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Operation Christmas Child drop-off centre open next week

By Lorne Stelmach

Time is running out to send a gift of love to a child overseas through the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program of Samaritan's Purse.

Collection week is next week until Nov. 19, with local volunteer co-ordinator Gerry Unger once again organizing the campaign in the south central region for a 13th year.

"It's quite a heart-giving thing that I have for the children," Unger said in explaining what draws him back to the effort year after year.

"We are so blessed in Canada with everything we have here, and you see kids in other countries that just have nothing," he said. "It just kind of warms the heart that we can do something for these kids ... and it impacts their lives."

Operation Christmas Child provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on project that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas, Unger said. Every item added to a shoebox gift can impact a child, he said.

Since 1990, the program has collected and distributed over 135 million shoebox gifts worldwide. In 2015, over 11 million were collected, including more than 730,000 packed in Canada.



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Operation Christmas Child coordinator Gerry Unger and Country Kitchen manager Elma Guenther with the colourful holiday boxes being collected next week for shipment to needy kids around the world.

Our region put together 6,634 shoeboxes last year for an increase of about 1,000 over the year before.

"It's been going in the right direction. The response has been really good ... I think we can still do more," suggested Unger.

Unfortunately, an organizational change made this year meant churches and community centres were supposed to have ordered their shoeboxes on their own, and a few may have not been aware of it.

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\$15K for new Winkler basketball courts

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SUPPORT FROM

City aims to have 15th St. courts done by next summer

By Lorne Stelmach

A national funding initiative is helping make new community basketball courts a reality in Winkler.

The Winkler Community Foundation last week pre-

sented a \$15,000 grant that comes from the Community Fund for Canada's 150th in support of two new basketball courts at the Pine Ridge plaza on 15th St.

"It's a great opportunity to bring outside money into our community," said

foundation executive director Myra Peters. "It's an opportunity for our community to get active and participate. "We know it can impact many individuals in our community. It's an opportunity to participate in recreation in our community ... culturally, it has no boundaries ... and there's no fees involved in using these courts."

It's estimated developing the two courts will cost about \$160,000, of which organizers have now raised around \$100,000.

"This is going to really help us out a lot with this project," said Walter

Giesbrecht, co-organizer along with Mark Hamm of the Winkler Basketball Club.

"It helps us get it off the ground a bit faster," said Giesbrecht, who added they have received good support as well from the city, local businesses, and individual donors.

"We've felt nothing but support from day

one," he said. "It's been really exciting to see the community work together on this."

Giesbrecht hopes these new courts



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Winkler Community Foundation presented the Winkler Basketball Club with \$15,000 from the Community Fund for Canada's 150th last week toward the new 15th St. basketball courts.

could help do what the first basketball courts opened in the late 1980s did for him and others at that time.

"That was a huge part of my life ... just instrumental in where I came to be today," he said. "We see this as kind of the next step ... hoping that this court can do what the old ones did for us and more."

With the concrete poured and poles and backboards on the way, the next steps will include fencing around the courts and the installation of a rubberized play surface.

The plan is to host a three-on-three basketball tournament in commemoration of Canada's 150th next year, so the aim is to have the courts all ready to go by July, said Giesbrecht.

Peters said this project is a good example of the collaboration that is possible through the Community Fund for Canada's 150th. Partnering with the fund provides the Winkler

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Winkler, Morden pause to remember our fallen

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers of tomorrow's Remembrance Day services in Morden and Winkler are anticipating the annual ceremonies may again draw capacity crowds.

Representatives from both communities say they have seen notable increases in attendance in recent years

"We had almost about 800 people last year ... we're expecting probably that many again," said Morden Legion president Bob Frost.

"Last year, we thought we were just about to a capacity crowd, which was quite good to see. We started off quite a few years ago with a small crowd ... 150 or 200 ... now we're at I would say closer to 500," said Rob Wiebe of the Winkler Veteran's Association. "It's encouraging for us to see."

The services begin at 10:45 a.m. (though organizers ask that you be in your seat closer to 10:30 a.m.) with Morden's taking place at the Access Event Centre and Winkler's at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

After marching on the honour guard, both services will include a reading of the honour roll and a moment of silence.

Harvey Kinsmen will address the Morden service on his experiences visiting Juno Beach, one of five beaches that were sites of the Allied invasion of German-occupied France in the Normandy landings in June 1944 during the Second World War.

"He has done this presentation before, but it's such a great presenta-

More funding available

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Community Foundation with access to matching funding to make more grants to organizations in Winkler.

The deadline for the second round of funds is Jan. 15.

"The projects can range from \$1,000 to \$15,000," Peters noted. "We really encourage organizations in our community to look at some of the things they're doing and what they can do to celebrate Canada's 150th."

For more information on how the Canada 150 funding works, contact Peters at the Winkler Community Foundation office or check out the Community Foundations of Canada website. tion that we thought we would have it again," said Frost.

There will also be a repeat of a video presentation shown last year that was done by Morden Collegiate instructor Darryl Toews, whose research project on the local honour roll turned up some additional names to be added.

"We had a lot of really positive feedback last year," said Frost, who suggested that kind of involvement is contributing towards the increased interest they are seeing in Remembrance Day in particular.

"It appears the teachers in our schools seem to be promoting it more and more every year," he said. "We seem to be getting more and more younger people out.

"So it's kind of gratifying that way ... especially for the few veterans who are left ... or even the military members," Frost added. "It's nice to see these young people are actually taking an interest in what has gone on in the history of Canada."

Wiebe suggested they have seen a similar increase in interest in Winkler, particularly from the younger generation.



Winkler's Remembrance Day service takes place at the concert hall, while Morden's happens at the Access Event Centre.

"There's an influx of younger people who are paying attention to Remembrance Day," he said.

The day didn't have as much of a presence in Winkler in the past and it is gratifying for the association to see that has changed, with Wiebe suggesting world events have an impact in making us all realize how vulnerable we all can be.

"Maybe our lives aren't as safe as we thought they were ... maybe that's what rings true for a lot of younger people now too," he said.



Organize your Christmas Shopping

your Christmas

Grab a notebook. Grab a pen. It's time to get serious about your Christmas shopping by making your list (and checking it twice).

Make a list of the people you'll be buying for this year. Leave space between each person's name. Now go back through the list and write down gift ideas and a rough dollar amount you're willing to spend on each person.

Example:

1. Aunt Fran – Collects lighthouses, loves golf – \$30.00

2. Beth – Candles, bath and body products – \$20.00

3. Joe – Something for his new truck, loves fishing – \$50.00

Bring your notebook shopping with you. It will help you to stay focused on who you need to shop for, a general idea of what you're looking for and your price range. Making a detailed list like this will prove invaluable in keeping you organized and on budget with your Christmas shopping. As you shop, cross off each person on your list. Be sure to keep an eye open for bargains and grab a few extra gifts – there's always that visitor that shows up that you didn't anticipate.

Set holiday shopping goals for yourself and jot them down in your note-book.

1. I will have all cards in the mail by December 10th.

2. All of my major shopping will be done by December 15th.

3. I will not go over budget!

Making lists and setting goals for yourself this holiday will save you time and stress and allow you to enjoy the season for what it really is. If you haven't started your shopping, start now. It's not too late to get on track. The first step is starting your notebook, making your list and getting a plan of action.

After the holidays, store your notebook away somewhere (perhaps with your decorations). It will serve as a great reference when you're ready to start your shopping next year.





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Chamber Elf returns

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Chamber Elf is back for another holiday season.

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce launches its second annual Elf on the Shelf campaign next week.

Santa's little helper will be hiding at 12 different local stores over the next four weeks, rewarding those who find him with an entry into a draw for two huge gift baskets, explains chamber executive director Tanya Chateauneuf.

"The elf is going to visit various retail locations throughout Winkler and he will be there for two days where you can go in and find him, do some Christmas shopping, and get your name into a draw for some really great prizes," she says.

Each participating business will be donating products or gift cards toward the grand prizes, which will be drawn for on Dec. 12.

"We're going to split it into two because we have more businesses participating this year," says Chateauneuf. "Each prize will be valued at about \$300."

The campaign was a huge success in its inaugural year in 2015, with the businesses having a lot of fun finding

"GO IN AND FIND HIM, DO SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING, AND GET YOUR NAME INTO A DRAW FOR SOME REALLY GREAT PRIZES."

creative ways to hide the elf amongst their products.

"We had such a great response from the community as well as the businesses involved last year that it just made it easy for us to do again this year," Chateauneuf says. "It's free promotion for the businesses and a really great way for them to interact with the customers that walk through their door."

The elf will make its first appearance of the season at The Muscle Hut next Monday and Tuesday. From there it travels to Sunny Day Nov. 16-17 and LA Gold Nov. 18-19.

Later in the month, the schedule includes Country Cycle, Bulk Barn, and Co-op@Home Nov. 21-26, Midwest Sales, Sun Valley Tire, and Time-Out





PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler chamber executive director Tanya Chateauneuf with the Chamber Elf, which will be hidden at 12 different businesses over the next few weeks. Shoppers who find him will be entered to win one of two grand prize gift packages.

Sports Nov. 28 to Dec. 3, and Janzen's Paint & Decorating, Klassen's Furniture, and Sawatzky's Appliances Dec. 5-10.

"He's going to move hopefully multiple times in the store every day, so they're going to keep you on your toes and keep everyone guessing," says Chateauneuf, adding that people are able to enter the draw twice per store if they can find the elf both days.

To stay up-to-date on where the Elf on the Shelf is each day, head online to winklerchamber.com or follow the chamber on social media.

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Police talk drug abuse at community info. night

By Lorne Stelmach

Drug use and abuse is an ever increasing reality in Morden and an ongoing concern for the Morden Police Service.

In order to deal with it, they need the community to be involved and informed, which was the reason for the drug information evening held last week at Morden Collegiate.

"The community is our eyes and ears. Be observant and informed ... we need your help," Cst. Scott Edwards said during the meeting that also included presentations from the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba and Teen Challenge.

The police department's presentation touched on everything from the reasons people get involved with drugs to symptoms to watch for to the problems that drug use causes.

The reasons people start to use can range from just boredom or pleasure to peer pressure or prescription medication use that turns to abuse.

"We're starting to see more of it. It is becoming more common in Morden," Edwards said of prescription medication addiction.

Drug abuse can reveal itself in such ways as loss of motivation, social problems, changes in appearance, loss of contact with family and friends, financial problems, health issues, and involvement in crime.

The physical symptoms can include an increased heart rate, change in appetite, increased thirst, watery eyes, insomnia, lack of ambition, becoming apathetic or irritable, or even a rash.

Some of the most common drugs on the market here are marijuana, cocaine, hashish, methamphetamine, ecstasy, and magic mushrooms Edwards said.

The prices of drugs will vary from \$10 to \$15 per gram of marijuana to \$60 to \$100 for cocaine or \$10 or \$15 for one pill of ecstasy.

"Most drugs in Morden, if not all, are associated with street gangs in Winnipeg ... organized crime," said Edwards. "Some drugs are produced here in Morden."

