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Winkler paid tribute to the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War by ringing the fire hall bell 100 times at sunset on Nov. 11. Bells rang out in similar services across the country to mark the armistice centenary. For more Remembrance Day photos, see Pg. 4.

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Food and fellowship from around the world

By Lorne Stelmach

A dinner Saturday evening at the Morden Activity Centre celebrated not only food but the culture around it as well.

The World Community Supper came about as an extension of the world cooking classes introduced this past year in Morden.

The evening offered participants a richly varied meal that started with appetizers from India and then moved on to salad from Syria, main courses from Brazil and the Philippines, and dessert from Germany.

"It's a sharing experience for everyone. I think that's why they are coming," said Elaine Caxias, an organizer heading up the team of volunteers involved in preparing the meal.

Having come to Morden from Brazil in 2015, Caxias said both the cooking classes and now this meal can help in-

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troduce residents to newcomers who not only bring other cuisines to Morden but also many cultural traditions and living experiences.

The evening was very much about making

connections and building a greater sense of community, she said.

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Volunteers hard at work during the day preparing the variety of ethnic dishes for the World Community Supper Saturday.



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"It's nice to share your culture," Caxias said. "When we come here, we come to be Canadians, but we have a different background, so it's good to share this with them ... they share their culture with us, and we share our culture with them."

"It's a very welcoming community," she added. "They like to know about you, they like to know about your background and where you are from and what you do."

"They come to experience different things and different tastes," added Neha Kohli, who came from India and has been in Morden now for approaching two years.

"I was a teacher in one of the cooking classes, and it's nice to know that people know something about your culture and your background ... and they want to know more," she said.

"There are some people who have returned to the next classes, so that means that they are enjoying it," Kohli added."It encourages you ... it's good that they are enjoying it."

"People have had lots of questions," noted Caxias. "We cook and then we eat together, and we have time to chat, visit a little bit.

"You meet a lot of new people at this kind of event," she said. "And we



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Diners at the World Community Supper Saturday got the chance to enjoy food from India, Syria, Brazil, Philippines and Germany.

have had a lot of people helping. People were here the whole day cooking, they're taking turns in the kitchen."

The world cooking classes are

scheduled to continue in January and March, with countries and details still to be determined.

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On Nov. 11, Morden and Winkler paused to remember the men and women who have served our country, in some cases sacrificing their lives for our freedom. Clockwise from right: At the Winkler service, a young air cadet adds a pair of boots to the pile assembled in honour of the Winkler serviceman who were killed in the world wars; Winkler veterans salute their forebears; at the Morden ceremony, guest speaker Harvey Kinsmen shared his family's story; flag parade; Leona Meeks lays the Wreath of Sacrifice; a cadet stands guard before the Winkler cenotaph.

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Guests at the Discovery Nature Sanctuary fundraiser Friday got the chance to get up close and personal with Rusty the long-eared owl, who was brought in by guest speaker Dr. James Duncan (below).

Fundraiser brings DNS \$5K closer to outdoor classroom

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Discovery Nature Sanctuary hosted its first fundraiser last week in support of installing an outdoor classroom at the site.

Over 120 people attended an evening of desserts and presentations at Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nov. 9, raising upwards of \$5,000 for the project.

Cliff Greenfield kicked things off with an overview on the background of the 32 acre nature preserve and its role as an educational space for young and old alike.

"Really, the entire site is an outdoor classroom, but we need a shelter there," he noted, going on to stress that habitat conservation and public

education are the driving forces behind the sanctuary's existence.

"We think that people, if they connect with nature, with this natural site, they'll care for it and help protect it," Greenfield said.

Much has been done since the sanctuary project first got off the ground a few years ago, including installing an accessible trail, a thriving pollinator garden, and nesting boxes throughout the site in northeast Winkler. Still on the organizing committee's to-do list is increased signage, possibly a viewing tower, and, of course the outdoor classroom.

Seeing this natural oasis just a stone's throw from the city preserved like this is a dream come true for James Friesen, who grew up not far from the site and spent most of his childhood playing amongst the trees and ponds there.

"A large part of childhood is imagination," he shared, "and mine was fueled by a little patch of bush about 200 yards directly east of our house. This little forest became my sanctuary."

Friesen, alongside daughter Jolene Friesen-Stoez, reflected on the value of unstructured play in a child's development.

The sanctuary then as now is a wild but accessible place where "natural life can run its course," Friesen said,

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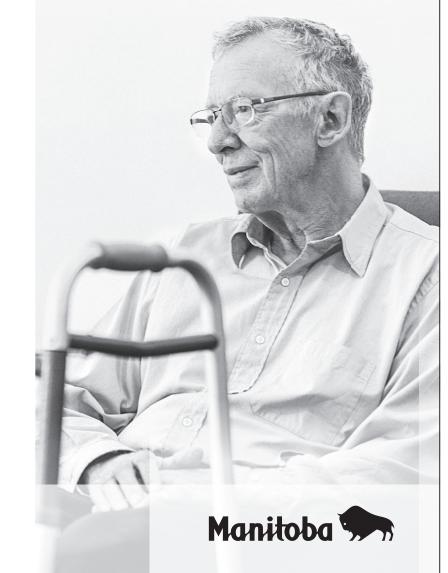
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To park or not to park

ometimes I can become so focused on making sure my needs are being met I lose sight of the needs of others.

Most recently I noticed the city of Morden has started its street parking ban for the purposes of snow removal with the threat of tickets and/or having your vehicle towed. I cheered this loudly on Facebook by sharing the

item along with my doubts as to whether a single ticket had ever been issued.

Not long after sharing this I was gently educated by numerous folks.

It turns out many vehicles in fact receive tickets for



By Peter Cantelon

breaking the winter parking bylaw. It also turns out that many vehicles are towed as well.

Let me back up. As a winter cyclist who commutes to and from work every day I get very annoyed when I run into parts of the street where the plow has been forced around a vehicle because it forces my bike into traffic and puts me in danger. As such, I am a huge fan of the winter parking bylaw and a nasty grinch when it comes to people who decide to ignore it.

But there are factors that can make it VERY difficult for some people to abide by this bylaw that I do not understand as a single-car, single family homeowner with plenty of parking should I acquire more vehicles.

For instance, a large number of residents in Morden and Winkler live in high-density housing like apartments. In most instances these apartments only include one parking space per apartment. However, if you are a young couple or family with two working adults, each needing their own car, what do you do? Add a driving teenager with their own car into the equation and it seems almost impossible to resolve.

In a region without transit you cannot ask people to give up their extra cars because then they would also have to give up their jobs.

You could require high-density residential development to include more than one parking space per apartment, but this consumes costly real estate and increases prices, which are passed on to the renter or condo owner.

Perhaps this is an opportunity for local homeowners with extra parking and businesses with large parking lots? Maybe they could sell monthly parking passes in the winter. Of course, they also need to clear snow from their lots and people still need to find a way home from the lot, not to mention issues of liability. All it would take is one person to slip and fall on your property and that \$50 a month wouldn't come close to cover-

ing your costs.

So what do we do?

I attempted to research this but there is surprisingly little written about parking problems related to urban snow removal (INSERT SAR-CASM ALERT HERE).

The city of Helsinki in Finland does offer one unique bit of assistance: some of their residents park cars over the winter. They offer a mass storage area (like a large, city-owned lot) where people can move their stored cars, thus freeing up the need for at least some people to keep their vehicles on the street.

In the incredibly boring book Snow in the Cities: A History of America's Urban Response by Blake McKelvey (sorry, Blake) is the report of an interesting solution from the city of Boston that could apply here.

Boston allowed parking on one side only of streets in the winter and plowed the remainder of the street onto boulevards to be removed later. This meant that cars could remain parked and the road could be cleared of at least two lanes.

The reality is we are a growing region with zero transit and we must find ways of accommodating people who have more than one car without expecting them to run out and buy a house with a three car garage.

One thing is for sure: it is inappropriate for a growing region to continue to fine and tow vehicles without searching out and implementing new and innovative solutions.

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adding it gave him "the gift of unstructured time to explore and experience a small part of the Earth in this way."

Friesen-Stoez is eager to give her own children space to enjoy similar experiences.

"The world seems to have changed and become more complicated, but our need for nature and for stillness has not," she stressed. "In turn, the natural world needs our children to take interest in the world around them. "All this begins by being given access to bits of wild spaces where we can wonder and wander."

Rounding out the evening was a presentation from Dr. James Duncan, who shared his passion for owls.

Duncan has spent his career studying owls, banding and tracking over 2,000 in the past 30 years, and is founder of both the Nocturnal Owl Survey in Manitoba and of Discover Owls, a group dedicated to owl conservation through research and education.

Amidst a photo and video presentation that outlined his years of field work and related findings, Duncan lauded the Discovery Nature Sanctuary for providing a safe haven for birds and other wildlife.

"I think what you're doing here, creating this sanctuary, is fantastic," he said. "The whole purpose of Discover Owls is to get people engaged and excited about nature and I think that's the same thing your sanctuary will do and is doing."

Winkler kicks off Christmas Cheer Board Month

Holly Jolly Pancake Breakfast on this Sat.

"WE LOVE THE

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

The countdown is on to the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board's annual hamper campaign.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder stopped by the Cheer Board's meeting Monday to sign a proclamation officially declaring the next several

weeks as Cheer Board Month in the city.

He lauded the volunteers for all that they do in the lead-up to the hamper deliveries, which take place this year on Dec. 12.

"We appreciate the amount of work that you do," he said, adding that the community most certainly stands behind them as they seek to make Christmas a little bit brighter for families in need.

Cheer Board president Francis Fehr said they're expecting to distribute upwards of 365 gift and food hampers.

