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Breaking ground on Katie's Cottage

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Last Friday, Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer (centre), charity volunteers and supporters, and local leaders broke ground on the Katie's Cottage respite home being built across the road from the Boundary Trails Health Centre. The facility is expected to open next spring.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Last Friday afternoon's sod-turning for Katie's Cottage was a bittersweet affair for the friends and family of the late Kaitlyn Reimer.

Katie's mom, Ruth Reimer, was all smiles as she dug up the first shovelful of dirt to officially kick off construction on the respite home going up across the road from the Boundary Trails Health Centre between Winkler and Morden.

But with the smile also came a few tears. The respite home was very much Katie's dream. She saw the need for such a place while she received cancer treatment at BTHC. "Families need a place to rest and to be able to rejuvenate," said Reimer. "There is nothing out here like this now."

Katie's Cottage will include several private guest bedrooms and shared recreation areas to give peo-

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Salem launches new fundraising campaign

Hopes to purchase three portable wheelchair washers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home is hoping to revolutionize the everyday task of cleaning its residents' wheelchairs.

The Winkler personal care home announced its latest fundraising campaign last week.

Its goal is to raise \$61,800 to pur-

chase three multipurpose equipment washers that will more effectively sanitize the wheelchairs and other pieces of equipment (walkers, portable commodes, etc.) used daily by its residents.

The portable units—which automatically clean whatever equipment is placed inside—will significantly streamline the cleaning process so that staff can spend less time scrubbing and more

time building relationships with the people in their care.

"We need to find ways to help our staff to find time to do what needs to be done, to meet the care needs, and also have time to socialize, to build that relationship as part of our relationship-centred care," said Nancy Wiebe, Salem's special projects assistant.

Wiebe pointed out that 86 per cent of the care home's residents use wheelchairs, meaning that staff have hundreds of them to clean a minimum of twice a month. It can take over half an hour to scrub down a dirty wheelchair, said resident care manager Dayna Jonasson.

With a five-minute cycle that can accommodate two wheelchairs at once, the new washing units will allow equipment to be cleaned more often, further lowering Salem's already low infection rates, she said.

"And they'll be cleaner," added fellow resident care manager Katharina Bruhn, who points out the machine reduces bacteria by 99.9 per cent after a single wash.

As always, the Salem Foundation, the care home's fundraising arm, is taking the lead on

this campaign.

Chair Edwin Guenther said freeing up staff time from mundane tasks is part of the foundation's goal for Salem, as it leaves "more quality time for our residents."

All the funds from this year's Christmas Carol Sing-Along will go to this project, Guenther said.

The concert takes

place on Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Faspa will be served from 4-4:40 p.m. followed by traditional Christmas carols from the Blue Collar Harmony Boys and local vocalist Jayme Giesbrecht.

Admission is free, though a freewill offering will be accepted.

If you're unable to make the concert, you can still donate to the washer campaign by contacting Salem Home at 204-325-4316.

"It's that time of year when families are wondering, 'What should I get



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Salem Home staffers (standing, from left) Karin Oliveira, Jake Derksen, Nancy Wiebe, Dayna Jonasson, and Katharina Bruhn with Salem Foundation chair Edwin Guenther (seated). Salem is fundraising for three new portable equipment washers that will allow staff to spend less time cleaning and more time building relationships with residents.

Mom and Dad?' or 'What should we get for Grandma and Grandpa?'" said Wiebe. "This is another opportunity

for them to make a donation towards something that will make a direct daily impact on the residents' lives."



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ple a comfortable place to retreat to while their loved ones receive care at the hospital.

When it's complete, families will be able to "come right across the street ... be so close to your loved one, and yet be able to relax and then be able to rest yourself so that you can go back and take care of that loved one.

"That is so important. I knew that when taking care of Kaitlyn—if I was rested I could then take care of her properly."

Kaitlyn passed away in 2012 after a two year battle with cancer. She was just 15 years old.

Before her death, she successfully launched Katie Cares—a charity that has distributed hundreds of care packages of toys and games to kids in hospitals to make their stay there a little easier—and planted the idea for what became Katie's Cottage.

Standing at the site last week, Re-

"IT IS VERY BITTERSWEET. BUT I KNOW IT'S GOING TO HELP SO MANY." imer said it was surreal to finally break ground on the project in her daughter's memory after so many years of planning and fundraising.

"It feels good. It's overwhelming. It is very bittersweet," she said. "But I know that it's going to help so many ... and I'm thrilled by that. So many people need a place to stay, and that will be happening very, very soon."

The nearly 4,300 square foot facility is being built in Winkler by Grandeur Housing as a ready-to-move building. They plan to begin construction next month and to have it completed a month before WBS Construction wraps up work on the site itself next April.

As for fundraising, Reimer says they're nearly at the \$500,000 mark in donations and in-kind support.

"We've had some bigger donations come in in the last couple of days, so we are closing in," she said. "It's inch by inch ... word is getting out."

If you'd like to contribute, you can send donations to Katie Cares Inc., 255 13th Street, Winkler, MB, R6W 1S5.

You can also learn more about Katie Cares and follow the construction progress of Katie's Cottage online at www.katiecares.ca.



'Vintage Morden' a glimpse into days gone by

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites are flocking to a new social media page that provides a glimpse into days gone by.

The Vintage Morden Facebook page got its start after resident and *Voice* columnist Peter Cantelon got interested in a similar page for his home town of Guelph, Ontario. He then discovered the Vintage Toronto and Vintage Winnipeg pages.

"And I started thinking one of the things that Morden prides itself on is history ... particularly architectural history ... and a long history in the region," said Cantelon, who also has an interest related to his recent move into one of Morden's stone heritage homes.

"When I started doing some research ... trying to find historical photos ... aside from Morden's history book, it's really difficult to find old photos of Morden at all."

And thus the Vintage Morden page on Facebook was born.

Since the page launched, over 500 people have followed it and several historical photographs have been posted.

Cantelon hopes more people with an interest in the past will post the historical images they've collected over the years.

"I'm hoping this will bring them forth," he said. "It's also a quick and easy way of digitally archiving things. We don't really have anything like that."

A social media outlet like Facebook can be particularly good for people who have left Morden but still have connections to and interest in the community.

"No matter where they are—whether they are across Canada or around the world—they've brought their picture albums with them or family photos ... and they could still scan them and make them available for everybody to see," said Cantelon. "Plus, even remotely now, they have access to Morden history in a way that they



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Peter Cantelon has launched the Vintage Morden Facebook page to get Mordenites sharing photos and memories of the city's past.

didn't before."

The vintage page movement began several years ago and has taken Facebook by storm as cities all over the world launch their own pages.

Vintage Winnipeg began in 2012 and currently has more than 19,000 followers. After Winnipeg and Brandon, Morden is only the third community in Manitoba to launch a vintage page. With hundreds of followers after

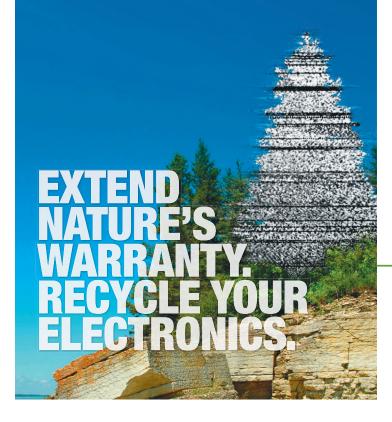
just a week, Cantelon said it was pret-

ty astounding to see the level of interest the page immediately generated.

"I never actually expected it to grow that quickly. But it's nice to see a whole pile of people have been interested in it," he said."I love the city and wanted to do something that gave people an opportunity to both learn and reminisce. So far, so good."

At this point, Cantelon wants to

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Take the Giving Challenge this Sat.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you've been considering making a donation to your local community foundation, this Saturday is the day to do it.

Both the Winkler Community Foundation and the Morden Area Foundation are taking part in the 24-hour Giving Challenge on Nov. 14.

On that day, all donations made to the foundations' community fund or unrestricted fund will be stretched by the Winnipeg Foundation—for every \$5 donated, the Winnipeg Foundation will add \$1 up to a maximum of \$2,000 per foundation.

"This is a great opportunity to support the Winkler Community Foundation," says executive director Myra Peters."Of course, we welcome gifts at any time, but giving on Nov. 14 will help our foundation and means extra support. We're so excited to see what our community can accomplish."

Peters notes that donations to the WCF are pooled and permanently invested, with the interest used to support local projects. As a result, your donation gives back to the community forever.

MAF executive director Lynda MacLean points out that donating Saturday is the best possible return on your investment you could ask for.

"That day is just the biggest bang for your buck," she says, noting, as well, that all the money raised on Saturday can also be applied to the ongoing Thomas Sill Foundation Challenge, which will grant rural community foundations \$25,000 if they raise \$50,000 by next September.

"So your money is working instantly," MacLean says. "Whatever you donate, it grows."

MAF is hosting a curling funspiel on Saturday to help it hit its goal of raising \$10,000 in one day.

The event takes over the Morden Curling Rink from 9 a.m. to noon and will include a costume contest, games and activities, prizes, guest speakers talking about the role of the foundation in the community, and an evening buffet supper of pulled pork that is open to everyone (\$10 per person).

To enter a team or for more information on the funspiel, contact MacLean at 204-822-5614 or via email at info@ mordenfoundation.ca.

Donations to the Winkler or Morden foundations for the 24-hour Giving Challenge can be made securely online at www.endowmanitoba.ca, or contact your community's foundation for additional donation methods.

You can reach the Winkler Community Foundation at 204-362-9292.

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keep the page open to anyone to participate, and he is keeping an open mind about what can be posted.

"I want to encourage people to post their own photos," he said. "I think we'll use the vintage car rule ... 25 years or older would be ideal. And that's not that long ago when you think about it. But you go back 25 years, you're talking about 1990 at this point ... things have changed."

You can check out the page at www.facebook.com/vintagemorden. Questions can be sent to vintagemorden@ gmail.com. If you have photos to be scanned, Vintage Morden can arrange that, as well.

The day 'soldier daddy' finally came home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Linda Butler was three years old the first time she met her father.

The man whose photograph she'd kissed each night before bed as long as she could remember showed up unexpectedly at her family's door in Brighton, England one day in 1945.

Her sobbing mother flung herself into his arms, while the more reluctant young Linda had to be coaxed that the stranger was, indeed the "soldier daddy" that her mother had told her so much about.

"I can still see him standing there in the kitchen doorway," recalls Butler, looking down at the photo of her father in uniform that was her only connection to him as a young child. "It's very vivid to me. I can remember that whole scene. It's one of my earliest memories."

Butler, who today calls Morden home, shares that her parents married just months after the Second World War broke out, knowing that her father, Bert Hard, would likely be called into service very soon.

Indeed, he entered the British armed forces in early 1940. He spent the next few years training in jungle warfare and, as an accomplished musician, travelling around England with the regimental band to raise troop morale.

While on leave in 1942, Bert broke the news to his family that he was being shipped to Burma. He would spend the rest of the war fighting there and in India.

His wife, meanwhile, had news of her own: she was pregnant with the couple's first child.

Butler was born in December of that year, but her father didn't even know she was a girl until well into 1943.

"As all letters to service personnel were censored, it took approximately six months for my father to learn that he had a daughter," she says. "From the parts of the letters that did get through, he knew that all must be well and that I had arrived safely, but he didn't know if he had a son or a daughter.

