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Altona royalty

Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen Olivia Driedger, flanked by princesses Lanea Friesen and Dailia Friesen, greets her subjects at the Queen Quest finale last weekend. For more, see Pg. 2.

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Olivia Driedger crowned Sunflower Fest. Queen

“I want to represent Altona with respect and dignity”

By Lori Penner

Olivia Driedger says she was completely shocked to be chosen as the 2023 Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen.

In fact, when her name was announced at Saturday night's Queen Quest coronation ceremony, she dropped to her knees and cried.

The big event was preceded by months of hard work and commitment, which included volunteer work, meetings, fashion show practices, and speech writing.

Up on the stage, surrounded by starstruck little fans and hugs from proud family members and friends, Driedger said, “I'm in denial, like I can't even believe this actually just

happened to me.”

Driedger says she owes this honour to the community that has always supported her family through good times and tough times.

“I feel like I owe it to them to show I can represent their town proudly, and I want to represent their town proudly,” she said. “I want to represent Altona with respect and dignity, and I believe I can do that.”

Because she loves to dance, Driedger says the fashion show was her favourite part of the Queen Quest. The speech presentation, however, was the most challenging. She spoke about how movies have impacted her life, and the lessons they have taught her, alongside playing a role in shaping her into who she is today.

Driedger was one of seven young women who participated in Queen Quest this year.

“Such a genuine experience,” she said. “I love all of these girls. Any one of them deserves to be Queen, First Princess, or Second Princess. Any one



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Driedger reacts to hearing her name called as the new Sunflower Festival Queen.

of them could have won. I'm just so thankful it was me. I love these girls so much, and I'm so thankful this is the group I got to do this with. They were so lovely.”

Lanea Friesen was selected as First Princess and Dalila Friesen was picked as Second Princess.

For those who are considering participating in the 2024 Queen Quest, Driedger said, “All you got to do is have fun and be yourself, because that's exactly what I did. I just went out there and danced my little heart out, and just showed the town my true self, and that got me this.”

As Queen, Driedger will travel to Australia next year, visiting Emerald (Altona's sister city) during that community's Central Highlands Sunflower Festival (CHSF).

This year's CHSF Queen Paige McKenzie, who was in Altona the past week participating in the Manitoba Sunflower Festival, will host Driedger and her family.

SEEING THE SIGHTS

McKenzie and her partner arrived in Altona on July 20. Jet lag and all, she jumped right into rehearsals with the Altona Queen Quest entrants, eager to get to know them and experience all the things the town and the region had to offer.

Tours took her to Elmer's Manufacturing, the Village of Neuberghal, Friesens Corporation, Kiddie Sunshine Centre, Ronnie's Seeds, the MCC Thrift Store, and Blue Sky Opportunities, where she played bingo with some of the clients.

“It was great to see all they provide for people with disabilities,” McKen-

Paige McKenzie, queen of Central Highlands Sunflower Festival in Australia, was in town last week to see the sights and get to know this year's Queen Quest participants. Altona's queen will travel Down Under in return next summer.

zie noted. “It was so heartwarming to see.”

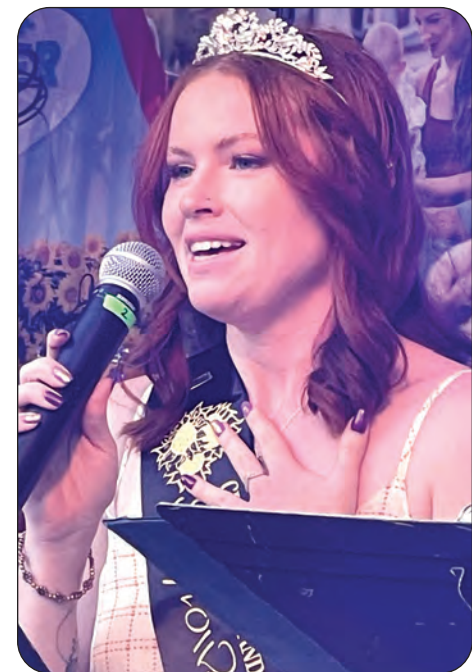
The Australian guests also attended the Morris Stampede, riding on the Queen Quest float in the parade, and made stops at The Mint and The Forks in Winnipeg, the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach, and the Prairieview Elevator Museum in Plum Coulee.

McKenzie says they were spoiled by their hosts, being taken from place to place for great meals, watching fireworks, and being treated to backyard barbecues.

Listening to the Queen Quest entrants present their speeches, McKenzie said she was struck by the courage these young girls have.

“All the girls should be so proud of what they have accomplished so far. They are beautiful and amazing young women and I thank the judges for being the judges, because I could not do this if I was you.”

Looking back on her visit to Altona, she says, “I love this community. I feel so honoured to have met so many of you. Thank you for having me here. I look forward to spending time with some of you again, when you come to see me in Emerald.”



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Underground Opera performs

The Manitoba Underground Opera brought its Opera for Children tour to the libraries of Altona, Morden, and Winkler last week. The Bremen Town Musicians included Eddie, a rooster with operatic aspirations (played by Meagan Reimer), Barcarolle the dog (Jacqueline Arthur), Dorabella the cat (Alice Macgregor), and General Boon, a retired army donkey (Stephen Haiko-Pena).

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Emerson border agents seize \$6M in cocaine

By Voice staff

A Winnipeg man is facing multiple charges after being arrested by border agents at the Emerson port of entry last month.

On July 14, Canada Border Services Agency officers discovered and seized over 63 kg of suspected cocaine following the examination of a commercial truck crossing into Canada from the United States. A CBSA Detector Dog Services team assisted with the search and discovery of the suspected narcotics.

The approximate street value of the suspected seized drugs is \$6 million, making this the largest CBSA narcotics seizure at any Manitoba port of entry in the last five years.

"We are proud of the work our border officers do to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Canadians," noted Lisa Laurencelle-Peace, Regional Director General, Prairie Region, CBSA. "I want to thank CBSA employees for their continued quick and decisive action and for their ongoing efforts to protect our country from illegal drugs."

Varinder Kaushik, 31, was arrested by the CBSA and taken into custody by the Manitoba RCMP, along with

the suspected narcotics.

Kaushik has been charged with importation of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking.

He appeared in a Winnipeg Federal Court on July 19 and was released on

conditions.

"This seizure shows that the combined efforts of enforcement agencies makes a difference," said Assistant Commissioner Rob Hill, Commanding Officer of the Manitoba RCMP. "Any disruption to the flow of drugs

into this country has far-reaching effects and has a significant impact on the safety of our communities. The RCMP remains committed to enforcing laws against illicit drugs to their full extent."



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Canada Border Services Agency officers confiscated over 63 kilograms of suspected cocaine last month, representing \$6 million in street value.

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'A Singers Delight' concert puts call out for vocalists

By Ashleigh Viveiros

One of Peter M. Friesen's earliest memories is of music.

He was four years old, standing beside the family table as his elders sang grace together.

"There's my uncle, and he was a baritone. And his wife, she was a coloratura soprano. They started to sing. I stood there and all of a sudden I felt tears running down my cheeks.

"My first thought was, 'Boys don't cry!' and so I ran and hid behind some clothes," Friesen recalls.

But the die was cast. He'd gotten his first glimpse at the raw, emotional power of music.

A decade later, a teenage Friesen found himself tasked with helping his father run the family farm full-time. He agreed to leave school to do so, but there was a catch.

"I made him a deal: you buy me a brand new piano and you pay for my piano lessons and my music, and I'll

farm for you."

His father's jaw dropped, Friesen says, but he agreed, and so the budding musician spent the next several years farming during the day and fitting in musical study during every other spare moment.

"I woke up at four o'clock and I said, 'What on earth am I doing still in bed? I could be playing!'" he recalls of his early morning practice sessions, conducted much to his sleeping family's chagrin. "I was just madly in love with music."

When the farm went under in his early 20s, Friesen attended college in Winnipeg and became a music teacher.

He went on to conduct countless choirs during teaching stints at Bible colleges in several U.S. states and across Canada, including the Winkler Bible Institute in the '80s and '90s.

Now, Friesen is preparing for what may well be his final performance.

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Music has always been an integral part of Peter M. Friesen's life. He's directed countless choirs during his career, and is preparing to do so again for a performance in Winkler Aug. 18.