"We are now collecting applications and we're finding that we're probably going to be up a little bit this year again," he said, noting last Christmas they handed out about 350 hampers.

The care bags are filled with food, toiletries, and children's gifts and most certainly bring a smile to a lot of people's faces each year.

"Every year we usually get a few [stories] and we bring them back ... it's touched our hearts," Fehr said. "I kind of drives us to keep going."

None of it would be possible if not for the overwhelming support of the community.

"We've been welcomed and well-

received evervwhere we've gone," Fehr said. "It's been tremendous ... when we're in need, they supply it. We're very fortunate to be in the community that we are."

You can make a donation to the campaign this Saturday at the annual Holly Jolly Pancake Breakfast in the former Pennington's location in the Southland Mall.

Cheer Board volunteers will be serving up

breakfast by donation from 8-11 a.m. The morning will also include musical entertainment.

Last year's breakfast, thanks in part to matching donations from Scotiabank, raised over \$10,000.

You can also make a financial donation at the till at the Winkler Co-op grocery store Nov. 19 to Dec. 1.

"That generally does very well for us as well," Fehr said, noting that while



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Mayor Martin Harder (seated, centre) with the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board Monday. Harder signed a proclamation officially declaring the next few weeks as Cheer Board Month.

they are grateful for the non-perishable food items that come in by the truckload thanks to the many school food drives, financial donations from the community at large are a very important part of keeping the campaign going.

Volunteers will spend Dec. 10-12 filling up the hampers at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church (120 Pineview Drive). Delivery drivers will be needed Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 4:30 p.m. onward.

"We're really looking forward to all sorts of help, if we can get it," Fehr

The committee is always thankful

for the small army of drivers who come out every year.

"[We're] always surprised at the number of people that come and line up and wait patiently to deliver hampers," noted Chris Derksen, a longtime board member who is stepping up as president for the 2019 campaign.

"We love the fact that people are willing to give of their time and donate," added Fehr.

For information on volunteering, donating, or applying for a hamper, call the Cheer Board line at 204-362-

Morden Christmas Cheer Board getting to work

By Lorne Stelmach

The expectation each year for the

Morden Christmas Cheer Board is the demand will never be less than the year before.

That will be the case again next month, the board heard Nov. 8 as they gathered to prepare for the upcoming

"The need is always greater, and it continues to grow," said chairperson Lesley Andrew.

"It is an upward trend," agreed Megan Andrew, public relations chair. "Every year we have a few more than the year before."

The Cheer Board is anticipating receiving requests for between 220 and 230 hampers again this year.

The deadline for applications is Dec. 11, although the board always anticipates receiving at least a few late requests and will try to make it work.

"Usually what happens is we end up making more as we go along," said Megan. "We always account for a few more hampers than we have applications ... and sometimes on the day of



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Christmas Cheer Board committee is getting the ball rolling on this year's campaign, which they expect will deliver upwards of 230 care hampers to families in need next month.

Rona supports local Habitat for Humanity

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thanks to customers at the Winkler Rona, the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity is \$1,050 closer to its first build.

The home improvement store collected donations at the till all through the month of September in support of the Winkler-Morden Habitat chapter.

"Lots of people were very willing to donate to the cause," said sales manager Nancy Bezan, sending kudos out as well to the store's cashiers who went above and beyond in letting people know about the opportunity to donate.

The fact that the funds will stay in the community to help a local family really resonated with people, Bezan said.

"I think people are going to be very excited, especially in the next year or so to see something is built," she said. "I'm really hoping it will just keep really rolling from there."

The Winkler-Morden chapter is well on its way to getting its first house built, said chapter secretary Christina Falk.

They're nearing the end of their family selection process and already have a long list of volunteers eager to get to work.

"We have a list 115 people long ... of people who want to swing a hammer," she said. "That is unbelievable in the few months that we've collected that."

All that's stopping that first nail from being hammered home is funds.

"LOTS OF PEOPLE WERE VERY WILLING TO DONATE TO THE CAUSE."

"We really want people to know that we really want to build," Falk said. "And we will get there. We're working hard to raise the money so we can do that."

That's why donations from businesses like Rona are so invaluable, added chapter chair Duane Falk.

"We're really excited to get some more support from Rona," he said, noting the company also helped them



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Rona's Dean Zeller and Nancy Bezan presented Duane Falk (centre) of the Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity with a donation of \$1,050 last week.

out with their playhouse fundraiser earlier this year. "It's another way that they've been really supportive of our local chapter here.

"It just gets us one step closer to

building our first house,"he said."The steps seem to keep falling in place so next year's looking like a really strong possibility."

Winkler lights up for the season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler ushers in the holiday season with a Community Christmas celebration at the Winkler Arts and Culture later this month.

The city's Christmas lighting festivities take place at the Park St. art gallery on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m..

The evening will include live Christmas music, free beverages and

s'mores over a toasty bonfire, crafts for the kids, and a festively decorated photo booth featuring St. Nicholas himself.

"We'll also have our gingerbread displays again," says organizer Wendy Klassen, explaining they've invited artists to put their own stamp on a traditional gingerbread house. "This year it's open to anybody to whip up a gingerbread creation." The public will get to vote on their favourite display. Last year's People's Choice Award went to Mayor Martin Harder and his wife Valerie, who built a colourful miniature of the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

WAC still has a few gingerbread kits available if people are interested in taking part. Contact Klassen at the gallery for details.

Our mistake

A story in our Nov. 8 edition on Habitat for Humanity's upcoming Christmas at the Museum incorrectly stated that entry to the Nov. 24 event at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is by museum admission.

In fact, admission to the CFDC that day is by goodwill donation to the Winkler-Morden Habitat for Humanity chapter.

We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. that Saturday and will feature a museum filled with decorated Christmas trees, live music, activities for the kids, snacks, and photos with "Santasaurus."

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we'll get a phone call and we'll be putting together a hamper for whoever is in need."

The Cheer Board supports the effort primarily through cash donations to purchase bulk food items, but it also gratefully accepts food donations.

The hampers are filled with food and other household necessities to help people get through the extended holiday season.

Many hampers also include a gift for children, including toys that have come in through programs like Angels Anonymous at Dairy Queen and other similar community efforts.

Residents have a few opportunities to support the Cheer Board at

a number of upcoming events, including the Morden Christmas tree lighting this Friday. They will also be represented at the Christmas at the Museum event at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre Nov. 24 and at the Morden Thunder's annual Christmas Cheer game in December.

Hamper applications are available Nov. 15, as is information and forms for becoming a volunteer. All those forms will be available online at mordenchristmascheer.com.

Christmas Cheer Week kicks off Dec. 16 and culminates with delivery day on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Volunteers will spend four busy days packing up boxes and wrapping presents in preparation for a small army of drivers delivering the hampers to households throughout the community.

Megan expressed her gratitude for what she knows will, as always, be strong support from the community to make it all happen.

"We always have so many wonderful volunteers," she said. "It's always at the point where we almost have more people than we know what to do with, which is a really good place to be.

"Everybody is very generous and we're always very grateful," she added. "Everything goes to your local community, so the people you are helping are your neighbours and your friends."

Set In the Morden - Surrounding Areas

Looking back on 112 years of growth in Winkler

Former mayor shares how Winkler became the economic engine it is today

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Heritage Society shone a spotlight on the community's growth over the past 112 years at its annual heritage banquet Nov. 8.

Keynote speaker Neil Schmidt, who served as mayor of Winkler from 1998-2006, took a look back at the mayors who came before and after him, sharing some of the highlights and challenges they each faced.

For example, under the tenure of Peter Kroeker, mayor from 1960-1965, Winkler earned a dubious distinction that spurred the community into ac-

"In 1960, a survey was done in the province of Manitoba announcing all the communities that were doomed to die," Schmidt said. "And Winkler was on that list.

"The leadership of the day decided that this was not going to happen to Winkler. And so they got up and did something about it."

What followed were decades of steady growth in the business community, including the opening of such major employers of today as Monarch Industries, Triple E, Lode King, and Grandeur Housing.

Schmidt noted that mayor Henry F. Wiebe (who served from 1968-1992) had the honour of attending over 16 business sod-turnings in just one day in August of 1969.

"That just mushroomed and the industrial park sprawled out to all corners of Winkler," he said. "And that was the beginning of our industrial development."

The Southland Mall, built in the 1980s, also has an interesting story behind how it ended up being built in Winkler, owing a great deal to the community's long-standing rivalry with nearby Morden.

"Winkler was about to lose the distinction of the shopping centre of southern Manitoba when Morden started building a shopping mall," Schmidt recalled. "That of course would end the shopping in Winkler. Everybody would move onto Morden, that's what we thought."

And so, when the Morden project stalled, Winkler entrepreneurs quickly leapt into action to get a mall built here, Schmidt said.

That kind of go-getter attitude has continued over the past couple of decades, leading to the construction of several major box stores, the con-





PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Former Winkler mayor Neil Schmidt (left) provided the keynote address at the Winkler Heritage Society banquet last week, giving an overview of the city's growth through the years. Society chair Randy Rietze shared that the society has high hopes for the year ahead.

dustrial parks, and the completion of such projects as the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre, the Boundary Trails Health Centre, the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall, Winkler Centennial Library, and Bethel Heritage Park.

All contribute to the overall quality of life in Winkler, Schmidt said, and owe their success to the many citizens who worked tirelessly to make them a reality.

"Winkler [is] a beautiful city. A city

tinued development of the city's in-

said. "It is because it's where people make the difference."

that we can all be proud of today," he

"IT WAS A DIFFICULT YEAR"

The banquet caps off what has been a challenging year for the heritage society as it attempts to find new ways to remain active and fiscally viable.

"It was a difficult year," admits board chair Randy Rietze. "Our executive, we've lost a couple people through retirement. We've also been struggling with the financials this year. We didn't really hit our goal.