"Mom told me she tried to write it all different ways, but I guess they figured it was some kind of code or something because they kept censoring that part of it."

Life moved on, with Butler's father fighting half a world away while her mother, with the help of her own parents, raised her young daughter amidst the ravages of war.

Located just an hour south of London, Brighton suffered heavy damage at the hands of German bombers.

Butler remembers hearing the air raid sirens and, living too far from the public bomb shelter, having to huddle under what was known as a Morrison shelter—a reinforced, metal cage that doubled as the family's kitchen table. It took years for the community

to rebuild after the war. In fact, the bombed-out buildings became playgrounds for the city's children until well into the 1950s.

"We always played on the bomb sites ... it was just rubble and weeds and we'd play hide and seek and different other games," Butler recalls with a shrug. "You just grew up with it; you saw it all over."

As she grew older, Butler came to realize just how fortunate she was that her father was one of the soldiers who made it back home safe and whole.

"I went to school and met many people who never knew their fathers ... they never returned home. Or their fathers came back, but badly wounded," she says. "I consider myself very lucky that Dad returned to us."

Aside from a few scary bouts with malaria, Butler's father suffered no permanent injuries from his time at war, though for months afterwards she remembers hearing him call out in the night.

"He never talked about his time in the jungles of Burma and India, but I can remember him having nightmares for a while when he first came home. He'd wake up screaming and thrashing."

Butler says her father regretted missing out on her early formative years, and she always felt there was a special bond between them as a result.

"He talked about it sometimes, but he didn't dwell on it. There was nothing that could be done," she says. "I always felt that we had this connection, this bond because of it ... he was a great dad."

She stresses that her story is by no means unique—an entire generation of children lost time with their fathers because of that war, not to mention those that preceded and followed it.

But she shares her story at local schools and other public forums to try and put a more human face on the soldiers we honour every Remem-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Morden's Linda Butler with the photo of her father, Bert Hard, that she kissed good night as a toddler while he was away fighting in the Second World War. Upon returning home, Hard brought Butler this doll from Burma as a gift, which she has prized for years.

brance Day.

They weren't just soldiers, after all they were sons, husbands, and fathers who left their families behind to serve their country.

When she lays a wreath in memory of her father on Nov. 11—wearing her Legion uniform as a proud member— Butler pauses to remember her dad and all the fathers who never got to meet their sons and daughters.

"I think of some of the horrors that so many families went through ... both [my husband] Moe and I are very, very lucky that our dads came back, because there were so many that never did, or that came back as broken men."









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ecently I made the leap to cycling to work.

I sold my car, bought a second bike-a ridiculously cool "fat bike" (BIG, WIDE tires)—and have committed to riding to work through the whole of winter. So far the experiment has lasted two months. I say experiment because

I know me. I am "hair-brained schemer" with an idea-a-minute, most of which do not pan out. So far so good with this one, but there is

still time for radi-**By Peter** cal and spectacular Cantelon



I think the reason it is still working is that the commute is not very far, just a 4.5 kilometres round-trip in a day. For someone like me who basically sits all day, every day, any form of movement is a good thing. I am not "in shape" by any stretch of the imagination.

Trading up from a car to a bike

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Of course, the real test will come in late January when there is snow and ice on the ground and the wind chill is -50 Celsius.

I feel prepared in the same way a naïve, first-time mountain climber might feel prepared as they approach Everest. I am equipped, my heart is still in it, but we will see how we feel when we are half way up the mountain.

Speaking of equipped, I am stocking up on supplies. I purchased a snowboarding helmet because it is warmer and has ear coverings; I have a full ski mask that snaps onto it; a neoprene mask with vents for the lower half of my face and neck; insulated pull-over pants; lights for the bike ... you get the idea. I probably look like that one kid on the block whose parents kept him in a helmet, pads, and on a leash while outside. It may actually be a little overkill.

As is typical in my life when something changes, my mother calls with suspicious questions of "Why?" and statements like "Do you have enough money?" and "Are you okay?" I am aware that these are all code for "obviously something is wrong because why would a sane adult sell their car and start bicycling to work through winter?"

"Everything is fine, Mum. It's good

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Morden Redskins should rethink offensive name

After reading "Morden Redskins under fire" in the Nov. 5 edition of the Voice, I wanted to add my support to Heather Francis' efforts to have our local hockey team rethink their name.

Recently [team president] Brent Meleck said, "It's funny, because I'm First Nations, and I don't think it's offensive at all."

Mr. Meleck, I would hazard to guess, does not speak for the entire Aboriginal community.

If you were a child at school of aboriginal ancestry and you were called a "redskin," do you think that would be a term of respect or of derision? I have heard children being called those names in the various schools in which I have taught over the years, and I can guarantee it was

not said out of respect.

While I respect that Mr. Meleck and the Redskins hockey team just want to play some good hockey and not worry about any political ramifications of using a name like this, I don't think they get to choose, in today's society, whether or not something is offensive to our original inhabitants.

If you truly don't think it's offensive to First Nations people, why not invite some members from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to have a discussion with you and see what they, the people most affected by this name, actually think of it? Do they find it a term of respect, or a racial slur?

I don't know that we can make those decisions for other groups when we, the non-aboriginals among us, are not the ones who have grown up being insulted by this word.

Here is another scenario: would it be okay to have a sports team called the Morden "insert N word here" and have a mascot with a big afro?

Words ARE powerful, and the language we use as adults, as a community, as a country, are powerful and have the power to heal or divide.

Why don't we take the lead—if you can call changing this name after decades taking the lead—and show that we can still play great hockey AND have a respectful name and mascot?

> Marlene Perrin, Morden

> Want to weigh in on this issue? Have something else you'd like to get off your chest?

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AGRICULTURE REPORTER Harry Siemens



Opera House renos on track for Christmas finish

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

The renovations at the Manitou Opera House are moving forward full speed ahead, with exterior work on the project having wrapped up just this past weekend.

The community is adding nearly 2,200 square feet of renovated or new space to the 85-year-old heritage building, allowing for a roomier stage area, meeting rooms, additional

storage space, and, for the first time, a wheelchair accessible entrance.

Project manager Al Thorleifson said the project has hit a few bumps since construction started this spring, but he fully expects it will be completed by the new year.

"We did have some delays this summer ... but we're expecting

the interior work will all be done by Christmas," he said, adding that a ribbon cutting will likely be held in January or February.

Part of the project includes an 800 square foot addition to the east side of the building, which project leaders worked very hard to ensure would fit in seamlessly with the existing build-

ing. "The new addition looks like it was it," Thorleifson said, noting they had their work cut out for them tracking down modern materials that matched those used in the 1930s.

But it was all worth it.

"The Opera House is a heritage building and it's the crown jewel of the community. We have to do it right," he said." It may have cost more

> to do it that way, but we wanted it to have the same feel and the same look, the same dignity as the old building. That was really important to us."

The community has really rallied behind this project, not just financially but also by volunteering countless man-hours.

"We've had lots of people volunteering to help work, which has really moved things along,"Thorleifson said.

As far as fundraising goes, Thorleifson figures they're about 95 per cent of the way there.

"We've raised \$900,000," he said, adding that they'd like to raise another \$50,000 or so to finish off the project.

The project was originally pitched



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY AL THORLEIFSON

Work on the Manitou Opera House accessibility project is moving along nicely, with exterior work completed last weekend and the interior expected to be done by Christmas.

as costing closer to \$770,000, but that didn't include things like new flooring and rooms in the basement or new cupboards for the kitchen, along with a few other smaller improvements.

"Come last July we knew we had that [\$770,000] in place, and so the committee said, "Okay, then we can start looking at these other secondary things," said Thorleifson. "We've since raised another almost \$130,000."

The residents of Manitou and the surrounding communities have been very generous to the project, Thorleifson stressed, and he has no doubt they'll raise the final few thousand dollars needed to complete it all.

"I'd like to thank everybody that has supported this. We've been honoured

and pleased by the community support."

Even as work continues, the Opera House still has a line-up of concerts, plays, and other events over the next few months.

The first of the annual coffeehouse nights took place last Saturday, with additional fundraising evenings of music planned for Nov. 21 and Dec. 5.

"Yes, we're working in a construction site, there's no doubt of that, but we actually have not had to cancel any performances," said Thorleifson.

If you'd like to learn more about what's going on at the Manitou Opera House, find it online at manitouoperahouse.com or follow the facility on Facebook.

Waste contract decision raises community's ire

By Lorne Stelmach

The decision to go with a different company for waste collection in Morden in the new year has raised concern from the business community.

Businesses were questioning city council's choice of Souris-based Municipal Waste Management's tender for the contract over that of local firm Pembina Valley Containers.

"We've had a lot of our membership, a lot of businesses, with questions for us ... in terms of how could this happen, why would the city not support a local business," said Morden and District Chamber of Commerce president Chad Sheldon.

"Our concern from a chamber perspective was about the city's procure-

ment process. We just wanted confirmation that being a local business was a factor," Sheldon said.

"We did get that confirmation. We did meet with the city just to extend the concern that we were hearing and the optics of it not being a local business ... supporting a city service."

Mayor Ken Wiebe suggested council would have liked to have made it work with the local choice but in the end had to make a decision that was in the best interests of Morden taxpayers.

"That was the biggest factor ... the biggest hurdle we had to overcome ... the fact it was a local company we were trying to work with ... but it didn't work out," said Wiebe. "My question to people is how much are you willing to pay ... how much more are you willing to pay?

"It was a financial decision. People are always on council to keep our taxes low ... and with this new contract, we've gone to a three stream waste pickup, and there is no increase in the rate."

The details of the various tenders for the contract have not been made public.

Council will hold a public hearing on the new special services plan for collection of solid waste, compost and recycling at its Nov. 30 regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the civic centre.

As for Pembina Valley Containers, the company released a statement that said they were "saddened the city has gone outside the area to choose a waste and recycling company to service Morden.

"Pembina Valley Containers has provided this service since 1979, offers a sheltered work place for persons with disabilities and helped to make Morden a leader in the recycling world," the company said.

It went on to offer an assurance Pembina Valley Containers would continue its service to the end of the year when the current contract ends. The company also plans to continue to serve its commercial and industrial customers in the region.

For the time being, PVC's transfer site in Morden where both recycling and waste can be dropped off for a small fee is closed for safety reasons during their expansion.



At right: the Muscle Hut's Evan Taylor (left) and Kurtis Fox presented the **BTHC Foun**dation's Shannon Samatte-Folkett with a \$2,448 donation from its Bench for the Cure fundraiser held Oct. 31. **Participants** did 1,224 reps for the cause. SUBMITTED **PHOTOS**



Muscle Hut bench presses \$2,448 for BTHC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Muscle Hut in Winkler came through for the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation in a big way last

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exercise and saves a load of money on gas and insurance."

"Hmmmm ... " (She doubts this but submits).

Perhaps it is a mid-life crisis. I doubt it, though. I'm not that kind of guy, really. If it is a mid-life crisis, a bicycle is far cheaper than a \$75,000 sports car.

One of the best things about it is the memories, to be honest. I am not a cyclist in the sense of the word as so many others in our community are. I have never competed and I don't own thousands of dollars in equipment. I can say, however, that I have never been without a bike since I was about eight years old.

We never owned a car growing up so I biked everywhere. I didn't even get my driver's license until I was 25. The bike has always been equal to freedom for me. It took me places I otherwise would not go.