Some of the trends and concerns in recent years have included the appearance of heroine as well as a form of synthetic heroine that is much more potent.

Another is a drug known as shatter, which includes a high concentration of the key ingredient in marijuana.

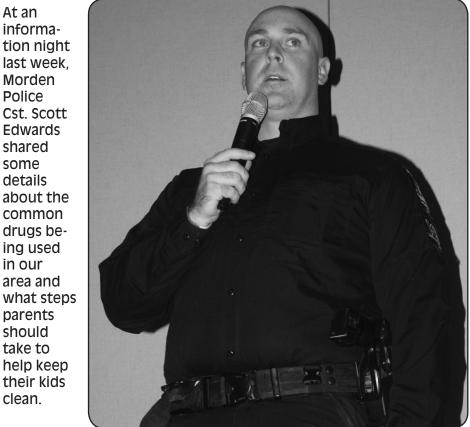
There are many questions around marijuana these days, particularly with changing government policy and legislation, but for now it is still illegal and a concern, and Edwards stressed people cannot downplay the harmful impacts of its use.

"People who use harder drugs have usually started with marijuana," he said, adding as well that "essentially, the younger you start, the worse off you are long term."

He went on to say there is also a

At an information night last week, Morden Police Cst. Scott Edwards shared some details about the common drugs being used in our area and what steps parents

clean.



concern about a degree of social acceptability among some people in the community.

"I've spoken with kids ... 'Mom and Dad say it's okay," he noted. "Never take drugs with your child ... I hear people laugh ... but that's a legitimate concern."

Methamphetamine use and abuse has also become an increasing concern in the region, with Edwards noting just how addictive drugs like this become for users.

"Meth has such a strong hold on them ... they can't get away from it," he said.

Alcohol abuse, of course, remains a concern as well as it is always as a popular addictive choice for youth.

Although it may be seen as more socially acceptable, it can still prove to be deadly, Edwards stressed.

"It's an expensive endeavour," he added, noting that the fine for drinking underage is \$673.

Police also offered some advice on what parents can do and how to help someone dealing with drug abuse, such as teaching negative actions have consequences, doing random drug checking or testing, educating yourself more about the signs, being involved in your child's life and watching for signs amongst your child's friends and other family, working to build your child's self esteem, and setting a good example vouself.

A Rocha talk focuses on therapeutic value of nature

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Rocha wants you to get back to nature. That's the theme of the conservation organization's upcoming Nature Talk, which takes place at the Morden Library next Friday, Nov. 18.

Guest speaker Giles Ringer will speak about the therapeutic value of time spent in the great outdoors, explains organizer Jamie Fox.

"He'll be teaching people about why spending time in natural areas is good for their mental, emotional, and spiritual health and how folks can make that a lifelong habit and why they

should," he said. "We're really excited about it because that's one of our purposes is helping people feel refreshed and restored through spending time in nature."

Studies show that a leisurely walk in the forest improves mood and cognition and decreases stress noticeably better than a walk in an urban area, Fox noted.

The talk gets underway at 7:30 p.m. Entry is through the library's rear door.

Admission is free, though donations will be accepted to help cover event costs.



INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON MLA PAY

An independent commissioner of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly has been appointed to make decisions about the appropriate salary, allowances and retirement benefits for all MLAs.

The commissioner, Michael Werier, would like to hear from you before January 16, 2017.

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are 55 wars being fought around the world right now that have taken the lives of nearly 100,000 people in 2016 alone.

Let that sink in. That is almost as

many as the 110,000 Canadians who died in the 10 years that collectively make up the First and Second World Wars ... in just one year.

What good are our remembrances if the world refuses to learn from the sacrifices of the past? What honour is there to our glorious dead if we keep

piling more corpses on top of them?

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Certainly our casualties have been significantly reduced in the west, but not as a result of reduced conflict; rather, this has happened as a result of improved remote weaponry. We can deliver death from a distance via drone and missile with less need to send our citizens through the meat grinder of ground combat.

Of course there are those who would point out that we do not seek out conflict but when pressed we will respond, and certainly there is a greater level of nobility in this, I suppose. It is clear that there are powers out there that would threaten our existence if allowed. We have seen foreign troops enter Crimea; we have seen those same troops and tanks casually cross in the eastern Ukraine. There is no doubt the will to conquer is alive and well in the world, despite the lessons of two previous and horrific global conflicts.

The cynic would look to this and say "this is why conflict exists, not because of us" and they may be right because we live in a cynical world.

When we hear the lines from Lt. Col. John McCrae's famous poem: Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high.

We hear loud and clear what is thrown to us: the torch. Not the rifle, not the bomb, not the tank, but the torch.

The quarrel with the foe was never about killing them but about meeting darkness with light. The torch is meant to represent the greatest ideals of western democracy and the ideas of freedom, not a flame to burn the world with ... never that.

When I pin the poppy over my heart I do so in remembrance but I also do so as a reminder to myself that my role in honouring the dead is to do all that I can to make sure no more join them in such a manner. Their halls are too full as it stands.

The poppy should force us to ask what am I doing? What is my country doing to end global conflict? What are we doing to reduce conflict and despair to a point where we become poor at waging war and experts in the art of peace?

It is not enough to remember the dead. It is not enough to simply be prepared to defend ourselves and others. Our remembrance must become action that changes the world in memory of the fallen.

We are not simply remembering the fallen but the ideal of a people gone to war "so that my children will not have to." And not just their children, but all children. This is the true power behind the words "lest we forget."

We can forget the dead and be no worse for it ... but if we forget the ideal, if we forget the torch itself, we are doomed to continue to march our children to their deaths.

> OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, FROM PG. 1

"So we're short a few places ... I think boxes may be down a bit this year ... but next year we'll be up again," Unger said, noting people can pick up a shoebox at various retail locations in the area as well.

One of the participating businesses is Winkler's Country Kitchen, where manager Elma Guenther encouraged people to get involved.

"People are really not as fortunate as we are," said Guenther. "I think it's a really, really great program. I'm very glad we went with this program ... we've had good response."

Shoeboxes can be filled with things

like hygiene items, school supplies, and toys.

People are asked not to include things like playing cards, food or candy, used items, toothpaste, liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break, or items that can scare or harm a child.

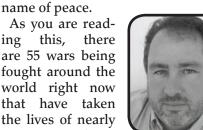
More information on recommended items and those to exclude is available online at samaritanspurse. ca/operation-christmas-child.

Shoeboxes packed and collected in Canada go to Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Ukraine, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Local shoeboxes will be accepted at the Morden drop-off centre located at Unit 9, 186 Cochlan Drive. Volunteers will also be on hand at the tree lightnings in Morden and Plum Coulee next week to collect boxes.

"I would encourage everyone to pack a shoebox or two. If you have a family of five, try to pack five boxes," said Unger. "Each box is a gift for a child that is needy in another country."

For more information, contact Unger at 204-822-4924.



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By Peter Cantelon

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Imagination Library receives \$10K anonymous donation

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Dozens of kids on the waiting list for the Winkler Imagination Library will soon be getting a free monthly book thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor.

The pre-school literacy program, which currently mails out books to about 730 children in the Winkler and Plum Coulee area every month, recently received a donation of \$10,000 from a donor who wants to keep their name out of the limelight, explained board chair Joyce Sawatzky.

"They have a heart for the project and believe in what it's doing and the difference that it can make in the life of a child," she said.

The donation is quite a boon to the program, which fundraises on an ongoing basis to ensure it's able to continue helping prepare children for kindergarten.

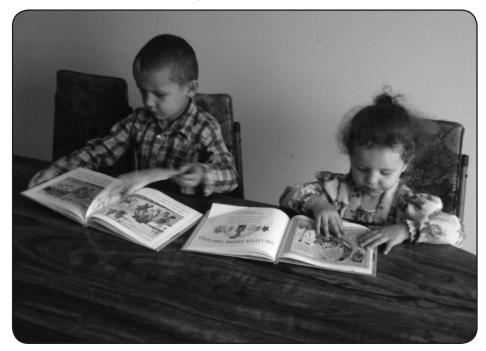
"We're going to take care of our whole waiting list," Sawatzky said, noting about 30 kids were awaiting space in the program. "We're just thrilled.

"This donation guarantees that this program can continue to make a difference in area homes," she said.

Sawatzky noted that the monthly books are being read not just by the child receiving them, but by the entire family, and the ripple effects are already being felt in local schools.

"We are confident that as this program continues to run in this area, even more results are going to be seen as those children enter kindergarten," she said."Research has shown that the preschool test scores improve by 30 per cent in communities who have an Imagination Library."

If you'd like to support the Imagination Library, send cheques payable to the Winkler Family Resource Centre with the project noted in the memo line to Box 997, Winkler, MB, R6W 4B1.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Over 30 more kids will be receiving free monthly books from the Winkler Imagination Library thanks to a \$10,000 donation that allows the early literacy project to register the kids on their waiting list.

Nominations open for P.W. Enns Business Awards

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Chamber of Commerce is looking to honour the best in local business, and they need your help to do it.

Nominations are now open for the 2017 P.W. Enns Business Awards, which will be presented at the chamber's annual gala next April.

"This is just the perfect avenue for us to take a look and reflect on the businesses within our community who are really outstanding in various ways," says executive director Tanya Chateauneuf.

The chamber has five awards it's looking for nominees for: the Business Excellence Award, two Business Builder Awards (one for companies with over 10 employees and one for those with fewer), the Customer Service Award, and the Not for Profit Service Award.

Each award recognizes businesses or non-profits who have gone above and beyond in terms of personal growth and community involvement, Chateauneuf explains. "We have such a fantastic business community, always striving to do better and do great things within our community," she says. "So it's quite easy to find businesses worthy of these awards. The tough part is getting people to actually get online or stop by our office and fill out the nomination form."

Nomination forms and detailed award criteria are available online at winklerchamber.com or at the chamber office in City Hall.

"If you're not sure if they fit all the criteria, go ahead and submit a nomination and let us figure that out," Chateauneuf says. "We just want to see lots and lots of businesses nominated this year and, really, it can be from anyone within the community. You don't need to work at the business, you don't need to be affiliated with them. If you just think they give great service, then feel free to submit a nomination."

Repeat nominations—including for companies who may have won awards in years past—are also welcome.



Get in touch with us at 325-6888 Nominations will be accepted until Dec. 31. Tickets to the gala, which will feature as guest speaker author and investor David Chilton, go on sale Jan. 1.



Morden-Winkler constituents weigh-in on budget issues

"WE NEED TO FIX

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BALANCING ACT."

By Lorne Stelmach

Managing the province's finances is a difficult balancing act for the Conservative government of Manitoba.

As local MLA and Finance Minister Cameron Friesen heard at a prebudget consultation in Morden last Thursday, there are endless needs that cannot all be met with a mounting debt.

"We need to fix the finances, but, of course, at the same time, this is a balancing act," Friesen told a group of stakeholder groups, municipal and other leaders, residents. "We need to invest meaningfully in our services that we need ... at the same time as we are building our economy."

