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PHOTOS **BY LORNE STEL-**MACH/VOICE

Forty-five people braved the elements in Morden Saturday to take part in the Morden Police Service's first annual Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics Manitoba. The event raised over \$32,000.



By Lorne Stelmach

The event lived up to its name with a frigidly cold day welcoming 45 brave souls willing to take the plunge.

Special Olympics is thankful they did as the first annual Morden Polar Plunge raised over \$32,000 for the organization.

Local police and firefighters were joined by other volunteers from across southern Manitoba at the Access Event Centre Saturday as part of the 2016 Morden Multicultural Winterfest festivities.

Participants raised pledges for the cause and then took a flying leap into a tank of water in conditions that included a strong wind chill.

Police forces have long been involved with Special Olympics, including fundraising through the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, said organizer Cst. Scott Edwards of the Morden Police Service. Edwards said they wanted to do a Polar Plunge locally this year after having tried it out in Winnipeg last winter.

"A few of us from the police service did it last year in Winnipeg and we enjoyed it," he said. "It's about awareness ... it's about fundraising ... and it's quite the experience to jump into some ice cold water in the middle of February."

Similar events are also taking place in Brandon and Winnipeg. The top fundraisers across the province will be eligible to take part in the "Ultimate Plunge" in Churchill this summer.

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Getting creative Andrew Forbes

(far right) of Freeze Frame Manitoba was at the Winkler concert hall Monday to lead a stopmotion workshop for budding filmmakers



at the first O'Ba Yo Film Festival. While upstairs in the auditorium people enjoyed classic episodes of I Love Lucy and The Ed Sullivan Show alongside short films from local high school students, downstairs the workshop participants came up with a script, created props out of plasticine, and then shot and edited a short movie to screen at the day's end. In this photo, the kids were painstakingly shooting a colourful tunnel scene frame by frame.

Lace up your bowling shoes for Big Brothers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler's biggest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching, and the mentoring agency hopes you'll lace up your shoes to take part—your bowling shoes, that is.

The annual Bowl for Kids Sake bowla-thon will take over Valley Bowling Lanes in Winkler on Saturday, March 12.

"We're hoping to see 40-plus teams, 45 teams or so. Right now we're at 35, so we've come a long way and there's still room for more," said executive director Michael Penner, noting that 40 teams would fit right in with the fact the agency is celebrating four decades in the community this year.

Participating teams of four will spend an hour on the lanes in various time slots throughout the day vying for bragging rights. Each bowler is also asked to raise pledges for the cause or to find a sponsor to cover registration costs (\$240 per team).

"THIS IS OUR PREMIER FUNDRAISER AND SO WE REALLY NEED IT TO DO WELL ..."

"There's a fundraising prize for the top fundraiser," Penner said, adding there will also be a prize for the top score. "And there's going to be a nice silent auction with all kinds of wonderful prizes that people can purchase tickets for."

Prizes will also be handed out for the best dressed bowlers.

"The theme this year is jumping on a popular one: *Star Wars,*" said Penner. "So dress up as your favourite character and there's going to be chances to win some good prizes."

Big Brothers is hoping to raise



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder (left) and Coun. Henry Siemens (right) with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler executive director Michael Penner at the bowling lanes last week. The mentoring agency holds its annual Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser on March 12.

\$35,000 at Bowl for Kids this year about \$1,000 more than last year's event, which saw 190 bowlers take part.

"This is our premier fundraiser and so we really need it to do well so we can support all the programs that we're running right now," said Penner. The agency is currently mentoring about 60 kids in the Winkler-Morden area through its traditional and inschool mentoring matches and group mentoring programs like Kicks for Kids and Go Girls.

Last Friday, Winkler Mayor Martin

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> BOWL FOR KIDS, FROM PG. 3

Harder and Coun. Henry Siemens stopped by the bowling lanes to play a few frames to kick-off this year's Bowl for Kids Sake campaign.

Harder said the agency plays a vital role in shaping the future of potentially at-risk children in our community for the better.

"As we well know, crime has taken on a bit of a different angle over the last number of years and we're trying to do something about it, trying to get the community involved, and this is just a prime example of an organization that is already plugged in and doing a great job," he said. "To see 60 kids being mentored in the region is absolutely awesome.