"But we have some ideas for next year, so I think we can pull ourselves out of the hole."

In addition to financial support, what the organization really needs are new people willing to step up and help out as volunteers—serving on the board, heading up fundraising projects, helping out at events, and picking up shifts at the museum.

"It's a situation where, you know, we're an older group and the younger generation doesn't really want to get involved," Rietze said. "We're hoping that will change.

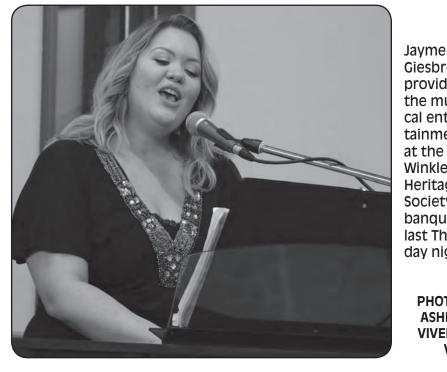
"The people we have are dedicated," he added, "and we're thankful for

The year ahead could bring some big changes for the heritage museum when the Southland Mall undergoes

Rietze said their future at the mall is somewhat uncertain, so they are looking into possible other locations should it come to that.

The museum is a treasure trove of Winkler artifacts and attracts about 3,000 visitors a year.

The society also organizes the Winkler Archives at the library and oversees the Stones and Stories project, which is in the process of collecting a short biography of every person laid to rest in local cemeteries.



Giesbrecht provide the musical entertainment at the Winkler Heritage Society's banquet last Thursday night.

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GVSD trustees new and old eager to get to work

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BRING THEIR OWN

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley School Division's new board of trustees is ready to get to work.

The entire school board was acclaimed to their roles last month, including incumbents Laurie Dyck, John P. Klassen, Leah Klassen, Garry Bueckert, and Tash Olfert and newcomers Deana Wilson, Tena Lane, Jake Fehr, and Barb Heide.

The board held its reorganization meeting on Nov. 6, welcoming back

Dyck as chair for her fifth year. Olfert will serve as vice-chair.

Dyck said she's excited by the makeup of the new board.

"The people that have come on definitely all bring their own experience to the table, their own expertise, which is fantastic," she said. "I think one big piece that we have gained with some of our new members is that they still have children

in the public K-12 system. We were slowly losing that demographic at our board table. It's always good to keep that healthy balance."

Other appointments include Olfert as chair of the education committee, which also includes Lane and Heide, Leah Klassen heading up the operations committee made up of Fehr and Bueckert, and John Klassen chairing the policy committee made up of Wilson and Dyck.

For the new trustees, the chance to serve their community is the common thread behind why they put their names forward for the board.

As a mother of two boys attending school in Winkler and a wife of a teacher, Wilson feels she brings an important perspective to the table.

"I still have kids in school so I feel that's a good thing to bring to it," she said, noting many of the other trustees are parents of grown children.

"I think our school board has been doing a fantastic job in the past years," Wilson added, "and I just felt like it was a good service to the community if I could continue on helping them do a good job."

For Tena Lane, becoming a trustee is something she's considered for some time now.

"I've been looking for a way to get involved in the community again," she said, noting she took a bit of a break after her term with the Winkler Community Foundation board came to an end a few years ago.

Though her three children have graduated, she still has a keen interest in public education. Lane works as an instructor at Red River College here in Winkler.

"So I have an interest in education and I thought this was a good fit," Lane said. "I'm looking forward to

jumping in."

So is Heide, who also sees serving as a trustee as a great way to learn more about the inner workings of our public school system.

"One of the main [reasons] was wanting to be informed at the provincial level, from the Public Schools Finance Board," she said. "I just wanted to know more of the information that came

through from them and how decisions were made."

The mother of three kids attending school in GVSD, Heide has volunteered for many years on the Winkler Elementary School parent advisory council.

"It's going to be a huge learning experience for me," she said of her new role as trustee, adding that was another thing that drew her to the job. "I believe in pursuing opportunities



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The GVSD school board includes (back row, from left) Barb Heide, Tena Lane, Deana Wilson, Jake Fehr, Garry Bueckert, (front row) John Klassen, Tash Olfert, Laurie Dyck, and Leah Klassen

that encourage personal growth ... especially things that you're passionate about. I love the concept of public school system and creating opportunities for kids."

Fehr's involvement in the local school system also includes serving several years on the Prairie Dale School parent advisory council.

Fehr's daughter currently attends high school in GVC and his late son was in the Life Skills program at Winkler Elementary School.

"I believe that education is a very important part of our children's lives," he said, noting he's long had an interest in public education and is eager to learn more about how the school division works.

He feels his experience serving on PAC and a number of church boards as well as working with local municipalities as the chief systems manager with Pembina Valley Water Co-op will hold him in good stead as he learns the ropes.

"My first goal would be to seek to understand how the division functions," he said. "I'm excited about the new role and looking forward to serving the children and the community."

A YEAR OF ADVOCACY

Looking to the term ahead, Dyck noted it's going to be a busy four years for GVSD.

Chief among the projects in the works is the new Winkler school, which is slated to open in fall of 2019.

"Opening a new school is going to be fantastic next year," she said.

Closer at hand, though, Dyck feels the board is going to be kept quite busy in the months ahead advocating for the division as the provincial government reviews the public school system in Manitoba.

A pre-budget survey currently seeking public input includes a question about whether taxpayers feel education costs could be better managed by reducing the number of school divisions, among other belt-tightening changes.

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Holiday market in Morden this weekend

Morden's Access Event Centre plays host to a two day holiday season market this weekend.

Pembina Valley Events holds a Christmas sale in conjunction with an artisan alley handmade sale Nov. 16-17.

"We have a lot happening and have partnered with a few different local groups," noted organizer Gina Di-Clemente. "It's been great to see the local community come out and want to be a part of our event." The sale has 75 vendors lined up with rotating vendors both days.

It is also features the Artisan Alley kids market, DiClemente said, with 20 kids aged 15 and under participating.

As well, they have partnered with the Douglas Kuhl School of Music to have students performing Christmas and classical music, and a youth choir will sing Christmas carols on the Saturday.

DiClemente also highlighted a few

local businesses that will be participating, including Love It Maternity, Little Thingz Clothing, Sasha's Atelier, Fat Pear and Farmhouse Signs.

There will also be food, snacks and baking vendors, Santa and Mrs. Claus there both days doing free photos, face painting, and entertainment from DJ MK Sound.

Admission is free. The activities run 5-9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

North Forge South eager to foster economic growth

By Lorne Stelmach

Don Blair sees great things ahead for this region with the arrival of North Forge.

The economic development agency with a focus on innovation played an instrumental role in making his Winnipeg digital media company Bit Space Development become a success, the CEO and founder told a standing-room only audience Nov. 7 in Morden.

"We thought we had all the vision in the world, but it takes a lot of trial and error ... and the road to success is paved with all your failures," Blair said at the official launch of North Forge South. "One of the most important things that North Forge has done for me is support me through failing and helping me to understand how a failure actually builds that foundation for success."

"We're in a bit of a booming economy at the moment, so anything that we can do to help new companies start is the goal here," said Chad Sheldon, business development officer for the City of Morden. "I'm looking forward to seeing the companies that are going to be created and the economic spinoff for the entire region I think is going to go beyond wildest expecta-

North Forge Technology Exchange in Winnipeg is touted as an agency that aims to fuel Manitoba's innovation economy by providing entrepreneurs with assistance that includes mentors, experts, and a two-stage startup program. It operates out of 27,000 square feet that includes a fabrication lab, which it states has played a role in successfully developing over 7,500 prototypes.

North Forge South will serve the entire south central region based from a main office being developed at 500 Stephen St. in Morden.

"We will be supporting all the major municipalities in the Portage Lisgar region including Morden, Winkler, Carman, Altona and Portage," said executive director Alison Lea. "We will have also satellite offices in each of those areas, so anyone can book a meeting and receive all of the same support."

It will offer a network of services

A conceptual plan by local designer Wes Hildebrand for what will be the hub of North Forge South at 500 Stephen Street in Morden.

including access to networking and training events, grant assistance, market intelligence, rapid prototyping, and a two stage startup program.

The North Forge startup program aims to take entrepreneurs from idea to market by helping them build sustainable, investor-ready companies through a mentor-driven, customized

"A startup community inspires a community," Lea said in explaining how North Forge will draw on the skill, knowledge, and experience in this region to help drive its continued economic growth.

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Is there a Gap in Genesis 1?

from Creation Moments Radio Program

1 Corinthians 15:22 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."



One of the most frequently asked questions when I appear on a radio phone-in program is whether there is a gap between the second and third verses of Genesis chapter 1. Some people have been taught that a gap of millions of years between the original creation of the Earth and the Earth we know today can explain the fossil record and the millions of years proposed by evolution.

Also called the ruin-reconstruction theory, this idea says that an earlier creation existed that was judged by God. Those who believe in this theory usually place Satan's fall, dinosaurs and so-called "cave men" into this earlier creation.

The gap theory was first proposed about two centuries ago by Rev. Thomas Chalmers as a response to the growing popularity of long evolutionary ages. It was widely spread among Christians in the notes that first appeared in the Scofield Reference Bible of 1917.

The gap theory, however, does not satisfy evolutionists; neither does the Hebrew of Genesis support it. Most importantly, the Bible teaches us that death first came into the world when humans began to sin. The Bible repeats many times that sin and death began with Adam and not before. This is such an important point that the Bible links the beginning of sin and death with the first Adam ... and the victory over sin and death with Jesus Christ, spoken of as the Second Adam. Of course, there is much more to the issue. For further information, why not call Creation Moments and ask for literature on the gap theory.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I offer You grateful thanksgiving because You became the Second Adam in order to save us from sin, death and the devil – our lot because of our sin. Amen.