With a deficit that is approaching a billion dollars and annual debt servicing charges that are almost \$900 million, the government has preached a message that may be wary of commitments while touting such ideas as making meaningful investments that will give the greatest returns.

The consultation process that has been underway province-wide in the lead up to the next Manitoba budget has been very constructive, said Friesen.

"We have heard great views expressed from the people who are building this province," he said. "It's important because we understand that Manitoba is facing some very real fiscal challenges right now."

The Morden meeting kicked off with Laurie Sawatzky of Regional Connec-

tions speaking on the influx of immigrants and refugees and the struggle to find the resources to meet their needs.

She cited specific concerns such as newcomers in some circumstances not qualifying for the language training that they need. Asked if wait times are a concern, Sawatzky suggested, "When

it becomes critical is when work permits expire."

Western School Division trustee Brian Fransen urged Friesen to ensure education support remains a top priority. Fransen touched on the impact of the cap on class sizes and the pressure that puts on a growing division like Western that is already out of space.

"We have as many temporary class-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Western School Division trustee Brian Fransen and Joel Swaan of the Garden Valley Teacher's Association raised educational concerns such as stable and fair funding with Morden-Winkler MLA and Manitoba Finance Minister Cameron Friesen at the pre-budget consultation meeting held in Morden Nov. 3.

room spaces as we do permanent," he said.

"There was no understanding of how this would impact schools," Friesen agreed in addressing the class size cap introduced under the NDP government.

Area contractor Jack Wiebe raised concerns about a need for more long term planning, especially on largerscale infrastructure projects, as well as more balance and fairness, saying many Manitoba contractors don't get a fair shot at projects here.

"Our infrastructure is so far behind,"

he said in suggesting the province should not be cutting funding here.

Friesen noted they are also looking to address wasteful spending such as the recently eliminated East Side Road Authority.

Ang Braun of the Winkler Family Resource Centre said a concern for these kinds of organizations is they may get funding support for programs but "the challenge is no one is interested in funding co-ordinator positions."

Citing such statistics as 17 per cent of children under five in the region being considered "at risk," Braun stressed the need for supports particularly for the early years.

"The investments in early childhood will save everyone money down the road," she suggested.

Keith Doerksen, head of the Red River College Winkler campus, touched on the need to train more skilled workers but also on what he saw as a need to allow more partnerships between various levels of education. He cited the example of Garden Valley School Division having a top notch culinary arts facility that could be put to more use.

RM of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson also touched on long term planning and more consistency, especially with funding support to municipalities.

"We need to know what we're going to be able to get year after year," he said. "We want to know ... long term ... or we're not going to waste time trying to get money out of you." "We like the idea of multi-year

Wrapping up a Morden Christmas' Nov. 17

Businesses welcome you downtown for holiday shopping

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce wants you to start your Christmas shopping in town next week.

The annual Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas event takes place next Thursday, Nov. 17 starting at 5 p.m.

This is the third year the chamber has promoted the evening, and the number of businesses participating has increased each year.

"This year we have 18 businesses involved ... so we're very excited with the participation this year," said executive director Candace Olafson.

"I think it's just a really great collaboration between the retailers," she said. "The retailers seem to be really coming on board and are working together to create a successful evening."

Olafson said they primarily just want to make it a fun and festive way to celebrate the season, but it is also part of the chamber's ongoing efforts to encourage people to shop more locally.

"It's really to encourage people to think Morden first when they are doing their shopping ... is it something they can get in Morden," she said.

"We wanted to make it into an event and create a real buzz in Morden."

When you head downtown to start your shopping, be sure to pick up your passport at your first stop and then collect stamps at each participating store and leave the passport at your last stop.

"You'll collect stamps from the retailers for a chance to win one of three great prizes," said Olafson, adding people are encouraged to wrap up the evening at Rocks Bar & Grill as "they're going to have some great appetizer and drink specials."

The participating retailers include: Gaslight Harley Davidson, Home Hardware, Sawatzky's Furniture & Appliances, Quilters' Den, Fringe Salon, Olympic Source for Sports, Pure Anada, Epic Board and Apparel, Appelt's Jewelry, Coffee Culture, Marni LuHu Designs, Studio & Boutique, Floral Scents, The Olive Tree, Morden Discount Centre, Pembina Hills Arts Council, Pharmasave, and Feelin' Good.

Ten Thousand Villages holiday store now open

By Lorne Stelmach

With the return of the seasonal Ten Thousand Villages store to the Southland Mall in Winkler, a milestone is being marked.

It has been 70 years since the inception of the project that became Ten Thousand Villages under the Mennonite Central Committee.

"A lot of people don't know fair trade has been around that long," noted Gwen Repeta, who along with fellow Winnipeg staff member Lisa Toews was in Winkler last week to help set up the temporary store here. It opened for business Friday and

will be open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (9 p.m. on Fridays, closed Sundays) until Dec. 23

The seasonal store started up after the former permanent location in Winkler closed because there were a group of people who still wanted to promote fair trade products in the area, and the Christmas season seemed a good time for it, said Repeta.

"Our makers work really, really hard for this time of year, so we really are appreciative of the interest," she said, adding the temporary store here does well

enough to keep coming back.

"It's a good place ... a good opportunity for Ten Thousand Villages. It's a good opportunity for the community as well to keep aware of what fair trade means, what kind of products are artisans are making," she said.

"Any chance we can get to bring fair trade into a community is a bonus for us."

Ten Thousand Villages started in 1946 when MCC worker Edna Ruth Byler visited volunteers in Puerto Rico who were teaching sewing classes in an effort to help improve the lives of women living in poverty.

She was struck by how hard the people were working while still not being able to bring in enough to properly support their families, so she determined what would be the right price to pay for their products.

She brought those items home to

Pennsylvania and initially sold them out of the trunk of her car.

"Five years and \$30,000 later ... the MCC recognized an opportunity to assist producers and artisans," said Repeta.

Ten Thousand Villages has now grown to the point where it works with over 30 developing countries around the world.

VOTE WITH YOUR DOLLARS

Repeta said there are some unique challenges in setting up and operating a temporary store.

"You have to determine what kind of products ... we can't send everything

here," she said. "We listen to the volunteers who are setting it up ... what kind of things they think people are looking for, what they're interested in.

"Yet we want to make sure that we are representing our artisans well with an assortment of Christmas ornaments ... all the Christmas coffees and chocolates ... and then other gifts, too, because people are looking for gifts with meaning. They want to make sure that their dollars are being spent wisely.

"We want to make sure we have new items that have come in over the last while as well as some standbys that we know people will be looking for over and over again."

The store also relies on local volunteers, so anyone interested in picking up a few shifts is encouraged to stop



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Gwen Repeta of Ten Thousand Villages in Winnipeg joined local volunteer Sandy Hildebrand and Lisa Toews, also of Winnipeg, in unpacking and setting up the seasonal store in Winkler's Southland Mall last week. The store will have fair trade goods for sale until Dec. 23.

by the outlet to find out how they can get involved.

Repeta encourages people to "see if fair trade offers what you need" this holiday season.

"Think about where you are spending your dollars, think about what kind of vote you are making," she stressed. "This is a time of year where we think about others, we think about gifting. It's a good time of year to think about the people that make that T-shirt that you're wearing ... think about the people who are growing the cocoa beans ... think about where your dollars are being spent."

"We need to build our economy"

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who also agreed with Olafson's concern about the taxation burden on farmland, which has seen large assessment increases in recent years.

After the meeting, Friesen said the locals in attendance echoed many of the concerns that have been heard at other forums around the province. "We are hearing from a variety of sectors that red tape is a problem. We're hearing from people that it is too difficult to get grants," he said.

"We're hearing of course there is a need to build our economy ... make meaningful investments in infrastructure.

"A lot of what we're hearing also goes to letting people know where

government is going ... in terms of multi-year plans and giving confidence to municipalities and other partners of where government is going," he continued.

"We have to streamline the process. We have to give powers back to the municipalities, and we have to understand that government has to be a partner at the table."

"THIS IS A TIME OF YEAR WHERE WE THINK ABOUT OTHERS ... THINK ABOUT WHERE YOUR DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT."

Banquet shines a light on rural schools

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The sights, sounds, and smells of the one- and two-room rural schoolhouses were the focus of the Winkler Heritage Society's annual banquet last week.

Tables full of artifacts and guest speaker Peter D. Zacharias' presentation painted a picture of the role these

small academic communities played in shaping generations of area residents.

Indeed, a sea of hands went up when Zacharias asked those in attendance at the Nov. 3 supper just how many of them had received all or part of their education in the small schools that used to dot southern Manitoba.

Zacharias, who attended three rural schools while growing up in the Reinland area and then began his teaching career in a one-room school in Roseville, noted that every school shared the common goal of educating its students, though each had its own personality as distinct as the community it served.

"The experiences are very, very different from one teacher to another,

from one school to another, and depending so much on the nuances of the communities and the characters and the fact that there was often only one teacher in some of those schools, maybe two in some others," he said.

Things were certainly different in the early days, when a teacher's contract would often include a provision for their right to have a cow graze on

the community pasture. Barns were also a common sight on school grounds way back when, Zacharias noted.

Male teachers were the norm early in the 20th century, but the balance shifted when the men went off to serve in the Second World War and more women stepped into the classroom.

"Many young female teachers, perhaps having

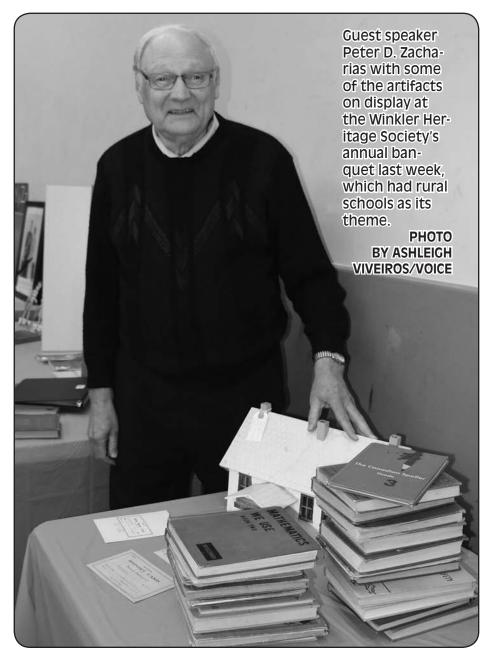
only a Gr. 11 education, were issued a special permit to teach, and teach they did," Zacharias said, pointing out that many skilled female teachers stayed on in the role for decades.

Working in a smaller school allowed teachers to be much more familiar with the families that they served, Zacharias said..

"The relationship with the school board was just so much different in the one-room school than in the



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Christian Kandt and his kids provided the entertainment for the evening at the Winkler Heritage Society's 16th annual banquet Nov. 3.



larger school divisions of today," he said. "Today it is quite possible for many teachers not to get to know [their trustees] but not so in the little schoolhouse on the prairie.

"I knew which trustee had problems with wild oats in the back forty, or whose spouse was dreading the upcoming medical test, or who had a tractor breakdown."