"As a community, as a region, we're just absolutely delighted to partner with them and to encourage people to partner with them and to contribute and make their programs as successful as they can be," Harder added.

The City of Winkler will have teams at Bowl for Kids, Harder said, and he challenges other municipalities in the area to step up and take part as well.

"We're a close-knit group here between the RM of Stanley, Morden, Winkler, and Rhineland, for that matter, and I think all of them should be here playing a few games, and we look forward to seeing some competition."

If you'd like to sign-up a team or make a donation to Bowl for Kids Sake, you can reach Penner at 204-325-9707 or via email at michael. penner@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

Businesses can also show their support for the agency by becoming an event sponsor or a lane sponsor at the event. Contact Penner for details.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Mayor Martin Harder helped Big Brother Big Sisters kick off their Bowl for Kids Sake campaign by bowling a few frames last week.



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WSD unveils \$19M budget for 2016/17

By Lorne Stelmach

The focus was not just the financial impact as Western School Division unveiled its operating budget for the year ahead last week.

The Feb. 9 budget showcase also put on display how the 2016-17 financial plan will benefit Morden students.

The division filled the Morden Collegiate gymnasium with exhibits displaying key programs and initiatives that the budget makes possible.

"We really wanted this evening to be about seeing your tax dollars at work ... where are your tax dollars going," said board chair Robyn Wiebe. "They're going into people, going into children, and going into futures in our community."

The proposed budget for the next school year is set at over \$19 million and represents about a five per cent increase from 2015-16.

The mill rate of 15.83 is a nine per cent reduction from 17.43 in the previous year, though 2016 being a reassessment year means that will have an impact on tax bills.

A \$250,000 house now reassessed at about \$275,000 will see its school taxes remain virtually unchanged from \$1,960.88 in 2016 to \$1,958.96 in 2017.

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PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

At its budget showcase on Feb. 9, Western School Division didn't just announce its financial plans for the 2016-17 school year, but also showed off just how those funds are used to educate Morden students, including integrating a wide range of technology into the classroom.

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To hibernate or not to hibernate?

artificially induced stupor, one won-

ders that I manage to ever get off the

As a kid, most of winter was spent

couch or out of bed these days.

o hibernate or not to hibernate—that is my question. I am often caught between the two extreme poles of wanting to constantly be active and busy and not wanting to do anything at all.

In winter the extremes become even more extreme. I will have moments where I want to strap on the cross country skis and go out and explore for an afternoon followed quickly by a desire to stay in bed and never get out. I can tell you the desire toward inactivity often

wins out over ac-

Combined with the fact that pretty much every place I go overheats itself to the point where I instantly feel like I'm on the verge

I'm on the verge of falling into an **By Peter Cantelon**



building snow forts, tobogganing, or other engaging in snow ball fights where the we would risk our very eyes. It is

we would risk our very eyes. It is probably a horrible thing to mention that as children we would often bring snow balls made out of a very wet slush and then transform them into ice by leaving them in the freezer over night for more effective weaponry the next day. We would often hide rocks inside snowballs as well ... I really do not know how I survived childhood.

In the school yard we would often pair off and search for a highly polished slice of ice upon which to attempt to disable our partner. We would each take up position opposite the other, side to side on the ice. At this point it was a simple matter of trying to sweep each other's feet out from under one another until someone went down—usually hard—and a winner was declared.

Tobogganing generally involved waiting at the top of the steepest hill in town until some poor, hapless soul looked as if they were going to be standing near the bottom a little too

long.

In that moment you would send yourself down the hill in human missile form with the goal of hitting the other person low enough to send them somersaulting through the air. Horrible.

Thankfully I was not responsible for mine or any other person's death or maiming through those winters.

I wonder now at how so many activities in my youth seemed to be about trying to kill one another in as fun a way as possible.

While those options were always enjoyable ways to spend the colder days, I would likely be arrested today if I tried to engage in these activities (although I confess I would probably still enjoy them far too much).

No, as an adult, I feel I must stick to less harmful, more expensive winter activities like putting in a new water heater or considering extra insulation.

