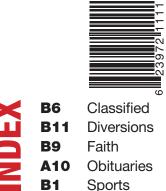
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by GREG VANDERMEULEN

onservative leadership candidate Pierre Poilievre preached his message to an enthusiastic crowd at a rally in Morris on Friday.

Currently ranked as the favourite in the leadership race with close to 48 percent support from Conservatives in a mid-July Leger poll, the crowd of about 250 embraced his message of minimal government, eliminating funding for the CBC, scrapping the carbon tax and investing in Canadian energy.

The crowd also included a mix of politicians eager to support the Poilievre campaign.

Charleswood - St James - Assiniboia - Headingley MP Marty Morantz welcomed the crowd before Poilievre came out, and Sen. Don Plett from Landmark gave him an introduction.

Other high profile supporters on hand included Dauphin - Swan River MP Dan Mazier, Borderland MLA Josh Guenter, Springfield - Ritchot MLA Ron Schuler, McPhillips MLA Shannon Martin, Winkler Mayor Martin Harder and Emerson

Flipping flapjacks at Friendship Fest

Franklin Reeve Dave Carlson.

Plett, who was himself introduced as "the godfather of Manitoba politics" told the crowd he first met Poilievre before he became MP for the first time some 18-19 years ago. He assured them the principals he had then are still part of him today.

"One of the reasons why we're in this today is we had people that ran an election on one platform and one policy and when they got elected, they changed," he said.

See 'Poilievre pledges increased oil production' on 2A



Left, Jason Miller and Matt Hiebert worked hard cooking up pancakes for hungry attendees of the Landmark Friendship Festival on Saturday. Crowds took advantage of mild weather on the weekend to take part in the two day event.

Driver hits pedestrians in Richer

by GREG VANDERMEULEN

Blumenort man is facing six criminal charges after driving into two L pedestrians at the rodeo grounds on Dawson Road in Richer last weekend.

The 23-year-old was leaving the rodeo grounds during the Richer Roughstock Rodeo at about 2:15 a.m. on Saturday when the incident happened.

RCMP said in a Monday press release they attended the scene and found two females with minor injuries. Both were taken to hospital.

The driver faces two charges of impaired operation of a motor vehicle over .08, two charges of impaired operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm and two charges of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm. He also received a three month driving suspension and a serious offence notice for a licence review with MPI.

The man was released and has a first court appearance planned for Steinbach on Oct. 20.