These relationships were part of what allowed rural schools to play such a vital role in their community, often serving as a hub for people of all economic statuses and backgrounds.

"It came to be the centre of community life in many, many districts," Zacharias stressed. "It enhanced the sense of commonality of children in different church and cultural backgrounds."

REPORTING ON A BUSY YEAR

The evening also included reports from the heritage society's main projects, including its museum in the Southland Mall, the archives room at the Winkler library, and the Stones & Stories project, which seeks to preserve biographies to go with photos of each headstone in the local cemeteries.

Being a volunteer-run and donation-funded organization comes with its own unique set of challenges, but that hasn't stopped the society from thriving in recent years.

"We always have difficulty meeting our budgets because we deal in donations and grant money, but we've had a good year," said board chair Randy Rietze, noting their budget this year was \$26,000, the bulk of which goes toward museum staffing and rent. The museum, he noted, draws about 3,000 visitors a year.

One of the biggest challenges the society faces is public awareness, Rietze said.

"I don't think a lot of people are aware of what we do," he said. "What we do is we try and archive the past in Winkler. We want to save memories ... what happened 60, 70, 80 years ago ... going back in history and seeing how we got to where we are now." Rietze noted the society is always

Rietze noted the society is always looking for new people to get involved, either as a volunteer or board member.

Stop by the museum for more information on the roles available and on the society's various projects.

"IT CAME TO BE THE CENTRE OF COMMUNITY LIFE IN MANY, MANY DISTRICTS."

Morden turns on the Christmas lights Nov. 18

By Lorne Stelmach

It's become a tradition that kicks off the Christmas season in Morden.

The annual tree lighting in Morden next Friday is as much about building that sense of community as it is about getting people downtown, said organizer James Steedsman of Giant Tiger.

"It's a good gathering place for people to mix and mingle and get a little bit of the Christmas spirit," he said.

It is a good tie-in as well with the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce holding its Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas event an evening earlier.

"People will hopefully see what the merchants have to offer ... so it can certainly be a spin off for them," said Steedsman.

Steedsman said he likes how the event has grown since its early days when it was held in the sun catch before moving to outside and inside the civic centre, which offered a larger, more open space.

"Over the years we've gotten more involvement from different community groups," he added, noting among those taking part are Morden Christmas Cheer, Operation Christmas Child, and the local Girl Guides. "It's all volunteer time as well ... and the City of Morden has really gotten behind it."

The evening begins around 5:15 p.m. with Santa arriving aboard a Morden fire truck.

Photos with Santa will begin shortly afterwards, with people asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Cheer Board hampers in lieu of payment for the Santa photos.

The fire department will man the outdoor fires, while the Morden adult education centre will solicit donations for Cheer Board stockings.

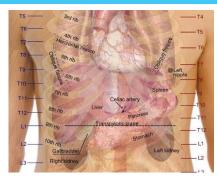
Mayor Ken Wiebe performs his official duties to light up the large tree outside the civic centre at 7 p.m. Following that, the Morden fire department plans to do fireworks, and there will also be the Fun & Fire light show and evening music by Maverick 105.

You will also be able to drop off your Operation Christmas Child shoebox hamper as well as your toy donations for the Cheer Board that evening.

Your Busy Liver from Creation Moments Radio Program

Psalm 139:13

"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb."



An adult human liver is about the size of a small football. It weighs about three pounds, making it the body's largest internal organ. Tucked neatly beneath the ribs, your liver performs more than 500 different tasks. It is a vital link between your heart, lungs and digestive system.

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Structures like the liver have caused many evolutionists to abandon the idea that life is a result of millions of years of accidents. The liver is just too well-designed and integrated into the body to have been produced by purposelessness and mindlessness. As Scripture says, truly God has formed our inward parts!

Prayer: I thank You, dear Father, that I am so fearfully and wonderfully made. Help me to take good care of the wondrous body You have given me, and grant me good health. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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KAP members grapple with carbon pricing

By Harry Siemens

At a recent advisory meeting of the Keystone Agricultural Producers in Portage la Prairie, members adopted a policy on carbon tax in response to the recent federal announcement that a carbon price must be in place in all provinces by the end of 2018.

As is always the case, the buck stops with the primary producer, the person who produces the food so all can eat, and those producers at the meeting argued they will ultimately pay the cost of a carbon price added to the production of fertilizer and other inputs.

For that reason, they have asked KAP to lobby the province to exempt

their direct emissions—such as use of fuel and fertilizer-necessary for the production of food when developing its carbon pricing system.

However, KAP members agreed they want to do their part in the fight against climate change, and so they are asking the province to invest some of the revenue from its "madein-Manitoba" system into programs that will help them reduce emissions.

As well, they called for investment into research that will help the agricultural industry move to zero or negative emissions.

"Right now, at this point in time, we need fertilizer and fuel to produce food, it's that simple," says KAP president Dan Mazier."However, we want

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to be part of the solution and move to new production methods and technologies that will reduce or eliminate our carbon footprint-but we can't do it alone.

"It can be a very complex subject, so what we're trying to do is work with the reality that our national government has said there's going to be a price on carbon and our provincial government is trying to figure out a carbon pricing system that does not put us in an uncompetitive advantage," he says. "I think the answer is still not there and we're in discussion mode right now. This policy that was passed is simply saying how about this, the direct cost? We've just got sort of an idea out there right now."

Delegates at the meeting also asked that carbon-pricing revenue be put into programs that will help them adapt to climate change.

"The wet and warm weather we're experiencing this fall has hampered the harvest to a point where we simply cannot get onto the fields, and this is just one example of what climate change will do," Mazier says. "I've heard of places in the southwest that got three feet of rain and don't expect to get the rest of the crop off, or to plant a crop next year."

Mazier says members can vet the policy passed at the meeting and could change it as necessary at their annual meeting in January.

Right now they're looking for input from the farming community on where to take this discussion.

"When we do meet with government, we have a very informed opinion of what we're telling the government of what would be best for agriculture," he says. "I can't get over the opportunity we've been given from our provincial government. For myself, it's a very exciting time. We've got the door open and they want to talk about it. I figure, as long as that door is open, we'll jam it open as long as we can."

Challenges and hope

By Harry Siemens

Farmers continue to face their challenges head on.

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With Thanksgiving behind in Canada and still to come in the United States, not so good commodity prices, and many inches of rain and even

snow in parts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, it all has many wondering how they will meet their yearly financial obligations.

You may ask how can a farmer not meet their financial obligations just because of a partial crop loss. It is very simple: if you are a hard-working wage earner, or a business owner. and suddenly your income stops for one year and you still have all your daily, weekly, and monthly obligations ... I think you get the point pretty quickly.

In the immediate surrounding area of Winkler, Morden, Carman, and points beyond, the crop was pretty amazing. Yet, one doesn't have to go far for a different picture. I can't outline what all areas experienced this year, but Altona east, south and southwest, the crop had far too much rain by June and it seemed to never stop.

When production costs per acre can run upwards of \$400 dollars and even higher, losing a crop and hoping to make those same investments again next year becomes pretty tough for some farmers.

Don't get me wrong, many farmers are in good shape and can weather that



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The federal government tackles grain transportation

By Harry Siemens

While in China, Ag Minister Lawrence MacAulay highlighted some key commitments to respond to grain sector input into the long-term plan for transportation in Canada.

MacAulay says the federal government will introduce legislation in 2017 to advance a long-term agenda for a more transparent, balanced, and efficient rail system. These measures are part of the Transportation 2030 strategy outlined by Transport Minister Marc Garneau earlier.

"As part of this plan we will pursue new legislation that will allow reciprocal penalties in service level agreements between railway companies and their customers," said MacAulay. "We will also better define 'adequate and suitable' service in the Canada Transportation Act, and improve access to and timelines for Canadian

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Transportation Agency decisions. The government will also address the future of extended interswitching limits and the Maximum Revenue Entitlement in early 2017."

Over the summer, MacAulay hosted grain sector roundtables in Winnipeg and Regina and more recently

participated in one led by Garneau in Saskatoon. These western grain transportation sessions complemented Garneau's broader consultation process on Canada's overall transportation system, which included 150 meetings with transportation stakeholders across the country.

"A more efficient rail freight system to reliably move our goods to global markets will help farmers, shippers and railways to generate growth for the Canadian economy, strengthening the middle class," said MacAulay.

The various grain and special crops sectors were quick to respond to this announcement.

The Canola Council of Canada noted that rail service is essential to move canola to domestic and export markets.

"The ability of the canola sector to meet the needs of our customers de-

pends on predictable and reliable rail service," said president Patti Miller. "Today's commitment by Minister Garneau outlines a plan to give our sector the service we need to keep creating growth and jobs from international demand."

The vast majority of Canada's canola crop moves by rail to export position—90 per cent of seed exports and 85 per cent of value-added oil and meal exports.

"Considering the importance of rail transportation for the canola sector to get our products to market, improving rail service and logistics has been a priority area for our industry," said Miller.

Western Canadian Wheat Growers president Levi Wood and chair Jim Wickett said this announcement is good news for western grain farmers, shippers, and customers at home and abroad.

> "By stating 'we need goods to get where they're going,' it's clear Minister Garneau and Minister MacAulay have been listening and are now taking concrete action, which we commend," said Wood. "The WCWG have advocated for improved levels of service in a grain handling and transportation system that is demanddriven and based more on

real commercial terms ... these are big steps in the right direction."

Wickett said commercial accountability is essential. There is an imbalance of market power because of a lack of commercial accountability existing between the railways and grain shippers. Reciprocal penalties for poor performance and level of service should be in place for both parties in a given commercial transaction, he said.

"The term 'adequate and suitable' is not well defined and has been the point of dispute between railways and shippers for many years," said Wickett. "The rail service provision should be defined as demand-driven, or Canada's economy will be hamstrung in efforts to fully capitalize on global marketing opportunities."

Western Canadian grain is a \$20 bil-

lion industry. Over the past 10 years, half of all of Canadian grain produc-

tion has been exported, averaging 41 million tonnes per year.









VIVEIROS/VOICE Former students came out to Emerado Centennial School last week to look back on 10 years of education. Right: Briar Hildebrand shared memories of being among the first classes of students when the school opened in 2006.

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Emerado celebrates 10 years

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Emerado Centennial School Eagles have been soaring high for 10 full years now, and the middle years school took some time last week to celebrate.

The Winkler school invited staff and students past and present for an evening of reminiscing Nov. 4.

Principal Garth Doerksen, who has been in the role from the get-go, says it was important to take a moment to recognize everything ECS has achieved in its first decade of operation.

"Ten years. It has flown by. It seems like just a few years ago we started," he said. "It is a milestone and it's good to take time to look back.

"Once you start listing all the staff members that have been here and of course all the students, it's a lot of people who have come through these halls."

Doerksen said he's most proud of the welcoming and supportive atmosphere the school has cultivated for staff and students alike.

"There's a fair bit of structure—kids need and expect and want some guidelines—but the environment is one where we value the individual student and everybody in the school community,"he said. "These are young people who are going to be growing up to become contributing citizens."