And so, as I said, I have been doing this now for two months and my legs still hurt and while currently it takes me to the land of sore muscles, at least this is evidence of the effort being put into it.

Here's hoping I survive the winter.

week.

The fitness studio hosted what it hopes will be its first annual charity bench pressing competition "Bench for the Cure" on Oct. 31, with funds raised earmarked for the BTHC's palliative care program.

Muscle Hut owner Kurtis Fox says about 80 people came out over the three-hour event, each vying to bench press the most reps in five different weight levels, ranging from the 40 lb. bar alone to 225 lbs. worth of weights.

Prizes were handed out for the most reps and, at day's end, the participants had bench pressed a whopping 1,224 reps in total.

At a \$2 donation per rep, that worked out to \$2,448.

"We weren't expecting that at all," Fox said."We thought we would like to raise maybe \$1,000 . . . we were blown away by the support we got."

Fox said they choose palliative care as this year's recipient at the urging of their members, who pointed out the ongoing financial needs of the program, which is funded entirely by community support.

Genesis House Family Dance Nov. 20

By Lorne Stelmach

Genesis House marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month with its eighth annual Family Dance.

The women's shelter, which is run by the South Central Committee on Family Violence, hosts the fundraiser at the Morden Friendship Centre on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

The dance, which has raised upwards of \$6,500 in past years, took a break in 2014 in favour of the shelter's 30th anniversary celebrations.

Now it's back and organizers hope the community will come out to celebrate.

"Genesis House is always seeking opportunities to engage community in the work that we do," said executive director Angela Braun. "The promotion of healthy families is at the core of our work, and the dance is a wonderful way of celebrating that with the community.

"We would love to see the commu-

nity come out for this family-friendly event and have a great time in support of the work we do."

The theme for this year's dance is "So You Think You Can Dance," which means organizers are encouraging people to come prepared for a dance-off.

Tickets for the dance are \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

A rainbow auction will be part of the evening featuring a host of prizes donated by local businesses.

Sponsors of this year's dance event include Green Valley Equipment, Eagle Eye Printing, and Friesen Insurance.

If you can't make the dance but still want to show your support, you can wear white at the Pembina Valley Hawks game against the Yellowhead Chiefs in Morden on Nov. 27.

The Hawks join the Winkler Flyers, the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs, and the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks in donning white in honour of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (the Flyers on Nov. 10 and the Zodiacs and Nighthawks on Nov. 11).

These types of events assist Genesis House by bringing the issue of family violence out of the shadows, said Braun, and it also provides a reminder of the community resources that are available to help end family violence.

The South Central Committee on Family Violence is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing confidential services.

They include a shelter for abused women and their children, supportive residential and non-residential programs, and prevention initiatives through public education.

In the last year, 61 woman and 70 children sought refuge at the shelter. Another 33 woman and 20 children received non-residential care.

You can find out more online at www.genesishouseshelter.ca.

Heritage Soc. banquet honours small farms

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Heritage Society's annual heritage banquet Nov. 5 paid homage to one of the bedrocks of our community: farming.

Guest speaker Kaylnn Spain shared her journey of visiting 80 different Manitoba small farms en route to creating the Small Farms Manitoba network.

"These farmers are producing and selling a wide range of products from beef to potatoes to wool—yet they all have one thing in common: these farmers are all working to build relationships with the people who eat and enjoy the things that they sell," Spain said.

This direct marketing is a key part of how small farm families in our province make a living doing what they love.

"Their stories are actually quite similar in nature," said Spain. "All of these farmers are working to create viable, rural livelihoods, as all farmers are ... and they are working to do that within our local economy here in Manitoba. Selling all of their products, their food within their local economy. Keeping it here, keeping it local."

Buying local has made a bit a comeback in recent years, but it was just the way things were for past generations, Spain noted. Today, people are gravitating back to buying local because they want to know where their food is coming from.

Small Farms Manitoba (which can be found online at smallfarmsmanitoba.com) seeks to connect producers and consumers so that people can be educated about the practices behind their food and related products, Spain explained, so that they can make informed decisions.

The organization also serves as a place for small farms owners to network and share ideas with other likeminded producers, she said.

"As small farmers, they have been called crazy by their neighbours, trying different methods of farming, different techniques that they thought they were the only ones [trying]," Spain said. "What these farmers wanted to know is they are not alone in their struggles and in their challenges in creating viable livelihoods around direct marketing."

The evening also included reports from the society's three major proj-

ects: the heritage museum, the archives, and Stones and Stories.

Museum committee chair Ed Zacharias said the Southland Mall museum—which is packed full of historical artifacts from Winkler's past—continues to attract hundreds of visitors every year.

"The museum draws visitors from a surprising wide area," he noted. "On average we host about 200 visitors a month."

The museum relies on community support to pay its rent, and it's been heartening to see how many people are willing to support them to that end, Zacharias said.

"It's good to see how many people value the museum," he said.

With item donations coming in all the time, the museum hopes to move to a larger location one day.

"Our hope for the future is that we could have a more adequate area in the proposed event centre that our city is working toward," said Zacharias.

Next up, Grace Schellenberg shared a report on the archives room located in the Winkler Centennial Library.

"Historical documents, books, and other materials relevant to the history of the city of Winkler and its surrounding communities continue to be donated to the archives, and people researching their family history continue to visit us," she said.

Schellenberg noted they have thousands of items catalogued at the archives and they all serve as "a link to our past, and can be a guide to our future."

The archives room is open every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. or by ap-



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE At the Winkler Heritage Society's annual fall banquet last week, George Elias and Pete Klassen provided musical entertainment (above) while guest speaker

(above) while guest speaker Kaylnn Spain shared some of the adventures she had while creating the Small Farms Manitoba website.

pointment.

Finally, society chairperson Randy Rietze shared a bit about the progress he's made since taking on responsibility for the Stones and Stories project.

The project aims to document the life story of every person buried at Winkler's two cemeteries.

So far, about 600 stories have been completed, but there are still many more histories to track down.

"The stories are more interesting if they come from the families," he noted, encouraging people with loved ones laid to rest in Winkler to contact him if they'd like to contribute to the project.

Speaking from his role as society chair, Rietze noted that the organization is looking for new members to help with all these projects.



"One thing we're running into that's becoming a problem is we are an older group of people and we're having people that want to step down,"he said."We're looking for the younger generations to get involved ... if we could get more participation from the younger crowd, we'd really appreciate it."

Learn more about how you can help online at www.winklerheritagesociety.ca.

Ed. assistants sign contract with WSD

A recently unionized group of Western School Division employees have settled on their first new contract.

The Morden division announced last week that it has reached its first collective agreement with CUPE Local 5238, which represents about 55 educational assistants.

Details of the agreement were not available, but it came into effect on Nov. 4.

The educational assistants voted to certify as a union in December 2014. Collective bargaining then began in February 2015, with the two sides reaching an agreement in October.

In a news release, division officials stated they feel that this was"a made in Morden agreement that reflects that needs and practices of the employees, students, and residents of the Western Division."

The release went on to suggest the

agreement "also results in making the position of educational assistant competitive in terms of similar positions within the geographic region."

WSD superintendent Stephen Ross stated, "Our goal was to ensure that the division can continue to attract and retain competent and caring individuals who are committed to providing the best services to the students of the division."

Chamber members weigh in on parking woes

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's business community is offering some suggestions to the city to address parking problems.

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce has been in touch with the city with the results of a survey of its members as to some of the major parking issues local businesses face.

"We've approached the city with potential ideas and whether some of those would even be possible. We're waiting on a response from them," said president Chad Sheldon, declining to comment further until after they have had a chance to hear back from the city on the matter.

In a news release, the chamber outlined some of the ideas that came from its members. They include:

• Better signage to existing public parking lots.

• Determine if downtown church parking lots can be used for public parking.

• Encourage business owners and staff to not park on Stephen St.

• Gather more specific information

from businesses located on Stephen St. on their parking needs and opinion on proposed solutions.

The chamber members also indicated their support for the development of a downtown public square and theme.

One other idea put out was to create a one-way street in the downtown area that could have angled parking

Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe said the city had encouraged the chamber and the business community to weigh in on this issue.

"I am absolutely thrilled that they're taking the lead on this," he said. "It has to start with them. We can throw all kinds of ideas out there, but if they don't have the community support, the chamber support ...

"What we wanted to do was to let the chamber drive this," he said, "so they are coming to us with ideas that are coming from the business community."

That said, Wiebe isn't sure just yet which of these ideas the city will run with.

"There's a limit to what council can



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

There were a few empty spots here on Stephen St. during a slower day and time for shopping in downtown Morden, but parking in the area is often a problem. Chamber of commerce members have come up with a few solutions that they're pitching to the city.

do ... and only so many dollars avail- we can engineer it and plan it propable," he said. "We'll look at it ... and if erly and make it work, we'll do that."

Winkler MCC meat canning takes a year off

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For the first time in decades, Mennonite Central Committee's mobile meat canner will be skipping Winkler—and Manitoba entirely—as it travels North America.

Normally, MCC's annual canning marathon takes over Winkler Meats for several round-the-clock days of canning in mid-November.

But this year the event is taking a bit of a breather, says MCC Manitoba spokesman Brad Reimer.

"There's been a brand new meat canning truck built and there was some uncertainty whether that truck would be ready for November," he explains, noting the canner's continent-spanning schedule is drafted months in advance.

As a result, the Winkler canning stop was cancelled, as were stops in Ontario. The new canner will instead stick south of the border through to April.

Using the old mobile canning vehicle again this fall wasn't an option, Reimer says, since the 20-year-old truck was already on its

last legs last year.

"The old meat canning truck would probably not be allowed across the border, it was so old ... this new one meets the new standards."

Reimer says MCC is taking advantage of the year off to rework its meat canning planning committee.

"We're doing some restructuring of the committee that organizes it all," he says. "We're bringing on new people and just taking some time to figure out what would be best ... taking this opportunity to see if there's something we could be doing differently."

He hopes that the legions of dedicated volunteers who make the canning marathon possible each year will be back next fall.

"Even though it's been going on for so long, you're always afraid you're going to lose momentumyou've got all those donors and supporters who give, and you also have hundreds of volunteers who volunteer every year. For many of them it's something they look forward to each year.

"So you always run the potential of losing people ... the hope is that they'll come back once they know we're up and running again.

"Winkler Meats has been amaz-

ing to us over the years and we will continue to do it in Winkler," Reimer stresses. "We will start again next November with a brand new, shiny machine."



VOICE FILE PHOTO

MCC meat canning volunteers in Winkler will get a break as the mobile meat canner skips Manitoba entirely this year.

Chamber 'Elf on the Shelf' is coming to town

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce is encouraging people to shop local this holiday season with some help from the "Elf on the Shelf."

The Elf on the Shelf is a relatively new Christmas tradition that sees parents hide a small elf doll-purported to be a scout for St. Nick—in various places around the house for their children to find each morning.

The Winkler chamber is putting a bit of a spin on the fun by sending their own elf to hide in 10 participating retail stores from Nov. 16 to Dec. 19.

"It's a really great way to support local retailers and encourage people to get through the doors if they've never maybe shopped at some of these locations," says executive director Tanya Chateauneuf.

