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# Leaving their mark

Basil and Barb Agnew were among the Mordenites doing their part this week to help create Morden's Canada 150 Mosaic. The giant mural, created in celebration of our nation's 150th birthday, is made up of over 500 individually painted tiles and will be unveiled Thursday night at the Access Event Centre. For more photos, see Pg. 36.

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# Meals on Wheels alive and well in Winkler

## Program moves to a new kitchen, but still delivering over a dozen meals a week

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Meals on Wheel program has found itself a new home.

The long-running meal delivery program was headed up by Salem Home for the past two decades, but last month moved shop to Autumnwood Manor.

"Bethel Hospital, they used to run it years ago, and then Salem took it over and they've done it for sure over 20 years," explained Marge Banman, who is the new coordinator for Meals on Wheels.

Funding cutbacks led Salem to look for someone new to take on the service, and Banman, who owns and runs Autumnwood Manor, a senior housing complex on 3rd St., stepped up to the plate. "They contacted me and asked me if I would be interested in doing this," Banman said as volunteers worked to get last Friday's meals ready to go. "Of course, I have a smaller kitchen here, so I had to think about it.

"But I have been working with seniors since 1984 and I love it," she said."I love working with seniors and I didn't want to see this program go away.

"I think this is a very important program for seniors,"Banman said, adding that it takes a bit of a load off of families who may worry about how their loved ones are getting along when it comes to preparing meals. "It gives them a hot, nutritious meal a few times a week."

Salem delivered its last meal on Friday, Sept. 29 and Banman and her



#### PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Meals on Wheels coordinator Marge Banman with the lunches about to go out to 17 seniors in the community last Friday. The program is looking for volunteer kitchen helpers and drivers.

team stepped up to send out their first week of food on Monday, Oct. 1 so there was no interruption of service.

Last Friday they delivered 17 meals to seniors all over Winkler, in addition to the more than 20 plates earmarked for Autumnwood residents.

Though the program previously delivered home cooked meals for supper five days a week, for now Banman and her crew will be doing lunch instead for three days a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

"At this point we'll keep it like this up to the new year for sure and then we'll see where it goes," said Banman.

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# Locals weigh-in on Lake Minnewasta

#### By Lorne Stelmach

An open house last Thursday offered Mordenites a chance to have their say on Lake Minnewasta.

City officials hoped the three hour session would not only get feedback on existing amenities, programs, and services but also gather ideas on what more is needed at the lake.

"It's been a long time coming," suggested area resident James Friesen, who was among those taking in the community consultation at the civic centre.

"The nice thing is instead of reacting when something's not going well, it's nice to have a proactive opportunity for community members to weigh in and just give their best ideas," he said.

Still fairly new to Morden himself, city planner Martin Sandhurst said they hoped to get input from a broad base in the community.

"We should find out from more than

#### "WE JUST WANT TO HEAR WHAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE LAKE."

just the occasional person what's on people's minds about Morden's amenities, including the lake," he said. "We didn't come with any preconceived notions. We just want to hear what community members have to say about the lake."

He observed as well that many people may not even be fully aware of what is available.

"So we can give them an idea of what's currently going on ... it's pretty

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Locals like James Friesen (left) stopped by the Morden Civic Centre last week to share their thoughts on the amenities and programs available at Lake Minnewasta.



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- Handy tools: fun-shaped paper clips, bright post-it notes, colourful pens, a fountain pen, a mini flashlight, a corkscrew, a juicer, an apron, a pocketbook, a funny keychain, etc.

Socks, a cashmere scarf, gloves or mittens, coasters, crossword puzzles, a custom mug, gift cards, scented candles, a small picture frame — the possibilities are endless when it comes to stocking stuffers. The choice is yours!





## Salem Home gala raises funds for new dining hall

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home supporters heard a message of faith and forgiveness at the personal care home's Building for Tomorrow banquet Nov. 2. The event, organized by the Salem Foundation and the Salem Home Ladies Auxiliary in support of a new Cottonwood dining room, featured as guest speaker Marie Monville.

In 2006, Monville's then-husband

held an Amish schoolhouse in Pennsylvania hostage, shooting 10 schoolgirls, five fatally, before turning the gun on himself.

In the wake of the tragedy, Monville found herself leaning more than ever on her Christian faith to try and make sense of things.

"That afternoon I felt the Lord asking me to make a choice about what I would believe my life to be, and I knew that there were only two choices," she said.

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From left: Salem Home CEO Sherry Janzen, Salem Ladies Auxiliary president Hilda Friesen, and Salem Foundation chair Arlen Hildebrand at last week's Building for Tomorrow fundraising banquet.



### **Radon Testing**

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### > SALEM GALA, FROM PG. 6

"I could choose to believe that God is everything He says He is ... and that He truly would bring good out of a dark situation," Monville said. "Or I could choose to believe that our lives were over and that we were going down like the fastest sinking ship.

"It wasn't that I was a giant of faith, but simply that I knew I was desperate. I knew that I had nothing. But I also knew that I had nothing to lose by trusting the Lord."

By putting their faith in God, Monville and her family found the strength to move forward in forgiveness.

"God gave me faith and strength that I couldn't have ever imagined," she said. "The beauty is that God comes right where we are in the difficulty of our circumstances and He walks with us every step of the way, the whole road, whatever that might look like."

The aftermath of the events of that day changed how Monville thinks of forgiveness.

Immediately after her husband's brutal act of violence, her Amish neighbours actually reached out to her family, worried about her wellbeing even as they were dealing with their own grief.

"Forgiveness is not about the person that's hurt me. My choice to forgive Charlie [her husband], their choice to forgive Charlie, it was not about Charlie. It was about us. It was about me. It was about allowing the Lord into that very private place of my pain so that He could bring His healing."

In the years since that day, Monville has found love with a new husband and together they grew their joined family by adopting a child from Africa two years ago.

"The road hasn't been easy. It's been paved with a lot of difficult places, but I cannot imagine life if we weren't where we are now," she said.

In addition to sharing her testimo-

ny as a speaker across America and for the first time in Canada last week, Monville has also written a book, *One Light Still Shines*, outlining her journey of healing.

"I know that there are a lot of days where it's easy to feel as if God has forgotten, when it's easy to feel like He doesn't see where we are, or He's never going to get around to this promise that He's made or this dream that He's placed in our heart. But He does.

"If He can take the broken pieces of my life and put them back together in a beautiful mosaic the way He has, then what does He want to do with the broken pieces of your life?

"Nothing is impossible with God," Monville stressed. "Whatever broken places you're walking through right now, whatever places you might walk through in the future, I know that God is love ... and that He will turn our places of devastation and brokenness into beauty that we wouldn't have ever been able to see coming."

#### "IT'S UNBELIEVABLE"

The banquet—tickets for which sold out months ago—once again shows the community's overwhelming support of Salem Home and the many projects it undertakes to improve the resident experience, said Salem Foundation chair Arlen Hildebrand.

"We live in a great community,"



he said. "We start a project, and it's \$200,000 or \$300,000 and it looks like a daunting task and somehow, magically, we get that paid and we get another project going. It's unbelievable."

The proceeds from the evening will go a long way toward the fundraising goal for the new Cottonwood dining room, which is estimated to cost \$375,000.

Hildebrand said the unit's old dining room, built when far fewer of Salem's residents used wheelchairs, is a noisy, overcrowded space during mealtimes.

"It's like bumper cars when everyone's coming in. It's really tight," he said. "I really think it's important to give them that extra space ... give them a better living experience."

Salem hopes to begin work on the dining room sometime next year.

First they need to raise 66 per cent of the project's total cost, or about \$245,000.

Thanks to the success of the banquet as well as a \$50,000 gift from an anonymous donor, they're well on their way.

"We've got tonight behind us and the \$50,000 donation is an unbelievable kick-start to this and hopefully it will help catapult [this project]," Hildebrand said.

### > MEALS ON WHEELS, FROM PG. 2

"I know there's a big request to do it five days a week, but then we need more volunteers."

The program charges \$7 per meal. It's barely enough to cover the cost of groceries and the cook's time, which is why they rely on volunteers to help out in the kitchen and make the deliveries. "I really want to thank the volunteer people that are here already," Banman said. "Without them, I couldn't do it. It's not just me doing it—we do it all together."

Volunteer drivers currently spend one week a month helping out, but more drivers would allow for a longer rotation schedule. "We'd like to see it go to once every six weeks or every other month," Banman said. "But at this point we don't' have quite that many that we could do that."

If you'd like to volunteer or learn more about ordering a Meals on Wheels lunch, contact Banman at 204-362-1144 or 204-325-7368.









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Après moi, le déluge

How could such a thing, seemingly a public secret, have been allowed to continue for so long? Such is the way of power in the world and the impact that it has on victims.

So why is this exploding to the forefront now?

Well, the answer is complex, but one significant part of the reason is that courage begets courage. When one person speaks up about abuse and is heard it gives others the courage to step forward and so on until a movement, such as what is rising now, begins.

Uncountable people, especially women, have been subject to the unwelcome sexual advances of people in power (usually men). Sometimes they are subject to outright sexual abuse and assault and then all the baggage that goes with it like shame, fear, and guilt.

Sadly, what we are seeing is the tiniest tip of an enormous iceberg which is being laid bare by a powerful new movement that includes a social media component with hashtags like #MeToo to ensure people suffering in silence know they are not alone.

I know of what I speak and could tattoo #MeToo on my forehead for the years of sexual abuse I had to suffer at the hands of man in authority over me.

It's not just a Hollywood problem. It happens everywhere. There are victims suffering in silence everywhere and abusers living lives without consequence. It happens in Canada, it

happens in Manitoba, and it happens right here in the Pembina Valleypeople in power and authority who have abused and are actively abusing right now.

It needs to stop. It needs to be exposed.

I know from personal experience that coming forward and revealing your abuse and the abuser can be the most difficult experience in the world. But I also know from personal experience that it can make a difference.

In my case it took decades for me to come forward. When I did, my abuser was still in positions of authority over the vulnerable. Coming forward put a stop to that. It held the person accountable.

More importantly, coming forward can start you on the road of healing; it did for me.

I hope the flood waters continue to rise. I hope those who use power and authority to abuse others are caught in their wake, removed from authority and held accountable for their actions.

If you have been or are being abused, contact the police or someone you trust. My only regret is that I did not do so sooner myself.

I am here to tell you it can make a difference.

I am here to tell you it is never too late.

I am here to tell you that you have a voice.

I am here to tell you that you are not alone.

#MeToo.



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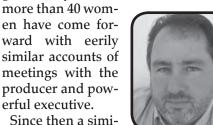
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**By Peter** Cantelon

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such as Corey Feldman have been

warning anyone who would listen

that Hollywood was rife with pedo-



## **Multifaith council formed in Pembina Valley**

By Lorne Stelmach

An organization is coming together to provide a voice for interfaith dialogue and education in southern Manitoba.

Created as an affiliate of the Manitoba Multifaith Council, the Pembina Valley Multifaith Council is a grassroots movement started by local residents to promote greater understanding among the different faith communities in the area.