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On Aug. 18, he will direct a program in Winkler featuring solo voice, duets, trios, choir, and piano solos.

"It will be all my favourite music," Friesen says in sharing a set list that features hymns such as Lift Thine Eyes, The Lord is my Shepherd, and All in the April Evening, among others.

It's been seven years since he's directed a concert like this, and, at the age of 94, Friesen isn't sure he'll have another one in him in the years ahead.

"I thought of calling it a farewell, and that's kind of in the shadows ... but you just don't know," he says, noting instead that he's dubbed the show "A Singer's Delight."

Whether it proves to be his final bow or just one more choral performance amongst the many he's led in his life, Friesen hopes audience members will leave feeling inspired by the uplifting music.



Peter M. Friesen conducting the Calvary Bible College choir in 1979.

"I'm also a counsellor, so I know that we all carry stuff in our [mental] backpacks that weighs us down," he says. "I'm hoping that when they come in and hear this program, when they leave there should be significantly less garbage in their backpacks. That they'll feel a little lighter."

Friesen shares that he feels God working through him every time he sets foot on stage and raises his baton.

"It's not me. Never me. These arms and these feet and this empty pumpkin head all belong to the Lord," he says, laughing, and then adding, more seriously, that his fondest musical memories include those times when a hymn has truly resonated with an audience member. "It's like turning the light on in the dark ... when you see people get that 'A-ha!' moment."

With the concert a few weeks out, Friesen has issued a call for singers interested in coming to sing their hearts out. There are no auditions and only one rehearsal planned for the day of the show, so past choral experience is a must. If you're interested in adding your voice to the choir, contact Friesen at 204-325-4956 to arrange to pick up music in advance.

"I'm not only looking for singers," he stresses. "I'm looking for people who want that deeper form of expression."

The concert takes place at 6:30 p.m. at the Covenant Mennonite Church (364 8th St. in Winkler) on Friday, Aug. 18. Joining the choir on stage will be pianists and accompanists Mark Wiebe, Grace Xia, Stephen Knott, and Marilyn Houser Hamm.



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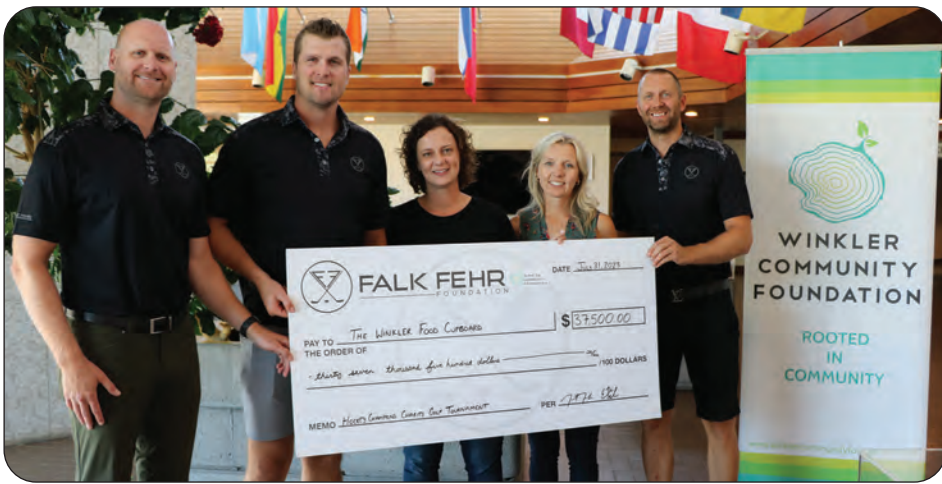
Altona celebrates

The Manitoba Sunflower Festival was another huge success for Altona last weekend, with no shortage of fun for everyone. Clockwise from above, left: The Legends Car Club Show drew hundreds of car lovers to the park; newcomers Lyudmyl and Larysa were thrilled to be part of the Culturefest activities; Yung Balboa performed at the Park Stage Saturday night; the Altona Firefighters Fire Truck Pull drew hundreds of spectators and raised funds for worthy causes; watermelon and rollkuchen was a festival favourite Sunday afternoon; a group of friends get their sunflower on at the photo station; Matt Gilson joined his kids, Penny and Oliver, for a choo-choo train ride; Safiti and Satalil were excited to be a part of the Sprkl Studios Youth Band Showcase; Eric the Juggler entertained kids and adults alike with his skills and humour.

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Falk Fehr Fdn. supports The Bunker, Winkler food bank



By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two Winkler non-profits got a huge funding boost from the Falk Fehr Foundation this week.

On Monday, the foundation's Eric Fehr, Justin Falk, and Marlin Froese presented reps from the Winkler and District Food Cupboard and The Bunker youth ministry with donations of \$37,500 each.

The funds were raised at the foundation's annual Hockey Champions Charity Golf Tournament in June, which drew 160 golfers.

"It just seems to be more successful year after year, and that's only due to the amazing community that we get to live in," said Froese. "We wouldn't be able to do this without that support from all the great local businesses, individuals, and different organizations. We're very, very grateful to all those folks."

The food cupboard and The Bunker both rose to the forefront as community organizations that could use a helping hand this summer.

"Over the past few years, especially with the pandemic, there's been a lot of strain on local food related projects in the community," Froese said. "So we felt that focusing on the food cupboard ... we just really saw the need."

"And we really appreciate the ministry that The Bunker does in the community as well," he said, pointing to the excitement being generated around the ministry's new Industrial Eats restaurant project, slated to open this fall.

For the Bunker, this money puts them that much closer towards the money they need to get the BBQ and smokehouse restaurant up and running.

The ministry is in the midst of renovating the former Central Station Community Centre space in its building at 545 Industrial Dr. to create a non-profit eatery that will be staffed by marginalized individuals in the community, including local youth and seniors.

"This puts us over the halfway point of our fundraising," said executive



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The Falk Fehr Foundation's Marlin Froese, Justin Falk, and Eric Fehr were joined by the Winkler Community Foundation's Myra Peters in presenting the Winkler Food Cupboard's Chris Wall and The Bunker's Kevin Hildebrand and Alycia Hildebrand with the proceeds of June's Hockey Champions Charity Golf Tournament.

director Kevin Hildebrand. "It's been great up to this point and then to get support like this—just knowing that there's backing from the community, it means a lot to us and it means a lot to the kids."

"Thank you to all the golfers every year for coming out and supporting the different organization, regardless of who they are," Hildebrand said of the tournament. "It shows that they care about the community, that they trust the foundation is making the right decisions for the donations."

The money will certainly help the

food cupboard feed families in need in our community, said board vice-chair Chris Wall.

"In the last couple of years our numbers have gone up and expenses have gone up, same as everybody's grocery bills, and this will go a long way toward helping us with those monthly grocery costs," she said. The food bank is currently providing groceries to about 135 families a week.

"We're very thankful to everybody who came out to the golf tournament and supported the event," Wall noted.

Gallery's new season reflects prairie life and identity

By Lori Penner

Altona's Gallery in the Park is launching their Summer/Fall exhibit this week, providing a plethora of images and pieces for art lovers to ponder and admire.

"The upcoming exhibit features artwork by five artists using different mediums in very diverse styles," says curator Susie Fisher. "All their work comments either directly or subtly on prairie life and identity: their relationships with changing landscapes and weather, their wrestling with spirituality, their observations of light and their relationship with Mother Earth."

Feature artist Patricia Eschuk is an emerging visual artist who lives and works in Manitoba. She works primarily with oil paints and mixed media drawing. Much of her work is inspired by the natural world and she

prefers to paint in the open air within Manitoba forests and prairie grasslands.

Altona photographer Kerry Enns is excited to present his first public exhibit at Gallery in the Park. His collection, *Prairie Designs*, captures the forms and textures of the prairies, evoking the imagination and stirring memories.

Callen Froese considers herself a visual arts biographer. Working with a diversity of materials—from clay to yarn, to paper and natural inks—she aims to create artwork that is thought provoking and expressive of the current climate.

With a 20-year career in graphic design, Paul Delgado's acrylic paintings reflect the acquired habits of his profession. He believes the face is the

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Corn & Apple puts call out for volunteers

By Lorne Stelmach

With the Corn and Apple Festival now just weeks away, the organizing committee is still looking for volunteers.

Help is needed in a number of areas, with one committee still needing a chairperson, and executive director Tim Hodge says they are glad to take on anyone who can offer whatever amount of time they can manage.