Besides, this winter's snow has really been too dry for a decent snowball or fort. Plus, when it does get wet enough we get a deep freeze that turns everything to concrete. My warm house wins out by far.

Improvements needed at Emerson border crossing

I am a truck driver who approaches borders regularly in the work week. I go through customs on a regular basis, Canada and U.S., sitting in lineups pondering the differences.

When the Pembina, ND side has a few trucks waiting, they open another booth. A wait of more then 30 minutes is rare. The Emerson, MB side can have a lineup of 30 trucks no second booth is opened.

I recently spent 75 minutes waiting to get back into Canada on a Friday morning. Listening to the chatter on the CB, there were some who had never been to Canada before and were stunned at the lengthy wait. When the booths for the cars and buses (cross-border shoppers) start to lineup, they open a second, third, fourth booth.

The thing is, it's the trucks that are bringing in the goods. The goods that keep our economy going, generating revenue. One of the busiest commercial ports in Western Canada. Trucks can't choose which port to cross. They can't just turn around and try another port that would have less waiting time.

In efforts to streamline the goods coming into Canada, the loads are

barcoded for entry many hours before arrival.

The Duty Free Store for the northbound traffic is inefficient and confusing, causing more unnecessary congestion.

Efforts are being made to improve access to the U.S. bound Duty Free Store and streamline the commercial traffic.

It would be great to have improvements for the Canadian bound commercial traffic as well!

> Mary Harder, Winkler

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There are clear benefits of Energy East to Manitoba, Portage-Lisgar

Lately there has been much discussion around the Energy East Pipeline project. Mayors, premiers, and elected officials in Ottawa are all weighing into the discussion.

What needs to be recognized at every level of government is the national benefits and job creation that pipelines bring.

It goes without saying that all large infrastructure projects, including pipelines, need to pass through a rigorous environmental and community approval process. We all agree on that. However there is no reason that pipelines cannot be supported in principal by federal leaders, just as they support essential agriculture, urban development or manufacturing infrastructure.

As the Member of Parliament for Portage-Lisgar, I looked carefully to see what the benefits would be right here at home.

During the construction of Energy East we would see 634 jobs created in Manitoba, many of those in Portage-Lisgar. Manitoba would also receive \$466 million in tax revenue. Canada as a whole would stand to gain over 14,000 jobs during construction and over 3,300 during the first 20 years of operation.

Federal leadership is needed to advance energy infrastructure. Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Carr should be federal champions for responsibly built pipelines. They are by far the safest and cleanest way to move oil. Pipelines create jobs, not only in Alberta but right here in Portage-Lisgar.

> Candice Bergen, Conservative MP for Portage-Lisgar

WCF meets Thomas Sill Fdn. \$50k challenge

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The \$2.2 million bequest from the estate of Winkler pharmacist Gordon Wiebe has had an unexpected side benefit.

The Winkler Community Foundation has announced that the bequest helped them meet and exceed the Thomas Sill Foundation Challenge to raise \$50,000 to build the foundation's community endowment funds by this fall.

Originally, the WCF believed Wiebe's donation, sizeable being earmarked specifically to set up a new scholarship fund for Winkler students, didn't qualify as part of the challenge, explains executive director Myra Peters.

"We weren't calculating that bequest into our totals," she says, noting they

"WE'VE SURPASSED IT WITH FLYING COLOURS ... WE'RE SO THANKFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY."

read the challenge as being specifically in regard to donations to the Community Fund. "But I followed up with the Thomas Sill Foundation ... and they said it was building our endowment fund, so it qualified.

"We were pretty pumped because we had already raised just over \$40,000, so we were close to making that \$50,000 mark and now we've surpassed it with flying colours," Peters says.

Hitting the goal means the Thomas Sill Foundation will donate \$25,000 to the Winkler foundation, meaning every dollar donated towards the challenge in recent months has just been stretched significantly.

"We're so thankful for the support of the community and excited as we move forward and consider the work we can do in the community with this," says Peters.