"Rather than talking about the differences, we would like to talk about the common things between us,"

said council member Zahid Zehri, who hopes they will be able to "build relationships of mutual understanding and increase the mutual respect."

The council is launching with six founding board members including Zehri, Peter Cantelon, Vassan Aruljothi, Kelvin Dyck, Mandeep Saini, Boota Singh Ubhi, and Ted Peters.

They come from dif-

ferent faith backgrounds including Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, and Christian, and it is their goal to have a board that is representative of the region's diverse faith groups, Zehri said. To that end, the council invites interested parties to contact them about getting involved.

The seeds for the council came from Zehri, who is a member of the Manitoba Islamic Association Pembina Valley committee.

Zehri said he was spurred on by the increased diversity in the area, and he sees the council playing an important role in educating the public about different religions and promoting collaboration amongst people of faith.

"We have so many different faith communities here now. I thought it would be good to promote dialogue among the faiths ... and promote some education," he said. "We can also talk about how we can increase mutual respect and understanding ... learning about each other and living in harmony."

Over the coming months, the council will meet with community stakeholders and leaders to refine its goals and objectives with the intent of offering and supporting community workshops and celebrations related to multifaith communication and education.

Zehri said they will need some time to better establish the organization.

"What we really want to do is to promote learning about each other," he stressed."We're thinking about doing some lectures. We're thinking about

> promoting different faith festivals here ... people can come and share."

He also sees this as being especially important with what is happening in the world today.

"Our cities have grown ... and we have a diversity ... and the people are affected by the news. It affects people in our community."

Being affiliated with the provincial mul-

tifaith council will be a big benefit when it comes to resources and advice, Zehri noted.

"They were so excited about it," he said.

A representative of the Manitoba Multifaith Council said that they were "thrilled to see this new affiliate develop from within the Pembina Valley.

"We're looking forward to offering guidance and mentoring as they develop," said Belle Jarniewski, council president. "Any effort to develop and improve dialogue and understanding between faiths is worthwhile."

Zehri noted the council welcomes faith community and affiliate members from Winkler, Morden, Carman, Altona, and the surrounding communities.

For more information about the Pembina Valley Multifaith Council or to inquire about membership, email pvmultifaith@gmail.com or visit them on Facebook.



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From left: Peter Cantelon, Zahid Zehri, and Boota Singh Ubhi are among the founding members of the Pembina Valley Multifaith Council that launched this fall.

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# Local biz take home chamber awards

**"OUR PASSION** 

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#### By Lorne Stelmach

Outstanding local businesses and a service organization were honoured Nov. 2 at the annual Morden and District Chamber of Commerce awards gala.

Blayne Wyton of Prairie Barnwood received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award, while the Morden Elks Lodge was honoured as the Not-for-Profit of the Year.

Business of the Year awards also

went to Home Hardware (for companies with seven or more employees) and to The Olive Tree (for companies with fewer than seven employees).

Other nominees in those categories included Crocus Real Estate, Fentro Technologies, One Two Tree Service, and Olympic Source for Sports.

The Olive Tree was cited for continuing to expand with a diversified lunch menu that emphasizes creative homemade food made from fresh local produce.

Owners Ashley and Kevin Funk gave credit to the support and encouragement of their staff and family and friends through the long hours.

"We've put our heart and soul into this business ... lots of long hours and late nights ... it's been really rewarding to see it all kind of come together and that the community really appre-

ciates what we're doing,"said Ashley.

"We wanted to completely change the café, and we really wanted to make our name known and give the store our own twist ... we're definitely well on our way. We have big plans," she said, adding that the award "definitely encourages us to do better and see just how far we can take our store." Having been new to the area when he and wife Elizabeth took over Home Hardware, David Janzen said it means a lot to them to get this kind of recognition.

Cited for directing the store through a substantial renovation and expanded product line, including a garden centre, the Janzens gave credit to their team as well as the community.

"To me, it was a surprise when we were nominated," Ianzen said.

"Morden has amazed us. We've been so welcomed

here," he continued. "Morden has been great to us. People have shown their appreciation for us being here and people have encouraged us.

"We want to continue to grow and expand and do what we can," he added, citing the example of perhaps expanding into building supplies.

"Our passion is doing a good job at what we do. We've learned a lot in the two years we've had the business now."

Founded in 2008, Prairie Barnwood grew from Blayne Wyton's vision to create handcrafted furniture from

#### PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Above: Blayne Wyton (right) of Prairie Barnwood was named Entrepreneur of the Year at the Morden chamber's business awards gala last week. Also honoured with Business of the Year awards for companies large and small was Home Hardware, represented at right by owner David Janzen, and The Olive Tree, represented below by Kevin and Ashley Funk. Taking home this year's Not-for-Profit of the Year (below, left, shown with Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen).

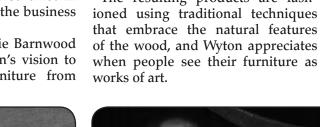
wood reclaimed from old barns and other structures.

The resulting products are fashthat embrace the natural features "I think it's even for me believing

in myself ... that I'm an artist, I'm not just a furniture builder ... it's what's inside of me. When they were saying I'm an artist, I just came alive," he said.

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# Award were the Morden Elks







# Elf on the Shelf hiding at Winkler businesses

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

The Winkler Chamber Elf returns to local storefronts this holiday season.

The chamber's Elf on the Shelf program kicks off on Monday, with the little elf doll spending two days each hiding at 15 different retail locations in the city from Nov. 13 to Dec. 16.

Find the elf and you'll have your name entered to win one of two prize packages filled with gift cards and other goodies from the participating businesses, explains chamber executive director Tanya Chateauneuf.

"He can show up anywhere within that business," she said. "We're just looking for people to come find the elf—take a look around, get their name into a draw for some really, really great prizes, and just have fun doing it."

Businesses are encouraged to move the elf around throughout the day to up the challenge in finding him (or her, as there's also a female Chamber Elf doll in use this year to help stave off wear and tear on the lone elf).

"I know Co-op@Home some years has had him inside washing ma-

chines and dryers and freezers," said Chateauneuf. "It can be really tricky ... but [it's always] fun. And that's what it's all about."

The program's popularity the past two years led the chamber to extend the campaign by an extra few days.

"Because there is a demand for people to participate in this event, we have more businesses participating," said Chateauneuf, who noted the list includes many businesses taking part for the first time, as well as a number of brand new chamber members.

The Chamber Elf will spend its first week at The Muscle Hut (Nov. 13-14), Pure Anada (Nov. 15-16), and LA Gold (Nov. 17-18).

Week two (Nov. 20-25) sees it stop by the Petro Canada Gas Station, PV Threads, and Co-op@Home; week three (Nov. 27 to Dec. 2) features RB's Home of Tools & More, Sunny Day, and Country Cycle & Ski; week four (Dec. 4-9) includes Janzen's Paint & Decorating, Time-Out Sports, and Home Furniture and Appliances; and rounding things out for week five (Dec. 11-16) is Tim Hortons, Constellation Computers, and Dominion



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Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce executive director Tanya Chateauneuf with one of the Elf on the Shelf dolls that will be hiding at local businesses over the next few weeks. Find him to have your name entered into a draw for one of two prizes packages.

#### Outdoors.

"What we're trying to do is get people into new locations, new stores, new retailers that they may not have visited otherwise," said Chateauneuf. "Just to see that we really have a great selection of local retailers to do your Christmas shopping at.

"When you shop at a local small business what you're really doing is you're supporting your community," she said, pointing out that it's local businesses who sponsor many community events and projects throughout the year.

The full Chamber Elf schedule is available online at winklerchamber. com or on the chamber's various social media pages.

#### > LAKE MINNEWASTA, FROM PG. 3

surprising in terms of the range of things and the number of things,"Sandhurst said.

"We're always looking for ideas from people about what else they would like to see at the lake, though," he continued. "What we tend to hear about is what kind of drives you crazy about the lake, what could we be doing better ... we want to hear that, too, but not just exclusively focus on that."

For his part, Friesen has always had a strong connection to the lake, stretching back to his time swimming there as a child right up to today, where he is particularly interested in the trail system.

He has seen the improvements that have been made as well as the increased usage for both cycling and hiking.

"I've been paying careful attention to how do you maintain both uses of the trail without creating potential for accidents," said Friesen. He also cited concern about maintaining and protecting the environment around the lake.

"It's such a delicate zone. That riparian zone around the lake is so narrow ... you realize if that is not maintained well and maybe even cultivated beyond what it is now ... there is a risk.

"I'm concerned about development around it," he said, adding the lake is a real jewel for the community and holds a lot of potential."It could end up being a real destination for individuals to come to Morden."

#### > CHAMBER AWARDS, FROM PG. 10

He said there were many people who helped him get to where he is now.

"And even the community ... how much the community supports and helps us ... and my family," said Wyton. "The city has done a great job with providing places for businesses to grow ... it's a strong economy ... a great place for people to live and work ... that contributes to our success." Sandhurst saw the feedback gleaned from this session as being able to help guide the city moving forward.

"We'll use this as we get into the planning process. We'll be looking at a number of topics, whether it's recreational amenities, transportation systems, housing availability, and affordability," he said.

"We'll go through what people have to say and, on that basis, if there's some real stuff that sort of starts gelling together, that might lead to some follow-up work ... that might be a lit-

Representing the Morden Elks Lodge, Charlie Hildebrand thanked the many members who have kept the organization thriving since its founding in 1963.

"We enjoy doing what we do ... It's a group effort to make people's lives better ... to be recognized for it is nice," he said.

Cited for supporting a wide range of projects in areas ranging from health

tle more targeted.

"We're hoping stuff maybe starts gelling around different topic areas," he said.

"That's kind of the beauty of a session like this ... you never really know what's on people's minds and what they're going to come up with. There's all kinds of people who have made a real investment of time ... we didn't go specifically to any interest groups. "We understand it's a regional ame-

nity, and we just wanted to make sure there was an opportunity."

care to sports to youth, the club has nearly 100 members who range in age from their 30s all the way into their 90s, noted Hildebrand.

"It's just a great bunch of guys. We all really like what we do," he said. "We want to help out the community. Most of us live in Morden or the area, and Morden has always been pretty good to us, so we like to give back. It's just a good feeling to help out."

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# **PVHS cuts ribbon on new dog kennels**

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The completion of renovations to the Pembina Valley Humane Society shelter in Morden is cause for celebration for many reasons.

The new kennel area most importantly provides a better home for the canine residents, but it also sets up the organization to focus a little more now on other priorities.

"There's still a few parts of the building we'll work to make better," president Tyler Cameron said at an open house Nov. 1. "This gives us an opportunity to focus more on our marketing aspect of it ... some of our retail products, some of our computer software."

Cameron added this will not only make the work easier for volunteers but also allow shelter manager Dave Bone to spend a little more time on more important things.

"It will give more time to Dave so he can spend it with the animals, and that's really what we're going after," he said."The more interaction that he can have with the animals, the better for everybody."

The shelter located in the Morden industrial park now features new and improved kennels with walls constructed from cinder blocks and coated with an epoxy finish.