"We haven't always done a very good job of informing people of that ... a lot of our volunteers are people who come for maybe two hours and help out at the festival in some way," said Hodge. "By volunteering for the festival, it doesn't mean you have to be working for months in advance. It doesn't mean you have to be working all day every day for the festival."

The festival relies heavily on its volunteers, with close to 1,000 people contributing annually.

Volunteers help in many areas, including cooking and serving corn on the cob, handing out free apple juice, organizing children's activities, helping with festival set up, acting as parade marshals, and many other roles.

Outside of the executive director, the festival is run completely by volunteers, with 33 committees overseeing various aspects of the weekend.

The committee in charge of the craft tents and artisan alley doesn't have a chairperson right now.

"This is the person who is the con-

tact for all of our artisan vendors," explained Hodge. "The main role of that position is to be the go-to person from the festival to answer any questions and to help out vendors during setup and during the festival.

"Our chairpeople attend monthly meetings starting in March, and it does take a little bit more of a commitment than other positions," he noted.

There is also one new addition to the committee lineup this year.

"For the first time ever, we have an accessible parking lot," said Hodge, explaining it will be located west of the Morden Activity Centre, close to the centre of all the action. "We've never really been able to accommodate that because everything is packed during the festival ... we're still looking for people to help manage it.

"As well, we always need more parade marshalls. It never hurts to have extra volunteers for the parade ... the more volunteers the better," added Hodge, noting that volunteers are also needed for the Cottonwood Stage dance floor set-up.

"Setting up that dance floor is a massive task. Last year, people may recall we didn't set up the dance floor in the Cottonwood Stage tent. It's just too large of a job, and we didn't have enough volunteers."

To help with the volunteer recruitment, the festival has set up a new volunteer application to make the process easier. That application is available on the festival website (cor-



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Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed to help put on the 2023 edition of the Morden Corn and Apple Festival.

nandapple.com/volunteers).

"The festival wouldn't be possible without our volunteers," stressed Hodge. "That's why we've made it easier than ever to get involved. Our new volunteer application is simple to use and makes it easy for anyone to lend a hand, no matter how much

time they have to spare.

"Overall, we're in better shape now than we were last year at this time in terms of our volunteer numbers, but we still need some assistance. Our new application highlights our areas of need."

> GALLERY IN THE PARK, FROM PG. 6

mirror of the soul, and the shapes and colours of his pieces reflect that. His exhibit is called Memories.

Winnipeg artist Rosalie Olson is recognized for her expressive marks, harmonious colours, and sense of light. She is inspired by immersing herself in the beauty of nature, camera in hand. Her paintings evolve through an experimental process of transparent layers of colour combinations. Her exhibit, Sky, no limits, reflects her awe of the natural world.

"I'm excited about this season," Fisher says. "I think it will appeal to a wide variety of gallery-goers. Everyone is likely to find something that moves or resonates with them in this exhibit.

"It is going to be a beautiful show with diverse interpretations of life on the prairies."

The Summer/Fall season at Gallery in the Park begins with an opening gala for Friends of the Gallery on Aug. 3 and runs until Sept. 24.



Christmas in July



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The Morden Christmas Cheer Board was delighted with the response to its Christmas in July movie night at the Stardust Drive-In featuring Dr. Seuss's The Grinch July 25. Admission was by donation of either cash, unwrapped new toys, or non-perishable food items. "Over 250 food items, two huge tubs of toys, and around \$1,000 was donated to help the Morden Christmas Cheer Board get a start on our fundraising for the 2023 holiday," noted public relations chairperson Ali Wiens. "And our 'Get Cozy in Morden' raffle is officially sold out, so thanks to all the local businesses that sponsored our raffle and everyone who bought tickets. The Morden Christmas Cheer board is blown away by the support we are receiving from our community."

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Use your words

Use your words Peter." Mum could often be heard saying this to a MUCH younger Peter Cantelon back in the toddler years (yes, my memories, such as they are, go back that far).

In later years Peter could sometimes be heard saying this same phrase to his children on various occasions.

At its core this simple phrase reflects a deep truth within people: we constantly assume people know how we feel. Just like the proverbial crusty old man who defends never telling his wife he loves her because "she knows," we often struggle expressing publicly things that we think people should know. Sometimes we even actively resist it.

"But if I tell her I love her I'm gonna have to tell my son and my daughter too! Where does it end?"

Telling people you love them doesn't end. It never ends. This is a good thing.

But it's not just crusty old husbands ... it's everyone. Bad managers, dysfunctional family members of all kinds, politicians afraid to rock the boat, etc. There are all kinds of people who would prefer not to use their words in favour of a more silent approach.

Of course the problem with this approach is that, however much people

"should just know," sometimes, for very good reasons, they do not "just know" and, in fact, they need to hear the words spoken aloud.

"You are loved."

"You are welcome."

"You have value."

Should people "just know" these things? Sure, and it would make our lives so much easier if we didn't have to actually say the words out loud.

Sometimes words are spoken AFTER they should have been. In the case of various disenfranchised groups we often do not hear the words or see them written on pithy placards until after tragedy.

When 14 women were slaughtered at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique in 1989 there were loads of loud voices suddenly proclaiming the value and importance and equality of women AFTER the event that were mostly silent beforehand.

Sure it's nice to know where people stand AFTER you're are beaten and murdered, but perhaps had the words been said louder and more often BEFORE hand it might have made a difference.

How, you ask?

How do you feel when you are told you are loved even though you "should know?" Well, among other

things, you feel safe and accepted. Importantly, others around you who hear these words know you have an ally who will stand up for you.

We know from recent history that when certain leaders spouting off on certain ideals come to an area (be it a country or a riding) other people with similar ideas start becoming louder and even begin to act in the public space on their ideals.

When leadership and people in general start using their words in the public space, other people feel enabled to do the same.

They may organize rallies and convoys and start shouting at others in ways they hadn't before or they may start loudly and actively defending the weak and dispossessed through counter-protests and visible signs of support—all because people in positions of authority set an example.

Use your words.

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"Yes, in an ideal world they should. But, use your words."

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By Peter Cantelon

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CFDC opens new field and research station

By Lorne Stelmach

An event celebrating the official opening of the new Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre field station Friday offered people the bonus of getting a look at the latest major find.

The recent discovery of a new mosasaur fossil highlighted the benefit of having the field station, which was a \$400,000 project that became possible through a variety of funding sources.

"This property has plenty of possibilities to find very nice fossils," said CFDC executive director Adolfo Cuetara.

A brief ceremony celebrated the unveiling of the new building at the CFDC's 110 acre property on the Manitoba escarpment about 20 km northwest of Morden.

It's a 1,000 square foot insulated building equipped with a lunchroom, kitchen, and storage room for tools and machinery.

The building is also designed with energy sustainability in mind, as it is equipped with solar panels and a wind turbine, and it was built with a number of federal and provincial grants as well as local support from Winkler Co-op and Décor Cabinets.

The idea of a field and research station has been in mind for some time to provide a centre of operations for fossil excavations, said Cuetara.

"This is a very long term project that the CFDC was pursuing for many years," he said. "After 18 months of process, we were able to put money together ... it's almost a \$400,000 investment, and now we have a nice place to use as a base camp to conduct diggings and excavations, not only on this property but in all of the escarpment.

"It's really important for us for many reasons," said Cuetara, who highlighted how it supports their partnership with the University of Manitoba by providing a base for field classes for geology and palaeontology students. So they gain by recovering fossils which can then be examined and worked on at the university, where they have the use of high-end equipment

"They have the researchers, they have the machines, they have the means, and we have the fossils and information," said Cuetara.

The other main benefit then for the CFDC is to better support tourism through improved dig tours.



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The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre last week cut the ribbon on its new field and research station at its dig site northwest of Morden.

"That allows the people to come and to be a palaeontologist for a day ... they have the unique experience to dig out a real mosasaur skeleton that is still in the ground."

CFDC board chairperson Allison Halstead said they are very optimistic about how this field station will help them to further advance their programs as they work towards building a new museum.

"It is exciting ... we get to see some of the long term planning come to fruition," she said. "There is lots of

work that can happen, but to actively be coming out and finding new specimens, that's exciting, because with every new specimen there's always the possibility of new finds.