The Chamber Elf will travel between stores every three days (excluding Sundays), starting with Video Stop Nov. 16-18 and then heading, in turn, to Co-op@Home, Co-op Fashions, Bulk Barn, Janzen's Paint and Decorating, Time Out Sports Excellence, Sunny Day Products, the Village Toy Shoppe in Chortitz, Pfahl's Drugs, and Prairie Oils and Vinegars (a new store opening in Harvest Plaza, north of Superstore).

Store staff will be encouraged to hide the elf somewhere on their shelves, moving him around multiple times to make it harder for customers to find him.

"Some locations it's going to be quite difficult to hide him in tougher spots, but I'm hoping that they'll put a bit of a challenge behind it," Chateauneuf says.

Customers who successfully spot the elf will have their name entered into a draw for \$500 in prizes from the participating businesses. You can be entered into the draw once daily.

"The draw will be made just before Christmas, on Dec. 21. The majority of the prizes will be gift cards, which will be nice to get right before Christmas," Chateauneuf says.

A reminder of the elf's whereabouts each day will be posted on the chamber's website (winklerchamber.com) and on social media. Participating

stores will also have signs up to let vou know to keep an eve out for him. Chateauneuf says she didn't have any trouble finding businesses willing to give the elf a home.

"It didn't take a lot of convincing," she says."It's just a really fun way to get people into the doors of these locations, but then also the other thing

The Winkler chamber will be hiding this elf in 10 retail locations over the next month. Find him and you'll be entered into a draw for \$500 in prizes. PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH

was that they were just thrilled that the chamber was doing something to help promote the retail companies in Winkler.

"We're always looking for a way to encourage people to shop local. We want to keep our local economy strong."



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How to avoid the holiday shopping rush

Holiday shopping can be both fun and hectic. While it's fun to scour stores looking for can't-miss gifts for your loved ones, shopping amongst the crowds also can prove hectic.

Shop during off-peak hours

Weekends and weeknight evenings tend to be the busiest times to go holiday shopping. Professionals who have weekends off may put off their shopping during the week, choosing to do so on Saturday and Sunday afternoons when they have extra time to browse and comparison shop. Shopping off-peak hours, such as during weekday mornings or even early mornings on weekends, is a great way to avoid crowds. Parents of young children might want to take a morning or even a full day off of work to get their holiday shopping done so they can avoid shopping with their kids in tow. You can probably move around more quickly if you choose to shop while the kids are in school, and this also affords you time to find gifts for the kids.

Make a List

Knowing what you want to buy can decrease the amount of time you spend wandering around malls and stores. The longer you linger without an idea of what to buy, the greater the chance you will be joined by fellow shoppers.

Shop Local Businesses

Small local businesses may not boast the inventory of larger retailers you're liable to encounter at the mall, but local small businesses tend to deal with thinner crowds than national stores during the holiday season. Items in such businesses may

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be more unique than items sold at nationwide retailers, and when you shop at smaller businesses, you likely won't be forced to hunt for parking spots or wait on long checkout lines.

Start Shopping Early

Crowds only grow bigger and more impatient between Black Friday and the final days before Christmas, so shoppers who can find the time to shop before the height of the shopping season might find parking lots and checkout lines more to their liking. In addition, shopping early affords shoppers more time to find the best deals.

The holiday shopping rush hits full swing in the weeks before Christmas Day, but there are many ways shoppers can get their shopping done and avoid the crowds at the same time.

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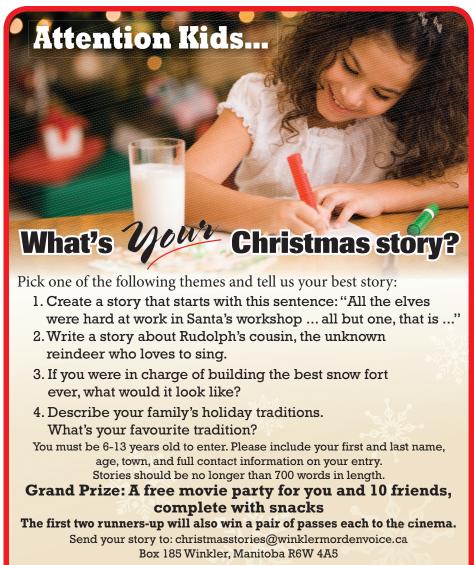
A big crowd packed the Access Event Centre in Morden Nov. 7 for the annual arts and crafts sale. Over 80 vendors took part from all across southern Manitoba. They offered a variety of entirely handmade artwork and crafts featuring everything from pottery, glass and fibre arts to shibori, knitting, cards, ornaments, baking, and more. Proceeds supported the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

Amy Janzen Fund distributes \$7,000 to patients in need

Memorial fund helps three local families cover medical bills

By Ashleigh Viveiros

held its year-end meeting last month, reporting on another year of helping The Amy Janzen Memorial Fund local families overcome the financial



burdens associated with medical illness.

Board member Dr. Eric Lane says the fund distributed \$7,000 to three different individuals over the past year, including one leukemia patient, a family whose premature baby had to spend some time in Winnipeg for treatment, and another family whose infant required a bone marrow transplant, also in Winnipeg.

Helping these families cover some of the costs not covered by other means is what the Amy Janzen Memorial Fund is all about, Lane says.

"It's covering expenses that Manito-

ba Health doesn't otherwise cover, so in these cases it was mainly accommodations, food, parking costs."

The Amy Janzen Fund has been assisting families since 1987, when it was jointly founded by the Winkler Kinsmen and the Lions Club.

The fund's creation followed a successful campaign dubbed "Operation Amy" to help Don and Dianne Janzen pay for the medical costs associated with a potentially life-saving operation for their daughter.

Amy was born in 1985 with an inability to breathe on her own and underwent a successful operation in December 1986 in Chicago thanks to

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Senior centre remembers

The Morden 55 Plus Activity Centre choir performed as part of an afternoon event Nov. 6 for Remembrance Day. Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen addressed the crowd on hand, while Cheryl Link also made a presentation on the history of Decoration Day held in the spring. There was also an address that talked about a foundation which is involved in organizing student trips to Vimy Ridge, the site of a key victory in World War One and a defining moment for Canada. Canadian troops earned a reputation as formidable, effective troops because of their stunning success there, but it was a victory at a terrible cost with more than 10,000 killed and wounded.

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the support of the community.

Four months later she died of respiratory failure, but the money leftover from Operation Amy was used to create a fund in her memory, which has since distributed thousands of dollars to families in need.

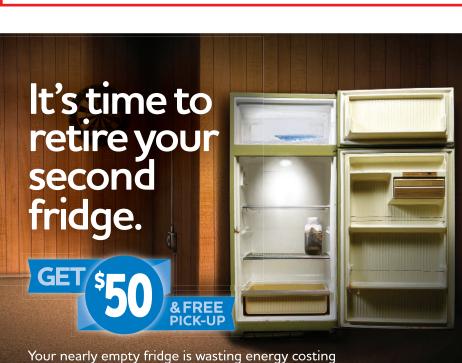
In the last 10 years alone, the fund has granted over \$56,000 to 17 different people, Lane says.

Lane explains that they like to

keep the fund's net assets at around the \$50,000 mark; it currently sits at just over \$48,000.

If you'd like to support the fund, mail your donation to The Amy Janzen Memorial Fund Inc., Box 580, Winkler, MB, R6W 4A7.

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Caution remains the key to keeping PEDv out

By Harry Siemens

Winter is just around the corner and the hog industry needs to pick up its diligence to make sure the nation's biosecurity system once again holds off the PED virus.

Mark Fynn, the manager of animal health and welfare programs with Manitoba Pork, says attention to transportation biosecurity will be key to keeping Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea off Manitoba hog farms as the weather turns colder. The hog industry in Manitoba and across Canada has worked hard at containing, eradicating, and now keeping it out.

Under Manitoba's PED surveillance program, they're collecting 100 samples each week from high traffic areas including provincial abattoirs, federal packing plants, truck washes, and assembly yards.

"The good news is that we're not seeing any positive results for PED at the federal packing plants," Fynn says. "Those are a really good in-



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dicator of whether we have on farm cases that we're unaware of, so it leads us to believe that we're not dealing with any on farm cases at the moment.

"We still see some positive results from time to time at the other high traffic facilities that have frequent U.S. contact and we're relying on good biosecurity when we visit those sites to prevent bringing it back to the farm."

The PED virus survives well in cold temperatures and it's easier to move around when things are wet and slushy, so the risk of transmission is much higher in the winter than the summer, Fynn says.

"In the U.S., who we use as indicators of viral movement and survivability, we expect to see more cases there," he says."We hope in Manitoba that our biosecurity practices manage to keep it off farm and we don't see any cases over the winter, but there's always the possibility and that's why we encourage producers to really focus on biosecurity and make sure it's not their farm that's getting affected."

Fynn says the recommendations still focus on the farm gate—making sure producers have good entry protocols to their barn so they don't bring anything in—as well as focussing on transport biosecurity, such as cleaning and disinfecting trailers.

One of the casualties of PED was a protein feed ingredient: blood plasma made from dead pigs.

Dr. Frank Marshall, a swine veterinarian from Alberta, advised pork producers who use blood plasma products in feed to take steps to ensure those products do not contain porcine plasma.

As the result of concerns over the risks associated with the potential spread of PED, there are certified bovine origin PED tested blood plasma products becoming available for use.

"From the veterinary community the use of swine origin blood products is still not to be recommended," Marshall says. "The HACCP certified plasma processing that goes on if properly done ... should have killed any infectious risk. However, the suppliers have never come forward with how it was that a plasma product arrived in Canada with infectious virus."

Groups like the OIE-World Organisation for Animal Health have put forward many very confusing comments regarding the safety of products like blood plasma, claiming that the Canadians were out to lunch in terms of how this entered the hog industry here.

"But I'll tell you it is very clear to the vet community involved in the initial 17 sow herds that broke in Ontario there's no question how this came," says Marshalll. "It sounds like we're flogging a dead horse here, but it's been exasperating to still see comments coming out of news agencies around the world that Canada couldn't prove the feed source and such, but, nevertheless, we all know the story."

Marshalll stresses producers need to ask about the origin of these bovine blood plasma products and the plants they come from to ensure that they're only bovine origin and not mixed with porcine.



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Jodale Perry under new ownership

Now called TerraCab, the company has been purchased by Winnipeg's Argus Ind.

By Lorne Stelmach

The new owners of a Morden manufacturing plant see a bright future for their acquisition.

The Winnipeg-based Argus Industries took ownership of Jodale Perrynow dubbed TerraCab—as of Nov. 2, and officials see it as being a good fit with what they do

"We actually were a supplier to Jodale Perry, so I kind of knew about them already, and I liked what I had heard," said Michael Easton, Argus president and CEO.

With two facilities in Winnipeg as well as a plant in Pickering, Ontario, Argus Industries has grown significantly since 1962.

It is a custom manufacturer of rubber molded products and custom die cut gasket seals. Another part of its operations involves metal work and

welding.

As a manufacturer of cabs for small tractors and platform cabs for heavy equipment, Jodale Perry was a good fit for them, Easton said.

"Between the two businesses, this was a complement to both. All of their processes and systems lined up with what we were comfortable manufacturing. So it seemed like a good choice."

There obviously will be a transition period, but in the immediate future Easton said they will bring their emphasis on lean manufacturing to the Morden plant.

"So the first thing we're doing is we're going to take them on a lean journey ... kind of aim the compass point to world class and start taking steps in that direction," he said.

