

INSIDE this week



Geekie taken 11th overall

In what was a whirlwind of a week, Strathclair's Conor Geekie was relieved to be chosen by the Arizona Coyotes in the first round of the NHL Entry Draft. The son of Craig and Tobi was selected 11th overall on July 7 at the Bell Centre in Montreal, celebrating with his family before heading down the stairs to shake hands and don his jersey.

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Lotto Numbers

Friday, July 8

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| •Lotto Max | 7, 12, 14, 18, 46, 47, 49, bonus 19 |
| •Extra | 2012982 |

Saturday, July 9

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| •Lotto 6/49 | 8, 12, 21, 33, 34, 45, bonus 23 |
| •Western 6/49 | 1, 20, 21, 22, 23, 30, bonus 26 |
| •Extra | 3065451 |

Tuesday, July 12

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| •Lotto Max | 8, 11, 15, 16, 26, 29, 40, bonus 37 |
| •Extra | 2721013 |

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CYCLING TOUR

As part of a 3,000 km cycling tour from Saskatchewan to Quebec to raise funds for jack.org in support of mental health, Lynne Harley of Camrose, AB made a stop in Minnedosa on June 7 and 8 to raise awareness and visit friend Johanne Lamont. A Brandon native, Harley is promoting her newest book, "What if You Could?", and is trying to raise \$100,000 to help improve youth mental health outcomes in their communities. Stopping for a photo at the Minnedosa Regional Library were, from left, Ethan Grela, Tayyah Young, Tayyah Volkmar, Lisa Bilcowski (librarian), Johanne Lamont, Lynne Harley, Maddison Dribit (Summer Student Reading Club Co-ordinator), and Payton Young. SUBMITTED



Club had chapters across Westman

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Chapters throughout Manitoba included Birtle, Boissevain, Brandon, Carberry, Dauphin, Foxwarren, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Pilot Mound, Oak River, Rosburn, Silverton, Souris, Virden, Waskada, and Winnipeg.

RIGHT: Marlene McCurry, Kathy Falloon, Karen and Marie Bartram, from left, made a special trip to the Russell Health Centre to present Gloria Tibbatts president of the ECCC committee with a donation of \$1,000 from the Naomi Lodge #856 of the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association in Canada



Squirrel Hills announces trail expansion

An exciting announcement was made by the Valley Life Recreation Committee regarding the construction of Squirrel Hills Trail Park.

Exactly one year ago, Valley Life Recreation announced plans for the Squirrel Hills Trail Park and shared their vision for another exciting piece of outdoor infrastructure in Minnedosa.

The design idea was for a

professionally designed and professionally built multi-use trail park here in the heart of Western Manitoba. This was made possible because of the community's incredible support over the past 12 months, and they're proud to announce that construction of this new trail system starts in only three weeks!

VLR is thrilled to announce that D.I.G. Trail Design, out of Rossland, BC, has been awarded the con-

struction contract for eight kilometres of new trail and trail features with an expected construction start date of Aug. 1.

D.I.G. (Design Innovate Grow) Trail Design is a professional trail building company that works in the design and construction of all types of pump-tracks, trails, and mountain bike skill parks. They are a member of the Professional Trail Builders Association which works

to advance the trails industry through professional design, construction, advocacy and education. D.I.G. Trail Design anticipates that construction of the entire trail system is expected to take seven to eight weeks, pending weather and ground conditions.

Separate from the trail system, detailed design for the trailhead is currently advancing well with landscape architect firm Scatliff+Mil-

ler+Murray. The group can't wait to share snapshots of the trailhead design elements as they are finalized.

It is hoped that some groundwork for that will begin this fall with the bulk of the trailhead infrastructure being completed in the spring of 2023.

VLR continues to seek financial assistance with this massive project. Visit www.valleyliferec.ca for more information.