thinking and planning ... we're going to need to tap into that, because we have a lot of plans and ambitions about our future."

Sawatsky started in the role last week. He will work out of Eden's offices in Winnipeg, Winkler, and Steinbach.

"There's a couple things that drew me to the role," Sawatsky shared on



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David Sawatsky began his new role as Eden Foundation's director of development last week.

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Flashback.....Under the Collegiate Part 2 the Track

By Dennis Young

Collegiate staff began utilizing the space under the school as an indoor track around 1972. The division and the students shared the cost, but track team members, Physical Ed classes, and staff donated labour in their spare time.

"It was hollowed about four feet deep, so we dug out another three feet and made it 10 feet wide," said Phys Ed teacher Lyle Myers.

The volunteers, kids, and staff dug during evenings, weekends, and even class time.

"Those who did not do as told or misbehaved in class, well, they did extra," laughs Myers.

The students and the Athletic Council raised monies through various projects, and along with a small grant from Midland, they were on their way. Crushed rock, used on the surface, was hauled in by Ken August from Gimli as he returned from delivering grain. Lighting was partially in place when the school was built, but more would have to be added at some point. The 200-yard-long track, completed in 1974, with banked corners, would make for an excellent running surface.

However, Midland closed access in the fall of 1974 until a fire commissioner inspection report was filed. It was finally established that renovations were necessary for the facility to comply with regulations. Three inspectors toured the facility, understanding that underground activities were never conceived when construction plans were made, yet it became widely popular.

They recommended emergency lighting, adjustments to the incline of the stairway and an alternate exit were to be provided. Until these re-



Don McKibbon and Marsh Kennedy "dig in" to get the underground track completed.

quirements were met, the track was open only to track team members and was always supervised.

It was ultimately decided to make it a legitimate track for training.

"So, plywood was placed over the rock, a sound system was installed, ventilation fans added, and a storage area made," said Marsh Kennedy. Following these upgrades, Carman held dual track meets with other schools.

"The general public would periodically run there, too."

"It was used extensively for about eight years or more, forming both an Indoor and Midland Track Clubs," Coach Ernie Sutherland says. "We were able to train year-round, have a huge advantage over rural schools (only Morris had an indoor track) and compete favourably provincially due to the foresight of those before I arrived."

In 1975, Carman entered the Winnipeg High School Indoor Track Relays



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The underground track at Carman Collegiate was all dug by hand by ...well anyone who would help!

and astounded the big city schools by winning the whole league!

All good things come to an end, and so did the underground track for two main reasons around 1985-86. There was poor ventilation and no outdoor exit (there was a door in the gym that went to the track, but the rifle range had its own door to the west of the main doors). They attempted to solve the fear of radon gas with different ventilation fans and other improvements, but it never satisfied the inspectors. Adding an expensive exit was a huge stumbling block as well. If a positive came out of this, when Midland needed to install ductwork under the school, it was already dug out for them.

Over the following years, an archery range was established there, and a batting cage was also set up.

Rick Preston: I was on those track

teams that dug out the three feet of hard-packed and heavy clay. The space was hot with incredibly high humidity, often sweating just coming down the stairs. The track itself was uneven for running, and there was a low beam that could take your head off if you were not paying attention, but all in all, it was better than laps in the gym or being outside.

Barb Lepp: Our track teams (male and female), under the direction of Marsh Kennedy and Lyle Myers, trained there every day during the noon hour. We prepared for winter meets, and the track was a great improvement to running outdoors in all weather conditions. The ability to train all year was also an asset to our spring outdoor season and cross country in the fall. Our team was led by Dianne Heaman, a frequent winner at all meets and our top team member for Zone 4 banners.

> PLAN20-50, FROM PG. 7

urge the village council to pull out of it immediately. Other municipalities are already getting out of this 20-50 plan. The Village of Dunnottar is a resort area," said Strauman in his email to the village. "I have spoken to Mayor [Rick] Gamble and Councillor [Jim] Kotowich at the family day event this past Saturday. If other municipalities [want] to stay in this so be it, but as a taxpayer I say no to this plan."