The design has eliminated screws and seams for better sanitation and an easier surface to clean. "THIS LAST KENNEL AREA LASTED US ABOUT SEVEN YEARS, WHERE THIS NEW METHOD WILL LAST FAR, FAR BEYOND THAT."

"Unfortunately, most of the structure before was wood with a little bit of PVC sheeting on it, and wood and water don't mix," explained Cameron. "Now, with cement, there's a lot more durability, and it's all sealed up.

"The last kennel area lasted us about seven years, where this new method will last far, far beyond that. We may have to do a few touch ups here and there ... but it will last many, many years for us.

"It's very helpful to our sustainability," Cameron added, noting the project became a real community effort that included local welding students doing some of the work.

"I think every project we do, we always get great community support, which is always so wonderful," he said. "It is very, very well done, and New Leaf Contracting went above and beyond for us."

A side benefit to this project is that



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The new and improved dog kennels at the regional animal shelter in Morden should last the Pembina Valley Humane Society for years.



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The Pembina Valley Humane Society marked the opening of its new dog kennels with a ribbon cutting celebration last week.

nearly all of the dogs who had to be fostered out while work was underway found new permanent homes, leaving room for new intakes.

And so, at the grand reopening, there was a whole new cast of canine characters to show off—all adorned with spiffy ties for the occasion.

"As soon as we got the kennels done, [Dave Bone] was working to bring in dogs to get us as full as we possibly could," said Cameron. The shelter has room for up to about 20 dogs.

Last week's celebration included a supply drive. You can still contribute by dropping off most-needed items like dog treats and toys, clumping cat litter, wet cat food, laundry detergent, bleach, and dish soap.

# Winkler chamber to host second speed mentoring evening Nov. 28

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler chamber of commerce hosts its second speed mentoring event later this month.

Following up on the success of their first event in spring, the chamber takes over the Days Inn Conference Centre Nov. 28 for an evening of learning and networking.

"We did it earlier this year and the feedback that we received from participants and mentors was just incredible," says chamber executive director Tanya Chateauneuf. "They had such a wonderful time just connecting."

The evening teams up participants with mentors who have established themselves in the business community across a range of industries.

"It's for all levels of entrepreneurs, business owners, really just anyone who's interested in learning from leaders in our community," says Chateauneuf.

"It's about facilitating conversation at a table between people who are new to business and really could learn from [the mentors'] past experiences," she says. "But then also, on the other hand, we hope that the mentors will learn something from the 'newbies' because there's always new technology, new ways of doing things. Really, it's just about bridging the gap and hopefully building connections."

The evening begins with registration at 6 p.m. followed by speed mentoring from 6:30-8 p.m. (in which participants will rotate amongst the various mentors for short discussion sessions), followed by a question and answer panel until 8:30 p.m.

"We are looking at having representation from human resources, from manufacturing, from all different sectors, as many as we can possibly have," Chateauneuf says.

The event is being sponsored by the Winkler chamber in partnership with Community Futures Heartland.

To register, contact the chamber at admin@winklerchamber.com or 204-325-9758. Admission is free for chamber members and \$10 for nonmembers.

# New home for Prairie Barnwood

#### **By Lorne Stelmach**

The past week became a momentous one for Blayne Wyton of Prairie Barnwood.

After receiving the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce Thursday, Wyton celebrated the official opening of his company's new location on Friday.

"We're excited to get going," said Wyton as they hosted an open house in the Jefferson St. facility that features 4,000 square feet of production space and a 1,000 square foot showroom.

"We're really excited with the new space," he said. "The old space was kind of neat because it was an old chicken barn, and it really did lend itself well to what we do. We just outgrew the space."

The company was started by Wyton in 2008 after having first started woodworking and refurbishing and refinishing antique furniture several years earlier when he founded Windsor Furniture.

Prairie Barnwood reclaims wood from old barns and homesteads and transforms it into handcrafted furniture. Each of their products are built with their own unique character and patina. Most pieces includes knots, burrs, nail holes and other features that tell the story and history of the wood through the years.

Wyton sees their new home making quite a difference with what they can do, including boosting their production capabilities.

"It's going to have a huge impact,"



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Instead of a ribbon, Prairie Barnwood's Blayne Wyton cut a piece of wood last Friday to officially open the handcrafted furniture manufacturer's new home in Morden's industrial park.

he said, noting they're adding one full-time employee, bringing their staff to seven.

"And now, as we get going here, we're going to be able to add some more," he said.

### Community fdns. taking part in 24-Hour Giving Challenge

Every dollar donated on Nov. 18 will be stretched to benefit local projects

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local community foundations once again have the chance to stretch donations significantly with the annual Endow Manitoba 24-Hour Giving Challenge.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, every gift made to Manitoba's rural foundations will be matched in part by The Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba, turning every \$10 donation into \$14.

This is a great opportunity to make your donation grow, said Morden Area Foundation executive director Lynda MacLean.

"All these people that come forward with their \$100 or their \$50 ... it may not seem like so much in the moment, but it's cumulative," she said. "It all pools together to become something much bigger."

The foundation received over \$10,000 through this campaign last year, and MacLean is confident they can beat that.

They already have \$2,100 in postdated donations for that day, she noted.

"Already there's been talk of, 'Are you doing that again?' ... I have no doubt that we'll do well again this year."

The Winkler Community Foundation is getting even more bang per buck on Nov. 18.

On top of the funding from The

Winnipeg Foundation and the Province, the City of Winkler and Access Credit Union are also contributing \$1 for every \$5 gift (to a maximum of \$2,000 each), with BDO adding an additional \$1,000 stretch.

That means every \$10 in donations automatically becomes \$19, said executive director Myra Peters, who pointed out that they're working with additional potential sponsors, so the funds might be matched even further.

"It's a phenomenal opportunity to grow our endowment fund," she said, adding that last year they raised nearly \$15,000 during the Giving Challenge. "This time we're aiming for \$20,000." Foundation board members will be at the Winkler Co-op from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 18 to accept donations and talk about the agency's impact on the community.

"These funds will help us to grant back more to the charities in our community that apply," Peters said. "There's always more requests than what we can give to, so we're excited for the opportunity to grow this fund."

The Plum Coulee Foundation is marking the day with a special bydonation soup and pie supper at the Plum Coulee School from 5-7 p.m. All proceeds go toward the Challenge.

"We're hoping to beat last year's total," said the foundation's Moira

Porte, explaining the 2016 campaign brought in about \$4,500. "We're so excited to see what our community can accomplish."

Every single dollar helps, Porte stressed, and it all goes right back into the community.

"We've gifted nearly \$80,000 to local community projects and organizations since we started in 2008," she noted.

You can donate to your local community foundation by stopping by their office with a cheque dated for Nov. 18, calling the Winnipeg Foundation that day toll free at 1-877-974-3631, or by donating online during the 24-hour period at www.endowmanitoba.ca.

### Morden United Way off to slow start

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Money is coming in slow so far this fall for the Morden and District United Way.

The fundraising campaign is at about \$34,000, which president Alex Fedorchuk estimates is \$10,000 shy of where they were at this time last year.

"We like October to be our major fundraising month," said Fedorchuk, who remained hopeful the campaign would pick up the pace and get close to their goal of \$90,000.

"There's still lots of time, and the

demand is never lessening. There is always more need," he said.

"We are blessed to be in such a wonderful community, but we can't forget about those who need help. It's almost 30 agencies that we are supporting," Fedorchuk said. "We've been told by some agencies that they exist because the United Way helps them."

Now in its 50th year, the United Way campaign fell just short of raising \$80,000 last year.

Fedorchuk stressed that all of the donations collected from the community as well as through the business campaign and payroll deduction programs go directly to local charities, as the United Way receives a grant from the province to cover any operational expenses.

In addition to the fundraising campaign, the United Way is also planning to host its popular Skate with Santa event at the arena in December, as well as its Koats for Kids program.

Learn more about the United Way's work and how you can contribute online at www.unitedwaymorden.com.





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Just over 50 flags have hung at City Hall for years to represent the countries Winklerites hail from. The city now needs to add over 30 more to represent the 87 different nationalities that make up our community.

# 87 countries represented in Winkler's population

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler has some flag shopping to do.

For years the city has proudly flown just over 50 flags inside at City Hall to represent the diversity of the community.

Last week, Mayor Martin Harder found out they're more than a few short.

"As of the end of October, there are 87 different countries represented with residents in the city of Winkler," he said, pointing to a recent immigration report from Regional Connections, the local settlement services office.

"We don't want to admit that we were behind a little bit," Harder laughed, noting plans are in the works to update the flag display as soon as possible. The fact the city is attracting people from all over the world is great news for the community, the mayor stressed.

"What makes me very excited is the fact there are so many different countries represented," he said. "They're not all coming from one country they're coming from multiple countries and obviously choosing to make Winkler their home.

"This totally blows me away. I think we're the richer for it and hopefully we can continue to provide the services that they're looking for."

The 2016 census puts Winkler's population at 14,311—up over 2,000 people from the 2011 numbers.

Over 3,400 Winklerites reported that they speak a language other than English or French most often in their home, ranging from Arabic to Tagalog to German.

### **Annual Peace Prayer Walk in Morden this Sunday**

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Walking together with others can bring a sense of solidarity, and that is what underlies the Peace Prayer Walk.

Local Christians will put that idea into practice this weekend as Morden holds its fifth annual walk on Sunday.

The prayer walk is endorsed by the Morden Ministerial Association and is the result of a collaborative effort among local churches around the idea that everyone wants greater peace and justice in the world, even though we may disagree on exactly how we should to achieve it.

"As you walk from place to place to pray, you end up in conversation with people from other churches, from other segments of our community," noted Michael Pahl, lead pastor of the Morden Mennonite Church.

Pahl said it lets people come together around that basic desire for peace and as people of faith to pray for that peace here in Morden and around

#### the world.

"Walking together also creates a sense of greater commitment to what you're doing. We're putting some action to our prayers," he said.

"Walking together from place to place within Morden helps connect us physically to the community that we're praying for as well. This place where we're stepping, this is part of our community, it's part of us, and we want peace here in this place."

Participants will walk to a number of locations including Confederation Park, the Morden Civic Centre, École Morden Middle School, and the court house. At each location they will pause to reflect on and pray about issues of peace and justice in the world.

The walk has drawn a good-sized group in recent years, Pahl said.

"We've had anywhere from 30 to 50 people come on the walk in the four years we've done it," he said. "Last year, I think we had about 40."

Walkers are asked to meet at Confederation Park at 3 p.m. The walk will last about an hour.

For more information, contact Pahl outlook.com.

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**VOICE FILE PHOTO** 

Local Christians are invited to gather for the annual Peace Prayer Walk through Morden on Sunday.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Above, left: The choir performed a selection of period songs Friday as the Morden Activity Centre held a veterans appreciation tea in advance of Remembrance Day. Right: Mayor Ken Wiebe and wife Linda presented flowers of thanks to member veterans and families. Also speaking was Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson, who shared a few memories of his father, Joe Olafson.





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### New book includes the story of a local vet

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Harry McFee never set out to be an author, but it was curiosity about the wartime exploits of two of his mother's brothers that set him on the journey which has led now to having a second book published.