The company has already had people from the Morden plant in Winni-



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Argus Industries executives Carlos Godinez, Mike Easton, Leslie Galbraith, and Jeff Thomas at their Winnipeg facility. The company has recently purchased Jodale Perry in Morden.

peg to tour the facility there as part of the first step towards that goal.

"We're showing where we're going to take them over the next couple years ... showing them all the different processes and systems and what we do," Easton said. "What we'd like to do is turn TerraCab into that environment ... take the next year or so to make them a world class company."

To that end, he said they will have people from their Winnipeg operation working in Morden for a while. Down the road, he could see them hiring some additional staff.

Otherwise, Easton said it will be business as usual at the Morden plant, noting there had already been discussions with a new customer while also meeting with existing customers about new products and ideas.

"We're just onward and upwards right now ... that's where we're going," he said.

Community Christmas celebrations coming up

Morden's tree lighting is Nov. 20; Winkler holds its party Nov. 26

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler and Morden are both set to

usher in the holiday season over the next few weeks.

Morden gets in on it first with its an-



nual tree lighting evening on Nov. 20, while Winkler holds its come and go Christmas kick-off on Nov. 26.

"We didn't do a Christmas event at all for a couple years, but the citizens

asked us to bring it back," said city events planner Deb Penner, noting Winkler held a small event again last November and its success encouraged them to continue with it this year."We'll just have a little celebration to get things going ... getting together to celebrate the start of the Christmas season."

The Thursday eve-

ning celebration runs from 6:30-8 p.m. with activities centred around the Bethel Heritage Park.

There will be Christmas stories read at the library, hot chocolate served at City Hall, and a scavenger hunt for the kids.

And while strolling through Bethel Heritage Park, you can check out the new lights and displays which will include a candy cane forest, a Nativity scene, and a family of carolers.

Also new this year is outdoor speakers to play carols in the park during peak usage hours through to Christ-

mas.

"We hope residents will enjoy the extra ambiance and the music this year," said Penner. "It sounds really good, too. We tested it a couple times now. So as people are strolling through the park, they'll be able to hear seasonal holiday music."

Over in Morden, meanwhile, the evening celebration will be

much of the same as in past years except for the coffeehouse, which didn't have someone to organize it this year.

Steve Hiebert of Personal Expres-

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"IT'S A NICE KICKOFF TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ... TO **GET US IN THE** SPIRIT."

Christings with red and blue. As

The First Christmas Lights

One would think that Christmas lights have been around for as long as Christmas itself. Can any of you imagine Christmas without lights? How would the children find their way in the dark, so early on Christmas morning without them? The history of Christmas lights is intricately tied to the dawn of the modern era, when houses began to be supplied with electricity.

Thomas Edison invented the first functioning light bulb back in 1879. A few years later, in 1882, an associate of his first employed the use of lights on his Christmas tree. Edward Johnson was the first to electrically light his family Christmas tree in his New York home. His home was located in one of the first sections of the city to be wired for electricity. A visiting reporter from Detroit reported the following in "The Detroit Post and Tribune": "Last evening I walked over beyond Fifth Avenue and called at the residence of Edward H. Johnson, vice-president of Edison's electric company. There, at the rear of the beautiful parlors, was a large Christmas tree presenting a most picturesque and uncanny aspect. It was brilliantly lighted with many colored globes about as large as an English walnut and was turning some six times a minute on a little pine box. There were eighty lights in all encased in these dainty glass eggs, and about

equally divided between white, red and blue. As the tree turned, the colors alternated, all the lamps going out and being relit at every revolution. The result was a continuous twinkling of dancing colors, red, white, blue, white, red, blue---all evening." In 1890, Edison published a promotional brochure which may have been the first mention of commercially available electrically powered Christmas lights. It stated that "There are few forms of decoration more beautiful and pleasing than miniature incandescent lamps placed among flowers, or interwoven in garlands or festoons; for decorating Christmas trees or conservatories..." From there, the popularity of Christmas lights exploded. Before long, every family had them and they became synonymous with the Christmas tree. It's hard to imagine Christmas without Christmas lights.



Tree Lighting Friday Nov. 20 Morden Civic Centre Tree will be lit by Mayor Ken Wiebe 7:00 p.m. **FireWorks** DISPLAY Weather Permitting 5:15 p.m. Operation SANTA ARRIVES! Watch for his Christmas entrance down Child Stephen Street Shoe Box Drop-off 5:30 p.m. LIVE FREE PICTURES! By Personal Christmas Expressions Entertainment Photography. Located in the Morden **Civic Centre** Christmas Cheer Toy Drive 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Centre BONFIRE! Supplied by **Girl Guides** Morden Fire Department of Morden IOT CHOCOLATE Cookie Sale **& S'MORES**

Thrift Shop supports community projects

Distributes grants to Tabor Home, PVHS, Many Hands

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Community Thrift Shop continues its major support for Tabor Home.

Further financial support for the new personal care home was announced after the store's annual meeting this fall.

A three year term GIC of \$300,000 has been set aside for Tabor Home for furnishings.

The thrift shop also announced other disbursements for 2015 that included \$2,000 for the Many Hands Resource Centre and \$1,000 for the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

Earlier in June, there had been 14 recipients who received a total of \$71,400.

"These are worthwhile projects," said board member Linda Thiessen, suggesting that the non-profit's board of directors"feel like these groups are a doing a worthwhile job in the community. And they would like to help see them continue.

"It's helping the community and enjoy giving back to the community."

All this community support is possible only through the sale of donations given by the community.

"You may think that the articles you donate to the store won't amount to much, but add them all up, and you are helping us to help others," Thiessen said. "We are also able to send



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Morden Community Thrift Shop executive (back row, from left) Jean Hildebrand, Dorothy Wiebe, Olga Dyck, and Norah Wiebe recently presented grants to (front row, from left) the Pembina Valley Humane Society's Laurie Magotiaux, Tabor Home's Wilf Warkentin and Sherry Hildebrand, and Many Hands' Heather Francis.

clothing and other items to shelters in Winnipeg and to the Canadian Diabetes."

As always, the thrift shop welcomes donations of clean, gently used items. There are a host of volunteers who then sort, test, and price the items they receive.

The shop is always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, stop in and talk with a member of the executive to find out more.

> WINKLER CITY COUNCIL Winkler crime stats on the rise in 2015

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler continues to see a rise in crime rates this year.

The Winkler Police Service presented its crime statistics for the first three quarters of 2015 to city council at its Oct. 27 meeting.

Looking at criminal code offences in total to the end of September, the number has risen steadily over the past two years—from 449 in 2013 to 481 in 2014 and to 772 so far this year.

That represents a 72 per cent increase in Criminal Code offences in two years, noted the report presented by Chief Rick Hiebert.

"The number of criminal files coming at us continues to rise, and no longer by small percentages," the report said.

That then is a drain on the department's resources, as it increasingly keeps officers away from other duties, whether that be crime prevention, traffic enforcement, or even just being visible in the city, the chief said.

On the flip side, the report noted highway traffic offences to date have decreased by about five per cent from 2013 and about 10 per cent from 2014.

"If it were not for the fact that MPI funding has increased and that officers do that traffic work over and above their regular shifts, the 2015 traffic numbers would be much lower yet," the report said.

Overall, total occurrences through the first three quarters of the year have increased by 20 per cent over the last two years: 2,644 in 2013, 2,832 in 2014, and 3,175 in 2015.

Other numbers in the report include:

• Break and enters have increased from just four to 34. Some of these involve self storage units, Hiebert noted.

• Bike thefts jumped from 41 to 71, but Hiebert suggests last year's numbers were exceptionally lower than is average.

• Shoplifting increased from 14 cases to 50. The big box stores like Superstore and Walmart are popular targets, Hiebert said.

• Assault increased from 21 to 28 incidences

• Impaired driving increased from 17 to 23 cases.

Also at last week's council meet-

ing:

• The transportation and utilities committee debated the idea of having no left turns across traffic on to Highway 32 from Mountain, Stanley, or South Railway.

Another idea kicked about was to put in a left turn lane at Roblin Blvd and Hwy. 32.

Mayor Martin Harder observed they were just raising ideas for interim solutions to traffic congestion until the province steps up to four lane the

highway.

• The recreation and tourism committee is once again considering the idea of an off-leash dog park.

A site of about 25,000 square feet between the two ball diamonds along Grandeur Ave. was suggested as a possible location. Fencing would cost an estimated \$4,000.

The committee suggested asking dog owners to raise funds for the project as well as checking if local minor ball wants the space.

> TREE LIGHTING, FROM PG. 22

sions Photography will be doing photos with Santa in the Morden Civic Centre starting shortly after 5 p.m.

"It's non-stop picture taking for three hours," noted organizer James Steedsman, who points out last year over 120 kids came by to visit St. Nick. And, of course, Morden firefighters will be manning several outdoor fires with hot chocolate from Chicken Chef and s'mores from Giant Tiger.

Also on hand that evening is Operation Christmas Child to pick up donated gift shoeboxes, and the Morden Christmsa Cheer Board, which will be collecting donations for its toy drive.

Mayor Ken Wiebe will flip the switch to light up the city's Christmas tree at 7 p.m., followed by a fireworks display.

"It's unbelievable how much it's grown ... especially the last three or four years," said Steedsman of the evening. "It's a nice kickoff to the Christmas season ... it signals in the holiday season. It's a good chance for families to get out ... I think it's a great holiday thing to get us in the spirit."

'Winkler City Limits' show honours Beatles, Stones

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By Lorne Stelmach

The event itself will be a display of some of the great musical talent found close to home.

On a bigger scale though, it is also about celebrating and supporting the growth of the arts in Winkler and the surrounding area.

"I hope people know that they are supporting a great cause," commented Steve Dueck in promoting the upcoming Winkler City Limits concert in support of Winkler Arts and Culture "Winkler Arts and Culture is trying to bring something to Winkler for people of all ages. They need a place and a culture that fosters

artistic skills and creativity."

Winkler City Limits presents "The Beatles vs. The Rolling Stones" as a celebration of the music of these two bands Saturday, Nov. 21 at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

The concert will feature local musicians including Bill Dowling and the Even Breaks, Jayme Giesbrecht, Frank Maclean and the New Originals, Joel Nickel, Kelly and Sean Morgan, August Jack, Link Neufeld, Warren Friesen and Steve Kevs.

The musicians get to decide what songs they play-songs from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, or both bands.

"The artists performing are interpreting the songs in new and refreshing ways to suit their styles," said Dueck.

This will be the second Winkler City Limits event, and Dueck said those who attended the May 22 show will know what a quality night of music it is.

He saw the first show as an artistic success with the groups playing their original music.

"We want to continue that in the future, but it's also fun to explore the great songwriters and bands of the past ...

those people that influenced us," he said.

Organizers hope this time around they'll exceed the first show's fundraising total of around \$2,000.

"We have loftier goals for this concert, and I would like to fill the hall and raise at least \$6,000." Dueck said, noting funds go towards WA+C's arts and cultural centre project, which aims to transform the former water



In support of YFC

A variety of tasty desserts were available for supporters taking in the Morden Youth for Christ dessert night fundraising evenings Nov. 5-6 at the Morden Mennonite Church. The two evenings raised around \$19,000 for the youth ministry. Speakers touched on highlights of the past year at the drop-in centre. including the completion of major renovations. Guest speaker Brent Menzies also touched on his involvement in a schoolbased program mentoring local youth.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

treatment plant on Park St.