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> NORTH FORGE SOUTH, FROM PG. 11

"There's so many talented individuals in this area that are looking to start their business, they shouldn't have to go to Winnipeg to receive adequate mentorship, events, training and support when launching their business," she said.

"We have a lot of amazing talent here ... one of the best parts of our program is our mentorship, and there are some incredible businesses that have grown their skills. They're champions of their field and their industry.

"One of the things that North Forge strives to do is become what the region needs ... so we've been doing a lot of research, talking to a lot of people, and we're looking for more community sourced feedback on what the community needs so that we can make sure we are providing the right type of support to entrepreneurs."

Lea stressed their services can be tailored to whatever stage someone is at—whether an established company looking to further expand or if "you have an idea but you have no idea how to start."

"It's a one stop shop for everybody, no matter what level you're at, what phase you're at in your business. There

will be advantages to being a member of North Forge," suggested Sheldon.

He noted the Morden Community Development Corporation has pursued this idea for some time now.

"It's been an MCDC vision for almost two years to build an entrepreneurial eco-system," he said.

"It's essentially reducing or taking away a lot of roadblocks that otherwise might have been there, which means it's easier and cheaper to start up a business, which should spur a lot of business growth."

Sheldon noted he has been encouraged by the initial response in the region from people wanting to get involved.

"There's lots of people already expressing interest in being volunteers, being mentors ... all willing to provide their expertise."

Blair, whose company developed the augmented reality application that is used at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, said North Forge provided him with multiple mentors over time as his business got off the ground and his needs changed.

"One of the most important things that North Forge does is the mentorship aspect of the program," he said. "You're problem isn't so scary anymore. You're sitting beside someone who has overcome it or will help you overcome it."

He sees North Forge being able to play a vital role for any business with "the whole idea of reducing the risk and the cost of innovation."

He encouraged the Morden-Winkler community to get on board and get involved.

"They're calling on the local community to come together to build this movement ... it is people coming together to help each other succeed."



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Alison Lea, executive director of North Forge South, says they're looking to "become what the region needs." Below: It was standing room only at the launch of North Forge South last Wednesday at the CFDC in Morden.





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Coffee Breaks raise thousands for Alzheimer's

By Lorne Stelmach

There is more to the annual Coffee Break campaign than fundraising for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

An equally important aspect of the effort now wrapping up across the region is getting people involved and engaged.

"The awareness is huge," said south central regional co-ordinator Kathy Fehr, citing the example of one woman who decided to do something different with her birthday celebration last month.

"Instead of receiving birthday cards from her friends, which was what they always did, she decided they would put the money instead to donate to the Alzheimer Society ... and they brought in just under \$100.

"It always helps people to really counter that stigma that's involved with this disease when you do something like what this woman did," Fehr continued. "It opens up the door for that conversation, and it helps to help people to engage and realize that family is going through the same thing ... and it provides that support that we all need at a time like this.

"This disease is a family disease, just like all other diseases ... it doesn't just affect the person with the disease, it affects their surroundings, their environment, the family."

The Coffee Break campaign en-

> GVSD, FROM PG. 10

"We know that our job is going to be to keep our local constituents up to date on what's happening and why the divisional setup that we have in Garden Valley School Division, why it's important, why people should care about some of the things the Minister of Education has been talking about," Dyck said.

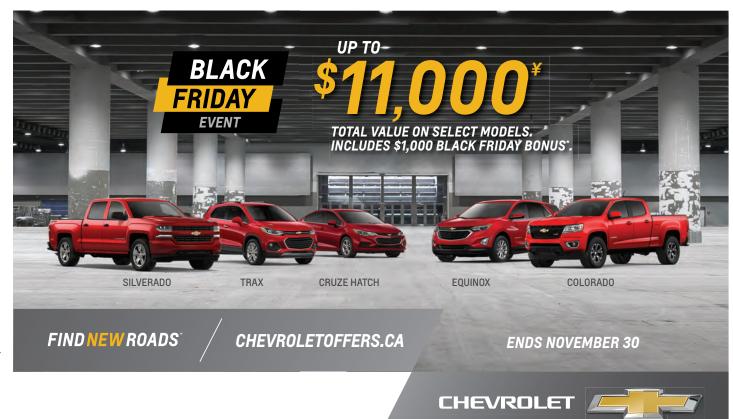
"It will be a year of advocacy, I think," she added. "Learning how to be more intentional in communicating with our community and advocating to the government."

Dyck notes that while she welcomes a review of the public school system and the suggestions for greater efficiency it might generate, she hopes the government takes the time to truly listen to local stakeholders when making major decisions.

"What scares me is if we're just going to mimic somebody else because we think it works well elsewhere," she said. "Losing our local autonomy would be a sad thing to see."

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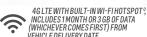




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A love of family and farming runs deep in Cody Falk's heart. Cody and his wife, Jaime, farm together in Rosetown, Manitoba with Jaime's parents, Rod and Angela Fehr. A busy, growing farm is a great match for their busy family of four girls. Whether it's watching their oldest daughter Cyrus (9) driving at the racetrack, helping Tenley (7) drop the puck on Hockey Fights Cancer Night, or watching the two youngest, Scarlett (5) and Shiloh (3), share each other's clothes, this close-knit family is always on the go on top of their already busy farm schedule.

A self-described "outlaw" on the farm ("because outlaws are wanted" Cody explains), Cody earned his place on his in-laws' farm by starting at the bottom and jumping in with both feet from day one. They run a rotation of corn, wheat, beans and canola. There was a huge learning curve for Cody coming from a farm in Crystal City, Manitoba with a wheat and canola rotation. He describes his first year "like you were standing in front of the headlights with blinders on and you have no idea what is going on." Now, he is a leader who is pushing the envelope for growing corn in the Red River Valley and passing his knowledge and passion for learning on to fellow growers and others in the industry.

When asked what he loves about farming, Cody noted that learning is a big part of his passion for farming. "I love how rewarding it is to be able to watch seeds you put in the ground grow and then be able to harvest them. That's probably my favourite part. And then everything that goes along with it; working with the employees, the retail staff, other farmers and the fact that you never stop learning. There's always something new that you can learn and try."

Cody has worked with his local DEKALB* agronomist, Bruce Murray, and DEKALB® Territory Account Manager, Kevin Chevalier, to run DEKALB® corn Market Development Trials on the farm for the past few years. Each year, the DEKALB* corn hybrids are tested in a different field to look at the real-life performance in different micro-climates and to see which products perform best in different locations. Cody has confidence in the trial data that he is generating with Bruce and Kevin; everything that is harvested goes across a weigh wagon and all hybrids are marked out using GPS technology allowing the team to know exactly where each hybrid is.

A few years back, there was a growing season with high mould pressure, and after seeing the impressive disease tolerance in many DEKALB° hybrids, the farm is currently growing 100% DEKALB* corn. Today, about 70% of their corn acres are planted with DKC33-78RIB corn. Although some farmers may be hesitant to plant so much of one hybrid or even one brand on their farm, Cody and the management team believe that DEKALB* products provide a strong agronomic package and solid yield data across maturities and it fits their farm. Located almost at the US border, Cody takes advantage of the heat units available by primarily growing hybrids with 80+ day relative maturity. Cody has family growing crops a little further north and true to his passion for learning and testing, he's encouraged them to do a trial year with DKC26-40RIB corn, a 76-day hybrid, due to its fast drydown, which helps with early maturity.

While most of the farm is focused on doing what they know works, they also really embrace a culture of innovation. Each year, Cody has a quarter or two of each crop where they try out new products and really throw "the groceries at it" and he is always eager to try out new, experimental varieties from the DEKALB° brand. This allows them to "plan for the future" by performing their own trials and really dig into what works best for

their farm. This is one of the many reasons why Kevin looks forward to working with Cody for years to come. "I'd say the best part I like about working with Cody would be that I get to learn stuff from him every single year. We wouldn't be where we are today with corn in the Red River Valley if it wasn't for him, that's for sure."

Always looking forward, Cody is part of a group of young farmers in the area that refer to themselves as "the future" of farming. Collaboration and innovation drive the group forward as they share best practices and encourage success among one another. "It's all about building relationships, that's how we based our farm." When it comes to the future of the farm. Cody is confident that at least one of the girls might be interested. "Well, there are 4 of them, so one of them is bound to [take over the farm]" he jokes. "Scarlett [5], my second youngest, seems the most interested." No matter what direction it goes, the future of the farm looks bright.

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Cutting the ribbon on As Told In Legends Bakery

By Lorne Stelmach

As a child, Katie Bergman never expected that one day she would be opening a traditional bakery of her very own.

As she welcomed guests Saturday to celebrate the official opening of As Told In Legends Bakery, Bergman shared that baking wasn't always a passion for her growing up in Mor-

"My sister got married and she moved out and then there was no baking in the house anymore," said the 21-year-old. "So I started baking and then I realized I really liked it."

To further her skills, Bergman headed east to Prince Edward Island where she took her pastry arts training at Holland College.

Bergman said she liked that they "learnt a lot of hands-on, starting from the basics, from scratch baking. And there was a lot of traditional baking, a lot of souffles and creme brulees."

She then came back and worked for a summer before finding the historic building at 522 Stephen St. her bakery now calls home.



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Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen and Morden deputy mayor Nancy Penner helped cut the ribbon Saturday at the opening of As Told In Legends Bakery alongside Gina Klassen, Katie Bergman, and the Morden chamber's Candace Olafson.

Taking possession of the building last January, she opened for business in February after a month of renovations to the cottage style fieldstone property built in 1895 for William Hall, who, fittingly, was a local baker.