As mandated under the legisla-

tion that created it, the WMR has to hold two public meetings on Plan20-50. It held the first meeting in Winnipeg in July but had to cancel a second meeting on Aug. 8 at the Niverville Heritage Centre after hundreds of Manitobans showed up and pushed capacity of the hall over the limit. The WMR has yet to announce the date of the second public meeting.

> EDEN FDN., FROM PG. 13

Friday. "One was that I was looking for the kind of involvement and the kind of organization that I could feel was really making a difference in the world, changing the world in a small way."

He cited Eden's leadership team as another big draw.

"I think they're in really good shape in terms of a vision of moving forward. I wanted to be part of that kind of progressive movement," Sawatsky said. "People really have an ownership and knowledge and awareness and visibility for Eden that I think is

hard to achieve ... but they've been able to do that for years."

Sawatsky, who lives in Winnipeg but grew up in the Altona area, says among his first tasks in the weeks ahead is to reach out and build up his connections in the community.

"I have lots more connections to make," he said, noting his people and project management skills will certainly be put to good use in this new role. "I'm new to the world of development and the specifics of fundraising, but I'm really excited to learn."

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New Flyers head coach hits the ground running

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Matthew Melo arrived in Winkler last week ready to hit the ground running.

He started his new role as the Winkler Flyers' head coach and general manager during a week that saw the team hosting its annual youth hockey school followed by Main Camp over the weekend in which over 70 junior hockey players competed for a spot on the roster.

A busy starting week, to be sure, but Melo relished every minute of it.

"I'm embracing the joy of this incredible opportunity," he said. "It's such a privilege and an honour, specifically when you think about where this program is right now and what's been established."

The Flyers head into the 2024-25 season as the defending MJHL champions, having won the Turnbull Cup for the first time in 26 years last spring.

Melo, who has spent the past two years as an assistant coach at the University of Western Ontario (USports), said the chance to take the reins from outgoing head coach and GM Justin Falk was one he couldn't pass up.

"It's always been a dream to be a head coach and general manager. I've been working towards that goal for many years," he said, noting he started out as a junior hockey player himself before serving as head coach of the North Middlesex Stars (PJCHL) and then assistant coach at Briercrest College (ACAC) before moving on to his university position.

As a result of those past roles, Melo is well-versed in the national junior hockey world.

"Both in USport and the ACAC where I coached previously, we're recruiting right across Canada, and these are the leagues that you're very directly recruiting from," he said. "So I'm really familiar with the MJHL and other leagues across Canada, but ultimately it will take time to learn the [Flyers] organization."

"I'll be taking some time to get to know the board here ... what's important to them as an organization,"

Melo continued, noting what he's seen so far "directly aligns with who I want to be as a head coach and general manager. I can really be myself in this role and invest into a program the way I would desire to do it. It felt like an incredible fit."

Melo says the behind-the-scenes team the club has put together in recent years is a credit to the organization.

"Just recognizing the people here and how well supported and well established things are in terms of an incredible board, incredible coaching staff. You've got Coltyn Bates, Eric Fehr, Ryan White—and that's just the coaching staff. Then you look at the other roles that are already established in the organization and incredibly gifted in what they do ... it means I can focus on getting up to speed, getting to know the players, acclimating myself to the responsibilities of this role."

"I think a lot of people would dream of being in this position. It's been incredible."

Looking back on his career, Melo feels he's learned and grown a lot since his first time behind the bench in the southern Ontario junior league.

"I would say though those opportunities have really prepared me for stepping into this role and being effective and successful and building upon the momentum that's been established here."

He characterizes his coaching style as "transformational."

"What's important to me is investing into lives and coming alongside people for whatever goals they have in life and career and community, but also in the sport," he said. "Really investing in a way that they feel supported and encouraged."