Several ECS alumni stepped up to the mike at the celebration to share their fondest memories of their time at the school.

Briar Hildebrand, who attended from 2006-2010, thanked Emerado's teachers for being so supportive of their young charges.

"They never gave up on me, even though I was some-

"THE ENVIRONMENT IS ONE WHERE WE VALUE THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT AND EVERYBODY IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY."

times a completely hopeless case," she said. "They pursued my academic career and they helped me no matter what.

"That's really what this 10th anniversary is about," added Hildebrand. "It's about the students and it's about the teachers, because without you guys, the school is just an empty shell."

"It was just a great environment, an atmosphere where the teachers always believed in us and would always help us and prepare us for the next phase in life," agreed fellow former student Reinhart Blignaut.

"Emerado taught me how to learn and how to have fun at the same time," he said."Until Gr. 5, I didn't know that was possible."

Several speakers also touched on some of the tough times the school community went through, such as the deaths of teacher Erich Hirschfeld in 2014 and student Susana Penner in 2012.

"Since the doors have opened we've experienced many celebrations, developed many traditions and clubs, and also felt tremendous loss," said teacher Cindy Klassen. "Mr. Hirschfeld and Susana's death really hit us hard,"

she said. "They were both so very special."

Hirschfeld taught his students how to be better people, recalled former pupil Sam Goertzen.

"He meant lots to many different people," he said. "He taught us to have respect for everyone ... no matter who it was."

Through all the ups and downs over the years, one common thread remains for everyone who has been a part of Emerado, stressed teacher Tammy Friesen.

"See, Emerado is not just a building ... it is our own little community where we all work together," she said. "Every year I am blessed with at least 30 lives to influence. They become my kids, and they always will be.

"We have this connection. This Emerado connection. That's what Emerado will continue to do the next 10 years and beyond."

"I know that no matter what, I will always be an Eagle," agreed Blignaut. "That will stay with me forever."

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Local man visits uncle's final resting place in Normandy

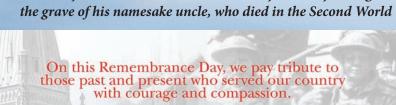
By Lorne Stelmach

A journey to the Normandy region of France offered a Morden man a chance to see the sites of the D-Day Allied invasion firsthand.

The trip, however, had a deeper personal meaning for Harvey Kinsman, who will share his experiences as guest speaker at tomorrow's Remembrance Day service in Morden.



Morden's Harvey Kinsman travelled to Normandy several years ago to visit the grave of his namesake uncle, who died in the Second World War.



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"It goes back to a promise I made to my grandmother," said Kinsman, who was raised by her after having lost his mother at a young age. "I more or less said to her that I would go visit the grave of Harvey Kinsman in France."

Kinsman's namesake was an uncle who died in the Second World War and was buried in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery.

He was finally able to keep his promise to find his uncle's final resting place during a European vacation a few years ago.

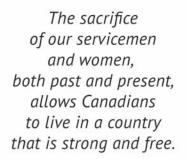
"That was always in the back of our minds to go ... then on retirement, both my wife and I had time to go," Kinsman said, noting the trip was also his way of honouring his grandmother as one of the many silent victims of the war.

"It's amazing how these people suffered silently because soldiers just left, and if they were killed, they just didn't come home," he said. "It certainly affected her, as it did so many others."

Kinsman's family, like so many others, was impacted not only by the Second World War, but the First World War as well. In addition to two uncles having served in the second, there were four of Kinsman's uncles in the Great War, including two from his mother's side— Frank and Ed Kroetsch—and that family link in Morden remains to this day through Wayne Kroetsch.

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During his time in France, Kinsman said he was struck by how many war cemeteries there are there and just how many young men lost their lives.

"The cemetery where my uncle is buried is considered a small cemetery, but there's 3,000 graves there," he noted.

Seeing his uncle's grave was certainly an emotional moment.

"I never knew this person ... it's very hard to explain ... but there is a range of emotions," Kinsman said, noting his only regret may be that he didn't get the chance to go in his grandmother's lifetime.

"For me personally, my thoughts were with my grandmother, because it was to fulfill her wish initially. She always said somebody should go ... she said that many times. So it was meaningful to do that for her and for myself."

In addition to visiting the grave, Kinsman also brought along a number of family artifacts on the trip, including the telegram that notified the family of his uncle's death as well as a few personal letters and a Silver Cross. He presented these items to the Juno Beach Centre, a museum commemorating the June 6, 1944 Normandy invasion.

"Taking a tour of the Juno Beach centre is just amazing," he said. "I keep saying every Canadian should go there because you're pretty proud to be Canadian when you leave there."

Putting it in perspective, he noted the population of Canada at the time of the war was about 11 million people, with about one million in active service.

"So that was about 10 per cent of the population ... so just consider the enormity of that," he said, adding as well that it is sobering to think about how young so many of the soldiers were his uncle was only 20.

"You can't imagine yourself going through that ... at least I can't."



Harvey Kinsman's uncle, also named Harvey, was killed in the Second World War and buried in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery in France.



Harvey Kinsman presents family artifacts to a curator at the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy.

Part of a new exhibit

Earlier this year, the Juno Beach Centre contacted Kinsman about a new exhibit they're putting together called *From Vimy Ridge To Juno Beach.*

The display, which will open next March, will highlight the experiences of one family from France and three from Manitoba, including the Kinsmans.

With the help of Kroetsch, Kinsman was able to send several packages of material and information for the exhibit, which he hopes to see for himself in the near future.

"In my mind, I hope to get back in the next year or so," he said, noting the project also ended up involving the next generation of their family as "a granddaughter of a cousin from Darlingford will be doing some of the narrative."

So, in the end, Kinsman said there is sadness that remains, yet there is also some family pride in that they are playing a small part in preserving a lasting legacy through their family artifacts.

"Now I think they will serve a better purpose in perpetuity for education and for remembrance ... rather than sitting in our closets and in storage," he said. "We feel it will serve a greater purpose ... as the generations go on ... they will be there for a greater use."



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The poppy became a beloved and honoured symbol at the beginning of the 20th century and, even now, is worn proudly on the left lapel in memory of our war veterans. This is why, on November 11 — Remembrance Day — we honour the courage of those who gave their lives in wartime, sacrificing themselves for their country and for peace, by wearing this bright red flower close to the heart.

The poppy that flowered on soldiers' graves

During the Napoleonic wars at the beginning of the 19th century, these mysterious, blood-red flowers were seen growing on soldiers' graves once the battlefield was deserted. Then they disappeared as mysteriously as they came. More than 100 years passed and, after the Great War, they flowered anew around the graves in Flanders, France. After various tests, it was discovered that the soil in this area was rich in limestone from buildings destroyed during the First World War, creating favourable conditions for the poppies to flower. Once the war was over the limestone dust was absorbed and the poppies disappeared.

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The poppy campaign begins on the last Friday in October and continues until November 11. With the funds raised, the Royal Canadian Legion is able to give financial help to veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces who are in need and can subsidize healthcare establishments, research, the purchase of medical equipment and homecare services.



24-Hour Giving Challenge runs Nov. 19

Donations made to rural community foundations will be stretched by \$1 for every \$5

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you've been mulling over making a donation to your local community foundation, next week Saturday is the day to do it.

As part of the Endow Manitoba 24-Hour Giving Challenge on Nov. 19, the Winnipeg Foundation had committed to stretching donations made to rural community foundations by donating \$1 for every \$5 that comes in that day.

"This is a great opportunity to support the Winkler Community Foundation," says president Chris Hildebrand."Of course, we welcome gifts at any time, but giving on Nov. 19 will help our foundation and means extra support. We're so excited to see what our community can accomplish."

Foundation staff and board members will be setting up shop at the Winkler Co-op grocery store from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accept donations

and talk about how those funds allow them to generate interest for grants that benefit a wealth of community groups and projects.

The Morden Area Foundation is also

taking part in the challenge and is hoping to hit the \$10,000 in donations needed to capitalize on the maximum \$2,000 being offered by the Winnipeg Foundation.

"That's too good of an offer to refuse," says executive director Lynda MacLean, who notes they handily blew past that goal last year.

This is by far one of the most beneficial times to give to the foundation, MacLean points out.

"It's a really good time to make your donation that much more powerful," she said. "If you're giving \$100 it immediately becomes \$120.

"It just makes a much bigger impact quicker."

The Morden Area Foundation offices will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. that Saturday, and MacLean invites everyone to come down to learn more about how the commu-

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Zodiacs bring 'Bye Bye Birdie' to the stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate brings the '60s classic *Bye Bye Birdie* to the stage next week.

The high school's drama students tackle the Tony Award-winning musical Nov. 17-19 at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

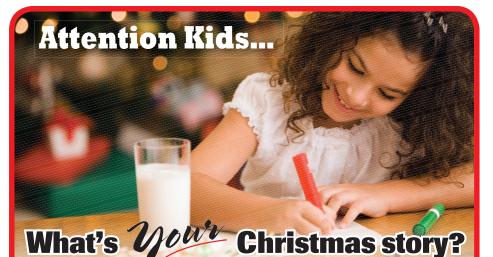
Bye Bye Birdie is the story of Elvislike rock star Conrad Birdie, who has just been drafted, much to the dismay of his millions of female fans across the country.

Birdie's management cook up a plan to pick one girl from his fan club in small town America to get a goodbye kiss from the singer on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. It's a show packed full of great music, comedy, and a fair bit of social satire.

"It's a little bit making fun of how we idolize celebrities so much," says Willow Froese, who plays Rose Alvarez, the long-suffering secretary of Birdie's manager, Albert Peterson."All the teenagers go crazy for Conrad Birdie, even though he's not actually that good at writing music."

Jesse Penner, who plays Peterson, says the show really brings the mid-20th century to life, and the cast is having a lot fun tackling the many big song and dance routines.

"All the music is good, and all the parody Elvis music is really good," he says. "There's a lot of different kinds



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Garden Valley Collegiate drama students perform the classic 1960s musical Bye Bye Birdie at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Nov. 17-19.

of music, actually ... '50s, '60s jazzpop-rock." p.m. on the Saturday.

Shows are 7:30 p.m. nightly Nov. 17-

Tickets are available online at winklerconcerthall.com, at the City Hall box office, or at the door.

Cutting a rug at the Legion



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

There was a lot of fun to be had Friday as the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre held a family costume dance at the Morden Legion. As well as music and snacks, Maurice Butler and daughter Claire Goertzen presented the Paper Bag Princess story to the kids. "It was a very good crowd ... lots of people were in costume ... it was a fun evening," said co-ordinator Vicki Campbell-Dyck, who noted the evening raised \$300 for the centre's programming.

'Shattered' performance tackles tough topics

By Lorne Stelmach

A theatrical production not only brought a message to Morden students about mental health, but also involved them in the play itself to really bring the message home.

Shattered offered a powerful interactive story for local students last Wednesday.

The work by Sarasvati Productions was created about and with youth who have struggled with eating disorders, depression, anxiety, and selfharm.