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Continuous operation of an HRV on low speed during Manitoba's cold and dry winter weather can result in humidity levels that may feel uncomfortably low (10-20%) for most people. This continuous operation will also contribute to higher heating bills. Investing in a premium HRV controller and dehumidistat that provides options for automatic recirculation, including intermittent or off modes, will provide better control of humidity, comfort and heating costs.

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Darth Vader (left and above) and a few Imperial Stormtroopers (below) made an appearance at Prairie Dale School for I Love to Read Month. The Book Wars theme is pitting the Rebel Alliance (the students) against the Empire (the staff) to see who can read the most by month's end.



Empire, Rebels face off at Prairie Dale

Schools celebrate I Love to Read Month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There's been an awakening of the Force at Prairie Dale School.

Darth Vader himself made an appearance at the middle years school in Schanzenfeld earlier this month to help kick off I Love to Read Month.

The annual literacy campaign is being celebrated at all local schools with a variety of activities and themes designed to get students fired up about reading.

PDS is capitalizing on the popularity of Star Wars by holding their own Book Wars (tagline: "May the Words Be With You"), pitting the Rebel Alliance (the student body) against the Galactic Empire (school staff) to see which side can gain control of the galaxy by logging the most reading minutes.

"We've got a lot of Star Wars fans at our school and with the new movie coming out we figured this would be a theme that would get the kids excited," says school librarian Maggie Fehr.

Past years have pitted individual classes against one another for reading supremacy, but this year they thought a teacher-student competition would be fun.

"This is the first time we've done it this way" and it's gone over pretty well so far, Fehr says, noting that the Rebels were winning by a wide margin as of last week. "If the students reach their goal, we're having a giant, schoolwide movie party."

The kids are aiming to read 300,000 minutes by month's end. The top two readers in each class will also get an invite to a pizza party.

I Love to Read Month has been a February tradition stretching back decades, and it remains a hugely valuable teaching tool, Fehr says.

"A lot of kids really bring up their reading levels during this month," she says. "They're motivated by prizes and competition with each other; they're all trying to read more than their friends are."

Prairie Dale students are also striving to earn their Jedi stripes.

"They start off as a Jedi initiate and once they read 500 minutes they're a Padawan, and once they read 1,000 minutes they're a Jedi Master, and once they reach 1,500 they're a Grand Master, so there's a lot of incentive individually to keep reading," says Fehr.

Genesis House marks International Women's Day

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the overwhelming response to the previous clinic, Barb Chapman is coming to **MORDEN AND WINKLER, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**. to outfit you with the best possible bra for your body. Chapman said she will be seeing clients on a one-on-one basis, explaining the benefits of good bras and measuring their bodies properly. "Most women just want to find a good-fitting bra that's not uncomfortable," Chapman said. "What they don't realize is that a good support bra is also important for blood circulation and enhanced lymph

drainage." Chapman has over 200 bra sizes available for ordering, ranging from 30AA to 52KK. It's likely that you'll fit somewhere between those sizes. She offers these questions for women to ask themselves: • Do you have a drawer full of bras but none that fit comfortably?

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Genesis House is celebrating 100 years of women's rights in Manitoba with its annual International Women's Day celebration on March 8.

It has been a century since Manitoba women became the first Canadian women to earn the right to vote, and the women's shelter wants to honour that milestone, says executive director Angela Braun.

"We want to stop for a minute and just think about all the progress that's been made," she says."A lot of the time you don't notice the progress that's been made as significantly, but this year being the 100 year anniversary of women getting the vote and Manitoba being the first province in all of Canada, we wanted to recognize that."

In keeping with the theme of women's rights, the evening's keynote speaker will be Morden

native Dawn Nedohin-Macek, an engineer with Manitoba Hydro. She'll be speaking to some of the challenges that come from entering a traditionally male-dominated field.

Also taking to the stage will be comedian Janet Lacroix and local musician Jayme Giesbrecht.

The evening will also include desserts and a rainbow auction.

It all takes place at the SEEDS Church in Altona on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale for \$15 until March 3. Call 204-325-9957 ext. 2221 to reserve a seat.

Braun hopes to see a diverse audience come out for the celebration.

"I would really love to see some younger women out celebrating this event, recognizing the women who came before them who really paved the way for a lot of the benefits that we have

> WSD BUDGET, FROM PG. 5

There will be a significant hit on farmland, however, with commercial properties also paying more due to the province-wide reassessments.