He encouraged people to see this as "a family friendly event. I'd love to people of all ages at the show.

"And I hope that people see the time, effort, and talent that goes into

a show like this. We have great local performers who are artists of music." Tickets are available for \$15 plus fees at the Winkler City Hall box office and online at winklerconcerthall. ca.

PVHS Curl for Critters hits the ice Nov. 21

Funspiel raising funds for regional animal shelter

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is again putting out the call for curlers to lend a hand.

The society holds its second annual Curl for Critters family fun bonspiel Nov. 21 at the Morden Curling Club.

Fundraising co-chair Megan Rodgers said last year's event was a big hit for the animal shelter.

"Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and said they would like to do it again this year," she said, stressing that the donations the bonspiel brings in are vital to keeping the nonprofit shelter up and running.

"We have continuous intake all year long ... so it's important for us to keep funds coming in," said Rodgers, noting the fundraising helps with the costs of ongoing veterinary care, including spay and neuter surgeries and vaccinations for all shelter animals.

She stressed that you don't need to be an experienced curler to take part in Curl for Critters.

"Beginners can come out and just have a fun day," she said.

The day will include three, six-end games for each team as well as a chili on a bun lunch.

There will be prizes for the best team costume, raffles, a 50/50 draw, and a cash bar.

To enter, contact the PVHS at 204-822-9413 or by e-mail to pvhs@live.ca.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Pembina Valley Humane Society Curl for Critters takes over the Morden Curling Club on Saturday, Nov. 21. Funds raised go to help with vet bills at the regional animal shelter.

Pilot Mound men bare it all for great cause

By Lorne Stelmach

A fundraising project for their community's recreation complex is a revealing one for Pilot Mound.

What the 2016 calendar is revealing mostly is a whole lot of community spirit.

Oh, and a selection of the town's outstanding gentlemen, who play-fully bared themselves to raise funds to support a great cause.

It's all done in a light-hearted and classy way as a unique twist on a popular fundraising idea, and it brought the town national headlines recently.

"We're really overwhelmed and excited by the coverage that we've had ... and we've had phone calls from different people ... from all over," said Ginny Collins, one of the organizers. "It's been phenomenal. I'd say the sky's the limit. We'll sell calendars until people quit calling for them."

The models, all 55 or older, are all shown in their environment or doing something they love, and the photos tell part of their personal stories.

The eldest is 95-year-old Thomas (T.S.) Taylor, who is seen holding a strategically-placed hay bale in front of the family barn. Bob Platt is seen driving the zamboni at the rink, while Arnold Foidart is in a cart on the golf course. And Doug Collins, Ginny's husband, is seen holding a batch of corn in his corn field.

"There's a wrinkle or two," he joked. "I wasn't apprehensive. I thought it's for a good cause. You don't feel uncomfortable because you know you're doing it for a good reason.

"We're a small community with a huge facility. We have to generate money to do it," Doug added. "So it's just something we do to help alleviate the burden on the tax base.

"The whole group were enthusiastic. We did it because it's about community spirit."

It's that community spirit that has kept the Pilot Mound recreation complex running since it was moved here from its original home up north years ago.

"It's been run completely and built completely by volunteers ... so we're always looking for different ideas for fundraising ... different and new things," said Ginny.

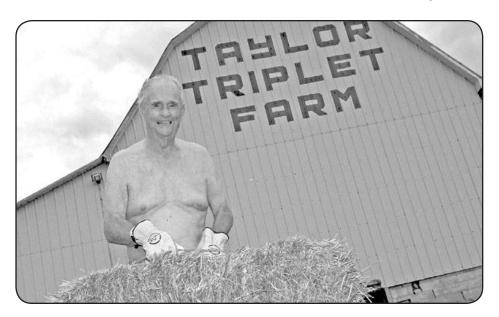
The idea of a fundraising calendar came up last spring when someone had a similar old calendar from Saskatchewan that featured community members.

"It was very positive for them. We looked at it and thought we could have fun doing it in our community," Ginny said.

The poster boys were all nominated by the community and then approached to see if they'd be game.

"Although these people had been nominated, we wanted to make sure it was first done respectfully and also done in sort of honouring them and what they've contributed to the community," Ginny explained. "So they put themselves out there for the community. They stepped up to the plate ... and most of them we did not have to talk them into it.

"Once they found out we would be respectful and that it would be done in a lighthearted manner ... it wasn't like we were asking them to pose, we were asking them to participate," she continued. "Then they were fine with it. They thought if it could help to raise a few dollars then they had no





SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY GREG CURRIE

Doug Collins was photographed in the corn field of his Pilot Mound area farm for the new fundraising calendar in support of the community's recreation complex. Below: T.S. Taylor hauled hay in his shot.

problem doing it."

Ginny said they "worked really hard as a committee making sure the captions and the pictures reflected what the gentlemen were interested in ... what they did for a living, what their interests were ... where they volunteered.

"We were saying this is an honourable member of our community. It really is about trying to honour the gentlemen who were willing to do this for us."

She added they are very thankful for

the work of local photographer Greg Currie.

"He took on the project voluntarily ... he set everything up and put the fellows at ease. And, in the end, he actually participated ... and we have him on the back cover," she said. "It's his work that is making it a success."

The calendars are being sold for \$25 each or five for \$100. You can get yours by reaching Collins at 204-825-7667 or by e-mail at dougcoll@mymts.net, or call Yvette at 204-825-2128 or e-mail ycmglenn@gmail.com.

Fed. Co-op warns of propane missing safety smell

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitobans were being warned about a possible hazard with propane tanks last week.

Health Canada issued the notice in relation to propane gas manufactured by Crescent Point Energy based in Calgary and distributed by various companies throughout Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Federated Co-operatives Ltd., of which the Winkler Co-op is a member, had also on its own initiative issued a notice for customers.

At issue is the fact some of the propane in question does not have—or may have too little—of the required odourant added as a safety feature. The smell is required to help alert consumers of dangerous gas leaks.

The propane gas was delivered

by various companies directly to consumers for use in storage tanks or sold at retail locations for use in portable refillable tanks. Some of the propane was also sold for commercial and industrial purposes.

The public warnings about the oversight stress there have been no reported incidents or injuries related to the use of this propane.

The number of propane tanks possibly affected is currently unknown. The potentially affected propane was sold between April 2009 and October 2015.

Consumers who are concerned about purchased propane can contact their local retail propane supplier to arrange for an inspection or contact the Crescent Point Energy hotline at 1-866-421-4266.

You can also visit www.youandpropane.com



Thunder on fire in Zone 4 hockey

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was a winning week for the Morden Thunder in Zone 4 hockey.

Morden had decisive victories over both the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs and the Pembina Tigers in back-to-back nights of high school league play.

On Thursday, the Thunder hosted the Zodiacs and held a firm hold on both shots on net and scoring, outshooting Winkler 57-23.

GVC's Tristan Peters got his team's lone goal in the second period, while Morden's eight scorers included Brenden Turnbull with a hat trick, Keane Boucher, Jordan Blatz, Cade Kowalski, Tyler Peters, and Brayden Ionasson.

In net for Morden was Luke Sheldon, who made 22 saves, while Brady Klassen made 49 saves for Winkler.

On Friday, Morden blanked the Tigers 6-0 with Turnbull scoring another hat trick. Singles were added by Joey Backer, Kowalski, and Evan Weurch. Jesse Ross got the win in net, making 20 saves.

And on Monday the Thunder came home from facing the Cougars in Carman with yet another win, this time by 6-0.

The week wasn't a total loss for the Zodiacs. After losing to Carman 5-0 on the Wednesday and then to Morden on Thursday, GVC got their first win of the season on Saturday against the Mavericks.

The 5-3 victory saw two goals come in from Noah Friesen and singles from Bob Reimer, TJ Matuszewski, and Tristan Peters. Brady Klassen got the win in net for Winkler, making 29 saves.

Also taking to the ice last week were



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The GVC Zodiacs' TJ Matuszewski gets away from the Morden Thunder's Joey Baker at mid ice in last Thursday's boys high school hockey game. Morden got the win 8-1.

the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks, who fell to the Mustangs 9-2. Winkler's goals came from Colton Dyck and Braden Dyck, while Tyler Fehr made 29 saves out of 58 shots on net.

Meanwhile, high school varsity volleyball headed into playoffs this week.

season Monday by falling to the Olympiens in five sets in the SCAC Tier 1 quarter-final.

NPC's girls, meanwhile, downed the Lancers 3-1 in the quarter-finals on Monday. They'll now face the Lions in the semi-finals next Tuesday.

In Zone 4 action, the Zodiac boys downed the Morden Thunder 3-0 The NPC boys wrapped up their in two separate matches last week. GVC will now play in the semi-finals on Friday against the winner of the quarter-finals match between the Thunder and the Sabres.

The GVC girls team also downed Morden in two matches, this time by a score of three sets to one. The ladies will host the Vikings on Friday.

The Morden girls play on Thursday against a team still to be determined.

Hawks send Lightning packing

By Lorne Stelmach

The Interlake Lightning were the sacrificial lambs Saturday for the redhot Pembina Valley Hawks.

Period leads of 3-0 and 7-1 saw the streaking Hawks earn a sixth straight win with the 11-1 slaughter on the road in Stonewall.

The victory now has Pembina Valley challenging for the lead in the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League.

"They've been building momentum for the last couple weekends ... and the atmosphere in the dressing room is really good right now," commented coach Dana Bell.

"Everybody's very positive, and they keep pushing forward. Things are looking really good right now. The momentum is there, and everybody's working hard."

It's been a tough haul for the Lightning, who are winless in eight games, but Bell suggested it wasn't through lack of effort.

"They come out ... they work hard ... they play with a lot of heart, too, so that's good to see."

Sage McElroy-Scott paced the Hawks' attack with a hat trick and five

Flyers help kick off breakfast club season

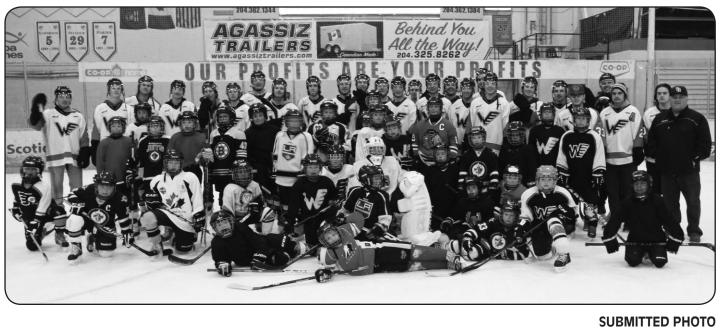
By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Hockey and Breakfast Club kicked off another season of early-morning activity with a bang last week.

The club meets at the Winkler arena all winter long every Wednesday morning for an hour of on-ice activities from 7-8 a.m. followed by breakfast from 8-8:30 a.m.

The 40 kids who came out for the first session of the season on Nov. 4 were met with a surprise right off the bat: the entire Winkler Flyers hockey team hit the ice alongside them.

"The kids were pretty excited," said organizer Merrilee Klassen, who noted they had hoped to have a few players from the junior team stop by,



The entire Winkler Flyers team came out to help launch the Winkler Hockey and Breakfast Club last week. The club meets weekly through to March.

but were blown away when the entire roster showed up.

