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## Auto collection of special Deloraine native hits auction block



**DEBBIE AND DON RICKARD** 

by PAUL RAYNER Recorder staff

Although there was not a long time to build it up, the vehicle collection of the late Don Rickard is an impressive one, and should attract the attention of enthusiasts everywhere. The Deloraine native passed away in August 2020. There are about 120 vehicles being auctioned off by EG Auctions starting August 12, and according to his wife Debbie, this was his intention.

"I have no way to fix them," she explained. "It was his little thing. He said 'when I'm gone, auction them off and invest the money'."

Don Rickard was born in 1955 in Deloraine. Educated locally, he worked at several businesses, like Drings' (now Western Archrib) in Boissevain before moving out to Fort McMurray, Alberta at the age of 19 in 1974. He worked with Gable Brothers Construction until 1990. He kept in touch with his local roots by returning to the home farm to plant in spring and harvest in fall with his family. He also started his own business, Rickard Excavation at Fort Mac in 1990. He and Debbie married in 1989.

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## Peace Garden nature play area adds new play zone for children

Andrea Linney watches proudly as Peace Garden CEO Tim Chapman gets the help of Liam Brown-Veselack and Madison Marion to cut the grand opening ribbon for the new nature playground at the International Peace Garden on July 30. This was part of the celebrations for the 90th anniversary of the Peace Garden. See story inside. PHOTOS BY ERIKA NEUFELD





Children climb up ladders and nets to the top of a turtle, walking through wild mint that release an aroma. The children's nature play area features distinct animal habitat play zones built within an already existing forest grove. It is centrally located near the formal garden and encourages fun and imaginative play while teaching about the animals, plants, history and indigenous culture of the Turtle Mountains.

