

THE EXPONENT

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF GRANDVIEW & GILBERT PLAINS

\$1.00

www.grandviewexponent.com
Email: expos@mts.net

We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Canada Periodical Fund (CPF) for our publishing activities.

Canada

Chaloner Publishers
Publications Mail
Reg. No. 08530

Vol. 111, No. 21

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Editorial - pages 4 & 5
Classified - pages 13 & 14

Sports - page 11
Business Directory - page 16

Abracadazzle!

By Audrey Kotak

The Abracadazzle

magic show made its top in Grandview on Sunday

afternoon. A good crowd of over 200 people of all

ages enjoyed a ninety minute show of music,

humor and most of all illusion. Star of the show, John Kaplan, kept the audience glued to the stage as he performed classic illusions such as sawing a lady in half, twisting a lady's body, and making a surf board levitate.

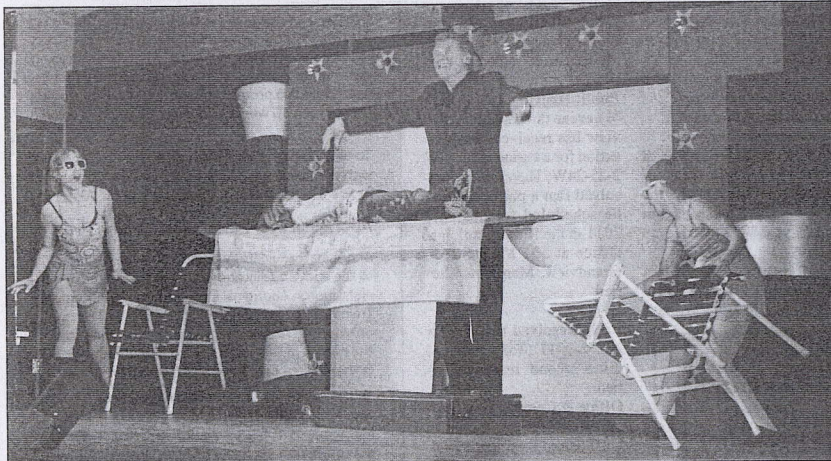
The grand finale was a tribute to the great Houdini as Kaplan and his assistant performed "Metamorphosis" in which a lady locked in a trunk appears to change places with Kaplan who is standing on the trunk.

Audience members were offered tickets to vote for one of four volunteers to be part of the show. The result sent Darren Grasby on stage to be part of the acupuncture illusion.

Grandview Sport and Leisure sponsored the show and are very appreciative of those who donated and helped make it happen as well as everyone who attended.

The project was part of the ongoing fundraising efforts for the construction of a wading pool at the swimming pool. Overall the committee is happy with the event and estimate that approximately \$1000 will go into the wading pool fund, along with providing great family entertainment in the community.

The committee will be focusing on grant applications for the next little while and still hope to be starting construction in the spring of 2012.



Erin Barnett was surfing without any water and without any visible means of support.

Photo by Audrey Kotak

Groups respond to Wheat Board announcement

Groups on both sides of the debate over the Canadian Wheat Board's grain marketing monopoly have reacted to the announcement by Minister of Agriculture Gerry Ritz that legislation to end the monopoly would be brought forward.

In a press release, the

Canadian Wheat Board Alliance (CWBA) condemned the announcement by Harper's Agriculture Minister that he intends to introduce legislation to end the Canadian Wheat Board's single desk selling responsibilities for wheat and barley for the 2012 crop year.

"The Conservatives have no mandate from farmers to end the single desk" observed Bill Gehl, chairperson of the CWBA, "farmers are only 2% of the population spread over 57 western ridings, and so claiming the Conservative Party has a mandate from farmers to change the Ca-

nadian Wheat Board is not credible."

The release continues saying that just before the Federal election farmers voted to give 80% of the Wheat Board directors' seats to farmers who support the single desk. At the time Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz said the

Board's future was up to farmers. Now after the Federal election Ritz is contradicting his earlier statement by saying he will introduce legislation to remove the single desk.

Gehl pointed out that "the Wheat Board returns better than 98% of sales revenue back to farmers.

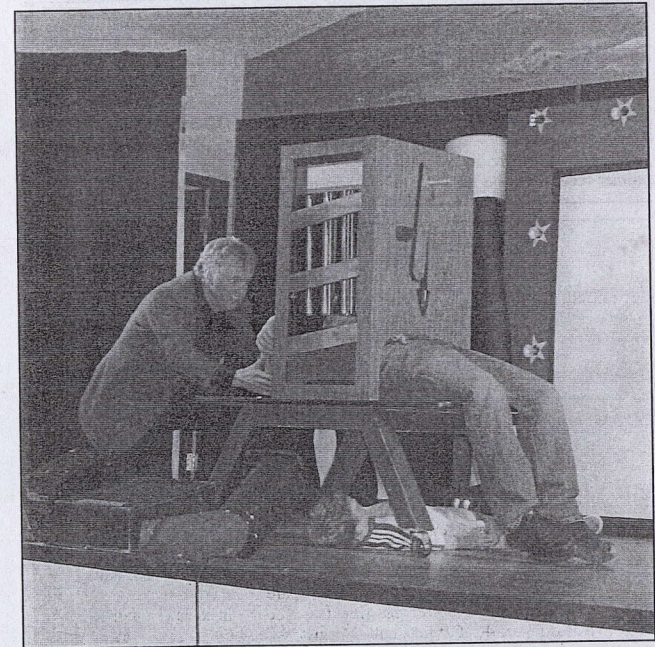
Without the Board's single desk, farmers will have to market their crops through the private trade, whose profit margins will lower the returns farmers get from those sales revenues."

Gehl went on to observe: "every academic

Continued on page 10

THE EXPONENT

PAGE 1



CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Grain Growers of Canada happy with announcement

study that has had access to the CWB's books, and several trade inquiries have shown that the Wheat Board increases the farm gate price of grain. It should be obvious to anyone who can run a calcu-

Board will look like, but also how to handle all of the change related issues," said Stephen Vandervalk, President of the Grain Growers of Canada.

"The Grain Growers have always wanted the

"We did not want temporary fixes or Government orders, but a process that will allow all players, and especially CWB, to be active in identifying what tools they will need in their toolbox to continue working for