"My mom and dad never talked about it," said McFee, who in 2004 published For We Were Young And We Had Wings, which compiled 15 true stories of air force fighters in the Second World War.

He has now followed that up with Oh Silent Cross, which is a collection of stories focusing on the armed forces, including one from a longtime Morden resident.

Following the death of McFee's parents in 1987 and 1988, he inherited a great deal of wartime material which became the basis of his research.

Work colleagues and fellow Masonic and Shrine members also began to relate their family experiences, and with the support of his wife, who also had six uncles in the military, the retirement project took shape.

McFee set out on recording this information, and the end result is the product of research done over 20 years in an effort to honour those who fell in battle and the after effects of those experiences.

"It started out rather small because I just wanted to know more about my two uncles. One was a Spitfire pilot, and the other one was in the army," said McFee."Everybody has a story no matter where you are. When you go to war, everybody has their own personal perspective too."

Oh Silent Cross features 22 firsthand stories, including that of the late Earl McIntyre, who, along with wife Anne, retired in Morden.



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MP for Portage—Lisgar Conservative House Leader The McIntyre family already more or less had Earl's story written out, said McFee, noting it goes from when the family first moved from Minnesota to Manitoba around 1900 and homesteaded in the area of Russell.

It talks about how, after leaving school, McIntyre went with his father to do logging work in the Duck Mountain region.

"It's telling the story of how they got to that point of joining the army," said McFee, explaining that McIntyre eventually joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in July of 1942.

"He said it wasn't an easy decision to make and 'I still recall walking up and down a path on the bank of the Assiniboine River, trying to make what for me was a world decision."

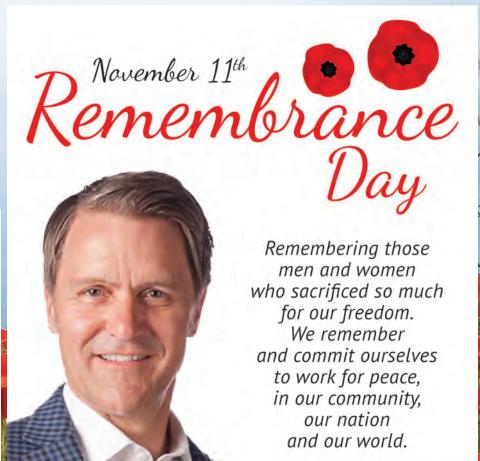
The battalion eventually moved to Nova Scotia and then was sent overseas. McIntyre's war experiences included an accounting of the D-Day landing.

His story touches on "the tension of the situation, knowing that the next few hours might be the last for many of us," said McFee.

McIntyre also recalled later on patrolling with another soldier when they witnessed a number of their comrades captured. He eventually lost contact and was alone in dangerous territory.

"He said, 'I wasn't even sure exactly where I was or what direction I was going.' He had to have faith, and he successfully got back to his own lines and rejoined another platoon," said McFee.

"A few days later, he found out that all those fellows who were captured ... they didn't take them prisoner, they just took them and shot them. So he said 'I felt guilty about that my whole life.'" CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE





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McIntyre ended up being wounded and it led to the amputation of a leg and a long recovery that took him back home, but that is also what led to him meeting his wife.

They married in 1945, and over the next 53 years McIntyre farmed at Roblin and also served as a reverend in Grandview, La Riviere, Elm Creek, Treherne, Preeceville in Saskatchewan, Russell, and Pilot Mound.

McFee hopes the stories like that of McIntyre help bring some recognition to the people who served, their families, and their sacrifices He also hopes it helps instill in the younger generations "an appreciation of their fathers or grandfathers or their neighbours.

"Sometimes that generation is called the greatest generation ... and it's true ... they did go over and face the enemy," said McFee."There's two enemies that you're facing. One is the enemy that you have within you, and one is the enemy that's on the shore there."



### Winkler, Morden pause to remember

#### **By Lorne Stelmach**

With few surviving veterans from the past left now, Remembrance Day takes on even greater importance.

Local organizers are mindful of that reality as they prepare for the local services in Morden and Winkler this Saturday.

"We really need to keep promoting this remembrance of our veterans. I think the teachers in our school system are doing a really good job now ... hopefully it's an ongoing process," said Bob Frost, president of the Morden Legion.

"A lot of people when they were leaving the hall were telling the committee that they really appreciate the service, and they're glad that it's there," said Rob Wiebe of the Winkler Veterans Association.

The November 11 services in both communities get underway at 10:45 a.m., with Morden's taking place at the Access Event Centre and Winkler's at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

Wiebe noted a highlight of the Winkler service will be a media presentation featuring music and photographs spanning from the First World War all the way through to the current day commemorating the fallen.

It is approaching 20 years now since the local service began in Winkler, and he feels it has had an impact and increased the level of recognition in the community.

"We started off with maybe 50 or 60 people showing up ... that's now grown to the point where we are just about at capacity," said Wiebe, noting the first

service was held outdoors but it was later moved to Garden Valley Collegiate and then to the concert hall.

"It's an excellent venue. We're very happy to be able to use it."

In Morden, the Remembrance Day events begin Friday with a banquet at the Morden Legion. It will feature guest speaker Mark Wilson, who recently came back from a six month tour of duty in Iraq and previously served in Afghanistan.

Frost encourages people to arrive early for Saturday's community service.

"Last year, I think we had close to 800 people," he said, noting the guest speaker at the service will be 38 year Legion member Pat Gibson.

"She's going to be speaking on a trip she made to France last fall ... she went to Juno Beach then on to a little town which was the last known sighting of the aircraft that crashed that her uncle was in," said Frost." She went there to follow up on that story and get more information."

Frost noted the two speakers at the two events make an important connection between the past and the present.

"We have lost people in Afghanistan and Iraq and other places around the world now," he said.

"Not to take away from the focus on the past veterans from world war one and world war two, but we have lots of other military members in conflicts much more recent ... maybe some of our focus can be shifting in that direction a little more?"







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#### By Harry Siemens

Jason Dobbin is the provincial coordinator for the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program, a risk management tool that launched in Manitoba in 2014 to provide producers with protection against an unexpected drop in prices on cattle and hogs over a defined period.

Dobbin, a cattle producer himself, said they have not had any risk mitigation.

"We haven't had the protection required for some of us, incidents such as a flood, drought event or a border closure, and even just a significant drop in the market," he said. "So this program is now full price, against the cash market, in the future, and it protects you from those market declines that as a producer you can't guard yourself against."

Dobbin said the WLPIP was first initiated by the beef producers in Alberta and launched in 2009 before branching out to Manitoba, British Columbia, and Saskatchwan five years later. It's administered here by the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation.

"You're buying an insurance policy to have a floor price in the future," Dobbin explained. "That floor price is your bottom. There is no commitment to sell your cattle or your hogs. You can keep them or sell them previously to what you're trying to protect yourself for."

It's providing a period, protection for a floor price and if the cash market drops below that, the cattle producer gets the difference.

"But it's not paid on what you get for your animals, so that's why there's no commitment to sell," Dobbin said. "If a good producer gets above the average market price, he puts that in his pocket, and if the cash market drops from when we insure that, he or she gets the difference.

"Now, there's a bit of a contradiction here in that you're trying to buy an insurance policy to when you normally would sell your animals so that when price declines this would



### New heat technology may fit the bill

#### **By Harry Siemens**

Research continues to play a vital role in combatting and eradicating diseases, whether in humans or animals.

Dr. Terry Fonstad, a professor in the College of Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan, said research conducted by VIDO-InterVac gave engineers the parameters necessary to apply the use of heat to the decontamination of swine transport vehicles to improve biosecurity.

This research comes at a time when Manitoba Pork reports two new cases of PED virus since Oct. 13, bringing the total sites affected to 80.

That said, 29 of the previously infected sites have achieved transitional status, meaning all animals there are no longer clinically sick and certain groups of animals are no longer shedding the virus. A further 11 sites that previously held transitional status are now presumed negative for the illness.

Still, Manitoba Pork says the industry must remain vigilant with heightened biosecurity practices into the fall season. Colder weather, less direct sunlight, increased field traffic, and unfavorable road conditions could lead to increased viral survivability and spread.

A team of engineers and scientists working on behalf of Swine Innovation Porc is developing an automated system to speed up and reduce the cost of disinfecting swine transport trailers to reduce the transfer of disease-causing pathogens.

"We put together a team involving the Prairie Swine Center, Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute, VIDO-InterVac and the University of Saskatchewan," explained Dr. Fonstad.

"The first one, Prairie Swine Center are doing a trailer inventory," he said. "They looked at all the trailers that producers are, and transport companies using looked into both animal welfare and cleanability aspects of those trailers.

"Then PAMI is developing with us a cleaning system based on a concept of using the vacuum and pressure washers. VIDO then is working on the side of pathogen destruction and giving us the engineering parameters that we need to destroy pathogens, basically, and verification of that.

"And then on the engineering side at the university, we're looking at measuring those parameters in the trailers to verify that we're meeting the conditions that'll destroy the pathogens."

Fonstad said the industry feels the transport trailers are the vector for disease transfer, which is why they're focusing their efforts there.

"From an engineering standpoint, now we have a 53-foot trailer that we need to heat to 75 degrees Celsius for 15 minutes, economically," Fonstand said, explaining that's how long the veterinary community has said it takes to kill the pathogen. "So there's the challenge on the engineering side fed to us by the parameters sent through the veterinary side of it."

Fonstad said the key findings are temperature and heat regimes that range from high temperatures for low timeframes to a little bit smaller temperatures for longer time frames that they can use to develop heating systems for the transport industry that will ensure that they have proper pathogen kill under varying conditions from varying heating systems.



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# "It gives you peace of mind"

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the marketplace," he said, explaining they keep track of sales through the computerized reports of auction marts across the prairies to factor into



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their calculations of the settlement price.

While initiated and started by cattle producers and their organizations, hogs are also a component of Western Livestock Price Insurance. It's a little different methodology as far as the calculations on that go, so he encourages interested hog producers to contact him for details.

Dobbin said the uptake has been slow but steady.

"We got out of the gates pretty good there in 2014, and then we've seen some dip a little last year, but this year we are double what we had for sales last year, as far as policy sales go," he said. "Funding of the program, the premiums paid for the policies, it's 100 per cent producer-paid premium. However, the federal and provincial governments pay the administration costs."

Dobbin farms south of McGregor and said the program works for him.

"It gives you peace of mind. You have to determine somewhat also what is that peace of mind, what is it worth?" he said, noting that with so much uncertainty with the markets south of the border, a policy like this takes a lot of the stress out of the equa"UNLIKE SOME OTHER CONTRACTS, IF THE BORDER CLOSED TOMORROW, THIS CONTRACT IS ALWAYS HONOURED."

tion. "Because unlike some other contracts, if the border closed tomorrow, this contract is always honoured. There is no catch like if the border closes, it's canceled or anything like that."

Dobbin said the producer pays on weight while the program bases the price for calves on several factors, including the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, future price, the basis on the Canadian dollar, and the cost of barley. For feeder cattle, it's the CME future price, basis Canadian dollar, and the same for fat animals.