Performed in forum theatre style, it allowed the audience the chance

to stop the action of the play and step in to try out positive solutions to the problems addressed, and teacher Phillip Duncan said he came away from the experience impressed with how his students were really engaged with it.

"They really were thoughtful and im-

pacted by what they saw," he said. "It did not surprise me that my actors were up there ... but it was their insightful and thoughtful responses ... that was very impressive."

That is very much what artistic director Hope McIntyre said they were hoping for with the piece developed through workshop sessions with youth.

"We've heard from a lot of students that they are able to relate to the stories and experiences," she said. "The play really tackles situations that the students can relate to ... and we've heard from both the students and teachers that they recognize all of the characters on stage from their own classrooms."

Shattered follows four teenagers as they struggle to manage their own issues—ranging from anxiety and depression to coping with family illness—while facing pressure from peers as well as adults.

In the end, one of the characters can no longer cope, and the difficult issue of suicide is then explored.

McIntyre said the work came out of a larger two year project examining mental health.

After hearing stories from hundreds of individuals who have in some way

been affected by mental illness, they were struck by the idea that there were young people who were trying to be heard, McIntyre said, adding it was youth who encouraged them to take the show to high schools.

They were especially inspired by one teenage boy who asked why so much time in school is dedicated to physical education but very little spent on mental wellness.

"We've heard from students that they are really feeling overwhelmed ... and it's certainly been a topic that has exploded in the media," McIntyre said.

She suggested the play tries to find a balance between sto-

ries from those who feel there is a trend of over diagnosis and those who feel the stigma prevents them from accepting their challenges.

The performance does not provide answers, McIntyre pointed out, but rather provokes discussion by having the solutions to the conflict coming from teens in the audience.

"I think the show opens a door for them to talk about these things," she said. "Also because the show is interactive, there's a chance for the students to get up and actually take the place of some of the characters.

"What I love is it's often the students who have had personal experiences who get up and do that."

Duncan agreed that the play had an immediate and powerful impact on the students that may make them think and react differently in situations in real-life.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hamming it up after a recent rehearsal, the diverse cast of the Sarasvati Productions' presentation of Shattered brought the thoughtprovoking forum-style theatrical piece about mental health to Morden Collegiate last week.

"They jump in and they change the course of the play ... but then they discuss the choices that they made as a group with the audience," he said. "I have often said that theatre can change the world ... I do believe that theatre changed their world today. They all are more aware of how they can change social situations for people who have to deal with mental challenges."

Coulee fdn. hosting Soup & Pie Supper

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nity foundation works.

Meanwhile, the Plum Coulee Foundation is hosting a Soup & Pie Supper from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the New Horizon Senior Centre Nov. 19.

Admission is by donation, with all

the funds going toward the challenge, says foundation board chair Heather Unger.

Unger says the foundation has taken part in the challenge for a few years now, and awareness has been increasing each year.

"It gets better each year," she says, noting they're trying something new by hosting the supper this time around.

Unger says they'll have computers set up and volunteers on hand to help people make donations online. You can make a donation toward these or any rural community foundation online at www.endowmanitoba.ca, or contact your local foundation for more information.

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Thunder down Tigers

In Zone 4 boys hockey action last weekend, the Morden Thunder soundly trounced the Tigers 6-2 on Friday.

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks split their games, besting the Mavericks 5-3 in Morris Friday night and then falling to the Tigers 6-5 in Winkler Saturday.

The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs, meanwhile, posted a pair of losses, falling to the Altona Aces 10-1 Nov. 2 and to the Predators 10-4 Saturday.

On the Zone 4 volleyball court, the GVC teams fared much better, with the boys downing Carman 3-1 and the girls winning their match 3-0 on Nov. 3.

The Morden Thunder boys also posted a win, besting Roseau Valley 3-1 that same night, while the girls team fell 3-0.

In the SCAC, the Northlands Parkway Collegiate girls fell to the Sabres in three straight sets Nov. 2 and then lost to the Lions 3-0 on Monday. The NPC boys, meanwhile, also fell to the Sabres in three and then lost to the Lions 3-0.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Tigers goaltender Nathaniel DeGraeve dives to cover the scoring attempt by Morden's Josh Sawatzky in Friday's Zone 4 game. The Thunder got the win 6-2.

Winkler Flyers 2-1 in northern road trip

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers got November off to a strong start last week.

After downing the visiting Winnipeg Blues 4-2 on Nov. 1 (with Winkler goals coming from Nolan McGuire, Justin Paulson, Matt Christian, and Braden Billaney and Cole Weaver slapping away 26 shots in net), the team hit the road for a three days of games up north.

They first faced the Dauphin Kings Friday night. Goals from Tyler Jubenvill, McGuire, and Jeff Michiels gave Winkler a 3-1 lead after the first period.

The Kings made an effort to close the gap with a goal midway through the second frame, but a Jubenvill goal widened it once more and, coupled with Weaver turning away 34 shots in net, ensured the 4-2 victory.

The tables were turned the next night up against the OCN Blizzard.

Winkler's lone goal this game came from Billaney in the ninth minute. From then on, it was OCN who did the scoring, getting on the board at the 18:06 mark in the first and then scoring twice more in the second en route to their 3-1 win.

Overall, Winkler outshot OCN 35-29, with Josh Williams manning the Flyers' net, making 26 saves.

The boys got their revenge the very next night, this time skating away with a 3-2 victory over the Blizzard.

Brayden Cullum had first goal honours early in the first. OCN matched that before the first intermission and then pulled ahead with the second period's lone goal.

An extra period was forced when Ian Mackey scored at 7:45 of the third, with McGuire getting the game winner just 44 seconds into overtime.

Winkler outshot OCN once again, this time 36-21. Williams got the win in net, making 19 saves.

The Flyers are currently in third place in the MJHL standings with a 14-6 record and 28 points. They trail the first-place Steinbach Pistons and second-place OCN Blizzard.

TWO NEW FORWARDS

The Flyers welcomed some new blood to their roster last week with the addition of forwards Brayden Cullum ('96) and Brett Opperman ('97).

Both players suited up last season with the Waywayseecappo Wolverines, with Cullum, a Russell native, recording 22 points (nine goals and 13 assists) in 46 games and Opperman, who hails from Killarney, scoring 11 points (four goals, seven assists) in 51 games.

"Both Brayden and Brett will be great additions to our bottom six and will provide that sand paper we need," says Flyers head coach Ken Pearson. "We are trying to become a team and is hard to play against and these two guys will really help us with that."

MJHL AWARDS

Winkler was well-represented in the

Radford, Friesen tops at junior curling classic



A story in the Nov. 3 edition of the *Voice* included the incorrect results for the Quality Inn Winkler MJCT Junior Curling Classic held Oct. 28-30 at the Winkler Curling Club.

We sincerely apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

The event brought the top junior curlers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and North Dakota to Winkler, with 24 teams coming out to vie for cash prizes and tour points.

The men's side was won for the second year by Team Radford, who went 3-0 in the round robin to earn a bye into the semi-finals. There they downed Team Peters 6-5 and then bested Team Walter 5-1 in the final for the win.

On the ladies' side, the team led by West Kildonan's Alexandra Friesen clinched the final 5-4 over Meghan Walter's rink.

Team Friesen had posted a 2-1 record in the round robin and then bested Altona's Team Bergman in the first tiebreaker and the Winkler team led by Brooke Friesen in the second to make the semi-finals, where they defeated Team Gray-Withers 6-2 to earn a seat at the final match.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Skip Brooke Friesen delivers a rock with second Kelsey Sagert and lead Holly Friesen assisting at the MJCT Junior Curling Classic in Winkler Oct. 28-30.

Lady Hawks split two with Eastman Selects

By Lorne Stelmach

Coach Dana Bell called it a tale of two totally different games for his female Pembina Valley Hawks.

Blanked 2-0 Saturday by Eastman, the Hawks rebounded Sunday for a 4-1 win to split the weekend doubleheader with the Selects.

It could have been different for Pembina Valley had they gotten a couple better bounces in game one, though.

"We came out ... we outshot them ... we just had a hard time burying the puck," said Bell.

"The girls worked hard, they moved the puck well. We had lots of chances, we just couldn't find the back of the net. When we get pucks to the net, we've got to be there to bury those rebounds.

"Sunday, though, we came back ... talked in the dressing room, worked out a few things ... and started burying the opportunities we had."

Kadynce Romijn allowed only two goals on 25 shots Saturday for the Hawks, but first and second period goals were all Eastman needed this night. The first came at 16:59 of the first on a shot from the top of circle with Romijn screened. Then it became 2-0 at 4:54 into the second when a shot from the far boards led to a rebound.

The rematch Sunday, which was part of the Female Hockey Fights Cancer event, saw the Hawks grab a 2-0 lead after one period and 3-0 after two.

Pembina Valley also tightened up defensively, as Halle Oswald was only called on to make 12 saves, while the Hawks fired 36 shots on the Eastman net.

Toni Conrad scored a pair for the Hawks, with other goals from Karsty Nicolajsen and Sage McElroy-Scott.

> FLYERS, FROM PG. 27

MJHL's Player of the Month awards for October.

Forward Gino Lucia was named Rookie of the Month. The 18-year-old has scored seven goals and 16 points in 14 games so far this season.

Also honoured was fellow Winkler

After the game, both teams gathered on the ice in Selkirk for the presentation of a cheque of just over \$21,000 in proceeds raised by the league for CancerCare Manitoba.

The Hawks have a strong 7-2 record for 14 points, but it leaves them in third place behind the Winnipeg Avros (18 points) and the Westman Wildcats (15 points). Fighting to stay in the hunt are Yellowhead at 12 points and Eastman at 10 points.

The Hawks take a break from league action this week, but it will still be a tough weekend of play in the Shattuck-St. Mary's tournament in Fairbault, Minnesota.

Next weekend, Pembina Valley will be home in Morden for a pair of

forward Will Blake, who was chosen as the league's Peak Performer of the Month due to his community involvement. The 19-year-old volunteers as a classroom helper at Maple Leaf School, helps out with the Winkler Can Skate and hockey breakfast games against the Interlake Lightning.

MCCALLUM NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Makenzie McCallum was named the Player of the Week for the week ending Oct. 30.

McCallum scored a power play and shorthanded goal which turned out to be the game winner in a 5-1 win over the Winnipeg Avros and then scored a natural hat trick including another game winner in a 5-1 victory over the defending champion Yellowhead Chiefs.

club programs each week, an is an assistant coach with the Morden Atom Bronze team.

Flyers Scott Gall and Lawson Mc-Donald were also runners-up in the Player of the Month and Defenseman of the Month categories, respectively.



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Hawks best Wheat Kings in 4-3 SO win

By Lorne Stelmach

It may have been entertaining for the fans but likely stressful for coach Rylan Price, though his male Pembina Valley Hawks did come away with the two points Friday in a 4-3 shootout victory over Brandon.

Games against the Wheat Kings are always competitive affairs, said Price, however they don't often go to this extreme.

"That game had a little bit of everything. It was pretty crazy ... some things you just don't normally see in a hockey game," he said.