"I really desire to be consistent with guys and see them as more than just hockey players and treat them with incredible care," Melo said, noting junior hockey is a formative time in a young player's life. "They all have aspirations, individual goals to go in hockey as far as they can, so caring



STANDARD PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Matthew Melo started in his new role as the head coach and general manager for the Winkler Flyers last week, just days before Main Camp over the weekend.

well isn't just being soft with them. It's also telling them the truth, being direct with guys, calling them up to the standard that they collaborate in establishing.

"That's a huge part of what I love to do as well—seeing potential in people, being able to draw out strength, and calling them up to that potential."

In the weeks ahead, Melo says he'll focus on getting to know the returning players and hopeful rookies while also diving into the framework that got the Flyers to their championship win last season.

"I don't need to come in elbows swinging and changing a whole bunch. There's an opportunity to make little tweaks here and there, and obviously we've got some roster decisions to make, but in terms of strategy, the guys are familiar with what's been successful."

"Obviously teams are going to change, they're going to adapt, they're going to do things differently, so throughout the course of a year you're making a ton of adjustments, but to start, no, it's just kind of moving forward with the standard, the framework. Really coming in and making sure guys are aware of who we are as the Winkler Flyers and what we want to be as a culture and what our standard is."

Defending the championship title is obviously a goal for the season ahead,

but Melo has his sights set even higher.

"They won a Turnbull championship here ... but there's also more. There's winning a Centennial Cup [the national junior hockey championship]. So being able to cast vision for continued growth—there's still more for us to accomplish."

The community, as always, will be a big part of the Flyers' success again this year, Melo noted.

"I know how important the community is to this program," he said. "Even just getting here, I'm hearing from the people within this organization how incredible the community is in their support, the way they pack the rink and the way they give us the opportunity to have everything that we need at our disposal to invest into these guys and their futures—not just in the game, but as men of character."

"I'm so excited to get into the community, to get our guys into the community to start meeting people. That's going to be such a huge part of our year."

The Flyers have pre-season exhibition games this Friday in Winkler against the Steinbach Pistons and then next week Friday, Sept. 13, in Steinbach.

The regular season begins Sept. 20 in Winkler against the Pistons.

Anderson returns to Indiana Tech for senior year

By Ty Dilello

Roland's Hailey Anderson is headed back to Indiana Tech University in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for her senior year. She plays on both the school's hockey and golf teams.

Before college, Anderson graduated from the Pilot Mound Hockey Academy. She has now played three hockey seasons as a forward with Indiana Tech, an ACHA Division 1 school. During the last 2023-24 season, Anderson scored one goal and one assist in 15 games.

"I have really enjoyed my time at Indiana Tech and getting to be a part of two great teams," said Anderson. "Balancing two sports has been a challenge, but the support that students get here from professors is incredible. I have been so grateful to have an amazing advisor and professor during my time who has helped me push myself and realize my full potential of being a 4.0 student when it comes to my academics. My coaches are also a huge part of my success, as both coaches understand that I play two sports, and if I didn't have their support, I wouldn't be able to do what I do."

The main reason that Anderson came to Indiana Tech in the first place was to be on the inaugural women's hockey team.

"Starting a new program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, especially in university, and there was no way that I could turn down such a great chance to make history. The girls that have been on this journey the past three years and now in our senior year have truly become like family to me."

Before the hockey season begins, the golf year starts in September when she arrives back on campus in Fort Wayne.

"Golf is something that I more recently have come to really enjoy, joining the team in my sophomore (second) year of college was a change to now have to balance both sports, but I am so glad I did," said Anderson. "The girls that I have met on this team have made me redefine what it means to support each other when we are competing against each other as individuals. This golf season is going to be



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Roland's Hailey Anderson is ready for her senior year of college at Indiana Tech University in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she is a multi-sport athlete competing on the school's hockey and golf teams.

so exciting, and I cannot wait for it to begin."

Hockey season is also just around the corner. And for this upcoming season, a pair of fellow Pembina Valley players will join the Indiana Tech team as freshmen in Carys Wytneck from Bruxelles and Haylee Grenier from Somerset.