"They surprised the children this morning when they came out to our first skate to motivate, inspire and encourage our kids, both on the ice and while joining us for the breakfast portion," she said. "Local role models are important, and each one of these guys deserves to be recognized for the positive impact they made to the children actively engaged in sport."

Klassen said they're pleased to see a

lot of new faces in the club this year.

"It's not just for kids who are in Minor Hockey," she stressed, noting they worked hard to get the word out about that when advertising the club over the past few weeks. "We were happy to see some children that are from the general public attending."

The club has been operating in Winkler for about eight years now, giving kids-who range in age from seven to 13—the opportunity to get some exercise and a healthy meal before heading off to school.

Klassen said they see a lot of kids coming back year after year, and the older kids often take on the role of mentors to the younger ones.

Organizers had originally capped registration at 40 children, but have since bumped that up to 50.

If you'd like more information on the Winkler Hockey and Breakfast Club, contact Klassen at 204-362-9425 or via email at mmmmmklassen@gmail. com.

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Brooklyn Major and Hannah Petrie with a pair each were other goal scorers for Pembina Valley along with Chelsea Dearsley, Lindsay Michiels and Chloe Penner. Halle Oswald made 21 saves in net for the Hawks, who had 51 shots on net.

The Hawks were second in the standings at 7-2-0, leaving them tied at 14 points with Westman and just one back of the first place Winnipeg Avros with two games in hand.

The Hawks now have a break from league play as they head south for some tournament action.

"I think the competition will be tough there," said Bell. "But if the girls work hard, continue to do what they've been doing, we're looking for positive results."

MORE HONOURS

For the second week in a row, a member of the Hawks was MFMHL player of the week.

For the week ending Nov. 1, the honour went to McElroy-Scott. The Mordenite scored three goals and added two assists to lead the Hawks to wins over the Westman Wildcats and Eastman Selects. McElroy-Scott currently leads the MFMHL with 11 goals.

NATIONAL STAGE

Two members of the Hawks had the opportunity to compete at the national level this past week.

Jenai Buchanan and Megan Neduzak were part of Team Manitoba at the Canadian National Women's U18 Championship in Huntsville, Ontario.

The scrappy Manitoba squad played four overtime games on the way to earning the silver medal.

The gold medal match saw Manitoba lose 2-1 in overtime to Ontario Red Sunday night.

Oakville's Lindsay Agnew scored 18:10 into overtime to clinch the win for Ontario, banging a loose rebound into an open net.

Ontario took a 1-0 first-period lead on a rebound goal by Sarah Verbeek. But Manitoba's Jaeden Cooke of Souris tied the score at 1-1 at 7:15 of the third.

East St. Paul's Tory Micklash played well in goal, making 31 saves in the loss.

Though the local girls didn't score in the final game, Buchanan did tie up the team's match against Quebec on Saturday, which Manitoba won 3-2 in a shootout.

-with files from Brian Bowman

Flyers hold onto #2 spot

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers retain their number two spot in the MJHL standings after two wins and a lone loss this past week.

On Saturday, Winkler bested the Pistons in Steinbach 3-2.

Steinbach was up 2-0 midway through the second period before Winkler got on the board with a powerplay goal from Tristan Keck. Keck also scored the tying goal halfway through the third period to send the game into a scoreless overtime and then a shootout.

There, Connor Slipp, who had already made 33 saves in regulation, went on to make three more while teammate Jordan Williamson got the game-winning goal for Winkler.

Winkler followed that victory up with another on Sunday as they hosted the Selkirk Steelers.

Winkler did all the scoring in the first period, courtesy of Cam Whyte

and Keck, and then faltered somewhat in the second when Selkirk snuck two past goalie Slipp. Keck scored again, though, to keep the lead 3-2 at the buzzer.

In the final frame, Whyte scored his second goal of the night, while Williamson scored two and Coltyn Bates added a single to drown out the Steelers' lone goal midway through to give Winkler the win 7-3.

Slipp made 35 saves in net in all as the Steelers outshot the Flyers 38-34.

The victory made up for the 5-3 loss Winkler suffered at the hands of the Steelers on Nov. 3.

That game saw the Steelers come from behind in the third period to tie things at 3-3 and then score two more—one an empty-net goal—for the win.

Bates, Whyte, and Nico Labossiere scored for Winkler, while Aaron Brunn manned the Flyers' net and made 32 saves in all.

Winkler is now 14-4-1 for the season

PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL/VOICE

The Winkler Flyers fell to the Selkirk Steelers 5-3 on the road on Nov. 3, but then returned the favour with a 7-3 win at home on Sunday.

with 29 points. They trail the firstplace Portage Terriers by five points and lead the Pistons by five.

This week the team hosted Neepawa on Tuesday and will host Dauphin on Friday.

They'll also host the OCN Blizzard next Tuesday before heading to play in Portage on Wednesday.

Pembina Valley Hawks finally crack losing streak

By Lorne Stelmach

Having a week off from game action proved to be a blessing for the Pembina Valley Hawks mens team.

"We had two weeks to work on getting better," noted coach Gerry Leiding.

That helped the Hawks end a nine game losing skid Sunday with a 4-3 win over the Brandon Wheat Kings.

That win followed a tight 3-2 loss to the Interlake Lightning Saturday. Leiding said finally getting back in the win column was a good morale boost for the team.

"Absolutely, we really needed it," he said, suggesting it was just hard work that got them there against Brandon. "They worked hard. The 60 minute effort was there.

"We're getting a better buy-in on what needs to get done. And in the end, it's execution. They have to walk the walk, and that's what they started to do."

The Hawks were opportunistic Sunday, scoring twice in the first and third periods despite only getting five shots on net in each frame. Goaltender Matthew Thiessen backed it up with a strong game in net, making 39 saves as Pembina Valley was outshot 42-17.

Éverett Bestland and Spencer Kaminsky scored in the first period for the Hawks, then Daniel Nychuk connected 53 seconds into third to make it 3-2 and Wyatt Sabourin got what proved to be the game winner at 9:30.

On Saturday, the Lightning came on strong in the second, outshooting Pembina Valley 15-3 to come out tied at two after the middle frame,. They then got the winner at 13:07 in the third. Garrett Szeremley had a power play goal for the Hawks in the first while Troy Lehmann scored in the second period.

Aaron Brunn stopped 29 of 32 shots he faced in the Pembina Valley net, while the Hawks had 23 shots on goal. Pembina Valley remains in 11th out

of 12 teams at 2-10-0-1 for five points. The Hawks faced a tough challenge this week in hosting the third place Winnipeg Thrashers Wednesday be-

Winnipeg Thrashers Wednesday before visiting the first place Eastman Selects in Beausejour Friday night. They return home to host Parkland

They return home to host Parkland Sunday afternoon.



The midget Hawks' Travis Penner fights for the puck on the boards with Tate Popple of the Wheat Kings Sunday in Morden. The Hawks got the win 4-3. PHO-**TO BY LORNE** STELMACH/ VOICE

Redskins start with a win

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins kicked off the 2015-2016 South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League season with a win last weekend.

Playing the league's newest team, the Islanders, in Portage on Saturday, Morden took a while to find its balance.

It was Portage who drew first blood, with Rob Roteliuk getting one past Morden netminder Reed Peters at 7:08 in the first period.

After a scoreless second frame, the

Redskins' Jay Fehr and Clint Olson got the tying and game-winning goals at 7:36 and 15:23, respectively.

Elsewhere in the league, the Carman Beavers fought the Warren Mercs all the way to a shootout, which went Carman's way for an 8-7 win.

The Winkler Royals were also supposed to play their season opener against the Altona Maroons on Saturday, but that game was postponed. Instead, Winkler will face-off against the Redskins this Thursday in Morden before going on to host Warren on Sunday.

Twisters down Victorias, fall to Jets

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters failed to gain ground in what remains a tight battle for the top of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League standings.

They picked up a 3-1 win Friday over the St. Vital Victorias but then dropped a 5-2 decision Saturday to the Stonewall Jets.

The Twisters remain in second place at 9-4-2 for 20 points, which now leaves them five points back of the first place Raiders, who are dominating the league at 12-2-1 for 25 points.

Close behind the Twisters are St. James at 18, Charleswood and Stonewall at 17, and St. Vital at 16. Rounding out the standings are Transcona at 14, St. Boniface at 12, River East at 9 and Fort Garry Fort Rouge at 5.

Pembina Valley broke open a tight scoreless game with a pair of early second period goals against the Victorias.

Paul Remillard connected just 18 seconds in, followed by Braeden Beernaerts at 1:35. Fraser Mirrlees then scored the empty-netter with just eight seconds left.

Gavin Klassen made 25 saves for the Twisters, who were slightly outshot 26-24.

On Saturday, the Twisters couldn't recover after falling behind 3-1 after two against the Jets.

Alex Tetrault had his tenth goal of the season unassisted for Pembina Valley, while Mirrlees scored his 14th of the season, leaving him second in the league scoring race with 22 points, while Tetrault ranked tenth at 16 points. Stonewall outshot Pembina Valley 32-28 with Klassen again in net but taking the loss this time with 27 saves. The Twisters can get back on track when they host the last-place Twins Friday, but they then pay a visit to the top ranked Raiders Sunday afternoon.

Hall of Fame announces inductees

By Lorne Stelmach

Two Pembina Valley residents were part of a dream team that will earn special recognition as part of the 2016 inductions of the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum in Morden.

The hall of fame will hold its 20th annual induction banquet June 4 at the Morden Event Access Centre.

It will include special recognition for the Manitoba All-Star Dream Team (20th Century) that included local players Almer McKerle of Miami and Gerry Falk of Carman.

Other inductees include:

• Major team: Elmwood Giants (2000-2005). They excelled in the Winnipeg senior league, Manitoba playoffs, and Western Canada senior championships.

• Small community team: Wawanesa Brewers (2006-2011). They won three straight Pembina Valley AA titles before switching to southwest senior AA for the 2006 season, winning pennants in four of six seasons, and winning the Manitoba Senior AA crown two years running.

• Small community- team: Waskada

Orioles (1984-1989). The Orioles captured the Southwest Baseball League championships five times and were finalists in the sixth. They also won three provincial B championships.

• Myles Bond - an outstanding pitcher on provincial championship teams from bantam to senior; starred for nine provincial winners and made 10 trips to western or national tournaments.

• Jamie Hodgson - had an outstanding career in both batting and pitching in the Manitoba Senior Baseball League; a 14-time MSBL all-star who played on seven championship teams.

• Glen Johnson - had a hall of fame career as an umpire and administrator; named the inaugural recipient of Baseball Canada's Umpire of the Year in 1993.

• Mike Krykewich - known as a slick fielding second baseman, Krykewich made his name as one of Manitoba's most respected coaches over the last 25 years at virtually every level.

• Rod Leduchowski - excelled early as a hitter, fielder and pitcher; played on the western champion Elmwood Giants in 1987 and then enjoyed a career in senior ball for over 20 years.

• Larry Nicholls - excelled as a player, coach and umpire; awarded the volunteer of the year award from the MBA in 1986.

• Gerald Palidwor - has been playing, coaching, and organizing baseball at high competitive levels for over 40 years; helped develop the Winnipeg Jr. B League where teams he coached have won numerous titles.