"This has been in Morden for 50 plus years ... it has been a site and a centre of very important scientific palaeontological research for some time, and I think there's a lot of people in the larger community who are not aware of it," she concluded. "This is what you have ... this is your gift to the world, be proud of it, share it."

New CFDC fossil finds continue to thrill

By Lorne Stelmach

A new fossil find is injecting some excitement at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre as things continue to really pick up post-pandemic.

The recent discovery of another new fossil identified as a mosasaur had executive director Adolfo Cuetara

thinking back to the centre's roots when a mining company digging for bentonite first started uncovering fossils.

Now, with the use of a front loader and backhoe with various attachments, the centre is better able to advance excavations and make new finds, Cuetara noted last week at the

opening of the CFDC's new field station on its 110 acre property northwest of Morden.

"Most of the fossils that we have are from the '70s and '80s ... they were finding lots of bones. I am sure that thousands of fossils were destroyed in the process, but a lot of them were preserved," said Cuetara, noting particularly the efforts of Henry Isaac and Don Bell in collecting and saving fossils.

"That's the reason why we are now starting to find lots of fossils again," he said. "We have the ability to do that heavy work and moving earth in an easy way."

He especially lauded the work of technician Gerry Peters, who does a lot of laboratory tasks in winter and oversees field work in the summer.

"He has a very good knowledge of what he is looking for ... right now, we have a few spots in the property with fossils but most important is this new whole mosasaur skeleton that we just

found.

"It is where we are bringing our visitors for dig tours," said Cuetara. "They are not looking for fossils; they are actually digging up a mosasaur skeleton, so that is a very unique experience.

"Sometimes it's just one isolated bone in the middle of nowhere, but in this case ... digging out all around, started to find one vertebrae, one vertebrae, another vertebrae, and we have now close to 20 vertebrae, and we have to keep going just to try to find the skull and limb bone sediments ... the skull is really important because it is what is telling us what the species will be," he explained.

There is still much to be learned about this latest find, but Cuetara said having a newly discovered mosasaur skeleton being excavated half a mile away from the new field station is providing a big boost for their dig tours.



A new mosasaur fossil was found near the CFDC field station this summer.

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Thanks for Farming tour makes a stop in Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

The Thanks for Farming Tour returned to Winkler last week for a second straight year, and organizers were pleased with the response.

The first event in 2022 attracted about 45 exhibitors. That increased to just over 50 this year for the show July 26-27 at the Meridian Exhibition Centre, which on day one surpassed the 300 mark for visitors.

"We were really excited for the turnout ... for the second year, it's really positive and showing good growth," said Krissy Fiddler, operations manager for the tour.

The Thanks for Farming Tour started in 2020 when farm shows were being cancelled in the midst of the pandemic and the farm community needed support.

Since then, it has been able to visit 12 communities, supporting a local non-profit organization while in each one.

Here in Winkler, the show raised funds for the Central Station Community Centre. Local 4H members were also involved and using it as a fundraiser by coming out to pressure wash all of the equipment.

The two-day event featured exhibitors from all across western Canada with displays both inside and out covering everything from new technology, grain handling, grain storage, and other farm equipment, with a particular focus on new innovations and products.

There were also guest speakers on plant diversity, full season cover crops, and optimizing grain marketing along with a session on mental health and something more lighthearted for laughs.

"There was definitely a good variety of exhibitors. We've got exhibitors all the way from northern Alberta," noted Fiddler. "We've got local ones. We've got them from the equipment side but also the services that help the farms too."

The show was a good promotional opportunity for Venture Parts and Supply in Morden.

"We're a newer company in the area, and we thought this might be a good opportunity to meet people and show what we have to offer," said owner James Friesen.

"It's been good ... knowing what people are needing and wanting and issues they may be having that we could maybe help with," he said. "It's nice to talk to farmers and figure it out."

"This would be one of the main shows that I know of in this area, so that also is why we thought it would be a good opportunity to give it a try and see where it goes."

Back at the show for a second time was Winkler's All Size Perforating, which manufactures grain aeration flooring.

The business was started by Brandon Klassen's grandfather in the late 1970s and has continued to grow over the years. He as well saw this event as



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The Thanks for Farming Tour took over the Meridian Exhibition Centre for two days of displays and speakers last week.

a good opportunity to help maintain that growth.

"I think we fit a niche in the market that is kind of needed," said Klassen. "We're a company of 12 people but we pump out seven million to nine million pounds of steel every year."

"We don't do a lot of shows. Our dealers do a really good job of representing us usually, but we realize it's a good idea to start coming to these shows to start educating the customer base on who we are and what the differences are," he continued.

"It's really are only way to get to see what the customer is experiencing with our product," Klassen said. "We can get a feel, a pulse for how people feel about our product."

"There's only a couple shows in western Canada ... around this area,

there isn't a whole lot, so I'm really happy that there's one right here in our back yard."

"We picked Winkler because of the farming community that is surrounding this area," explained Fiddler. "The general thought for the event is that it's for the farmers ... and we're here to thank them."

"For southern Manitoba, there's not many events like this, and southern Manitoba is a big ag community," said Fiddler, who added Winkler has a big opportunity now with a facility like the Meridian Exhibition Centre. "I think you're going to see more growth here with the new facility ... the vision they had for this facility is exactly what we're bringing to the city here."



The show served as a promotional opportunity for a variety of agricultural businesses, with a focus on new innovations and products.

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

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> CFDC, FROM PG. 9

The dig tour visitors have the chance to become a palaeontologist for a day guided by a knowledgeable field crew.

"We started in early July to have bookings for dig tours ... practically, every single day, someone is booking a day for next month for August," said Cuetara, who noted the slots are quickly being filled

up. "We have three people, very knowledgeable people here, directing the works and teaching the people."

A dig tour day starts with a guided tour of the museum before then heading out into the field. For more information, head to discoverfossils.com.

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FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE

Friday night on the Main Stage



CRASH TEST DUMMIES, 9:30 P.M.

The Crash Test Dummies are a Winnipeg-based group that rocked the Canadian charts with their 1991 hit single "Superman's Song" and then found international success with their 1993 single "Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm." Other notable hits include "The Ballad of Peter Pumpkinhead" and "Keep A Lid on Things." This year they've released a new original single "Sacred Alphabet" and have been touring North America and Europe.

SUN SETS WEST, 6 P.M.

Sun Sets West is a band of five from Southern Manitoba. Their sets include well known rock, alternative rock and punk pop music from a variety of decades, but primarily the '90s and 2000s. They thrive on stage by engaging crowds with their musical chemistry and easygoing personalities.



BED OF ROSES, 7:15 P.M.

This Bon Jovi tribute band performs iconic anthems such as Livin On a Prayer, Wanted Dead or Alive, It's My Life, You Give Love a Bad Name, and many more. Bed of Roses is the only tribute group to portray the entire history of Bon Jovi from the '80s, where it all began, through to today.

Saturday morning parade

The festival parade makes its way through the city starting at 10 a.m. sharp on Saturday, Aug. 12. The route begins at the corner of Pembina Ave. and 15th St., heads east down Mountain Ave., north on Main St. to Roblin Ave., and east down Roblin to wrap up at Park St.




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Saturday night on the Main Stage



HUNTER BROTHERS, 9:30 P.M.

The Hunter Brothers is made up of five brothers from Saskatchewan who made the Billboard Canada Country charts with their debut single "El Dorado" in 2016. Since then, their single "Born and Raised" cracked the Top 10 and 2019's "Lost" was a #1 hit. They've earned multiple Canadian Country Music Association Award nominations, Juno Award nominations, and Saskatchewan Country Music Association Award wins.



BYRON FALK & THE HALF-TIME COWBOYS, 6 P.M.

A Half-Time Cowboy, Byron Falk lives in a modern world, but embodies an old western heart. Despite a late start in music, Falk learned to play strong rhythm guitar and a couple of bluegrass licks that provide the foundation for a very organic and classic country sound. The band has played summer music festivals, community fairs, theaters and barn lofts, sharing the stage with many talented players.

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DANIEL DESORCY, 7:15 P.M.

Daniel Desorcy is a French Métis singer-songwriter from La Broquerie, MB. Greatly influenced as a young boy by his father's love for the Bee Gees, Daniel learned to play guitar on his grandfather's old acoustic and has been writing songs since he was seven. His soulful tenor voice and prolific writing skills have garnered him a secure place within the country music genre.



WE ARE MESSENGERS, 9:30 P.M.