"I am always excited to have a fellow Manitoban or two join me here in Indiana. Because the Pembina Valley is fairly small in girls' hockey, I did know of all the girls that would be incoming. They are amazing girls, and I think it gives the Pembina Valley region more recognition because there are good female players from here, and it continues to be proven. Having been on this team for four years

now and getting to be a part of the growth of the program, I am hopeful that this year will be successful. We have a whole new coaching staff this year, but I am not worried because my new coach has some really strong hockey background both as a player and a coach, so I am ready for the games to begin."

Anderson will graduate with honours and a bachelor's degree in health science at the conclusion of her senior year at Indiana Tech.

"I want to pursue a career as a physical therapist, so I will need to obtain my master's degree in physical therapy first, so that is my next goal."

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> MEAL IDEAS

Creamy Truffle Caesar Pork Sandwiches

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4
2 pounds boneless skinless pork chops
4 tablespoons Italian seasoning
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 red onion
1 bag (9.3 ounces) Fresh Express Twisted Caesar Creamy Truffle Caesar Chopped Salad Kit
4 long sandwich rolls
Preheat pan on stove over medium-high heat. Season pork chops with Italian seasoning.

When pan is hot, add oil and pork chops. Cook pork chops, turning halfway through, until they reach minimum internal temperature of 145 F, 6-8 minutes per side (depending on thickness).

Once pork chops are cooked through, remove from pan and let rest a few minutes. Peel and slice onion. After resting, slice pork into strips; set aside.

In same pan, saute onion until translucent, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine lettuce, dressing, croutons and cheese from salad kit.

In separate pan, toast buns until golden brown; set aside.

To build sandwiches, place sliced pork on bottom halves of toasted buns. Top with prepared salad mixture and sauteed onions. Finish with top halves of buns.



Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4
3 eggs
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 packet taco seasoning
2 chicken breasts, sliced in half horizontally
3 cups neutral oil
1 bag (9.4 ounces) Fresh Express Caesar Chopped Salad Kit
In shallow bowl, beat eggs. In separate bowl, combine flour and half packet of taco seasoning.
Place chicken in resealable bag and, using meat tenderizer, pound to 1/4-

Chicken Caesar Tacos

inch thickness.

In medium saute pan, heat oil over medium heat.

Season chicken breasts with remaining taco seasoning.

Coat chicken in flour mixture, dip into beaten eggs then coat chicken in flour mixture again, pressing firmly to adhere.

In pan with hot oil, cook battered chicken until golden brown, flipping halfway through, until chicken reaches minimum internal temperature of 165 F, 4-5 minutes per side (depending on thickness). Fry in batches to avoid overcrowding pan, if necessary.

Once fully cooked, fold chicken over to create taco shell-shape. Place sheet pan on top to hold shape, 3-4 minutes.

In large bowl, combine lettuce, dressing, croutons and cheese from salad kit.

Once chicken taco shells set, carefully remove sheet pan. Fill each taco shell with prepared salad mixture.

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Lewko is a rising star on baseball diamond and hockey ice

By Ty Dilello

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Fifteen-year-old Cohen Lewko of Sanford is quickly making a name for himself in the baseball and hockey world.

Lewko started playing baseball at around age four with his grandmother in the yard for a few hours daily. From there, he just continued playing baseball every summer and then got into hockey during the winter.

This past season, Lewko played baseball almost every day throughout the summer while also training for hockey at The Rink in Winnipeg.

Lewko recently returned from Laval, Quebec, where he played baseball for Team Manitoba as a catcher and pitcher at the 15U Boys Ray Carter Cup National Championships from

Aug. 22-25.

The process for making Team Manitoba was a tryout that started with around 30-40 youth from each region across the province. From there, it was cut down to 24, who played four games at Charleswood Place in Winnipeg to decide who made the team of 15 kids from Manitoba.

Lewko and his Manitoba squad had a rough week in Nationals. They went 1-5, with their lone win being a 2-1 victory over Newfoundland and Labrador.