"It was a lot of fun getting it ready to go ... being able to do what I love in the back there and put it up front and put it out for the customers," said Bergman, who noted the historic setting is "a conversation starter" when people come to the shop.

It is the range of delicious baked goods that obviously draws people in, though, and keeps them coming

"Every day, we have a variety of cookies, squares, cupcakes and different breads," Bergman said. "We do special order cakes so people can kind of pick whatever they want. We do cinnamon buns every day, that's probably our best seller."

Bergman admitted it has been "a little daunting" learning everything there is to know about owning and running a business, but she is enjoying it all—even the long hours which usually start at 3:30 a.m. and keeps her busy baking until noon.

"I make everything from scratch, I don't buy any mixes, everything is raw ingredients," said Bergman, explaining her thought behind the name in going back to the way it used to be done. "Plus a lot of the recipes I use are passed on through generations through my family."

Bergman has been very happy with the response to date..

"We've had a lot of people coming back ... so it's very encouraging."



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Ten Thousand Villages open for the holidays

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The former Dominion Outdoors space in the Southland Mall was abuzz with activity last week as volunteers got Winkler's Ten Thousand Villages store up and running in time for the holidays.

Mennonite Central Committee's non-profit fair trade store opened its doors last Friday and will remain open

As always, the shelves are stocked with ethically-sourced items made by artisans from around the world.

"It's all handmade," says volunteer MaryAnn Sawatzky. "There's nothing produced in factories. That's very unique and it makes every single item unique."

Sawatzky explains the store's representatives work directly with artists in over 30 developing countries to ensure they receive a fair wage for their work.

"There's no middle man," she says.

Knowing their purchase is making a difference in people's lives half a world away is something that really resonates with shoppers, especially around the Christmas season, Sawatzky says.

"We do have a lot of people coming from all over to shop here," she says. "They really look forward to coming and getting a unique gift that helps people who otherwise might not be able to make a living."

The wide product range makes it easy to find something for just about anyone on your list, adds volunteer Lydia Zacharias.

"There's everything from scarves to tablecloths and napkins, all kinds of dishes," she says.

"Lots of Christmas decorations," adds Sawatzky. "We also have groceries. We have coffee, hot chocolate, chocolates, pepper, cinnamon, different spices, olive oil, and teas."

The store also offers items from MCC's Christmas Giving catalogue, in which you can make a donation in the name of a friend or family member. These gifts run the gamut from purchasing farm animals to supporting clean drinking projects in communities in need.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The volunteer-run store has about 40 people signed up to take shifts over the next few weeks, but more are alwavs welcome.

"We are still looking for people," Sawatzky says, stressing you don't need previous retail experience to help



Volunteers helped get the fair trade store set up in the Southland Mall.

out—just a willingness to get involved. "They're four hour shifts and as long as you have a passion to volunteer, that's all you really

If you're interested in learning more, simply stop by the store to chat with manager Lori Friesen.

Ten Thousand Villages is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, Fridays until 9 p.m.

You can learn more about the store online at tenthousandvillages.ca.



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From left: Ten Thousand Villages store manager Lori Friesen with MaryAnn Sawatzky and Lydia Zacharias as the store prepared to open for the season last week.

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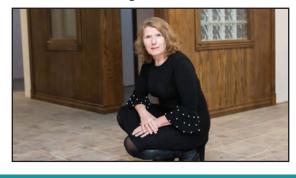
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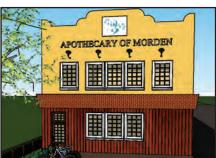
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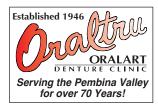
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Western SD welcomes new faces to its board

By Lorne Stelmach

Two new trustees officially took their places last week alongside three Western School Division incumbents.

The board held its organizational meeting Nov. 5 after the five board positions were all filled by acclamation in the Oct. 24 municipal election.

Joining incumbents Brian Fransen, Barb Petkau and Robyn Wiebe are David Guenther and Darcy Wolfe.

Guenther is following in the footsteps of his late father, Kurt, who served on the school board for about two decades.

"He always had a heart and compassion for students ... and I feel like I bring that same drive and motivation," Guenther said.

"I was grateful for the opportunity that there were two seats because I think refreshing a board, any board, is healthy ... and giving new eyes and new ideas to school issues is really

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important."

Guenther noted that a major priority for the division is to continue to press the province for a new school.

Otherwise, he noted he is particularly interested in working "especially for those students who are having a harder time in school. Some of my focus is to make sure there is plenty of support in place for students to succeed.

"I'm going in there really hopeful that I can make a positive difference, and I'm really excited to get started."

Wolfe agreed a new school and more space are obvious priorities for the division, but he added his hope is to"just work with everybody, with the teachers and with the other trustees and everybody involved, to get great teachers into the schools, good quality facilities, and good programs into the schools."

Wolfe had a number of friends approach him to consider running for a trustee position and he felt it was a good way for him to get involved and make a difference.

"I've always believed that education is very important and that members of the community have a real responsibility to be involved in not only the education of their own children but the children of the community," he said.

Wolfe added that he feels there is a good team in place with both experienced trustees and rookies like him-





David Guenther (left) and Darcy Wolfe are the new faces on the Western School Division board of trustees, joining incumbents Brian Fransen, Barb Petkau, and Robyn Wiebe.

self and Guenther.

"I think the mix will work well together ... I think we'll make a good group," he said.

"I hope I can bring a spirit of working together ... I think I work well together with other people ... so hopefully I can help bring everybody together and work towards a common goal."

Appointed to continue as board chairperson, Fransen also welcomed the opportunity to work with both familiar and new faces.

"We have a fresh start with a new board," he said. "There are a lot of great things happening in Western School Division, which is a testament to the dedication of our staff and leadership teams to developing people who are rooted in caring and committed to learning."

Fransen added that one of their major tasks moving ahead will be reassessing the board priorities plan.

"Over the next year we will review

our plan and prepare for the future."

Named vice chairperson, Wiebe said she was "grateful for the opportunity to work with our returning and new members of the board.

"I'm looking forward to the process of hearing from our community, staff and students as we take a fresh look at our board priority plan and refresh our course.

"Local voices give local choices, and our schools are a great reflection of the work we do together,"Wiebe add-

The organizational meeting also saw the board approve its committee appointments: Wolfe and Wiebe are on the liaison committee, Petkau and Fransen head up negotiations, Guenther and Petkau represent WSD on the Red River Technical Vocational Area committee, Fransen and Wolfe are on governance, and Wiebe and Guenther are on the communications committee.

"It opens up the door for conversation"

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disease and other dementias.

It's an initiative that raises over \$1 million nationwide annually. Locally, Fehr said they were about \$1,000 short of their \$5,000 goal.

"We did reach that goal last year ... and we're not quite done yet," she pointed out, noting there were still a few more events planned for later this month.

It is important for people to know that the money raised here supports local services and programs like Minds in Motion.

The eight week program runs two hours a day and offers a variety of physical exercises, socialization, and

brain stimulation games for participants living with dementia.

It has been offered so far in Morden and Altona with plans to branch out to Winkler as well.

"It's been well received ... and there is a waiting list in the communities ... so it shows there is a need for it," said Fehr, explaining they work with 11 pairs or 22 people, and she sees a key aspect as being that it involves both the patients and caregivers.

"Not only is everyone in this program going through the same thing but it engages the people with the disease," Fehr said. "It involves the person with the disease ... generally programs are more for the caregivers, but Minds In Motion is one that is really for the person with the disease

and the care partner."

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba also offers a variety of other ongoing programs and services such as its telehealth family education series that links people from across the province via video technology for workshops.

You can find more information about upcoming programs online at alzheimer.mb.ca.



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PVHS Curl for Critters looking for curlers

By Lorne Stelmach

The Critter Cup will again be up for grabs when the Pembina Valley Humane Society holds its fifth annual Giant Tiger Curl for the Critters next Sat., Nov. 24.

The Morden-based non-profit organization said they aim to make Curl for Critters a casual, low-key event for anyone and everyone.

"It's a one day fun bonspiel that is family friendly, and there is no skill required," said Megan Rodgers, public relations chair for the humane society. "It's a really fun, casual day, and people just get to come out and enjoy the time with friends and family and raise money for a good cause."

Registration is \$120, which includes lunch and a tax receipt for a portion of the cost. There will be a number of prizes up for grabs, including for the best team costume.

The fundraising is also boosted by

a variety of raffle prizes and a 50/50 draw.

"We're really excited to host this event again this year and have Giant Tiger back on board as the title sponsor," said Rodgers, who expressed appreciation for the support of Giant Tiger, which also assists the organization each year through the Hot Dogs for Hot Dogs BBQ.

At the funspiel last year, 11 teams helped raise over \$2,300. This year they're hoping to hit 16 teams.

All of the funds raised will go towards veterinary expenses, said Rodgers, noting that fundraising through events like this is vital to the shelter's sustainability.

The humane society faces significant costs related to animal care, including ensuring dogs and cats are spayed and neutered, up to date on their vaccinations, and tattooed before they are adopted.

"Outside of the adoption fees, we



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Curl for Critters raises funds for the local animal shelter Nov. 24.

do really rely on these fundraisers to make up these costs," Rodgers said.

She added the shelter has recently had a strong turnover of animals, which means more will be coming in requiring care and attention.

"We just had a cat sale so that we could adopt out cats that had been

waiting for their 'furever' homes for over a year or two ... and that was really successful. We were able to find a lot of them homes."

You can find more information and register for Curl for Critters online at pvhsociety.ca.

Bells ring out in Rosebank



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY HILDA MCMILLAN

The old school bell at Rosebank, now situated on a cairn honouring the community's pioneering families, joined thousands of bells ringing out across Canada at dusk Nov. 11 in honour of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. From left: Community members Brian Duncan, Wes Vanstone, and Bob McMillian did the honours.