An \$800,000 guarter section of farmland in the RM of Stanley reassessed at about \$1,104,000 will see its school taxes rise steeply by over \$1,500 from \$1,274.80 in 2015 to \$2,864.34 in 2016, and that is after the farmland school tax rebate.

Meanwhile, a \$630,400 business reassessed at about \$693,440 will see its school taxes increase by \$318.29 from \$8,175.66 to \$8,493.95.

Given the impact of reassessments, Wiebe said the board recognized the need to hold the line on their budget as much as possible.

"It's an assessment year, so we recognized that taxes would be going up because of that. We know that we have to be fiscally responsible, so we dropped the mill rate," she said. "It's unfortunate farmland assessment went up a fair bit, so their taxes are going up due to the assessment changes ... and business as well."

Wiebe said the board always recognizes there needs to be a balancing act with the budget.

"You don't want to hold the line so far ... if we didn't increase a little bit in line with cost of living, then we couldn't keep up with increasing costs. So you have to kind of weigh all that together."

A 3.3 per cent increase in funding from the Manitoba government had a positive impact, Wiebe said, while also noting the long term trend has seen the provincial support decline as a percentage of the school division revenue.

Even with the \$325,000 increase this year, provincial funding only represents about 65 per cent of the budget, while local taxes represent about 32 per cent.

"What you need to know about these numbers is that the provincial funding is going lower and the local taxation is going up,"Wiebe said.

The largest area of expenditure for the division is salary costs, which total \$14.6 million and represent about 75 per cent of the budget.

Budget areas getting increases for the 2016-17 school year include student support services, community education and services, division administration, transportation, and operations and maintenance.

The division projects having a surplus of just under \$600,000, which at about three per cent of the budget falls within the recommended range.

Wiebe stressed that limiting the budget and tax increases was not affecting any programs, staffing, or services.

She suggested their plan addresses a range of priorities and initiatives from project-based learning and programs like reading recovery to improving technology.

They are maintaining their emphasis on areas like literacy and numeracy and continue to promote and encourage professional development, she said.

This budget also covers the addition of the new piping and trades program to the Red River Technical Vocational Area.

"I think we're making sure that kids are having solid learning in their early years to pave the way all the way through to their high school years," Wiebe said.

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SCCR introduces new Lymphedema, radon funding

By Ashleigh Viveiros

South Central Cancer Resource is launching two new programs to help local residents.

Firstly, the centre has introduced new funding for clients who suffer from Lymphedema, a condition

that occurs when a person has lymph nodes removed.

Without lymph nodes, excess fluids accumulate and cause swelling and pain, often necessitating the need for massage therapies and compression garments to relieve the discomfort.

Those treatments come with a hefty price tag, and SCCR is now offering up to \$500 per person per year to help offset those costs.

"We see an increased number of breast cancer patients and one of the side effects is Lymphedema," says clinical coordinator Norma Hildebrand. "Not everyone has insurance, but they need to have these garments



Compression garments can range from \$100 for an arm sleeve to upwards of \$300 for a custom-fitted bra. "So \$500 can help a lot," Hildebrand says.

Through its transportation program, SCCR will also cover some of the costs

associated with getting a patient into Winnipeg for Lymphedema massage therapy treatments. "In Winnipeg they have access to free Lymphedema massage, but you still have to get there," she says, adding the SCCR has been lobbying Southern Health-Santé Sud to consider offering these clinics for

free here, as well. "Until the RHA decides that it's an important enough issue that they will pay for the massage therapy here, we feel like we want to be able to help as many people as we can get into Winnipeg."

Hildebrand says the Lymphedema funding will obviously add to SCCR's operating expenses, but by how much is uncertain. "It's like anything in cancer, you just do not know," she says, adding she's confident, though, that they will be able to meet the need through community support. "This is something that the community has asked for, some of the clients have asked for, and we're in a position right now where we can do it ... we'd like to be able to help as many people as we can."

The agency is also projecting costs of \$120,000 for its transportation program for 2016—up from \$80,000 last year.