• Mel Stoughton - devoted his entire adult life to working with youth through sports and especially baseball; his Gilbert Plains bantam teams won five Manitoba and three western Canada titles.

• Jeff Trager - a local star on Winnipeg diamonds for 25 years in junior and senior ball from 1987-2011 including provincial titles in 1987 and 1990.

• Ross Tycoles - separate careers as player, coach and builder in southwest Manitoba; was a .400 hitter in junior ball on a provincial champion and a perennial all-star in the 1980s as a slugging first baseman and pitcher.

Morden skaters do well at Morris sectionals

By Lorne Stelmach

Local skaters had good showings at a provincial competition last week-end.

A number of skaters from the Morden Figure Skating Club participated in the Skate Canada Manitoba Sectional Championship in Morris Nov. 7-8. Winkler's club didn't have any skaters at the event.

Ólivia Sawatzky placed first in the pre-juvenile ladies under 11 division, JJ Scherr finished first in prejuvenile men, and Dana Hynes came in second in pre-juvenile ladies under 13,

Also, Jayde Jonasson was 14th and Tea Wiebe 18th in pre-novice ladies, while Jordan Parker ranked eighth in novice ladies.

Sawatzky, Scherr and Hynes will be part of the junior development team with Parker and possibly Jonasson qualifying to be part of the Manitoba development team.

The top skaters from last weekend's the sectionals will make up Manitoba's new High Performance Figure Skating Team and earned a spot to compete at the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton.

Manitoba's skaters will compete against the rest of the country's best at the competition Dec. 2-6.

This is the only opportunity for novice, junior and senior skaters to qualify for the 2016 Canadian Tire Figure Skating Championships in Halifax in January.



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Agriculture

Research that focuses on helping producers

By Harry Siemens

Swine Innovation Porc, a national organization created to facilitate research on behalf of Canada's pork industry, has released its 2014-2015 annual report.

Chair Stewart Cressman says their main focus is to reduce production and feed costs, improve product attributes and prices, and enhance the adaptability and sustainability of the sector.

Cressman says the base funding comes from producers through a research levy collected on every individual hog marketed, so there is the realization that certainly benefits have to flow to the sector that currently is paying a good portion of the costs.

"The nutrition work, we would argue that it benefits the producer and there's some best management practices looking at a more robust healthy pig in the nursery that requires less or no intervention with antibiotics," he says. "As well, there's work with the processors, so looking at technologies that they can use in their plants to look at pork quality and attributes and then passing that on to further processors and retailers trying to better identify the attributes that they would like to have in their product that they put in the meat case and ultimately supply to the consumers."

Cressman stresses the consumer has many meat choices, so the industry has to keep the end view in sight, improving the quality, the taste experience, and the healthiness of the product to maintain repeat customers at a competitive price point.

Keeping the comments about that producer- and industry-funded research at the forefront, a food scientist with the University of Manitoba suggests today's consumers are better informed than ever about the health and nutritional aspects of the foods they eat.

A report released by the cancer agency of the World Health Organization which labeled processed meat as carcinogenic resulted in widespread media attention.

Dr. Rick Holley, a food safety and food microbiology professor with the university, says earlier reports were somewhat misleading by drawing parallels between smoking and eating bacon, when the risks associated with smoking are something like 2,500 per cent greater.

"Consumers are in a very good position today by comparison with 20 years ago because the baseline levels of understanding and availability of credible information I think is far better today than it ever has been, and so we're in a relatively good position to be able to make informed judgments," he says. "Certainly the information that health professionals have and continue to provide with regard to dietary habits, recommendations for eating a balanced diet coupled with adequate exercise I don't think has fallen on deaf ears."

Moderation is certainly an element that needs to be taken into consideration in terms of the consumption of both processed and red meats, Holley notes.

Holley says he is impressed the media keeps taking a balanced approach toward evaluating risks associated with the hazards that were brought to the public's attention.

"People are not easily hoodwinked these days and, while the report deals with carcinogenicity hazards associated with processed meats, the issue of the extent of the risk I think was not clearly communicated by the agency and was somewhat misleading," he says, noting alcohol is about 500 times more risky than eating processed cured meats and these things didn't come out within the context of what the level of risk associated with the consumption of processed meats were.

Holley says the recognition that the agency making those claims did not consider new evidence and that this is a new opinion rather than results of new research has impacted the acceptance of the report.

"If you go through the more recent news reports I think the perspective has changed considerably from the original release of information by the agency," he says. "It appears the agency is not being viewed with the same level of respect as it has in the past."

Pausing to remember

> HARRY SIEMENS

everal things come to mind as I sit down to write this column.

The first one is a great thank-you to the young man who surprised me at the Winkler Co-op gas bar recently.

As stood in line to pay for my purchase, he pulled out an envelope from the cash drawer and handed me a \$20 bill.

Some days earlier I had lost that \$20, though I didn't know where. The young man had seen it drop and held onto it to give back to me. Thanks, my friend and great servant at the pumps.

Secondly, Remembrance Day and the little red flower. The more I see things changing in the world, with refugees walking to other countries looking for places to live and governments changing hands, I'm more thankful than ever for those men and women who gave up everything so we today still have freedom to worship and make a living the way we so choose. I can still see the pictures of my Uncle Peter dressed in his soldier's uniform trudging off to war. He and his family were the fortunate ones because he came back alive.

Nevertheless, his sacrifices and all the rest stick out in my mind.

Then as I walk through the Bethel Heritage Park, first thinking back to the people who first built the hospital and then ran and maintained it. I'm thankful of that too. Not to mention the time my wife, Judith, worked there as a nurse and nursing administrator, and how often people she looked after have stopped to thank her for the kindness, care, and help she offered and gave.

Then walking down the various paths, reading the names of the people who came to Canada looking for a place of hope, and just recently reading the one of the Jewish settlers and how the Mennonites and Jews worked together, to make this the place it is today.

Also thinking about our forefathers and their families, starting churches, schools, old folks homes, credit unions, creameries, and other industries to give the local people a place to work and provide for their families. Of course, the industry I serve, farming and agriculture, can't forget the people who had vision to turn much of this barren land into solid productivity not only to feed ourselves, but millions of people around the world.

And those same farmers, blacksmiths, welders, and people who simply saw how mechanization would produce more, make it easier on themselves, their families, and others, designed and made tools with their hands to do just that.

Often farmers will call me and say they have a story to tell; I love to share those stories.

I must admit, while it's thrilling to travel around the world and talk to politicians, dignitaries, and company executives, visiting with and talking to farmers continues to be the highlight of my work today.

Contrary to the opinions of some people, I interview farmers with all kinds of farms, sizes, make and model, colour of the paint and politics, and colour of their face.

I must admit, uncovering stories about the use of new technology, new uses of old equipment, new

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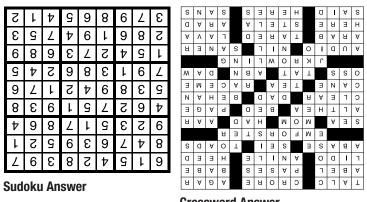
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- 17. Venice beach
- 18. Infirm due to old age
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- 20. Mortify
- 22. Whale (Norwegian)
- 23. Family Bufonidae
- 24. "A Passage to India" author
- 27. Ocean
- 30. Dad's partner
- 31. Owned
- 32. Swiss river
- 35. Female golf star Gibson
- 37. Base
- 38. A way to summons
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- bearing markings
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- **CLUES DOWN**

Teams including from reps from the cities of Winkler and Morden got a briefing before heading into the arena at Rush Laser Tag and Entertainment Saturday for the Big Rush tournament in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler. Fourteen teams of four people helped raise \$4,100. "We're very happy with how everything went," said executive director Michael Penner, noting it will help support their many mentoring programs.

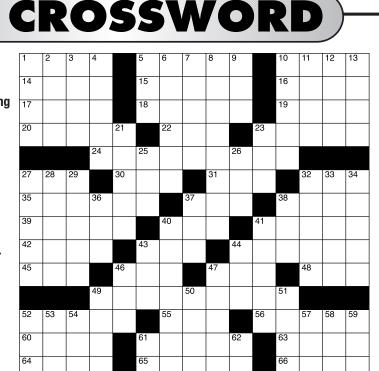
> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 31

farming techniques and practises, do run a close second in what I do.

Last, but not least, the faithfulness of our forefathers in how they and the church leaders, while not wearing it on their sleeves, put their faith in Almighty God to use and practise, and how I believe that still sustains us today.

The prayers and faithfulness of those people is part and parcel of why God blesses us today and allows us to live in the kind of place we enjoy today.

Yes we need to be cognizant of others, and I think the 45 plus flags of people representing the different countries they come from is a great testament to that.



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11. Mother of Cronus

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- 33. Small terrestrial lizard

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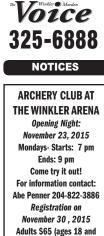
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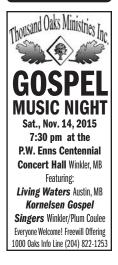
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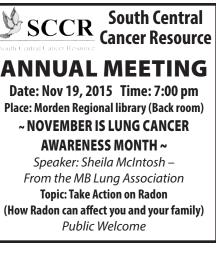
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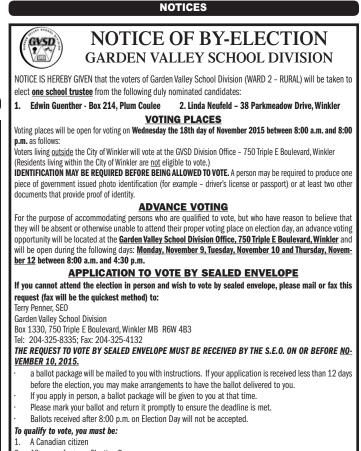
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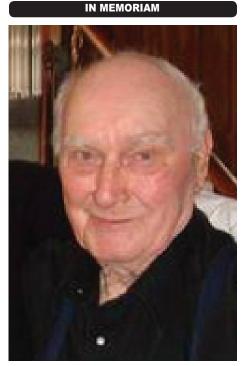




Susanna Falk (nee Fehr) 1950 - 2015 On Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health

She leaves to mourn her passing her daughter, Helen (Ben) Wall;

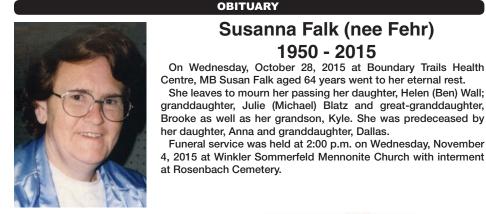
Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November



David Derksen January 7, 1924 - November 11, 2014 You tried so hard to stay with us, Your fight was all in vain; God took you in His loving arms, And saved you from all pain. -In loving memory Betty and family



Abe Friesen February 11, 1937 - November 13, 2014 Gone are the days we used to share, But in our hearts you're always there; Never more than a thought away, Loved and remembered every day. -From your loving wife Carol and family



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Cornelius (Cornie) Hamm 1930 - 2015

On Saturday, October 31st, 2015, Cornie Hamm, 85, passed away suddenly at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Helen; one daughter, Linda; one son, Don (Annie) and grandchildren Scott, Jessica (Ben) and Mark; one sister and two brothers. He was predeceased by his daughter, Erna; two brothers, Henry and John and one brother-inlaw. Abe Derksen.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with a private interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Cornie's memory towards his granddaughter who works at Inner City Youth Alive,

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