• HEALTH CORNER

Stay healthy, stay connected

y name is Hany Mansour and I am one of the family doctors at the Agassiz Medical Centre in Morden.

I have been at the clinic since Feb-

ruary of 2009 and have been blessed to know many of you through my past years of practice in the area.

I wanted to share with you some ideas about how to stay healthy in gen-



By Dr. Hany Mansour

eral and more specifically during the flu season and coming winter months.

It is very important to communicate with your family doctor to stay up to date with recommended screening tests according to the age group, sex, and current recommendations/guidelines.

Flu shots are highly recommended to protect against flu symptoms. You may need to contact your current primary care provider to see when you can have it, but you can also check on dates that flu shots are available in the community.

We understand that life gets busy and we all have significant amounts of tasks to finish every day, but I would recommend and encourage that if you started to have symptoms or new health concerns to see your regular primary care provider as soon as possible to get your issues addressed and investigated, if warranted, to ensure ongoing good health stays good.

Make sure that all your immunizations are up to date. It is important to make sure that if you are travelling outside Canada to get covered against diseases that people can contract if not immunized or covered with prophylactic medicine.

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Wolverines take a bite out of **Flyers**

A lapse in the final frame cost the Winkler Flyers on Friday.

The Flyers gave up three goals in a span of 98 seconds in the third period in falling 4-1 to the visiting Waywayseecappo Wolverines.

Playing each other for the third time in two weeks, the Flyers and Wolverines had a spirited contest in Morden, where the Flyers are temporarily playing home games due to the ice plant breakdown in Winkler, with 164 penalty minutes handed out between the two clubs.

The Flyers, who had entered play having lost just one game in regulation since Oct. 12, gave up the first goal early in the second after a scoreless first period.

The Flyers tied it up early in the third when Jesse Korytko found the back of the net for the seventh time this season and third in five games.

Unfortunately for Winkler, the Wolverines moved back in front just over three minutes later and would score twice more before the nine minute mark of the third.

The Flyers were let down by their powerplay, as they failed to capitalize on the nine powerplay chances.

Riley Morgan took the loss, seeing his personal four game winning streak snapped in making 28 saves on 32 shots. The Wolverines outshot the Flyers 32-26 overall.

This week, the Flyers, whose record slipped to 11-7-2 with this loss, hit the road Tuesday for their third game of the season against the Steinbach Pistons. The result was not available at press time.

Winkler then welcomes Dauphin for a weekend doubleheader with games Friday night and Saturday afternoon in Morden. Next Tuesday they host the Natives in Morden.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler's Colton Friesen battles Waywayseecappo's Jake Bestul for puck control in Friday's 4-1 Flyers loss.

Hawks face steep competition down south

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks faced some stiff competition this past weekend with their annual sojourn south to the Shattuck St. Mary's School invitational showcase tournament in Faribault, Minnesota.

It put them up against a familiar foe in their Manitoba league rivals Yellowhead, but also had them face elite level U.S. teams including players in national team development camps.

So while the Hawks lost all four of their games, the more important takeaway for them was the challenge to try to take their game to another

"I think it was a good eye opener for the girls, even just to see where they could get to or where they could aspire to get to," suggested coach Shanley Peters back home on Monday.

Pembina Valley kicked off the tournament Friday with a 3-1 loss to Thunder Bay before falling 2-1 in a shootout Saturday morning to Yellowhead. The Hawks then lost 8-1 Saturday evening to Gentry Acad-

emy, an elite Minnesota program, and 9-0 Sunday to the Shattuck St. Mary's host U19 team.

"We played pretty well considering the calibre of the teams," said Peters.

"Obviously, we weren't successful on the scoreboard, but overall I think it was a good weekend for the girls ... the scores may not show it, but we did battle pretty good with all of the teams," she continued. "It pushes us as a team, even to build off this week-

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NPC bests GVC

At the Morden Thunder Zone 4 hockey tournament over the weekend, Morden downed Portage 5-4, GVC fell to NPC 4-2, and NPC went on to lose to the Mustangs 10-1 and beat the Sabres 3-1. Earlier in the week, the Nighthawks fell to the Mustangs 10-2 in league play.

Meanwhile, in Zone 4 varsity volleyball, the GVC boys and girls teams both beat Morden in three sets Nov. 6. Morden's teams went on to fall to Altona in three two nights later.

In the SCAC, the NPC boys lost to the Glenlawn Lions in four sets in the first round of playoffs Monday night. The NPC girls fell to Steinbach in three in their quarterfinals.

In JV girls volleyball, NPC won the Zone 4 championship Monday by defeating GVC in five sets.



Male Hawks best Chiefs, fall to Rangers

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks gained no ground but did earn a split with their two games on the weekend.

The Hawks picked up a big 3-2 overtime win Saturday over the fourth place Yellowhead Chiefs but then fell 5-1 Sunday afternoon to the 11th place Parkland Rangers.

It leaves Pembina Valley in ninth place with a .500 record of 7-7-0-1 for 15 points, which has them just one back of Kenora and the Winnipeg Bruins while ahead of Central Plains by four and Parkland by five.

Andrew Boucher got the winner at 4:14 of overtime Saturday after Roux Bazin and Derek Wiebe had gotten the Hawks a 2-1 lead in the second period.

Goaltender Brock Moroz takes credit, though, for the win as he stopped 38 of 40 Yellowhead shots, while the Hawks managed only 20 shots on the Chiefs' net.

The Twisters were stymied Sunday against Parkland as Rangers netminder Zach Grouette stole the win in stopping all but one of the 63 shots fired by the Hawks.

Dylan Meilun started in goal for Pembina Valley but gave up two early goals and three on 10 shots as the Hawks trailed 3-0 after the first period. Moroz came on in relief and stopped 15 of 16 shots through the final two frames, with Parkland putting it away with a last minute empty net

Pembina Valley only got on the

board at 13:54 of the third period thanks to a shorthanded goal from Campbell Enns.

The Hawks are at home in Morden the 11th place Interlake Lightning this weekend to face the sixth place Eastman Selects Saturday and then

Sunday afternoon.

Redskins embarrass Maroons 15-1

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action last week, the Morden Redskins ran roughshod over the visiting Altona Maroons.

Altona got its lone goal eight minutes into the first period, tying the game after Tyler Peers had drawn first blood for Morden just 29 seconds in.

The rest of the game was all Morden, with Peers scoring once more, Tyler Grove having a four goal night, Keith Bially scoring three times, two coming in from Mike Rey, and singles coming in from Dallas Holenski, Matt Sibbald, Michael Wirth, and Cole Penner en route to the 15-1 victory.

Morgan Wall turned away 34 shots in net as Morden outshot Altona 62-

A few days earlier, on Nov. 7, the

Redskins dropped a heartbreaking 4-3 shootout loss to the visiting Warren Mercs.

The back-and-forth game saw the two teams tied at 2-2 after 20 minutes thanks to a pair of late goals from Peers and Mike Ray.

After a scoreless second, Jay Fehr pulled Morden ahead five minutes into the final frame, but Warren got the tying goal with less than four minutes on the clock.

It took five shootout rounds for a decision, but Morden's four misses to Warren's two loss them the game.

Reed Peters went the distance in net, making 29 saves overall.

Meanwhile, the neighbouring Winkler Royals found themselves on the losing end of a high-scoring game Sunday night against the Portage Islanders.

Playing on borrowed Morden ice, Winkler managed four goals in the first period to head into intermission down 5-4. Calvin Spencer scored three of those, with the fourth coming in from Jamie Thiessen.

Portage pumped up that lead to 7-4 in the second period and then added three more in the third. Scoring for the Royals in the last frame was Michael Moore and Dustin Unrau, bringing the team up short 10-6.

Splitting time in goal were Devon Wiebe (33 saves, seven goals) and Trevor Hiebert (20 saves, three goals).

Coming up, Winkler plays in Altona Saturday and then Notre Dame next Wednesday while Morden hosts Portage Saturday and then heads to Altona next week Thursday.

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end now. It forces you to try to elevate your game ... and I hope we can take that and continue to push ourselves."

The Hawks now return to league action as they meet two opponents for the first time this season.

Pembina Valley welcomes Central

Plains to Morden Sunday in what is a key match up with the Hawks and Capitals both at 11 points for fourth place with 5-3-1 records. The Capitals, though, also have a game against the winless Interlake Lightning on Friday.

The standings remain tight as the

Hawks and Capitals trail the Eastman Selects at 12 points, Yellowhead Chiefs at 14 and Westman Wildcats at 17 while sitting just one up on the Winnipeg Avros, who will host the Hawks next Wednesday for their first meeting.

Agriculture Hog expansion is back on track in MB

By Harry Siemens

At Manitoba Pork's fall 2017 producer meetings, chairman George Matheson laid out for producers how the agency's new Swine Development Corporation would help farmers navigate the building of new

At this year's district meeting in Niverville recently, general manager Andrew Dickson laid out how far the hog industry is with its actual expansion, planned expansion, and dreamers, so to speak.

"There are two parts. [First] operations in the process of renewing their structures right now, rebuilding or refurbishing," said Dickson. "If I got 600 sows and I'm going to rebuild, why don't I go to 1,200 sows? Meaning if I'm going to build, I may as well do a little bit extra."

Under the changes to the Planning Act, producers wanted to make small expansions of 15 per cent can do it without having to go through a conditional use hearing, Dickson note.

The second significant stream is new producers and those looking at building something significant.

"It's a start, and for us, it's very important because the industry saw very little hog expansion and development over the previous ten years," said Dickson. "Whether there will be more next year, I don't know, but this is what people are thinking about right now."