"We had a 5 on 3 penalty kill late in the third period that we managed to get killed off, then there was a disallowed goal in overtime and then a 13-skater shoot out. Emotions were pretty high ... we were glad when Caleb Unrau finally scored to give us the full two points."

The weekend offered mixed results for the Hawks, though, as Pembina Valley then gave up a 5-1 loss to the Yellowhead Chiefs Saturday.

"We felt we played a really good game ... felt we took it to them in the second period," suggested Price. "The third period ... they came out and they scored one early and then got on the powerplay ... then two empty net goals on us as we were throwing a last ditch attempt."

Aaron Brunn stood his ground in

net for the Hawks Friday, making 34 saves through regulation and overtime then holding steady through 13 Wheat Kings in the shootout.

Jayden McCarthy and Elijah Carels shorthanded scored midway through the second period to put the Hawks up 2-1. Kolton Shindle on a powerplay then evened it at 3-3 at 12:15 of the third period for the Hawks, who were outshot 37-31.

The winning streak—three in a row and five of their last six—came to a halt against the Chiefs, who broke open what was a 1-1 game after two periods, with Garrett Szeremley having scored for the Hawks in the middle frame.

Brunn stopped 24 with the Hawks outshooting the Chiefs 34-29.

Pembina Valley holds on to fifth place with 16 points on an 8-5 record. That ties them with Brandon and puts them two up on Southwest and Eastman.

The standings remain tight and Price would like them to come away with at least one win if not two out of their three this week.

"We want to stay with the pack ... a split with two tough teams allowed us to keep up in the standings," he said.

This week the Hawks played at Central Plains Wednesday, host the Thrashers Saturday, and play at the Wild Sunday.

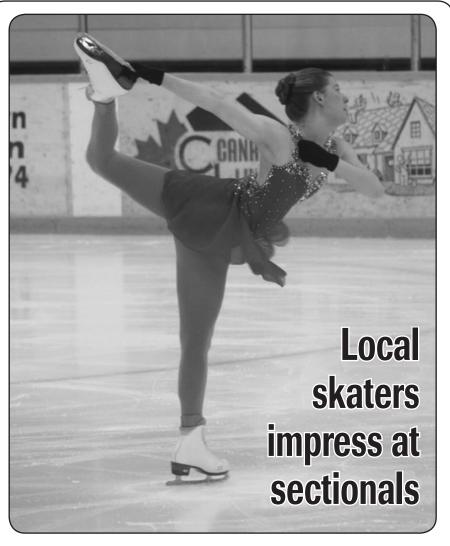


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Local skaters from Morden and Winkler were among those competing at the Skate Canada Manitoba sectional championship in Morden last weekend. None were among those who qualified for a spot at the 2017 Skate Canada Challenge in Quebec later this month, but there were plenty of strong placings. That includes Jane Hiebert of Winkler (3rd in pre-juvenile women U11), Dana Hynes of Morden (2nd in pre-juvenile women U13), Olivia Sawatzky of Morden (2nd in juvenile women U12), Autumn Wieler of Winkler (3rd in juvenile women U12), Autumn Wieler of Morden (1st in juvenile men U12). Julia Patenaude of Holland qualified for the Skate Canada Challenge in pre-novice women.

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Yellowhead	15	10	3	1	22	67	45
Steinbach Pistons	18	16	1	1	33	79	27	Thrashers	14	9	3	1	20	61	33
OCN Blizzard	18	13	3	2	28	61	39	Central Plains	14	9	4	1	19	63	42
Winkler Flyers	20	14	6	0	28	74	49	Pembina Valley	13	8	5	0	16	51	35
Portage Terriers	16	13	3	0	26	80	54	Brandon	13	7	4	1	16	46	39
Selkirk Steelers	19	11	7	1	23	66	60	Southwest	13	7	6	0	14	47	50
Virden Oil Capitals	19	10	6	3	23	51	54	Eastman	14	7	7	0	14	50	37
Winnipeg Blues	19	7	10	2	16	67	66	Parkland	15	6	9	0	12	46	70
Neepawa Natives	18	6	12	0	12	43	71	Kenora	14	3	8	0	9	37	67
Swan Valley Stampeders	16	5	10	1	11	42	61	Interlake	12	2	8	0	6	31	64
Dauphin Kings	17	2	13	2	6	35	69	Norman	16	2	13	0	5	38	105
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Pembina Valley Twisters	14	10	3	1	21	67	44	Westman Wildcats	9	7	1	-	-	1	15
Charleswood Hawks	12	9	2	1	19	43	30	PV Hawks	9	6	2	-	1	-	14
Stonewall Jets	12	9	3	0	18	64	41	Yellowhead Chiefs	10	6	4	-		-	12
St. James Canucks	14	8	5	1	17	54	51	Eastman Selects	9	4	3	-	-	2	10
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	14	7	6	1	15	54	44	Norman Wild	12	1	10	-	1	-	4
St. Boniface Riels	14	6	5	3	15	46	52	Central Plains	7	1	4	-	-	2	4
Transcona Railer Express	14	6	8	0	12	52	55	Interlake Lightning	7	-	6	-	1	-	2
St. Vital Victorias	14	5	7	2	12	53	64	HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
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PVHS Curl for Critters looking for teams

By Lorne Stelmach

You don't need to be a curler to be part of an upcoming fun competition in support of a good cause.

You only need to want to support the work of the Pembina Valley Humane Society to sign up for the third annual Giant Tiger Curl for the Critters taking place Saturday, Nov. 26 at the Morden Curling Club.

It's is a family friendly funspiel that is open to curlers of any skill level, said PVHS fundraising co-chair Megan Rodgers.

"Last year, we had 11 teams, and

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we'd like to see even more come out this year to compete for the Critter Cup," she said. "Everyone seemed

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Redskins down Mercs, Royals fall to Aces

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins launched the 2016-2017 season in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League with a win last weekend.

Morden travelled to play the Warren Mercs on Saturday, heading home one goal up on the Mercs.

Yuha Kienanen opened scoring for the Redskins midway through the first period, which was matched by Warren seven minutes later.

Period two saw Nick Doyle and Clint Olson bookend the frame, with Warren scoring three in between for a 4-3 lead heading into the final period.

There, a single from Olson and two from Doyle pulled Morden back into the lead. Warren scored one more goal in the final minute, but failed to catch up, giving the victory to the Redskins 6-5.

Reed Peters stood tall in net, slapping away 36 shots as Morden outshot Warren 47-41.

The Redskins remain on the road this Thursday against Notre Dame and then host their home opener Saturday against the defending champion Carman Beavers. The puck drops at the Access Event Centre at 8 p.m.

The Winkler Royals, meanwhile, had a rockier start to their season in Altona, also Saturday night.

The Maroons drowned out Winkler's lone goal in the opening period (scored by Dustin Karsin) with three of their own, scored the only goal in the second, and then added one more in the final period. Winkler's Phil Letkeman doubled the Royals' tally with

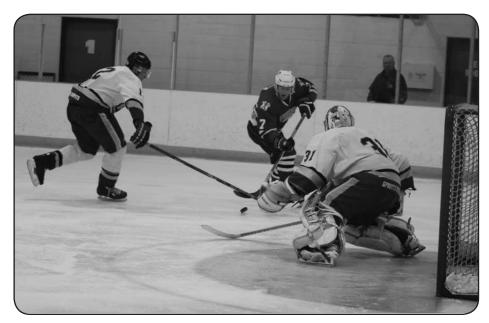


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The Morden Redskins kicked off their SEMHL season with a 6-5 win over the Mercs in Warren Saturday night.

a late third period goal, but the win still went to Altona 5-2.

Matt Krahn took the loss on the chin in net, making 43 saves as Altona outshot Winkler 48-28.

This week Winkler played at Car-

man Tuesday (results were not available at press time) and hosts Warren Friday at 7:30 p.m. before taking to the road once more to play Portage Sunday afternoon.

Twisters extend winning streak to four

By Lorne Stelmach

A four game winning streak had the Pembina Valley Twisters on top of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League standings this week.

They followed up a 5-2 win Saturday over the St. James Canucks by hitting the rare double digit mark in a 10-5 romp over the last place River East Royal Knights the next day.

The victories improved Pembina Valley to 10-3-1 for 21 points and had them two up on Charleswood, though the Hawks have two games in hand at 9-2-1 for 19 points.

It's a close race going down the standings with Stonewall at 18, St. James at 17, and the Raiders and St. Boniface at 15 points.

The Twisters got a pair of goals Saturday from Bryce Dusik, including a powerplay marker, while Corey Mazinke contributed a goal and a pair of assists with other markers from Fraser Mirrlees and Karl Conrad, all coming in the first period of the game.

Morgan Wall made 29 saves in goal

with Pembina Valley outshooting St. James 39-31.

On Sunday, the Twisters actually trailed 3-2 after one period but then blew the game open with five second period goals to lead 7-5, adding three more in the third.

Conrad and Mazinke each had a pair of goals for Pembina Valley, as the Twisters blasted the River East net with 55 shots. Justin Jamault was yanked from the Twisters net midway through the second after allowing five goals on 23 shots. Wall then stopped all 13 he faced the rest of the way for the win.

Single goals came from Mark Klassen, Braeden Beernaerts, Brenda Keck, Steve Young, Matthew Hadley, and Joey Baker.

The winning streak and offensive charge of the Twisters had three in the

top ten in league scoring, with Fraser Mirrlees second at 10 goals and 22 points. Michael Wirth has eight goals and 19 points followed by Mazinke at 10 goals and 18 points.

The Twisters are home in Morris to welcome the St. Boniface Riels Friday night and are then on the road to face the Hawks in Charleswood Sunday afternoon.

PVHS hopes to hit \$2,000 mark

From Pg. 29

to enjoy themselves and said they would like to do it again this year.

"We raised about \$2,000 last year, so we are hoping to at least hit that mark again."

Registration is \$120 per team and includes three games, lunch, and a partial tax receipt.

The first draw will be around 9:30 a.m., and they usually finish up be-

fore 6 p.m.

Rodgers stressed the society is funded primarily by donations and relies on volunteers for everything from the daily chores to helping at events like the Curl for Critters, so the support through fundraising events like this is vital to the society.

"Our vet costs are continuous throughout the year," she said. "We currently have a litter of five adorable puppies ... named after some favourite Winnipeg Jets players ... who will all be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and tattooed before they go to their forever homes.

"In order to keep adoption fees affordable, raising money through our events is imperative."

Registration forms are available online at www.pvhsociety.ca. You can also contact the PVHS shelter at 204-822-9413 or by e-mail at pvhs@live.ca.



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Winkler, Morden auxiliary sales support BTHC





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The health auxiliaries in Winkler and Morden both held annual fundraising sales Friday in support of the Boundary Trails Health Centre. The Winkler bake sale did brisk business at the Southland Mall (left), while a variety of vendors were set up at the hospital itself for the Morden craft sale (above). Funds raised go to help the hospital purchase equipment on their "wish list."

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shortfall if you throw a little crop insurance, but many can't, though somehow they do.