"So we're going on the futures and going off the dollar, and the basis. And as far as settling the policies, it's based on the cash market," he said. "The cost to the producer changes every day.

"Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 3-6:30 we sell policies, they change daily. On every Monday we give the settlement price for whatever the cash market was for the previous week.

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### We need to trade what we don't use

#### **By Harry Siemens**

Trade continues to concern people in the selling business of product they make too much of for their domestic market.

I'm not saying whether that is good or bad, but if we produce so much more we need

to find countries that will take that extra product. So often trade and

Siemens Says

trade tariffs don't always go hand in hand, but one supersedes the other making that trade and the trading partners get after each other.

When Donald J. Trump became president of the United States, he put everyone on notice that trade policies had been unfair to U.S. workers and companies and that he was going to make trade fairer. Hence the consternation about the president wanting to tear up the North American Free Trade Agreement. But before Trump did that, he pulled his country out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

As former ag minister Gerry Ritz has told me on some occasions, Canada should get on with it whether the U.S. is in or out.

The Canadian Meat Council is calling on Ottawa to do all it can to accelerate the implementation of an 11 member TPP.

In its submission to public consultations on Canada's discussions with the remaining members of the TPP, the CMC called on the Government of Canada to express its support for the earliest possible completion, ratification, and implementation of the agreement.

Allan Schlachter, director of beef and veal, said the council strongly supported the implementation of the original TPP and, with the withdrawal of the United States, it's even more supportive of moving that free trade agreement forward.

"It's important because of the significance, especially in Japan as the key interest there representing 20 percent of our current export value globally," said Schlachter. "What's changed other markets have concluded or are concluding free trade agreements with Japan and so we can not afford to be left behind. Notably would be the European Union. They have an agreement in principle for an FTA and so, if that were to take effect before we were able to implement and be a part of the TPP, we would very quickly find ourselves shut out of that market."

He said with any trade negotiated deals there's a phase-in period and Canada would not become competitive very quickly.

"If you look at that 20 percent of our export values into that single market that would have significant impacts on our entire industry. We have packers who we represent but also the entire value chain right down to farmers and those people we employ," said Schlachter. "The Canadian Meat Council is the largest component of the food processing sector as far as employment employing 65,000 workers, so if you were to imagine a 20 per cent drop in exports, that would have a significant impact on those plants but more so the places which are often rural."

While the TPP is one humongous group representing lots of global trade, NAFTA is vital for farmers in

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particular because of the closeness of forth across the border with product the U.S. and the ability to go back and from both sides.

Not only that, but it also makes it much more reasonable to shop in the

States as a consumer when all one needs to pay is the GST and PST.

So you can see what I said at the beginning: Canadian farmers produce other than the dairy and poultry products much more than our consumers use. Therefore we must look for other consumers to use that product too. The key is to find the product from other countries that we make little of here making it a winwin solution.

Yes, I know so much of it is from China, and if you buy that product in the U.S. you have to pay duty. That is where NAFTA comes in.

The American Farm Bureau Federation is encouraging the Trump administration to recognize a modernized NAFTA as a critical component of its goal of expanding U.S. jobs in manufacturing.

With timelines for completion of the renegotiation of the NAFTA extended, several U.S. food and agricultural trade and commodity groups and manufacturers are raising the alarm over the potential negative consequences of withdrawal.

AFBF senior director for congressional relations Dave Solmonsen said the benefits of trade are far-reaching.

"Not just U.S. consumers but Canadian, Mexican consumers benefit from a free flow of trade and a greater product availability here in the U.S., and throughout North America, others do too," said Solmonson."It's a good time to modernize NAFTA, but it's also important to maintain the benefits it provides."



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### **Other Brother roasters cut ribbon on new space**

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

They've been a fixture in the local coffee community for years, but now Other Brother Roasters finally has a place to call their own.

The coffee company celebrated the grand opening of their new home at 304-191 Kimberly Road Saturday morning with a ribbon cutting.

Other Brother got its start back in 2012 and though they've had a presence in local stores and coffee shops over the years, this is the first storefront location of their very own.

"We've been roasting for quite some time, but it's been very sort of faceless," said owner Erin Plett, who explains they previously interacted with customers mainly through email or text. "Every week I've been texting them going, 'Hey, you need some coffee?' So it's nice to finally be in front of my customers and they can ask questions and get fresh roasted coffee right away."

The company is very much a familyrun business, having got its start from Plett's husband Sam's interest in coffee roasting as a hobby. Sam is the "other brother" of Jon Plett, who ran Jonny's Java.

"[Sam] started roasting on a popcorn popper and then we moved up to Behmor roaster and it just kind of evolved from there," Plett said." It was just thanks to all of our customers and retailers and the local businesses that have found us and supported us. We are nothing without our customers, so we just appreciate that support so much. This community is awesome."

The store offers countless varieties of fresh roasted coffee and tea from all over the world, as well as a selection of brewing supplies.

If that's not enough to get you through the door, it also smells amazing, Plett pointed out.

"First of all, it smells fantastic in here, so please come in just for aromatherapy purposes," she laughed. "We've got all kinds of coffee for anybody-any kind of dark roast person, medium roast, light roast, light-roast, decaf.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Other Brother Roasters owners Erin and Sam Plett (centre) were joined by their children Joy and Amelia and Winkler chamber executive director Tanya Chateauneuf and Mayor Martin Harder to cut the ribbon on the company's new home Saturday.

"All of our coffee is ethically sourced, so you know that we've done our homework in getting it to your cup in the best way possible." Learn more online at www.otherbrotherroasters.com.

### • HEALTH CORNER **Medical community marks Antibiotics Awareness Week**

ince the dawn of the human age, man and bacteria have coexisted.

Less than a hundred years ago, a simple scratch from a thorn bush was potentially deadly. The chance discovery of penicillin dramatically altered this dynamic in favour of humans. Wounded soldiers returning from World War 2 were handed a lifeline. Modern medicine has since leveraged this advantage

to enable invasive surgery and utilize powerful chemotherapy with less fear of suppressing our immunity.

However, the tide is rapidly changing as we have become careless and complacent in managing a valuable resource.

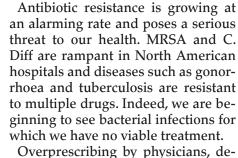
We have an unrealistic expectation that each new infection will magically be cured by a potent new antibiotic.

By Dr.

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The reality is that resistance to antibiotics is on the rise whilst the pipe-



line for new antibiotics has dried up.

mands by patients and inappropriate use by farmers have all accelerated the process of antibiotic resistance. Our hectic schedules preclude waiting out the seven to ten days for a viral infection to run its course. The search for a quick fix often results in inappropriate prescription for antibiotics. Doctors working in a busy urgent care or emergency room may find it easier to prescribe an antibiotic for bronchitis rather than spend the time to counsel a patient about more appropriate measures.

It may surprise you that almost 80 per cent of all antibiotic sales in North America is for agricultural use. Only a tiny fraction of this is used to treat sick animals. Many farmers use antibiotics to fatten their cattle, chickens and fish as well as some fruit and vegetables. This causes resistant baceventually show up in our guts.

The normal bacteria that live in each of our guts play a central role in the development and spread of resistant organisms. Prescribed antibiotics as well as the small amounts in the food chain soon find their way into our guts and start the process of creating resistant bugs. Bugs are unbelievably smart and share these resistance codes with other bugs. In this way, we can unwittingly harbour several types of resistant bacteria. Unfortunately, when we really need that antibiotic, it does not work. Stronger, more costly antibiotics have to be used. These are often less effective and upset the natural balance in the gut. The final result is more deaths from resistant bugs, more side effects such as bad diarrhea and an overall increase in the cost of treatment.

The scourge of antibiotic resistance comes at a time when new drug discovery has stalled. The low hanging fruit have been picked and drug companies see no profit in new antibiotic research and development. It costs about 1 billion dollars to bring a new drug to market and companies would rather spend that money on research related to diseases that require ongo-

teria in those products; bacteria that ing prescriptions such as hypertension and diabetes.

> Antibiotic resistance is a societal rather than a medical problem. Evervone has to work together to find solutions. We can start by changing our own behaviours. Wash our hands when handling food or eating and especially after using the washroom. Instead of demanding antibiotics, politely question whether they are necessary for your type of infection. Hold your doctors accountable by observing them wash or sanitize their hands before they examine you.

> Doctors need to think carefully about whether an antibiotic is needed and the most appropriate type, dose and duration that is required. Perhaps farmers need to be compensated slightly more so that they need not resort to practices that endanger human health. Novel tax laws may provide incentives for drug companies to explore new avenues for antibiotic discovery. Finally, administrators and politicians need to lead the way and promote a more judicious approach to managing antibiotics as a precious resource.

November 13-19 is Antibiotic Awareness Week in Canada. To learn more, check out AntibioticAwareness.ca.

# Author visits schools in Winkler, Morden

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Renowned Canadian author Eric Walters is certainly prolific, not to mention busy.

He is not only closing in having written 100 books but also keeps a busy schedule of speaking to students across the country, including in Winkler and Morden.

"I like kids, and I'm a teacher by profession. It's a good way to spread literacy. I was jokingly saying I'm like a literacy evangelist," Walters said in advance of his stay here this week.

His visit comes in the midst of a three week tour that will see him go from here to Ontario for another two weeks.

He started in École Morden Middle School Monday followed by Emerado Centennial in Winkler and Prairiedale in Schanzenfeld on Tuesday. After hitting Altona and Plum Coulee Wednesday, it's the Southwood and Border Valley schools Thursday and then Winkler Elementary and Parkland on Friday.

"I also have a real soft spot for smaller rural schools. I just did a week in rural Saskatchewan," noted Walters. "The kids ... it's such a stereotype, but they just seem nicer. They're nice and relaxed and respectful."

Walters estimates that he has now made presentations to more than 1.5 million students across North America and internationally in Japan, Kenya, and Germany.

His presentations blend drama, storytelling, audience participation and interaction, and he presents to students of all ages as well as adult groups.

"It's a perfect day for me when I can do kindergarten in the morning and Gr. 12 in the afternoon," said Walters.

His presentations cover everything from the genesis of his books to the importance of literacy and reading to stories about his experiences in Africa and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

"I talk about a lot of things besides my books," Walters said, noting for example the organization he co-founded called Creation of Hope which provides for over 400 orphans and disadvantaged children in Kenya. "I talk about who we are as Canadians ... I try to spread a message of understanding and sensitivity."

It all began for Walters in 1993 when he was teaching a Gr. 5 class of reluctant readers and writers, so he began to write to encourage them to become more involved in literature.

His first novel, *Stand Your Ground*, is set in the school where he was teaching, Vista Heights Public School, and some of the features of the community of Streetsville and many of the names of his students were incorporated into the story.

Since that first book, Walters has



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE** Author Eric Walters was in the Winkler-Morden area this week to speak with students about his books and his love of words.

specialized in children's and young adult works. Over the past two decades he has published 96 more novels and picture books, with eight scheduled for the coming years.