We Are Messengers is a Christian rock/pop band originally from Ireland but who today call the U.S. home. Their self-titled first studio album in 2016 hit the top 10 on the Billboard album charts while their 2019 follow-up, *Honest*, reached the top 10 on the Billboard Christian albums chart.



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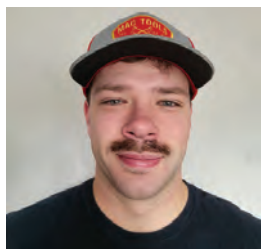
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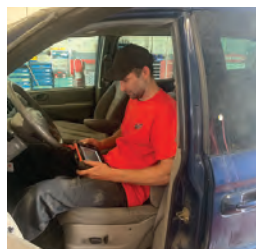
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DON AMERO, 6 P.M.

Throughout the last decade, singer-songwriter, performer, and three-time Juno Award nominee Don Amero has made it his mission to tell engaging and unique stories, tapping into his rare ability to effortlessly and genuinely connect with his audience. In 2022 he earned a CCMA Award nomination for Album of the Year for his EP *Nothing is Meaningless*, which includes his hit single "You Can't Always be 21."



STEPHEN STANLEY, 7:15 P.M.

At the age of nine, this Mansfield, Georgia-based artist learned to play his mother's guitar after suffering an accident that rendered him deaf in his left ear, and quickly uncovered an innate musicality and remarkable gift for melody. By age 13, he'd added piano and drums to his repertoire, in addition to writing songs and leading worship at the church where his father served as a pastor. Over the last decade, Stanley has honed a distinct and dynamic voice as a musician, bringing both raw emotion and a profound sense of purpose to everything he creates.

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Friday, August 11, 2023

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Midway
3:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors Open
3:00PM - 10:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market
3:00PM - 8:00PM

Kid's Zone

 3:00PM - 8:30PM
Petting Zoo

 4:00PM - 6:00PM
Face Painting

 3:00PM - 4:00PM
Princess/Hero Photos

 3:00PM - 10:00PM
Climbing Tower

MWM Environmental

Parade
10:00AM

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Midway
12:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors Open
12:00PM - 10:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market
12:00PM - 8:00PM

Triple E Main Stage
6:00PM - Sun Sets West
7:15PM - Bed of Roses

9:30PM





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Afternoon Tournament (ages 7-10)
3:00PM - 6:00PM
*Registration 2:00PM - 2:45PM

Evening Tournament (ages 11-13)
7:00PM - 10:00PM
*Registration 6:00PM - 6:45PM

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Afternoon Tournament (ages 14-16)
3:00PM - 6:00PM
*Registration 2:00PM - 2:45PM

Evening Tournament (ages 17+)
7:00PM - 10:00PM
*Registration 6:00PM - 6:45PM

Kid's Zone

12:00PM - 8:30PM - Petting Zoo

12:00PM - 6:00PM
Fit Kids/Healthy Kids Outdoor Games



1:00PM - 6:00PM - Face Painting

2:00PM - 3:00PM - Princess/Hero
& 3:30PM - 4:30PM Photos

2:00PM - 10:00PM - Climbing Tower

Fort Garry Brewing Co.
Beer Gardens

Hours: 4:00PM - 1:00AM

7:00PM - Dark by Three

10:30PM - BK & The Bad Habits



Triple E Main Stage

6:00PM - Byron Falk & The Half-Time Cowboys

7:15PM - Daniel Desorcy

9:30PM

HUNTER BROTHERS

Fort Garry Brewing Co.
Beer Gardens

Hours: 12:00PM - 1:00AM

7:00PM - Fender Bender

8:30PM - Joe Wilson

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Sunday Service
9:30AM
Pastor Todd Petkau
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Children's Feature: Pembina Valley Bible Camp

Midway
3:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors Open
3:00PM - 10:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market
3:00PM - 8:00PM

Triple E Main Stage
6:00PM - Don Amero
7:15PM - Stephen Stanley

9:30PM 

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Kid's Zone

12:00PM - 8:30PM - Petting Zoo

1:00PM - 6:00PM - Face Painting

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12:00PM - 4:00PM - Climbing Tower



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BK & The Bad Habits



Fender Benders

Rock and country in the Beer Gardens



Dark By Three



Joe Wilson

New to Winkler this year is the Fort Garry Brewing Beer Gardens, which will feature a variety of musical acts the first two days of the festival inside the Winkler Curling Club.

Beverages will be served from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the Friday and from noon to 1 a.m. on Saturday. Must be 18+ to attend.

Rock takes over the stage Friday with Dark By Three at 7 p.m. followed by BK & The Bad Habits at 10:30 p.m.

On Saturday, stop by to hear classic rock and country from Fender Bender at 7 p.m. and country from singer/songwriter Joe Wilson at 8:30 p.m.

Gearheads unite



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Worshipping together

The community is invited to come together for a Sunday morning worship service on the Main Stage starting at 9:30 a.m. and featuring as guest speaker Pastor Todd Petkau from Riverwood Church in Winnipeg. Organizing the Children's Feature will be the Pembina Valley Bible Camp.

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Whips knock out Bisons

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Whips will face down the Morden Mud Hens to see who is the Border Baseball League's East Division champ.

Winkler knocked out the Altona Bisons in a playoff series that needed all three games for a decision.

The Whips took game one 4-3 July 21 only to have the Bisons tie things up with a narrow 2-1 victory July 23.

In the final game last week Tuesday, Winkler eked out an 8-6 win to advance to the division finals.

Morden, meanwhile, had made short work of the Carman Cardinals in their opening playoff series mid-July, sweeping them in two games with wins of 4-3 and 16-6.

In the West Division, Cartwright

put an end to Baldur's hopes with two straight wins while Pilot Mound and Clearwater were tied at one game each at press time, with the deciding match scheduled for earlier this week.

The Mud Hens hosted the Whips for game one of their series Tuesday night. Results were not available at press time. Game two is in Winkler Thursday and game three, if needed, is back in Morden next Tuesday.

The two teams faced each other three times in the regular season. The first ended in a 6-6 tie, Winkler won the second 7-2, and Morden the third 4-3. Morden finished the season in first place on the strength of a record of 8-4-1—just ahead of Winkler's second-place finish at 7-4-2.

Storm 2 move into 1st place

By Voice staff

A forfeit Sunday boosted the Winkler Storm 2 team's record to 7-2-1 and propelled them into first place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 3rd Division.

AC Fiorentina were slated to play in Winkler July 30, but they opted to forfeit instead, resulting in an automatic 3-0 win for the home team.

The Storm get a bit of a breather now—their next game isn't until Sunday, Aug. 13 when they host Mobb

United.

Winkler Storm 1, meanwhile, had their break this past week. Their next game is this Wednesday, Aug. 2 in Winnipeg against Sporting Club Mosaic. They also play on the road next week Wednesday, Aug. 9, against the FC Winnipeg Lions.

Storm 1 are struggling a bit in Premier Division with three wins and eight losses to their name. They're currently in third-last place in the 10-team division.



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Left: Bisons Bryson Loewen knocks the ball out of the glove of Whips catcher Bobby Matuszewski and is called safe at home base. Above: Bisons Craig Heppner steps on second base for the force out and then leaps over the sliding Whips Liam Giesbrecht while throwing to first base to attempt a double play.



Teammates line up to congratulate Winkler's Abe Fehr after hitting a home run.

Folkett returns from NAIG with a gold medal

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite came home from the 2023 North American Indigenous Games with a gold medal in tow.

Finley Folkett was part of Team Manitoba in U19 softball at the games held recently in Halifax. They went undefeated and shared the gold medal with New Mexico after the final game was cancelled due to poor weather.

She was the only athlete from the Morden-Winkler area on the team.

"I was so, so proud to be there ... being there was a real honour," said Folkett, who has a Métis background. "Being able to experience my culture in that setting was something I never could have imagined ... it was rich with culture ... I was proud of seeing the indigenous community come together."



The North American Indigenous Games is the largest multi-sport and cultural event hosted in Canada and the United States specifically targeted for Indigenous people.

The games occurs every three years in different locations across North America. This year's event July 15-23 saw Team Manitoba come in fifth overall with 32 gold, 19 silver and 18 bronze for a total of 69 medals.