He said the processing plants are very engaged in this expansion, too. Part of this current development includes the Hylife developments in the Killarney area, and Maple Leaf is working with producers to help them put some buildings up and increase the amount of production in the province.

The numbers as of Nov. 7, according to Dickson, are 8,350 new sow places, 35,800 places in finnisher capacity constructed or under construction, 63,300 approved by rural municipal councils, and 81,500 places in the planning process.

When it comes to lending for this projects, Dickson said, "There are no question organizations like Farm Credit Corporation are coming to the fore and assisting producers with the

financing of their operations. And the banks are getting involved concerning putting up operating capital and in some cases putting up fixed capital,

Producer types are a mix of independents, existing producers, and newcomers to the industry.

Some of them will own the barns but will contract the pigs with a processor, Dickson explained, while others will own and operate every aspect of their production.

"We have grain producers coming to talk to us about building hog barns because they're looking at using the manure as an offset to their costs for fertilizer," he noted. "It's very much like the model in Iowa, where there are essentially grain, corn, and soybean producers who have hog operations because they want the manure."

Dickson said this increased overall confidence level in the hog industry is coming from all directions, meaning producers want to build and expand from the bottom up and processors are encouraging expansion by pulling from the top.

"It's a combination of both."



Faith, family, and farming

By Harry Siemens

When Hurricane Florence hit Florida and into Georgia, I tuned into a live video broadcast on Facebook hosted by two men: Brannon Deal, a farmer and railroad guy located in Northwest Georgia, and Dustin Hoffmann, a farm broadcaster at the Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network.

I watched as these two and several other prominent guests discussed the activity, results, and devastation.

I'm not here to discuss the hurricane in and of itself, but rather the Farm Life group on Facebook started and hosted by Brannon and Dustin.

The group lives by the motto "Faith, Family, and Farming = Life!"

I've seen the group membership grow from 5,000 exactly when I first spoke with Brannon to over 6,000 today. It reaches millions of people in over 100 countries and strives to help people help each other.

Social media is nothing new to me, but the workings of this group certainly intrigued me.

So I called up Brannon Deal to learn more about it.

"My son Robert is the one that started all of this," he said. "We were on another page and during cotton picking season he went live for two

and a half hours on 'Where's William?' [That's] our ball buggy driver. He'd wander around the field, just kind of like a lost puppy, and so we had like 15,000 views.

"Well, if that many people like us, let's do something, but let's do it where we can make a difference," Deal said. "Let's do a page where the farm life matters, where the family matters, based on three principles: faith, family and farming. You put the three of them together, and you've got the ideal family.

"And we figured that, okay, everything that we do with this page, we'll make a difference. There will be no obscenities. We will not judge people. It's a judgment-free zone because not all of us in this world are big, substantial corporate farmers. Most of us in this world are familyowned farms with equipment that's 20 years old or older.

"We argue with each other. We throw tools at each other, and yes, some people don't want that shown, but it's real life. We get out there, but we also love each other. If something happens, we step in to help some-

"And when we got started, the more the page grew, the bigger it got, the more following we had, and it turned into a thing now where it's not just me, and Charles, and Darrell, and my son Robert. It is now a vast group helping with the page. I think we have about 15 people, with the two pages combined, helping to keep it running.

"It is about farmers helping farmers. Everything we do is, if we got a farmer that's got a problem, such as the pork lawsuits in North Carolina, when those lawsuits were going on, of which they still are, we went live and had a three hour forum and just let people ask the farmers questions that were going through the law-

"When somebody is sued and loses a lawsuit for \$473 million over smell, that is a tough thing to fathom.

Deal noted the plaintiffs were under a gag order, though a loophole allowed their managers to speak. Still, one owner broke the court order and decided to speak for himself, risking jail.

"He said ... 'Somebody has to know what's going on."

That is where we're at: helping farmers help each other. I'm so happy and honoured to be a member of Farm Life.

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Twisters bolster record with pair of wins

By Lorne Stelmach

A pair of weekend wins has the Pembina Valley Twisters riding a four game winning streak.

Now victorious in five of their last six, the Twisters picked up a key 6-4 win Saturday over St. James which helped then inch past the Canucks into second place. Pembina Valley then posted an 8-1 rout over the last place River East on Sunday, leaving the Royal Knights now winless in 13 games.

The Twisters improved to 9-2-2 for 20 points, which had them two back of the Raiders and one up on St. James in the MMJHL standings.

A strong finish got Pembina Valley the win Saturday with three unanswered third period goals erasing a 4-3 deficit after the game had been tied 2-2 and 3-3 at the intermissions.

Elijah Carels scored twice. Other goals came in from Quade Froese, Tristan Day, T.J. Matuszewski and

Brendan Keck. Travis Klassen earned the win in net with 32 saves as the shots were 36-33 for St. James.

Pembina Valley blitzed River East Sunday in firing home six first period goals to take command of the game, which saw a heroic effort from opposing goaltenders Evan Baty and Landen Miele, who combined faced 71 shots.

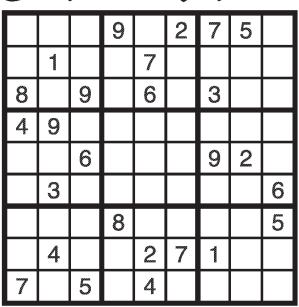
Riley Buhay stopped 21 of 22 shots for the Twisters, who got a pair of goals from Keck with other goals

coming from Carels, Travis Penner, Wyatt Sabourin, Braeden Beernaerts, Dylan Dacquay and Owen Wiebe.

The Twisters have a good chance to extend their streak this weekend as they face two more teams near the bottom of the standings.

The Twisters wraps up a three game homestand Saturday when they welcome the ninth place St. Boniface Riels to Morris, and then they go to Winnipeg Sunday to take on the eighth place Charleswood Hawks.

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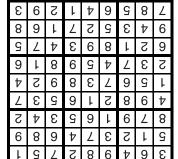
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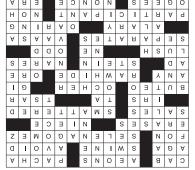
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- 1. Taxi
- 4. Long periods of time
- 9. Boiled cow or sheep
- 14. Ottoman military commander
- 15. Pia
- 16. Don't go near
- 17. Benin inhabitants 18. Pop star
- 20. Removes
- 22. Your sibling's daughter
- 23. Trade
- 24. Dabbled
- 28. Tax collector
- 29. Atomic number 73
- 30. Russian emperor
- 31. Broad-winged bird of prey
- 33. Pale brownish yellow
- 37. A type of bill
- 38. One or a sum of things
- 39. Stiff, untanned leather
- 41. Naturally occurring solid material
- 42. Promotional material
- 43. Beer mug
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Very rich
- 49. Atomic number 10
- 50. Not even
- 51. Pulls apart
- 55. City in western Finland
- 58. Wing shaped
- 59. Paddling
- 60. Player
- 64. Japanese classical theater
- 65. S-shaped lines
- 66. Coined for one occasion
- 67. Pitching stat
- 68. "M" actor
- 69. Some are noble
- 70. Lair
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Places to eat
- 2. Marketplace
- 3. Unoriginality

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- 4. Administrative officials
- 5. Female sheep and a loch in Scotland
- 6. Something to drill for
- 7. Midway between north and northeast
- 8. Cassia tree
- 9. Founder of medical pathology
- 10. Long-legged wading bird
- 11. __ and goers
- 12. Go quickly
- 13. Used to cut and shape wood
- 19. Small island (British)
- 21. Dry or withered
- 24. "Last of the Mohicans" actress
- 25. Manufacturers need one
- 26. Tidal bore
- 27. Makes free of moisture
- 31. Semitic titles

- 32. Inappropriate
- 34. Gregory $__$, US dancer
- 35. -__, denotes past 36. Makes nicer
- 40. Indicates position
- 41. Made a priest
- 45. Sixth month of Jewish calendar
- 47. One who refrains
- 48. Type of top
- 52. Pay increase
- 53. Curved shape
- 54. Keeping down
- 56. Sleep sound
- 57. Tiny Iranian village
- 59. Only one time
- 60. Elected official
- 61. Before the present
- 62. Genus of grasses
- 63. Autonomic nervous system

Marking the festival of light

Approximately 300 people from across the Pembina Valley gathered at the Access Event Centre in Morden to celebrate Diwali last week.

The festival of light (which took place Nov. 7, though the local event was a few days earlier) is marked by Hindu, Sikh, and Jain followers as a celebration of the triumph of light over darkness.

In Hindu mythology lamps were lit along the path back to the Kingdom



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A Diwali celebration was held in Morden earlier this month. The festival of light included traditional dress (worn above by Lexie Fehr, Irina Schuldeis, and Adashnee Pather) high-energy dancing, and food.



> HEALTH CORNER, FROM PG. 20

Eating a balanced, healthy diet and getting regular physical exercise plays a pivotal role for everyone to stay healthy. Obesity is a major risk factor for multiple diseases including heart disease, hypertension, diabetes and many other diseases. Staying healthy and in good shape lowers the risk for developing these diseases.

Try to stay away from habits that can affect your health and increase risk for developing diseases, like smoking, eating unhealthy, and physical inactivity. These habits are very difficult to overcome, but to defeat them you have to work mentally first and make the decision to overcome it.

I believe that any change has to come from within us and to suc-

ceed in overcoming any obstacle we have to feel the need, be 100 per cent convinced that is achievable. and then plan the steps to achieve this plan.

We as physicians also understand the need to engage with our patients to help them achieve these uneasy tasks. It is easy to say you need to quit smoking, but we truly understand that it's not an easy thing to do for anyone.