His novels have been widely acclaimed and have won more than 100 awards, including 11 separate Children's Choice Awards. He is the only three-time winner of both the Ontario Library Association Silver Birch and four-time winner of the Red Maple Award in which over 250,000 students participate and vote on the winner.

In November 2013, he received the prestigious Children's Africana Book Award as best book for young children for his book *The Matatu*. In 2017, he won the prestigious Sakura Medal give to the favorite book of international students in Japan. Walter's novels are now available in places as far away as New Zealand, Australia, India, and Nepal and have been translated into more than a dozen languages.

He goes to great lengths to research each of his books before he writes them—including climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and even walking across Africa—to ensure his books are believable and authentic.

He hopes to be able to spread that passion he has for reading and writing on to the next generation through his presentations.

his presentations. "I love writing," said Walters, noting it's heartening when he has had students come up to him and say that they now want to be writers after hearing him speak. "I hope they see reading as more interesting, that they want to read books."

### Hochfeld man facing assualt, confinement charges

A Hochfeld man faces several charges including assault after allegedly putting an ex-girlfriend through a terrifying ordeal.

Winkler police arrested the 19-yearold Oct. 31 after they were called to Pearl St. about the woman being assaulted.

Police say the dispute began with the woman sitting in her vehicle when the man reached inside and grabbed her car keys and cell phone and, in the process, tore off part of her fingernail.

The woman tried to run away but said the accused grabbed her and tried to drag her to his vehicle, at which point she was able to free herself and hide for a time in a backyard. After another encounter with the man in which he again tried to get her into his vehicle, the victim was able to escape a second time and run to a nearby friend's house to call for help.

In addition to assault, the accused is also charged with forcible confinement and two counts of mischief. He was released on a promise to appear in court.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports include:

• Winkler police are investigating an Oct. 30 report of a bobcat stolen from a work site on Northlands Parkway. The vehicle was later found outside of the city with the windows and electronics smashed.

• Winkler police were called to Domino's Pizza around 2:30 a.m. Nov. 3 after a man armed with a knife

threatened a female co-worker.

Police said the man was upset about a work-related issue and stabbed the knife into the counter, narrowly missing the woman's hand.

The 17-year-old Manitou resident is charged with assault with a weapon and possession of a dangerous weapon. He was released on a promise to appear in court.

• Morden police went to an apartment Nov. 4 in response to a report of someone heard yelling and crying for the past hour. They questioned a man who was drunk and cautioned him for causing a disturbance.

Officers were then called back to the same apartment complex an hour later to deal with the same person, who was found this time in the hallway after having fallen down some stairs, though he was not hurt.

The 33-year-old man was arrested and held overnight with no charges.

Later the next morning, police got a third call about the man when he was heard yelling in his apartment. Charges are now pending.

• Morden police were called to an accident Nov. 4 at 2nd Street and Wardrop Street.

A vehicle going south was unable to stop and hit a vehicle travelling east. There were no injuries as a result of the collision.

Driving the vehicle that slid through the intersection was a novice driver who did not have a supervising driver with them as required.

The 16-year-old driver was ticketed.

# Moving day for Tabor





PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Monday was a big day for Tabor Home residents and staff as they moved into the new personal care facility on the east end of Morden. Three local handivans as well as one from Manitou were enlisted to transport residents, and the move went smoothly enough that everyone was settling in to have their first lunch in the new care home after having had breakfast in the old location.

### Stanley Ag looking to the future with strategic planning session

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The Stanley Agricultural Society is holding a strategic planning session later this month.

The two-day session Nov. 24-25 is being called a Search Conference and will be facilitated by the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies.

A variety of key community stakeholders are taking part by invite only to help the society figure out how it can better serve the needs of the community, said president Toban Dyck.

"We're just going over what we think an ag society should be, where it is, where's it's going and how to get there. I hope to come out of this session with a really clear understanding of what we're fighting for when we fight for the ag society's survival,"he said.

"It's good timing right now. We're kind of in flux with the land issue. None of that's been decided," Dyck added."It's forced us to come up with a vision or a mission for the ag society so that we can thrive."

The dispute between the City of Winkler and the society over the expropriation of the organization's land in the Parkland area remains unresolved.

The city moved this spring to start on expropriation of the society's land for its Meridian Exhibition Centre project, but the society then filed an objection.

The key issue has been around the

value of the land, as the city maintains it had an assessment done and had based its offer on an amount above that value, but the society had another assessment done that offers a different value.

While that issue will come into play, it ultimately is not the focus of this session, said Dyck.

"We hope it will give us a sense of

where the ag society is going, how it can better represent the community ... what do members of the community want out of their local ag society?"



### Twisters' new owners cut the ribbon

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder helped officially reopen Twisters Restaurant last Tuesday with new coowners Christine Kornelson and Ray and Wendy Wiebe. The themed restaurant offering a blast from the past now also has a few new items on the menu, including chicken, pizza, and soft ice cream. It also features a banquet room downstairs that can serve up to 70 people."We're hoping to utilize that some more," said Ray Wiebe.

## **'Tis the season**

### Plum Coulee, Morden hold tree lighting ceremonies next week; Winkler's is Nov. 30

The Winkler-Morden area is preparing to light up for the holiday season.

Plum Coulee is the first community to officially turn on their Christmas lights this year, as they host their tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The community is invited to gather in front of the town office downtown starting at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will include greetings from dignitaries, a community prayer and message from a local pastor, a performance by the Plum Coulee Elementary School Gr. 1-2 choir, a carol sing-along, and Citizen of the Year Jake Dueck ringing the town bell to usher in the holiday season.

St. Nick is also slated to make an appearance, free hot chocolate will be available, and community members are urged to bring along a packed shoebox for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child campaign.

A few nights later, Morden will host its tree lighting ceremony downtown in front of the Civic Centre on Friday, Nov. 17.

The fun begins with the arrival of Santa Claus at 5:15 p.m. Free pictures with St. Nick will be available inside the civic centre. Residents are asked to bring along a non-perishable food item or cash donation for Donate Love in exchange for a photo.

The evening also includes a bonfire with free hot chocolate and cookies starting at 6 p.m., the city's Christmas tree being lit up at 7 p.m. by Mayor Ken Wiebe, a Fun & Fire light show, and a performance from a multicultural choir.

The community is encouraged to bring in their Operation Christmas



**VOICE FILE PHOTO** 

Plum Coulee kids mob Santa Claus at last year's community tree lighting festivities last year. This year's events take place on Nov. 15. Morden hosts its ceremony Nov. 17 and Winkler's take place Nov. 30.

Child shoeboxes as well as donations for the Morden Christmas Cheer Board's toy drive and stocking program.

Rounding out the month will be Winkler's Light Up the Season festivities, which take place at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre on Park St. on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 5-8 p.m. There will be free s'mores with Santa, hot chocolate, kids crafts, a photo booth, carols from Garden Valley Collegiate students, and art on display, including this 2017 Gingerbread House competition (you can vote for your favourite that night) and the WAC's Advent art show featuring 25 small winter scenes.

# Miami YIP group eager to give back

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Miami students are getting more involved in their community with the formation of a youth in philanthropy group at the local school.

It comes about with a six year funding commitment that will see \$3,500 come for the first three years from the Thomas Sill Foundation followed by the same amount for the next three years through the Miami Foundation. Teacher Craig Blagden sees this as a great next step for the students who have been involved in activities like collecting food for care hampers and fundraising in recent years.

Being part of the YIP group takes it to another level for them, he said, giving students the opportunity to develop a better understanding of where the money goes and why.

"When they give money for a food hamper or give money to the cancer



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Huntley Knox, chair of the Miami Foundation, was on hand recently as Hugh Arklie of the Thomas Sill Foundation presented \$3,500 for the new Miami School Youth in Philanthropy program, represented here by president Julia Prondzinski. society ... that's one thing ... but now they actually have a chance to talk with these groups and find out what they do, and so they hopefully can become more involved and more understanding of why the need is there," Blagden said.

Spearheading the group this year are four Gr. 10 students and one Gr. 12 student.

Community groups will make formal presentations to the students to request funding, and Blagden hopes it may encourage the students to get more engaged and involved in the local community

"I'm hoping they get the experience of actually being involved with groups," he said.

"It's also going to make them sympathetic ... they'll maybe have to decide that one group doesn't get money and then have to tell them why ... that's hard to do. That's something they'll have to learn ... they can't just say yes to everybody."

Judy Rudd-Henderson, a director of the Miami Foundation, sees this as a great way to expand the foundation's reach in the community.

"I think the main thing is to teach them what philanthropy is really all about and to learn at a young age. It's just teaching them how to be good community members," she said. "It is a bigger deal than it is in a larger community," Rudd-Henderson added, suggesting this is a significant initiative for a community the size of Miami.

She noted as well there is the potential for this to also provide long term benefit to Miami School because their idea is for the students to only give out \$2,500, so a portion of the remaining funds could help cover expenses and also be set aside for a school fund.

"And that little pot of money could grow to the point where they would have more money on an ongoing basis to give out," she said.

Blagden also likes the potential long term impact of this not only for the students but the community as well.

"Part of what I'm hoping is that this isn't something that after Gr. 12, they're done ... I'm hoping it will make an impact on them," said Blagden.

"They'll realize that there are a number of people in need of the money ... if we can't give them the money, maybe there's something else we can do for them," he said. "The students maybe don't know what is available locally to help out ... so this is going to help them become more active in the community." Getting into the holiday spirit

The Access Event Centre was packed Saturday for the Pembina Hills Arts Council's annual holiday craft sale. The show featured over 90 booths, including one offering hand art (below, left) and another where young shoppers got to try their hand at crokinole (below, right). Other vendors sold all manner of handcrafted and homemade products.

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# Portage joins Central MB Tourism Assoc.

There's a new community joining the Central Manitoba Tourism Association next year.

Effective in 2018, Portage la Prairie will be the latest member of the regional tourism agency, which also includes as members the communities of Morden, Carman, Morris, Altona, and the rural municipalities of Roland, Rhineland, Pembina, Grey, Dufferin, Louise, Victoria, Thompson, Montcalm, Norfolk Treherne, and Lorne.

"Even prior to my arrival in Portage la Prairie, I recognized the great work that Central Manitoba Tourism has been doing to entice visitors to explore the great slate of experiences that await in this region," said Vern May, executive director for Portage Regional Economic Development. "I believe that we need to embrace the opportunities to think across municipal boundaries and recognize our shared opportunities as it relates to tourism."

Central Manitoba Tourism chair Tyler King is eager about this addition in the northern part of the region.

"Regional tourism provides an opportunity for centres large and small to work together in creating memorable experiences for travellers from near and far," he said. "Collaboration allows us to create a larger reach and partnerships to help grow our communities. I'm pleased to welcome Portage la Prairie to our organization."

Learn more about Central Manitoba Tourism online at centralmbtourism. ca.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Central Manitoba Tourism chair Tyler King welcomes Portage Regional Economic Development executive director Vern May to the tourism agency.



### Rough start for Redskins, Royals

**By Ashleigh Viveiros** 

Winkler and Morden's South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League teams got their seasons off to a rocky start last weekend.

On Saturday, the Morden Redskins opened the season by facing off against the Altona Maroons in front of a home town crowd.