Among those leading the way was the U19 softball squad, which went through the competition undefeated. A 7-0 win over Wisconsin was followed by a 23-1 victory against Eastern Door and the North (Quebec) and then an 8-3 win over British Columbia and a 5-4 victory against Alberta.

The semi-final saw Manitoba record a 6-4 victory against B.C. The gold medal game versus New Mexico had to be cancelled and so ended in a draw.

Folkett played as the catcher for one game but was mostly out in left field, and she has a clear thought on what she thinks got them to the top.

"I think it just was our energy. We were very loud, and we loved to cheer ... it was also just really working together and having that chemistry and team dynamic on and off the field," she suggested. "Everyone was on the same page and everyone really wanted to win. We were all here for the same purpose."

The event is a highlight for Folkett among what has been a passion from early on as a child.

"Soon as I could start playing, I was in it ... I think I was five," she said. "I think I was just kind of good at it from a young age, and it was something that I wanted to pursue."

She eventually got into AAA ball and has played high school softball along with the Central Energy AAA team, which is headed to the western championships.

"We've been pretty good. We've been one of the top competitors almost every year," she said, not-



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

Morden's Finley Folkett won softball gold with Team Manitoba at the North American Indigenous Games in Halifax last month.

ing Central Energy has earned a gold and two silver provincial medals during her time with the team.

Now Folkett looks forward to continuing her studies and playing softball at the University of Southern Maine, and she will continue to cherish the opportunity she had to compete at the Games.

"It was an awesome experience. I was blown away. It was massive. It was a pretty big event," she said. "It was an experience like no other ... I would absolutely one hundred per cent do it again."

West Wpg. wins senior AA title in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Mud Hens had a strong showing last weekend, but came up just a bit short in the senior AA baseball provincial championships in Morden.

The team went undefeated through three round-robin games in pool A, while fellow local team the Winkler Whips finished 1-2 in the same pool.

The two teams faced each other in their opening game Friday night, where Morden got the win 6-4.

Saturday morning then saw Morden beat the Oak River Dodgers 12-5 while Winkler outscored the Carberry Royals 13-12. Morden then recorded their third win Saturday evening as they blanked Carberry 10-0 while Winkler fell 10-7 to Oak River to end their tournament.

Morden's run came to an end as well Sunday with a 5-2 loss to Brandon, which went on to lose in turn to West Winnipeg 10-6 in the championship game.

Playing in pool B, the Pilot Mound Pilots was winless in losing 10-3 to Boissevain, 13-7 to West Winni-

peg, and 18-0 to Brandon.

This past weekend also saw Winnipeg host the 2023 18U AAA tier one and two provincial championships.

In tier one, South Central got off to a winning start Friday afternoon by blanking Oildome 10-0 but then lost 5-3 to Winnipeg South Friday evening.

The local boys went on to beat Elmwood 10-8 and St. James 7-6 before falling in the playoffs to Carillon 11-3.

Meanwhile, a Pembina Hills team had mixed results in tier two play. It lost 8-6 to Brandon and 7-2 to Bonivital Friday but then turned things around Saturday by beating Midwest 9-7 and winning 9-5 over Interlake.

Pembina Hills bowed out Sunday with a 12-5 loss to Interlake.

This weekend sees St. James Minor Baseball hosting the 13U and 15U AAA tier one and two provincials

.The summer provincials then wrap up with the senior A provincials in Clearwater Aug. 11-13.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden beat Winkler 6-4 at the Senior AA Baseball Provincials in Morden last weekend.

'Little Ballers' aims to teach kids the fundamentals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Little Ballers basketball program made a stop in Winkler last month ahead of a series of classes taking place in Carman this fall.

Program coach Chad Celaire and his team spent July 22 at the Pine Ridge courts offering free trial classes for kids as young as 10 months through to eight years of age.

The program is designed to get youngsters started in the sport by offering them a nurturing and supportive place to explore their physical abilities and develop foundational skills.

It all started when Celaire wanted to share his lifelong passion for basketball with his own kids.

"I was thinking of all the different things, as my son was growing, that I could do that would keep him moving," says Celaire, whose children are now five and three years old. "There was gymnastics and dance and Kinder music, but there wasn't anything that I could bring him to that was basketball specific.

"I was pretty down, especially when he got to be three and he was dribbling all over our house, so when I discovered there was no program I said, 'You know what? We should come up with something.'"

Celaire's background in the sport includes playing high-level college ball in his youth and coaching at summer sports camps over the years.

"So I had a lot of basketball knowledge, but when I became a youth minister I put a lot of the basketball stuff to the side," he shares. He's since left the ministry and has in recent years had more time to dedicate to coaching. "And I love it."

Little Ballers was launched in Winnipeg last fall to great success. Now they're looking to branch out more into rural Manitoba.

In our area, Carman is the first stop. Classes are slated to run for 10 weeks at the Carman Elementary School gym starting Saturday, Sept. 9.

"We are kind of taking a slow approach—we don't want to bite off more than we can chew," Celaire says, noting, however, that additional sessions elsewhere in the Pembina Valley could be a possibility in the future.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Coach Chad Celaire works with Baby Baller participants during a day of free trial classes in Winkler last month. The youth basketball program has a 10-week session starting up in Carman in September.

The Little Ballers program has four levels: Big Ballers for kids age 5-8, Mini Ballers for those age 3.5 to five years of age, Little Ballers for kids age two-and-a-half to three-and-a-half, and Baby Ballers for infants 10 months through to two-and-a-half.

"The curriculum is sensitive to the ages that the kids are at," Celaire says, explaining it's all about learning the fundamentals of basketball and team sports in gen-



eral in a fun, age-appropriate way. For more information, visit www.littleballersmb.ca



Reinfeld comes together



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The community of Reinfeld came together in a big way to show support for the in-the-works Reinfeld Park. Residents gathered last Thursday on the grassy field that will soon be home to the village's newest gathering space, complete with outdoor rink and warming shack, picnic shelter, soccer field, playground, and baseball diamonds. The evening fundraiser for the project included a Show & Shine car show, fun and games for the kids, raffle prizes, and a barbecue supper.

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REDEKOP, JOHAN, (applicant) of mailing address 35 PARKLAND CRES, WINKLER, MB, as per table "5:5 RR - Rural Residential" Zone of the Municipality of Rhineland Zoning By-Law 2021-06 has made an application for a Variation To reduce the proposed lot 1 from a minimum of 2 acres to 0.61 acres and to reduce the minimum site width from 200 feet to 125 feet on the land legally described as 11--492 in the NW-1-3-3-W civic address 12158-ROAD 13NW, roll #195000.000

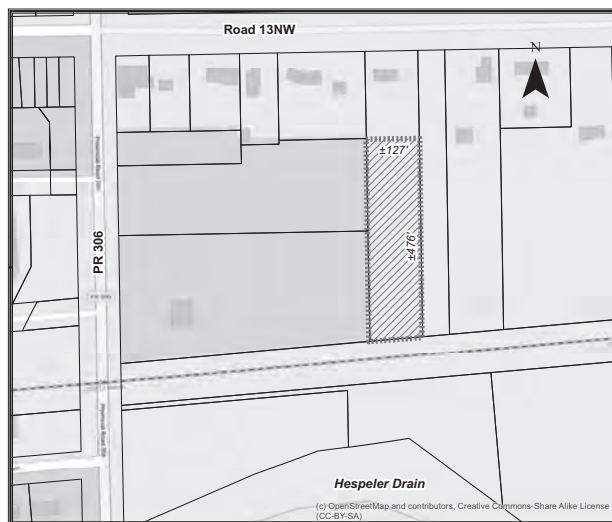
HEARING LOCATION: Rhineland Council Chambers
109-3rd Avenue NE, Altona, MB

DATE AND TIME: August 9, 2023 at 9:30 AM

GENERAL INTENT:

The applicant is applying for a Variation To reduce the proposed lot 1 from a minimum of 2 acres to 0.61 acres and to reduce the minimum site width from 200 feet to 125 feet on the property described above. The area is zoned "5:5 RR - Rural Residential" Zone which requires a Variation for this purpose. Notices were sent out within 100 Metres.

Please see Schedule "A" below for reference.