“Going to the National Championship was very exciting,” said Cohen Lewko. “The flights, teammates, and coaching were all amazing. But the tournament did not go well for our team, as we won only one game. However, we learned many lessons



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Sanford's Cohen Lewko recently got home from representing Team Manitoba at the 15U Boys Ray Carter Cup National Championships in Laval, Quebec, from Aug. 22-25.

while we were competing. The sights in Quebec were unbelievable, and there were so many people and places to go.”

Lewko's focus will return to the hockey rink, where he is regarded as a prodigy on the ice. The 5-foot-11 forward lit the lamp 19 times and assisted 23 times in 26 games with the Canadian Sport School Hockey League's (CSSHL) RINK Hockey Academy Winnipeg U15. Lewko tacked on 26

penalty minutes during the regular season and added one goal and two assists in four playoff games.

This week, Lewko will be at training camp for the WHL's Saskatoon Blades, hoping to crack the roster. If he needs another season before being ready for WHL hockey, Lewko will play for the RHA U18 Prep team and hopes to win a CSSHL championship in Penticton, B.C., at the end of the season.



Fifth annual Fore Parkinson's golf tournament on Sept. 14

By Becca Myskiw

The fifth annual Fore Parkinson's golf tournament is almost here, and registration is now open.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, Carman Golf & Curling Club will host the tournament, which Bev Baker and her family put on in support of Parkinson's research. The tournament is in honour of her dad, Jack Harder, who has Parkinson's disease.

According to Parkinson Canada, more than 100,000 Canadians live with the complex brain disease and 25 Canadians are diagnosed with the incurable disease every day. The most common symptoms of Parkinson's disease are tremors, slowness and stiffness, impaired balance, and

rigidity of the muscles.

People with it can also experience fatigue, soft speech, stooped posture, problems with writing, constipation, and sleep disturbances. Parkinson Canada says as the disease progresses, non-motor symptoms can also appear.

There are drugs and medications those living with Parkinson's can take, and though it affects the quality of life for most with it, the prognosis can be a near-normal life expectancy. Jack Harder has had Parkinson's disease for well over a decade now and manages to keep a good attitude about it and life. Baker said the diagnosis was initially shocking for the family and came with a lot of learning for each

of them. She

said they had to learn what it is, how to manage it, what the prognosis can be, and more, but the answer to each question is different for everyone. She started the golf tournament to help fund research and find a cure for this incurable disease. It began with six teams, then 10, and has grown yearly.

Baker hopes the fifth annual Fore Parkinson's golf tournament brings in at least 20 teams, though the more, the better. Registration is \$125 per person, which includes a round of golf, dinner, and a donation to the cause. The first tee time is at 1 p.m., and golfers of all ages and skill levels are welcome — and encouraged — to join. For those wanting to support but who

don't

want to golf, there's also a dinner-only option, which is \$20 a ticket. The dinner is a hot beef sandwich with fries. The tournament also features a silent auction and numerous hole cash prizes.

All funds generated from the tournament go to Parkinson Canada. Over the last four years, Baker guesses the event has raised more than \$20,000 for the organization, and she's hoping to keep par with that this year and raise at least \$5,000.

To learn more about the tournament or to register as a team or individual, email bevelib@gmail.com or call 204-470-0517 or 204-799-6591.

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APPLICATION FOR REVISION:
42 (1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114 (1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:


- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property;
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13 (2)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
43 (1) An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42 (1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters;
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41 (2), or
 - serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board.

The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Thompson to hear applications. Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before Tuesday, September 24th, 2024.

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on the 26th day of September, 2024;
at the hour of 10 o'clock in the morning;
at the Council chambers, 530 Norton Avenue,
Miami, Manitoba.