Altona did all the scoring in the first two periods, getting one past Morden netminder Reed Peters 10 minutes into the first and another nearly five minutes into the second.

The Maroons made it 3-1 a little over two minutes into the final period and looked poised to start their year off with a shutout before the Redskins' Matt Sibbald stepped up to score with less than five minutes left in the game.

It wasn't enough, though, nor was pulling Morden's goalie for the extra man, which Altona took advantage of by scoring once more to get the win 4-1.

Despite the loss, Peters made a heroic effort in net, facing 44 shots while his teammates sent 25 the other way. Winkler didn't fare much bet-

ter Sunday night playing in Portage against the Islanders.

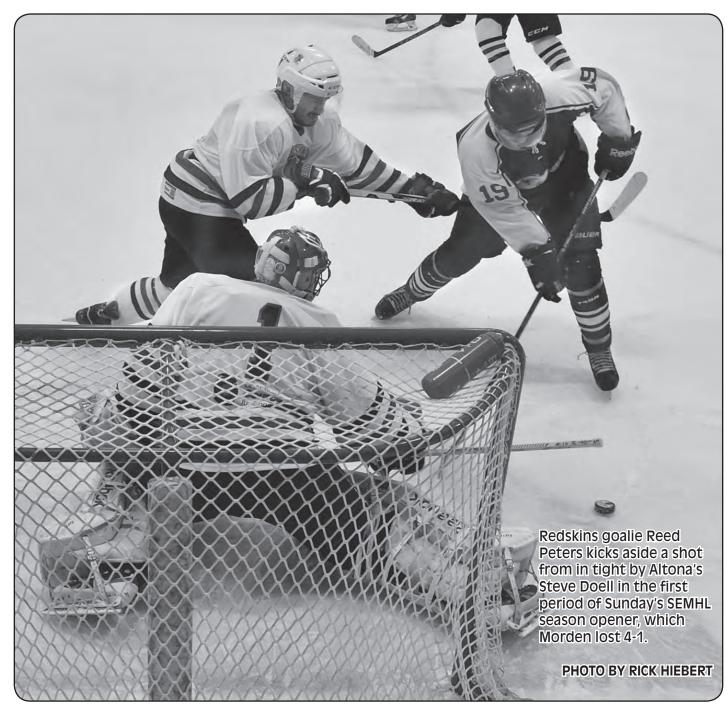
The two teams seemed evenly matched in the first, with Portage drawing first blood 17 minutes in, only to see that lead disappear with a Winkler goal from Phil Letkeman in the final minute.

The Islanders pulled ahead, though, with the second period's only goal, and then made it a 3-1 game early on in the final period.

Despite Scott Toews scoring unassisted in the eighth minute, Winkler was unable to bridge the gap any further, while Portage added two more nails to the coffin for a 4-2 victory.

Overall, Portage outshot Winkler 43-17, with Matt Krahn getting the loss in net.

Coming up this Saturday, Morden hosts Warren at 8 p.m. while Winkler travels to play Altona.



# Flyers split pair with OCN

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers reached for first place and just missed it over the weekend.

The team split their pair of games up north against OCN Friday and Saturday, leaving them two points shy of the top spot in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League standings.

That honour goes to the Steinbach Pistons, who are 15-3 for 30 points. Winkler is currently 14-4 for 28 points, tied with OCN as of press time.

Neither the Flyers nor the Blizzard managed to consistently come out on top in last weekend's games

Following on the heels of a 2-1 OT victory over the Winnipeg Blues on Halloween night, Winkler extended their winning streak to seven by downing OCN 2-1.

The Blizzard struck first, scoring midway through the opening frame

for a short-lived 1-0 lead. Nolan Mc-Guire got Winkler up on the scoreboard at 17:51 with his 15th goal of the season.

The tie would hold through to the opening couple of minutes of the final period, when Weiland Parrish broke the deadlock to score what ended up being the game winner at 1:36.

## **3rd Wave Triathalon Club gives back to community**



#### PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Five organizations are sharing the rewards from the 3rd Wave Triathlon Club's 34th annual Morden Triathlon. Funds raised through fees and sponsorships meant \$1,000 each went to South Central Cancer Resource Centre, Many Hands Resource Centre, and Morden Caring and Sharing, and \$500 each went to the Darlingford and Morden fire departments for their charities of choice, which were the Pembina Manitou Christmas Cheer Board and the firefighters' burn fund. "I think the club loves racing in this community and they also love to give back. it's great to see that hard work going into organizations that are making a difference in our community," said race co-director Stephanie Dueck, who was on hand for the presentation Monday along with Heather Francis, chair of Many Hands Resource Centre, Tom Hamilton, deputy fire chief for Darlingford, Jean Clayton, Pembina Manitou Christmas Cheer Board, Amy Friesen, president of Morden Caring and Sharing, Tracy Peters, administrator for South Central Cancer Resource, and race co-director Heather Janzen. Missing: Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen.

## Pembina Valley Hawks move into fifth place

#### By Lorne Stelmach

A three game win streak vaulted the male Pembina Valley Hawks into fifth place in the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League.

The Hawks followed up a 4-3 shootout win over the Central Plains Capitals Saturday in Portage by edging the Interlake Lightning 5-3 Sunday in Morden.

Nicholas Hatley was the only skater to connect in the shootout, scoring in the third round to give the Hawks the extra point.

Pembina Valley had trailed 2-1 and 3-2 at the intermissions on goals by Tristan Day and Tyson Allison, then Jayden McCarthy evened things at 13:20 of the third period to send the game to overtime.

The Hawks had goaltender Martin Gagnon to thank for the win, as the netminder stopped 49 shots as the Capitals held a 52-40 edge through the four periods.

On Sunday, Pembina Valley fired home three third period goals to put the game away against the Lightning. Kolton Shindle scored a pair to lead the Hawks, with other goals coming from Noah Goertzen, Ethan Carels, and Sven Schefer into the empty net with 47 seconds left.

Gagnon had a lighter workload this

time with 18 saves as the Hawks outshot Interlake 40-21.

The Hawks sit at 7-4-0-1-1 for 16 points, which leaves them one up on Parkland and two ahead of Yellowhead while sitting four back of the

Winnipeg Wild.

Pembina Valley hosts the last place Norman Northstars for a weekend doubleheader Friday and Saturday and then head to Winnipeg next Wednesday to meet the Thrashers.

## Martyniuk named goalie of the month

#### From Pg. 32

Troy Martyniuk got his 10th win in net, making 39 saves as OCN outshot Winkler 40-35.

It was an equally hard-fought battle the next night, but this time things swung OCN's way 3-2.

After a scoreless opening period, the two rivals ended the second frame tied at 2-2. Winkler's goals came courtesy of Jacob Lacasse, who scored both in a three minute stretch between the Blizzard's goals.

Despite outshooting OCN 22-12 in the final period, Winkler simply couldn't get past the wall that was the Blizzard's Emilien Boily in net, while OCN snuck the game-winner past Martyniuk midway through the period.

Overall, Martyniuk made 35 saves as Winkler beat OCN in shots 51-38.

This week for the Flyers, they follow up on Tuesday's match against Selkirk by hosting Swan Valley on Saturday and Neepawa on Sunday. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

#### MARTYNIUK HONOURED

Flyers netminder Martyniuk was named the MGEU-MJHL Goaltender of the Month for October. The 20-year-old Winnipeg native is off to a great start to the season, lead-ing the league in wins and shutouts.

During his eight starts in the month of October, Martyniuk posted a 7-1 record with two shutouts to help his team enter November with a share of first place in the league standings.

His 2.00 GAA and .939 Save % in October has also helped the club maintain the best team goals against average in the league.

Overall this season, Martyniuk has a league topping 10-4 record with two shutouts, a 2.08 GAA and .934 save percentage.

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## Pembina Valley Twisters crush Victorias 5-1

#### By Lorne Stelmach

A three goal outburst in the second period sealed the victory for the Pembina Valley Twisters Friday in Winnipeg.

The Twisters added to a 1-0 first period lead and hung on for the 5-1 win over the St. Vital Victorias in what ended up being their lone game of the week as their Saturday meeting with the Stonewall Jets was postponed due to the weather.

Pembina Valley scored a pair of powerplay goals in the middle frame, while Jeremie Goderis led the attack with his ninth goal of the season and a pair of assists. Firing in his tenth of the year was Fraser Mirrlees, with other goals coming from Brendan Keck, Alex Tetrault, and Joey Baker. Shots on goal were 38-33 in favour of the Twisters. Griffin Dyck earned the win in net with 32 saves.

Pembina Valley remains in eighth place at 6-8 for 12 points. That has

them tied with the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins and just one point back of the St. James Canucks and St. Boniface Riels.

The Twisters are in Winnipeg Friday

to face the Twins. The two split their first two games this season.

On Sunday, the Twisters visit the Raiders, who took a 7-5 win the last time they met the Twisters on the ice.

## High school sports round-up

• In Zone 4 high school hockey, the Morden Thunder fell to the Mountain Mustangs 8-4 Nov. 3.

GVC's Zodiacs also had a rough weekend, losing to the Morris Mavericks 8-2 Friday and to the Pembina Tigers 3-2 Saturday. GVC then bested the PCI Trojans 8-4 on Monday.

• In SCAC varsity volleyball, the

Northlands Parkway Collegiate girls team fell to the Lions in Glenlawn in three sets Monday night.

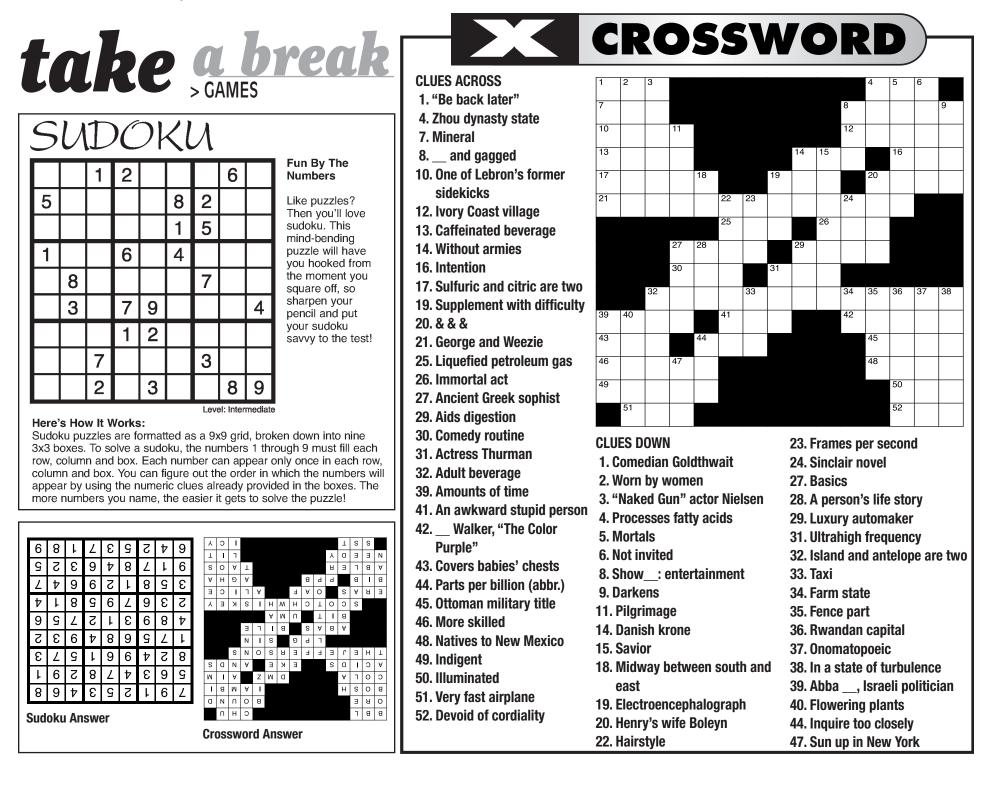
The NPC boys, meanwhile, posted a 3-1 win over the Royals last Thursday and then lost to the Lions in five sets on Monday.

