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Mather 125 Celebration



Mather celebrated its 125th anniversary on July 16. One of the highlights of the weekend, the parade, began following registration and lunch. Parade entries were estimated at close to 100 and included family-made floats, old farm equipment, old cars, horse drawn wagons, and more. Although it was very hot, all of the events like the social, fireworks display, show and shine, and lunch and dinner get-togethers were thoroughly enjoyed.

BILL MCLEOD PHOTO

Pilot Mound Community Auction hits the Jack Pot!



The Pilot Mound Millennium Recreation Complex's Community Auction Committee is thrilled with the results of the auction held on June 25th.

(L-R) BACK: Ginger Collins, Heather Sheffield, Lorna Burns, Alicia Buydens.

FRONT: Kristen Friesen, Yvette Glenn, Janice Desrochers, Rhonda Burns and Diane Darracott.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Penny Burton

The Mather 125 celebrations were a huge success with people travelling far and wide to enjoy a day full of reminiscing, chatting, laughter and good food. LUD Chairman Myrna Lees thanked everyone, particularly the volunteers who helped with set up, 'working' and clean up.

Congratulations to Milton Turnbull who celebrated a milestone birthday at the weekend by taking part in the parade being driven in a vintage vehicle and then enjoying festivities with family.

The Burton family also hosted a family gathering enjoying the company of Penny's sister Sarah who arrived (on time and with luggage) from England to spend a few days catching up and then visiting the International Peace Garden, Assiniboine Park, the new Leaf Gardens and different (important family) locations in Winnipeg.

The McLeod families from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario came out to enjoy the festivities

of Mather 125 by having a float in the parade and then on Sunday had a reunion with 45 people in attendance with the main topic of conversation being the overwhelming heat! On Monday, all headed to the cemetery and then Mather Hall for a celebration of life for Shirley McLeod and Joyce McLeod (who was married to Norman McLeod).

The storm on early Tuesday morning caused unexpected delays for local businesses; some getting power resumed at 9 a.m. some around 3 p.m. and then some not until the evening. This meant the daycare and WCU were closed. The strong winds caused structural damage to buildings including a barn in the west of the municipality and also chicken coops in the eastern side. Thanks are given to the numerous Manitoba Hydro crews who rallied round to restore power. **For more photos of the Mather 125, please see our center spread on pages 8 and 9. For photos of the McLeod Reunion see the back page.**

Submitted by Ginger Collins

"What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" was the theme of the night, but this news is too good to keep secret! What an incredible night for the Pilot Mound Millennium Recreation Complex; the grateful recipient of the proceeds of the Auction held on June 25th. From the first strike of the gavel, our dedicated Auctioneers, Warren and Kelly Wright, set the tone as they sold the coveted pies made by the chosen

few community pie bakers and new records were set all night! The absolute best Auction since 2000!

The last Community Auction was held in 2018 and it appeared, from observation of the first bid, to listening to the buss of the crowd, to hearing the laughter throughout the building, the energy and excitement in the rink, that everyone was ready to burst out of the COVID bubble and have a great

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