Schedule "A"
Attached to and forming part of
By-Law No. 2023-06

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File No. 4164-23-8304

Amending Schedule "A" of the
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Zoning By-Law No. 2021-06

LEGEND:

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Municipality of Emerson-Franklin

Public Notice

Board of Revision 2024

Public notice is hereby given that the 2024 assessment roll for the Municipality of Emerson-Franklin has been delivered to the Municipal office at 115 Waddell Avenue in Dominion City, Mb and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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 - be filed by
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 - serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the council chamber in Dominion City to hear applications for revisions to 2024 assessments and 2023 supplementary assessments.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Monday, August 21, 2023. Applications can be obtained from the Municipal office or on the Municipal Website.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2023

Tracey French

Chief Administrative Officer

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OBITUARY

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Saturday, July 22, 2023.

Born April 2, 1958 in Winkler, Manitoba, Pamela was predeceased
by her mother, Olga and her brother, Mark.

She is survived by her husband, John Funk; sons, Matthew
(Charmaine) Funk, Joel (Katie) Funk, Gideon Funk; grandchildren,
Aiden, Logan, Oliver, Maximus and Chloe Funk, and Olive Funk;
her father, Victor Enns (Mabel) and sisters, Vicki (Darrel) Friesen,
Kim (Pete) Giesbrecht, brothers, Mike (Linda) Enns, Jeff (Della)
Enns and many nieces and nephews.

Pamela was a loving wife, mother, aunty, grandma and friend.
She would do almost anything for her loved ones. Pamela did so
much to comfort anyone who was hurting whether it was physically or emotionally. She dedicated
much of her life to supporting and mentoring many different people, and even in her illness, she
was still advocating for others in need. Pamela was dearly loved by her family and friends. She
made an impact on this earth that will live on through the many lives that she touched.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2023 at Wiebe Funeral
Chapel in Morden with interment at Rosenbach Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

Margaret (Marge) Unger (nee Friesen) 1942 – 2023



On Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Boundary Trails Health Centre,
Marge Unger, 80 of Winkler, MB passed away.

Marge was born August 27, 1942 in the Bethel Hospital in Winkler,
MB to Rev. John P. and Aganetha (nee Reimer) Friesen. Marge
joined the Old Colony Mennonite Church and was baptized by
Bishop Jacob Penner on June 2, 1963. She married Frank Unger
on August 11, 1963 and they lived a happy married life for 57 years.

Marge was predeceased by Frank in 2021, by her parents and
her siblings. She is survived by her nieces and nephews and their
families.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023 at the Chortitz Old Colony
Mennonite Church with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

Thank you for all the prayers and support; the ministerial, song leaders, ushers and serving
group who Marge greatly loved and enjoyed working with, to all her family and friends and the
great neighborhood she lived in. Thank you to the doctors and nursing staff at Boundary Trails
Health Centre for their compassionate care during Marge's stay. Special thanks to Wiebe Funeral
Home for the love and care you showed in this difficult time. May God reward you all.

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OBITUARY



**Annie Bergen (nee Rempel)
1929 – 2023**

Ann Bergen passed away Thursday July 27, 2023 at the age of 93.

She was born in Osterwick, MB on November 2, 1929 to Peter and Anna Rempel (nee Friesen) and grew up in Schanzenfeld. Mom was baptized upon the confession of her faith April 10, 1948 by Bishop Peter Toews in the Winkler Sommerfelder Church. June 10, 1951 Dad and Mom were married and they were married for almost 56 years although Dad was in the personal care home for over nine and a half years. Mom and Dad had two sons whom they loved very much. Life became hard when dad got sick and battled Alzheimers and Parkinsons for over 12 years. Then when Dad was in personal care, daughter-in-law, Ruth became sick with cancer

and passed away. Then not quite six months later, Dad passed away. Son, Edwin was not well but he got very sick after a couple of years and in 2011 he also passed away. This was all very hard; three family members passing away in less than five years. But in 1976, when Mom was very sick in the hospital and praying for her family, God promised her with a sign by her bed "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." When Mom opened her eyes, there was no one there but Mom was at peace, God's peace. The message was so clear. Her faith and trust kept her going through life and with prayers and a loving family as well as prayers of friends and church members, Mom was able to carry on.

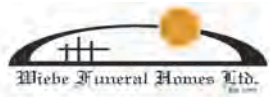
Ann is survived by one son, Allan Bergen, granddaughter, Laurie (Pete) Froese and their son, Jordan, granddaughter, Cindy (Boyd) Jolin and their daughters, Isabella and Lilliana, grandson, Steve (Amber) Bergen and their sons, Simeon, Isaiah and Nehemiah, granddaughter, Stacey (Stephen) Waters.

She was predeceased by her husband, Tony and son, Edwin and daughter-in-law, Ruth.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023 at the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Southside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Annie's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Cancer Care.

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OBITUARY

**Anne Doell (nee Friesen)
1933 – 2023**



On Saturday, July 22, 2023 our mother Anne Doell of Winkler, MB, formerly of Plum Coulee went home to be with her Lord and Saviour at the age of 89.

Mom was born on September 8, 1933 to her parents, David and Maria Friesen of Rosenfeld. 1933 was a difficult period in history and times were hard. For the Friesen family it meant another mouth to feed, however Grandma Friesen said, "Annie was a blessing and a ray of hope during those challenging times."

Mom went to the Reichenbach school and later attended high school in Winkler. She was adventurous and fun loving, exploring interests like poetry, music, gardening and even hunting rabbits with her brother, Tony. She found work at different places such as

the Morden Hospital and even as a live-in nanny for a family on Wellington Crescent in Winnipeg. At one time, she talked about moving to the States but always found her way back to Rosenfeld. On May 25, 1958, she was baptized in the Rosenfeld Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Mom's relationship with God was deep and she knew He would always watch over her and never leave her. She often recited Psalm 91:4 "He shall cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge" and her trust in God gave peace and assurance that was felt by the people around her. On April 5, 1963, 60 years ago in this church, Mom married our dad, Bill and the two started their lifelong love together on Gavin St. in Plum Coulee. They farmed together and raised a family with a solid Christian foundation. In the early years, Mom would help her parents with their yard in Rosenfeld and the family ties were built strong. Mom enjoyed gardening, her flower beds, church, music, walks around Coulee, sitting on the front porch and her neighbors. She loved to give cards to the neighbors and little gifts that took hours to pick out and pack because it had to be just right. Mom said in the 51 years on McGavin St. they never had a bad neighbor. Dad recalls one evening when Mom called him to the front door, he was surprised to see the neighbor lady standing there wearing Mom's favorite coat. "Bill doesn't that fit her well?" she said as the neighbor lady modelled the coat. Next thing, Dad knew the lady left with Mom's coat and Mom said, "she needs it more than I do." Dad said Mom never replaced it or talked about it again; she just started wearing her old one. That was Mom, content with what she had and always wanting to give to others. We never saw it as a chore for her, it was just who she was.

In 2014, Mom and Dad made the move to Winkler and slowly vascular dementia took over her life. Her biggest fear was that she would forget Bible verses and family members' names. She memorized so many verses and repeated names over and over to burn them into her mind. God granted her the ability to remember most names, but slowly the Bible verses disappeared, and it bothered Mom because that was a big part of her daily worship. Mom's conversation also became less and less and her ability to give also stopped. One gathering while Mom was in Salem, we all got together at Garden Park, including Mom, she smiled and looked at everyone, but she said very little. I took her back to Salem after the gathering and on our ride back she said, "You don't have to include me in the gatherings any more". I told her "Of course we do; we love you and want you there." She quietly said, "that's just it, you love me, but I can't love you back." Her ability to communicate and give had been taken away and it left her feeling empty inside. We often spoke about her trials and when we said how sorry we were that she was going through this difficult condition, she would tell me "Don't worry about me, you're the ones that will have to watch." She never understood how much God used her to touch people around her. It broke our hearts to watch the steady decline, but through it all she was strong, and God never left her. We would remember Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through Him who gives me strength and Deuteronomy 31:8 He will never leave you nor forsake you. The Bible verses that long had escaped Mom's mind now ring clear in ours. We loved her so much, she was gentle and kind, with great compassion and courage, strong with a touch of OCD, always in our corner, always ready to comfort. She loved us no matter what, gave us more than we can ever repay and her faith in her Savior, now is a legacy to be passed on to our children. We were blessed to be part of her life and we eagerly wait for that day when through God's grace, we will see her again.

Mom will be sadly missed but lovingly remembered by her husband, Bill, her son, Paul and Debbie, her son, Mark and Tanya, her grandchildren, Graham and Monica, Spencer, Carter, Tysen, and Reagan, her great-grandson, Sawyer and her sister, Mary.