• In Zone 4 varsity volleyball, the GVC boys had a winning week, beat-

ing the Blues 3-2 Oct. 31 and Morden 3-0 Nov. 2.

GVC's girls won their matches against the Blues and the Thunder three sets to one.

Morden's boys also lost to the Raiders 3-2 and the Cougars 3-0 last week, while the girls won their match against the Raiders 3-1.













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# PI Financial keeps things in perspective

PI Financial in Morden plays an important role for its clients who are producers from all across Canada.

It basically comes down to risk management and helping bring overall operations into profitability, say Jack Peters and his nephew Reed Peters.

<sup>a</sup>The biggest thing is protecting people's farms," said Reed, who has been in the business for three years and said he has learned a lot from his uncle in that time.

"Our focus here is primarily on hedging ... we hedge agricultural commodities, primarily grains and hogs ... we do crude oil as well," explained Jack, who has a background in agriculture but has been in this business now for 16 years.

"For instance, in the case of hogs, the fourth quarter is usually the most difficult quarter of the year, so what we try to do is focus on people making money in the fourth quarter because the other quarters very often actually are where they make the bulk of their money," he explained. "Farmers are at risk if prices go down ... so therefore we want to learn how to be the best sellers we can be.

"The key to the whole thing is keeping everything in perspective and not getting carried away," Jack added. "If someone thinks that a market is at the top and we start selling aggressively ... that could lead to some consequences that are not favorable.



PI Financial's Reed Peters helps producers find profit in their operations.

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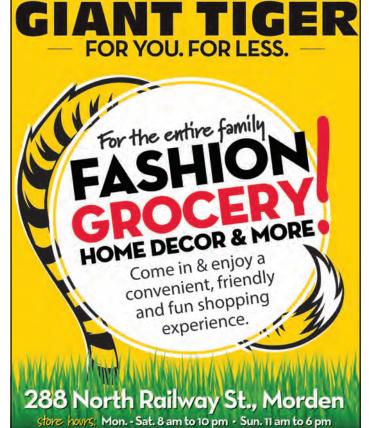
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# Morden's mosaic





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#### RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Stanley has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 23111 PTH 14W and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of The Assessment Act:

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- of the board as indicated in the public notice. The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of

Stanley to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Monday, November 20, 2017.

Dated at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 2nd day of November, 2017. Dale Toews - Secretary Board of Revision

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We as a family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, food, cards, flowers, visits and donations to Cancer Care. Thank you to the staff at Cancer Care for your kindness. Thank you to Pastor Paul Polonenko and everyone else involved in Abe's celebration of life service. We also want to thank Wiebe's Funeral Home for the care and consideration with the arrangements. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

> -Janie, Scott, Lori, Darren and families



OBITUARY

#### **Robert Demke** 1930 - 2017

Robert Demke passed away at his place of residence on Friday, October 27, 2017. He suffered his first stroke in April of 2016 and was hospitalized for two weeks at that time. This summer, he suffered another stroke and had numerous falls. Ever since his first stroke, he suffered shortness of breath and walking became increasingly difficult. His wish was to die at home and he was granted that wish.

Robert was born May 27, 1930 in Winkler, MB to Peter and Augusta Demke. He grew up on a farm, four miles north of Winkler. He was the youngest of four children and had two sisters and one brother. Life on the farm meant he had to work the fields at a very young age. He was a farmer all his life and this was something he

enjoyed doing. We always joked that he would die with his boots on! Well, that didn't happen, but he did farm right up until the end, helping his son, Pat combine this year's crop. He will be remembered as an extremely hard worker! During his lifetime, he farmed four miles north of Winkler on the home farm as well as at Miami and south of Morden in the 1-6 district. Robert married Marlene Titchkosky on July 14, 1957 and their union was blessed with four daughters and one son.

He was predeceased by both is his parents, Peter and Augusta; his sister, Doris and his brother, Wilfred. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Marlene; his daughter, Geraldine and husband, Ron; his daughter, Bonny and friend, George; his son, Pat and wife, Sandy; his daughter, Melanie and husband, Marc; his daughter, Michelle and husband, Nan; 14 grandchildren as well as greatgrandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the paramedics who came to the house. Morden Police Service, all who participated in the funeral service, the ladies serving group at Wiebe Funeral Chapel for the lovely lunch and Wiebe Funeral Home for their kind and compassionate care.

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liebe Funeral Homes OBITUARY

#### Kathleen Joanne Vandenberghe (nee Grift) 1971 - 2017

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Kathy Vandenberghe, beloved wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, sister and friend passed away Friday, October 27th, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Center with family by her side.

To mourn her passing, she leaves behind her husband, Garth Vandenberghe; daughters, Natasha (Shaun) Hildebrandt and Natalie (Joshua) Macfarlane; grandchildren, Ethan, Addison and Tenley; her parents, Raymond and Joanne Grift and her brothers, Keith, Kelly, Kevin Grift and their families.

Kathy was born in Beausejour, Manitoba on March 21, 1971. She grew up chasing her three brothers around the small town

of Baldur. After she graduated in 1989, she moved to Brandon and met Garth that same year. They built a life together with their two daughters in Morden where Kathy pursued her dream of owning a flower shop and gift boutique with her best friend for 15 years. Since her days at Floral Scents she worked at Appelts, which was a perfect fit because she loved jewelry so much. She had many hobbies including crocheting, knitting, quilting, baking, travelling and shopping. Her biggest passion in life however was her family; more than anything she loved spoiling her three grandchildren who meant the world to her. In her 46 years, she lived life to the fullest and left a footprint on all that knew her. She will be deeply missed.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Westside Community Church.

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OBITUARY

#### Peter A. Elias 1930 - 2017

Peter A. Elias, 87, of Winkler, MB, formerly of Blumenfeld, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 28 at the Rock Lake Health District Hospital.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Mary (nee Wiebe); his sons, Abe (Mary), Peter (Debra); his daughters, Mary (Martin Driediger), Ann (George Elias), Tina (Henry Penner) and Lisa (Peter Bergen); 21 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four brothers, four sisters, two sisters-inlaw, three brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, John P. and Anna Elias, one brother, one brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law and one greatgranddaughter.

Peter was born to Anna Rempel on June 15, 1930 in the village of Neuenberg. He later moved to Hochfeld and then to Blumenfeld when he started grade 2. He spent the rest of his childhood on the farm, attending school and helping his father on the farm. As a young adult, Peter worked for the McKnight and Trinke Farms.

Peter met a girl, Mary Wiebe, in Blumenfeld and after a time of courting, became baptized in the spring of 1951 in the Blumenfeld Old Colony Church. On October 21, 1951, Mary became his wife. Mom and Dad were married for 66 years and one week. They spent the first number of years of their married life moving and working in different places, from Blumenfeld, Plum Coulee, Haskett and Schanzenfeld and Abe, Mary, Ann and Peter were born during those years. In 1961, they set out on a big adventure, packing up the family and moved to La Crete, Alberta to try their hand at homesteading. Dad cleared a patch of land by hand and moved a house onto it. Later a log barn and dugout were added and he fenced in some treed pastureland. Dad also enjoyed trying to keep the bears off of the homestead, hunting them down at night if necessary. Tina was born while living in La Crete. Wherever they lived, church was an important part of their life. Dad was a song leader in the Sommerfeld Church in La Crete.

In 1969, Dad was up for a new adventure and moved the family to Vanderhoof, B.C. Dad worked for a dairy farm and did some logging in winter. Lisa was born in the 11 months that we lived there. In spring of 1970, the move was made back to Manitoba. They lived in the Blumenfeld area, starting a few new places and businesses, including Elias Woodwork in 1978. In 1992, another dream came to reality when they had a log house built behind Blumenfeld. They moved to Winkler in the year 2000. After a few more moves, they settled in Lion's Manor till March 3, 2017, when our parents were both admitted to Boundary Trails Health Center after Dad suffered a heart attack. Dad and Mom were both transferred to Crystal City on May 5 to wait for room in Salem. Dad had another heart attack a number of weeks ago and his health kept going down till sometime during the night, he went into a coma and with family at his side, went to meet his Lord and Saviour at 3:50 p.m. on October 28, 2017.

took numerous road trips, which included trips to visit their children in Saskatchewan, friends in Vanderhoof and a long road trip to Alaska with Martin and Helen in 2001. He has had a number of different jobs in his life - farming, construction, electrician, logging, dairy, steel work at Schmidt Manufacturing, carpentry at Dutch Mobile Homes, but his passion was for woodwork. He made many beautiful wooden toys and carvings in the later years of his life. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service was held at 2:00p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Blumenfeld Cemetery.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." - 2 Timothy 4: 7+8 Special thanks to staff at Boundary Trails Health Center, especially Dr. Bryan Kroeker and staff

and Rock Lake Health District Hospital for their excellent care. Also thanks to all Home Care staff, Wiebe Funeral Home and friends and family for all visits, calls, thoughts and prayers.

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OBITUARY



Cornie F. Wiebe, age 83 years of Winkler, formerly of Rudnerweide, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family at the Boundary Trails Health Centre on Friday, October 27, 2017.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved children, Dorothy (Rick) Braun, children Steven (Deandra), Kristin (Jake) and greatgrandson Emmett; Gerald (Patty) Wiebe, children Scott, Marika, Jessica, and Mark; Gladys (Dan) Vanson, children Paul (Stacey), great-granddaughter Hadley, Kurt (Kendra); Angela (John) Teichroeb, children Aron, David, Andrea, and Erika; Myrna (Mike) Palleschi, children Mykaela and Connor; Ruth Loeppky, children Marie (Michael), Jane, Craig, and Kate.

He is also survived by two sisters, Kay Stewart and Susan Kehler, one brother Abe, and foster brother Dennis Wiebe. He was predeseased by his loving wife Dora, son-in-law Lorne Loeppky,

four brothers, one sister and his parents. Funeral service was held on Monday, October 30, 2017 at the Winkler E.M.M. Church. Interment followed at the Rudnerweide Cemetery.

In memory of Cornie F Wiebe, donations may be made to Boundary Trails Health Centre, Palliative Care Unit.

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Dad was a very gentle, quiet man, who worked hard his whole life to provide for his family. They