We don't have many farmers left and the ones that are, are for the most part exceptional at what they do, and what they don't know, they can hire from the various consulting groups, financial, marketing, and crops agronomy.

With farm sizes growing, many farmers hire the help they need and stick with what they know best: producing that crop.

One of the areas causing farmers great concern lately is the rise in taxes tacked unto that land they use to produce food.

I keep hearing this when I speak to farmers that some areas and maybe most by now are seeing some astronomical increases in land taxes because of the huge increase in the value of that land.

Farmers are sometimes their worst enemies by doing things that later comes back to haunt them. In this case, when land prices started to climb, suddenly the powers that be saw an opportunity to raise the assessments of that crazy rising land price.

This topic came up for discussion at a recent Keystone Agricultural Producers meeting. Producers had a lengthy discussion on the increase in municipal and school taxes, with many indicating their tax bills had more than doubled.

KAP president Dan Mazier pointed to an RM where the increase resulted in a cost increase of over \$29 per acre. In fact, I'm hearing that in some RMs it is much higher, depending on what kind of land, who is buying, what crops they raise on it, and for how much.

KAP members called for continued pressure on the province to move to a taxation system where everyone—including homeowners and corporations—pay their fair share of the education tax.

I want to put in a good word for the PC government in Manitoba not just because they have their hands full with a mess left by the previous NDP government, not because of the hard work they're putting in, and they are, but for the public consultations and hearing they're holding onto all kinds of areas, issues, and hornets nests.

Not to mention the horrendous mess left by the former government of Manitoba Hydro, the North (Port of Churchhill and other places) where they seemed to indicate they were the great champions, much to the chagrin of people and communities in the south.

Every time I open my email I seem to get another news release of the Manitoba government announcing another public consultation. Here is hoping they will make good use of the input they are getting, and that the people affected are participating. If we participate, and the government people listen, then we can get good working and practical policies.

Holly Jolly Breakfast set for Nov. 19

The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board has firmed up the date for its annual Holly Jolly Breakfast.

This year's event will take place at the north end of the Southland Mall on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8-11 a.m.

Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee or tea. The food is free, though donations will be accepted to help the Cheer Board fill this year's hampers for families in need.

Scotiabank, who is sponsoring the breakfast alongside Golden West Radio, has committed to matching all donations up to certain point, so this is certainly the day to ensure your financial donation stretches further.

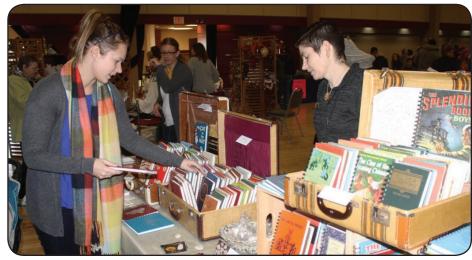


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Cheer Board volunteers will be serving up pancakes at the Holly Jolly Breakfast Nov. 19 to raise funds for this year's hamper campaign.

Getting crafty in Morden





PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A big crowd turned out Saturday for Morden's annual holiday craft sale in support of the Pembina Hills Arts Council. The show was again sold out with over 80 vendors, including some new exhibitors among the artists and crafters from across the south central region. They offered handmade original items including pottery, fine art, holiday decorations, baking, knitting, sewing, and more. Proceeds from vendor registration and a 50/50 ticket sale were slated to go back to the arts council, but a final tally of how much was raised was not available at press time.

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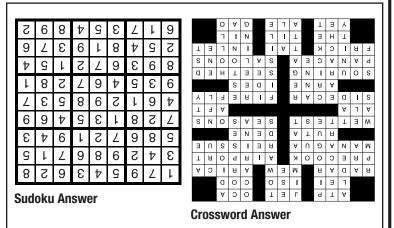
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you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put vour sudoku savvy to the test!

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Adenosine triphosphate
- 4. Plane
- 7. Plant cultivated for its tubers 13

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- 10. Wreath 11. Equal, prefix
- 12. Type of fish
- 13. Measuring instrument
- 15. High-pitched crying noise
- 16. Chilean seaport
- 19. Make in advance
- 21. Where planes land and take
- off 23. Nicaraguan capital
- 24. Reprint
- 25. Evergreen genus
- 26. Vale
- 27. Not the most dry
- 30. There are four of them
- 34. Pie _ _ mode
- 35. At or near the stern
- 36. Attached to the side of a motorcycle
- 41. Soft-bodied beetle
- 45. "Rule, Britannia" composer of March: rough day for 46.
- **Julius Caesar**
- 47. A way of changing taste
- 50. Bubbled up
- 54. Remedy
- 55. Barrooms
- 56. Henry Clay ___, industrialist 57. A citizen of Thailand
- 59. Cove 60. One and only
- 61. '___ death do us part
- 62. Zero
- 63. Thus far
- 64. Brew
- 65. Crunches federal numbers

CLUES DOWN

- 1. John ___, Pilgrim settler
- 2. Drink table on wheels
- 3. A canoe

4. Baseball player nicknamed "Kittv"

6. Direction of attention

13. Revolutions per minute

20. Pitchers need to get them

31. An awkward stupid person

32. Popular pro sports league

22. Educational assn. (abbr.)

28. Peyton's little brother

14. Small constellation

7. Egg-shaped wind instrument

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southeast

8. Cadavers

9. Farewell

17. Vineyard

18. Consumed

27. No longer is

33. Pigpen

29. Small amount

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- 37. Type of head pain 38. "Jiminy" is one 5. Midway between east and

 - 42. Thought

 - 44. Baltic country

 - Anselm

 - 53. Fall back, spring forward
 - 58. Afflict

- 43. Staggering

- 51. Beat-influenced poet
- 52. Midway between northeast

- 39. Diarist Frank 40. Boat race

 - 48. Paddle
 - 49. Togetherness

 - and east

41. Can be split

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- 47. Sunscreen rating



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Isobel Ching and her family would like to extend their heartfelt thank you for attending her 90th Birthday Tea. All the cards and flowers were beautiful and very much appreciated, thank you to everyone for making this day special.

-Isobel Ching

Olga Enns (nee Fast) 1938 - 2016

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Loved Ones

It is with sadness that we, the family announce the sudden passing of Olga Enns, on Sunday October 30, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre. Olga passed away peacefully in her sleep.

Voice

She leaves to mourn her passing her beloved husband of 59 years, Victor and their children: Pamela (John) Funk and their children, Matthew (Charmaine) Funk, Aiden, Logan, Oliver and Max, Joel Funk, Gideon (Kalyn) Funk; Mike (Linda) Enns and their children, Amy (Alika) Tobias; Zephyr, Coco and Zariah, Holly Enns, Trevor Enns; Jeff (Della) Enns and their children, Rachel (Rob) Friesen, Stephanie Enns and Amanda (Nicholas) Ricard; Victoria (Darrell) Friesen and their children, Charity Friesen and Jessica Friesen; Kim (Pete) Giesbrecht and their children, Ezra Giesbrecht,

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Sara (Maik) Friesen, Karlene (Britton) James Thiessen and Mark Giesbrecht. She is survived by five sisters and two brothers as well as one sister-in-law and their families. Olga was predeceased by their son, Mark in 1960, one brother and three brothers in law.

OBITUARY

Funeral service was held Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Christian Faith Church, 11151 Rd 20 West, Winker, MB with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Olga's name to the charity of your choice.

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OBITUARY

Isaak Krahn 1975 - 2016

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, MB Isaak Krahn aged 41 years of Winkler, MB passed away.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Anna (nee Fehr); his mother, Helena (nee Rempel); four daughters, Helena and Johnny Knelsen, Margaretha and John Reimer, Anna and Henry Neufeld, Susanna; three sons, Cornelius and Trudy, Isaac, John as well as 10 grandchildren; eight sisters; one brother and their families. He was predeceased by his father, Isaac Krahn, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Myra Jane Ptosnick October 29. 1967 – November 1. 2016

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Myra Jane Ptosnick (29 October 1967 – 1 November 2016). Myra is survived by her parents, Frank and Darlene Ptosnick of Morden MB and her sister and brother-in-law, Marcia and Greg Finlayson of Kingston ON. Myra died peacefully in her own home in Minneapolis MN after a 20-month battle with brain cancer. Marcia and long-time friend, Leslie Malkowich, were at her side.

Myra was born and raised in Morden. She made friends easily and enjoyed participating in sports, the Thornhill 4-H Club, and working at Ridley's and her parents' strawberry farm. After graduation she attended the University of Winnipeg and completed a Bachelor's degree with a double major in sociology and criminology. From

Winnipeg, Myra moved to Calgary and completed a Child and Youth Care Worker certificate at Mount Carmel College. This training launched her career supporting people who were struggling to overcome life challenges. Myra moved to Tucson AZ in the mid-1990s and then to Phoenix. In both cities, she worked for agencies focused on child and youth protection and employment support. At one point, Myra was the legal guardian to over 15 youth trying to get their lives back on track. During this period, Myra completed two Master's degrees, one in Educational Counselling (University of Arizona) and one in Rehabilitation Counselling (Northern Arizona University). In 2006, Myra headed to San Antonio Texas to begin work at the US Department of Veteran's Affairs as a rehabilitation counsellor. In this role, she supported injured US Veterans retrain and return to work. She was promoted to become the Assistant Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Officer in Winston-Salem NC in 2012. In 2013 she transferred to the St. Paul MN Regional Office where she remained until her retirement in October 2015 due to her illness.

Although Myra was always committed and passionate about her work and the people she served, she never missed an opportunity to enjoy time with current friends, make new friends, find a new adventure, travel with her sister, or just kick-back and have a good time. She was an avid runner and joined a running group in every city in which she lived. She completed at least ${\bf 6}$ full marathons, approximately 24 half-marathons, and numerous other short races over a 20 year period. Her favourite part of these races was the prize at the end of the race: a beer (or more) and a cigarette. Building on her 4-H days, Myra was an avid knitter, sewer and quilter and prided herself on making gifts for family and friends for special occasions. We will all miss receiving our annual "jammy pants" at Christmas. Myra will be remembered as a fiercely independent, decisive woman who loved her family and friends unconditionally, cared deeply for her pets, liked planning and doing her own home renovations, enjoyed fine beers, used passionate language as needed, and as the worst backseat driver ever. Words cannot express the loss we all feel for losing Myra so young. She was vivacious, mischievous and fun-loving right until the end of her life, even in the days before her death. Her positive attitude since her diagnosis in February 2015 enabled everyone in her life to live life to the fullest when in her company. For this, we will be forever blessed.

Special thanks to those who made is possible for us to care for Myra in her own home in the last weeks of her life: the Fairview home hospice team, especially Julia and Sarah; close friends Leslie, Sharon, and Linda; neighbours Nick and Kristen, and the "knitting ladies" – particularly Sally and Charlotte. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in memory of Myra be directed to the Gord Downie Fund for Brain Cancer Research, in care of Sunnybrook Foundation, 2075 Bayview Ave, Suite KGW01 Toronto, ON, M4N 3M5, 416-480-4483 or a charity of choice.

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