The public road to be closed is described as follows:

All that portion of a Public Lane across part of the SW ¼ of 8-5-5 WPM being part of Public Lane Block 3, Plan 2141, contained within the limits of Parcel A on a Plan prepared by Jesse Paul Simon Carels, of the RM of St. Clements, Manitoba Land Surveyor and sworn to by him on the 9th day of July, 2024, Plan of Public Lane to be Closed No. _____ (Dep. 0815/2024) MLTO

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DATED this 27th day of August, 2024

Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Thompson



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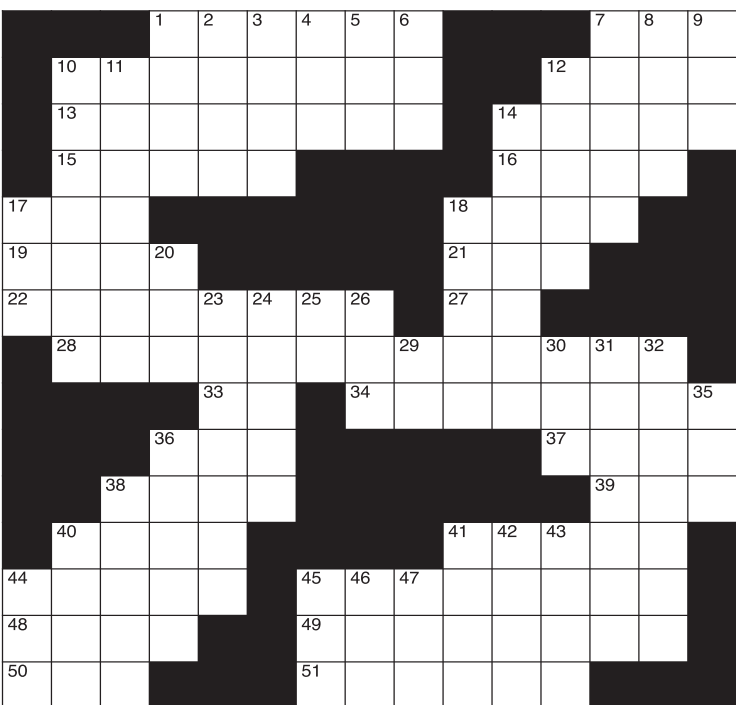
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Current unit
7. Reciprocal of an ohm
10. God of the sea
12. A way to disfigure
13. Positioned
14. Tall tropical American tree
15. Large deciduous trees
16. ___ and ends

17. Part of a machine

18. Brews
19. One who leads prayers in a mosque
21. Indian state
22. Partisans
27. Top lawyer in the land
28. Former Dodgers MVP
33. Title for women

34. Heated and allowed to slowly cool
36. Copycat
37. Sounds
38. One-time Israeli diplomat Abba
39. Part of (abbr.)
40. Hateful
41. Collide
44. European football heavyweight
45. One who works for you
48. Song
49. Ancient marvels
50. Bridge building degree
51. Delivery boys

CLUES DOWN

1. Continent
2. Submissive
3. There's a lot in a bowling alley
4. Sun up in New York
5. Court decision ___ v. Wade
6. Finish line
7. Young women
8. Hives of activity
9. Hyman Roth's right-hand man Johnny
10. Eastern U.S. river
11. Popular cooking ingredient
12. Greek mythological princess
14. Scent for men
17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
18. Once more
20. Irate
23. Triangular spaces above a door
24. Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik
25. Atomic #58
26. Patti Hearst's captors
29. Natural logarithm
30. Talk incessantly
31. Went by
32. Strives
35. Fall back
36. Manila hemp
38. Not easily explained
40. Former "Double Dare" host Summers

41. Mollusk
42. Capital of Togo
43. Letter of Semitic scripts
44. Founder of Babism
45. Indicates near
46. Family of regulator genes
47. Indicates before



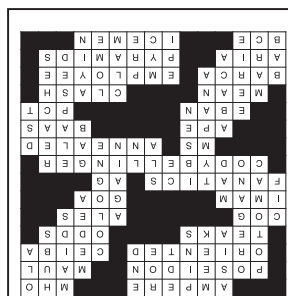
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