We as physicians are very privileged to have this special relationship with our patients where have this great opportunity to help and assist each and every one of you. I would strongly encourage our community and patients to stay connected with us to get the help and service they need.

of Ayodiya to welcome Lord Raam and his wife Sita after their defeat of the demon Ravanna, explains local organizer Adashnee Pather.

"That defeat symbolizes the victory of good over evil," she says. "Hence, the lighting of lamps during Divali is symbolic of the hope, love, truth, courage, enlightenment, wisdom and the high moral and ethical values that Lord Raam and Sita exemplified in character and action."

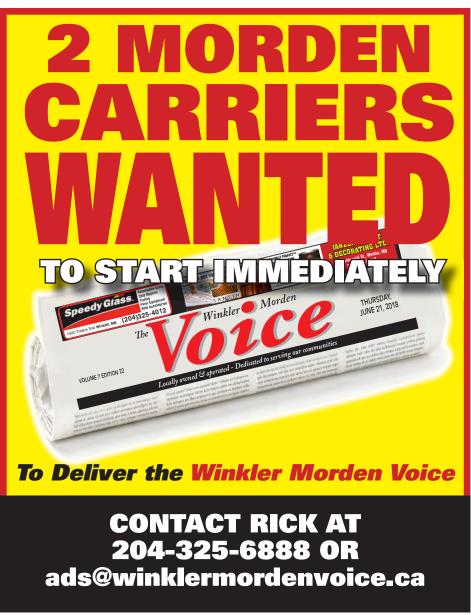
The fireworks that are set off during the celebration, Pather adds, are meant to symbolize ridding oneself of evil thoughts, negative deeds, and poor moral values.

The evening was a success and Pather was pleased to see many new faces on hand to celebrate.

"It was the perfect time to light the lamp of friendship, fellowship, and citizenship with our new neighbours, friends and co-workers in this our new home, Canada," she said.

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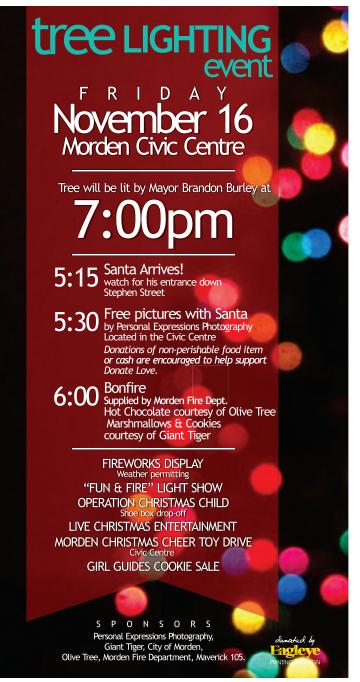
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OBITUARY

Abraham Dyck

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} 1946-2018 \\ \end{tabular} \begin{tabular}{ll} On Friday, November 9, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, \\ \end{tabular}$ Abraham Dyck, 71 years of Winkler, MB went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Anna (nee Wiebe); six daughters, Anna Dyck, Mary Dyck, Nettie and Chris Pauls, Susie and Sylvain Desilets, Agatha and Henry Friesen, Sara Dyck; two sons, John and Helen Dyck and Abe and Boni Dyck as well as 21 grandchildren. He was predeceased by several grandchildren in infancy.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Lawrence Walford Lea 1931 - 2018

Lawrence Walford Lea was born to Ted and Lois Lea on November 2, 1931 at Pembina Crossing, Manitoba. He married Rosemary Grace Kihn on June 1, 1957 also at Pembina Crossing. They welcomed daughter Terrianne Carole in 1959 and son Richard Desmond in 1962, and daughters Lindy Marie in 1967 and Sharon Christine in 1971.

He is predeceased by his parents Ted and Lois Lea; brothers Percy (2012) and Bob Lea (2015).

He leaves to mourn his wife Rosemary; daughters Terrianne (Bob), Lindy (Don) and Sharon (Lorne) and son Rich; grandchildren, Robyn Desender (Colby) and Devon Lea (Mya), Jeff Seward (Mary Ellen), TJ Seward (Nika), Nelson Lea, James, Will and Sarah

Sharpe, Lexi and Jackson Hacault; great-grandchildren, Jillian, Jenson and Jasper Desender, Maya and Max Seward and Wright Seward.

Laurie lived all his life on Fairbrook Farm in the same yard as his parents. Dad loved the land and farmed all his life. His passion was to work with the cattle and he specialized in the Tarentaise breed for many years. To the end of his life he loved to pail feed the calves, fork manure and cut strings off the bale shredder, all jobs dad could do in his elderly years.

Along with farming, dad drove the school bus for many years and served as councillor on the Pembina Council. Dad loved cars and had a great desire to drive something "different" to initiate an interesting topic of conversation.

Dad's other passion was music and in his teens he played instruments and sang with brothers Bob and Percy. Later he sang with George Sanders, Doc Boxall and Percy Lea in the group The Pembinaires and with Stew Clayton and the Trailriders. It was dad's dream to have a family band and when his girls were old enough we put this into fruition forming the Lea Family Band which included Laurie (vocals/guitar), Rosemary (keyboard), Terrianne (vocals/ bass), Lindy (vocals), Sharon (vocals/drums) and Bob Lea (banjo). We also had Bill Howatt play with us for several years and various other musicians. The Lea Family performed stage shows for 10 years and made three professional recordings. When VHS was becoming popular, we had Greg Currie edit together the Lea Family Video which was a collection of all our memories put together with our recorded music. What a treasure to have today. It was an awesome 10 year ride to play together as a family and our group disbanded in 1998 with families moving on to raise the growing family. That certainly didn't stop the music and it carried through to the next generation. Dad's heart was full of pride while he watched his grandchildren in many musical performances on stage and most recently the Stowaways performance on October 26th.

Laurie and Rosemary enjoyed some great trips with their family, travelling to Nashville in 1988 and then to Nova Scotia/PEI in 2010. We enjoyed two musical trips to Branson and they made a trip to Virginia to visit Lea relatives in 2009.

Dad's other passion was his daily commute to Manitou for the regular coffee shop meetings. It didn't matter what he was doing the clock stopped when it was time to go for coffee. We teased him lots about what the "meeting" was that day - but the sociability was great for him.

Laurie loved the Pembina Valley, the view from the kitchen table, the rides up School Hill to Bald Eagle in the Rhino, visiting his beloved cattle everyday, being a help whenever there was a job, feeding an abundance of cats and his good buddy Sampson the dog.

Laurie believed in God and his eventual return home. He will be laid to rest at his beloved St. Luke's Pembina Crossing Church that was so dear to his heart and be reunited with his parents

Everyone will miss Laurie and remember him as the man with the beautiful voice, gentle nature, devoted husband and father and dedicated valley man.

He died doing what he loved best - checking the cows. See you later Dad

A memorial service was held at the Opera House in Manitou, Manitoba on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Interment was at St. Luke's Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donation may be made in Laurie's memory to Pembina Valley Search and Rescue, Box 700, Manitou MB, R0G 1G0 or STARS Air Ambulance 115 West Hanger Road Winnipeg MB, R3J 3Z1.

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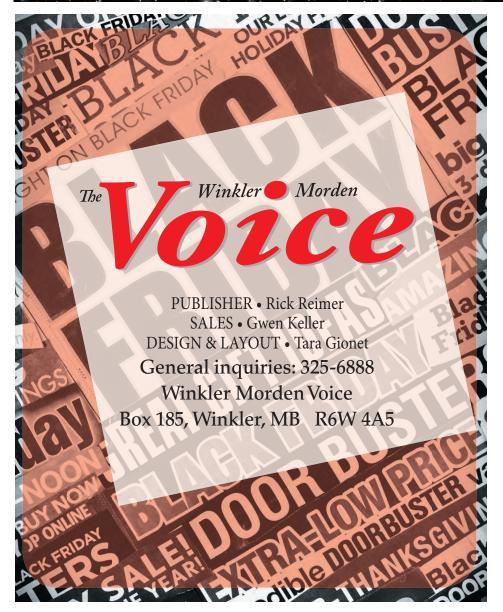
- Peruse Black Friday ads in advance of the big day. Many retailers begin advertising their Black Friday deals well in advance. Shoppers who know which stores they want to visit on Black Friday should begin looking for those stores' fliers in early November, and continue to do so as Black Friday draws closer. This gives shoppers a chance to plan their Black Friday shopping so they can visit stores with the most enticing or timesensitive deals first.
- Create a list and make shopping a team effort. Once retailers have announced the details of their Black Friday sales, shoppers can make a list of items they hope to purchase. When shopping, don't go it alone. Instead, team up with a spouse, neighbor or older children who can then be given certain items to find in the store once doors open.
- Bring snacks. Unless shoppers are visiting specialty retailers who cater to a small and very distinct clientele, they should expect long checkout lines on Black Friday. As a result, shoppers should bring healthy snacks along so they get an energy boost and don't succumb to hunger while waiting on line.

 Download retailer apps. Many retailers now have their own smart-phone apps, which may or may not advertise Black Friday deals. Download such apps so you can stay up-to-date on the latest deals. Some retailers may even match their competitors' appadvertised deals.

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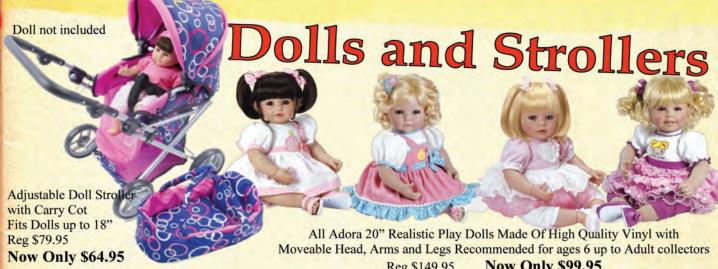
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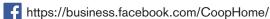
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