Mom was predeceased by her parents, David and Maria Friesen, her sister, Helen, her brothers, David and Tony and one sister, Margaret in infancy.

Funeral service was held at the Harvest Christian Fellowship (Plum Coulee) with interment at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Pastor Glen, Pastor Harry, Dr. Bessy, Dr. Klassen, The Villages at Buhler, Salem Home and Wiebe Funeral Home for their personal care and love as they helped Mom and all of us through her final earthly journey and into the arms of Jesus.

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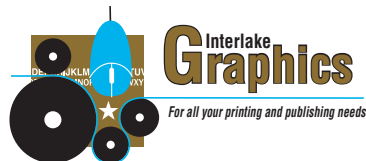
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\$4.1M in funding launches new Altona day care

By Lori Penner

A sod turning for the Kiddie Sunshine Daycare Centre's expansion project took place July 26, marking the official start of a facility that will create an extra 98 childcare spaces in Altona.

The event drew Premier Heather Stefanson, Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Wayne Ewasko and Borderland MLA Josh Guenter to the site located south of the Border Land School Division office, where they confirmed the details of the federal and provincial governments' joint investment in the expansion project.

Together, they are providing \$4.1 million through the Canada-Manitoba Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, covering 60 per cent of the building cost. The Town of Altona and Municipality of Rhineland, the Border Land School Division, Altona Community Foundation, and numerous local businesses will cover the remaining 40 per cent.

The new childcare spaces being developed with this investment are part of the Manitoba government's commitment to create 23,000 new, regulated not-for-profit child-care spaces for children under age seven across the province by 2026.

"We're nearly halfway there," said Stefanson. "Our government is taking concrete action to provide affordable, accessible child care that meets the needs of all Manitobans, including



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Members of Altona Town Council, provincial representatives including Premier Heather Stefanson (below), and the Kiddie Sunshine Centre board officially turned the sod at the site of the new daycare centre project last week.

in rural communities. Affordable, accessible childcare helps families make ends meet and makes our communities stronger."

The province is also providing \$24 million to provide and expand early childhood educator and childcare assistant training programs over the next three years.

"This will help address the labour challenge and staff more childcare spaces for our children," Stefanson said. "It will add nearly 1,000 training seats and will support about 2,000 new student admissions. This will allow more parents to participate in the workforce or pursue an education."

"I know that the community has been working extremely hard for this incredible new game changing facility," noted Ewasko. "I want to congratulate the daycare board for their non-stop advocacy not only for the new centre, but also for everything each and every one of you gets up in the morning to do, because Manitoba works because childcare works."

The latest funding, he said, builds on the province's recent announcement of \$10-a-day childcare for regular hours of funded and licensed child care.

"Our government

continues to strengthen and grow the early learning and child-care system by investing in capital projects to create more affordable, accessible childcare spaces. We will continue to support initiatives to build capacity in the child-care system to ensure Manitoba families have access to quality child care in their communities."

The Altona project was selected after officials examined the socio-economic factors of the communities that submitted expressions of interest.

"Altona definitely was high on the list of growing communities in the province," noted Ewasko. "The 98 spaces are going to definitely help, and I know Altona is growing even more than that, but this is a really good first step."

Borderland MLA Josh Guenter says this new facility will address a real need in the community.

"Manitoba is a leader in the country in implementing affordable, high-quality early learning and childcare and continues to make this a priority for families. I'm really excited about this being a key component to us continuing to attract healthcare professionals, nurses, and doctors to the area. That'll help sustain our local healthcare. There's so many angles to this, and that's one of them."

The expansion project will provide 20 infant spaces, 48 preschool spaces, and 30 school age spaces.

Kiddie Sunshine Centre board chair Laura Wiebe reflected on the journey to this point.

"The discussion for access to childcare has been happening for a long time. There was a study conducted in 2017 to assess the community's child care spaces. Our current version of this has been working for the past two or three years, looking at how we can best serve the community, whether that was going to be through a renovation or some other way. And then we dreamed a little bigger for accessing funds for a bigger, brand-new centre."

Wiebe says with the recent \$10/day funding, they've seen their wait list skyrocket to nearly 150 children.

"We anticipate making good use of our space once we're ready to open."

Because of the influx, the board is considering keeping the original building on Centre Ave. operational for their school age and preschool programming.

"Kiddie Sunshine Centre is incredibly proud of the long-standing history we have of providing early childhood education in Altona," said Wiebe. "We are very excited to have such strong support for this project and to continue this journey to expand our services even further in our community. We're just thrilled to have the next phase beginning. It's been a labour of love, and a long time coming. It really has been just a tremendous community effort to get to this phase. It's an exciting day for all of us."

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Edge-to-Edge Lid innovation—only in Altona

A continuing challenge for manufacturers and packaging specialists is for their product to get noticed among the millions of others that crowd store shelves.

Whether it's a rigid box, blisters, or shrink sleeves, the package needs to serve the purpose of protecting the product while also engaging the senses of the consumer, prompting them to take the item off the shelf.

This is where think4D comes in. Their goal is to provide innovative packaging solutions with decorated and tactile features to give consumers confidence from first "sight" and "touch" that they are purchasing a high-quality product.

Located right here in Altona, the innovative team at think4D are always developing new ways to decorate and engage more senses with the packages they design and manufacture. Extensive research has been done to understand what grabs the attention of the consumers and bring life to the packaging.

Designers at think4D also work hard to create designs that communicate their client's vision while providing quality construction. It's a storytelling experience, which begins with opening a package made by think4D

and allowing the products within to speak for themselves.

Although Friesens has been making decorated boxes for many years, the vision to diversify and expand packaging was cast about a dozen years ago.

True to their identity, they wanted to be in unique products. This gave birth to think4D. At the time it was an idea of "forming to the register of print." This had never been accomplished before, and they set their course to commercialize the idea.

In 2019, Friesens Packaging joined with think4D. Today they offer decorated thermoformed blisters, shrink sleeves, in-mold labels, as well as rigid boxes.

"As an internationally acclaimed book manufacturer with over 100 years of experience, this partnership aligns perfectly with Friesens; growth strategy for expansion through additional print related business," says Mike Fehr, Senior Vice President of Packaging at think4D. "Internally, we see think4D as the innovation engine of Friesens. We focus on packaging, with an emphasis on non-traditional packaging."

The fusion of Friesens' passion for printing and think4D's cutting-edge

thermoforming technology is reshaping the market and setting new trends.

Think4D began with plastic packaging for consumer goods products, like Gillette, Gorilla Glue, and Visa gift cards. Recently they've been making a move into food packaging.

"Food is a much larger



FRIESENS PHOTOS

The think4D sales team with one of their newest products. From left: Nic Neustaedter, Mike Fehr, and Lee Kowalski

space. Our motivation is to do something unique and different," Fehr says. "We often end up competing against the giants in the world that are so much larger than us. So as a new entry to market, our strategy has been to create something different.

"This enables us to have conversations with large brands and show them something unique. That's really where our ability to deliver innovation meets their appetite for innovation."

Their newest idea is called "Edge-to-Edge Lids." This is a uniquely different food lid that will be introduced to market later this year.

"After the plastic has been printed in a flat structure, we thermoform it into the shape," Fehr explains. "The secret sauce in thermoforming enables us to accurately form to the accuracy of our print. We can raise the characters on the surface, and that's what's never been done before."

The accuracy of think4D's technology can turn simple blisters into sculptures, with surface decorations for a pop-off-the-shelf impact like no other.

"One of the limitations of the technology is how far you can stretch the ink before it starts to break down,"

shares Fehr. "We had the vision for applying the technology to other applications. One of those was an early vision to create a product lid and give it the texture and shape that makes it unique. However, the limitation for us was keeping the integrity of the ink on the sealing feature which has the greatest degree of stretch. We've now accomplished this allowing us to fulfill our earlier vision and commercialize the product.

"Edge-to-Edge lids takes packaging to a whole new level. Product lids today are often decorated with pressure sensitive labels, and at times people get creative with coloured plastic. But nobody else makes lids that have decoration from trim to trim over the whole lid right over the closing feature. It creates a unique lid that combines our original technology of register forming and more stretchable inks. We're just on the verge of making samples we can bring to the food companies to see if we can create some excitement around it."

He says they hope to see some of their first lids on the shelves next year.

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