"We couldn't do any of this without the community support," Hildebrand stresses. "We don't get any funding from anywhere else. No government agencies or other cancer organizations help fund us. It is all community based and so we want to give back to the community ... as much as we possibly can."

RADON TESTING

In addition to the new Lymphedema funding, SCCR is also hoping to drum up awareness about the dangers of radon gas by offering to reimburse people for the lab costs associated with getting your home's levels tested.

Radon is found in almost every home in Canada, but its concentration levels vary greatly.

Levels tend to be quite high in our area, which is a concern considering exposure to radon increases your risk of lung cancer.

Radon testing kits can be purchased locally and are easy to use, Hildebrand says.

"Everything is included in the test kit, except you have to pay for the testing," she says, noting that can cost \$15-\$30, depending on the length of the test. "So once they've paid their lab fees they can come here and we'll reimburse them.

"It gives us an avenue to educate people about the importance of radon testing," Hildebrand says. "To make sure that everybody knows ... there are things that we can do to prevent and to remediate the risks to make sure that our homes are safe."

For information on these or any other SCCR program, contact them at 204-822-9541 or find them online at southcentralcancerresource.wordpress.com.

Defend Dignity returns to Morden for seminar

By Lorne Stelmach

A project that is calling for pornography to be addressed as a public health crisis in Canada is holding a seminar in Morden this weekend.

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre is co-hosting the Saturday, Feb. 20 seminar of Defend Dignity, a Christian organization working towards the abolition of sexual exploitation in our nation.

Entitled *Reveal:* Understanding and *Responding to a Sexually Exploitative, Pornified Culture,* the session is aimed at learning about the effects of pornography on society and the impact it can have on relationships.

PVPCC executive director Linda Marek noted that Defend Dignity hosted a forum on pornography last spring in Morden.

"I was so impressed with the quality and the content of their presentation, their heart behind it, and the passion they have for the issue and also the compassion they have for the women who are victims," she said. "We're hoping that this will either have a preventative impact for people or taking steps toward healing.

"Arguably, all people in our community are affected by the increasingly sexualized culture we live in," added Marek. "This is a great opportunity to learn ways to protect your children or steps you can take if pornography has impacted your family.

"We know that pornography is readily accessible to people of all ages

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now," she says, adding, "We're saying, 'Come for a fun girl's night out' but this certainly isn't just only for women. Men are more than welcome, too."

CONFLICT WORKSHOP

Genesis House is also partnering with the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce to celebrate International Women's Week with a lunch and learn presentation on Wednesthrough internet, smart phones and so on. Children are being exposed to graphic sexual imagery at a young age, and this is highly problematic."

She noted the seminar is being made possible with the generous support of local businesses and community groups.

"It shows that people are dealing with pornography in all different walks of life. We're glad to offer something to help break the silence, encourage steps toward healing, and protect children."

day, March 9.

The session, run by the Wendy Loewen from the Achieve Training Centre, will focus on transformational conflict, Braun says.

The workshop will look at how to analyze conflict and better respond to it so you can move beyond the conflict into a conversation and ultimately a solution in which both parties participate.

"So trying to figure out an approach

The seminar will include three sessions on parenting and porn, the effects of porn on relationships, and pornography as a public health crisis. It is open to everyone, though some

content may not be appropriate for children under 16.

The event runs from 9 a.m. (registration starts at 8:45 a.m.) to noon at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

People can register online at the www.defenddignity.ca website or by contacting the centre at 204-325-7900 or via text to 204-362-0797.

that will be successful to you in dealing with conflict in the workplace, in the home," Braun explains.

The lunch and learn runs from 11:30-1:30 p.m. at the Winkler Quality Inn.

Pre-registration is required by Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. The registration fee is \$30, which includes lunch.

You can sign-up by calling Genesis House at 204-325-9957 ext. 2221 or emailing sccfv1@genesis-house.ca



Right: The Winkler Flyers faced off against students from Blumenfeld School at the school's Community Day last week. Left: Angie Funk, Gr. 5, and Hannah Fehr, Gr. 1, proudly show off the new school T-shirts they got that day, which feature the school's very first logo.



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Blumenfeld School hosts Community Day

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Last Thursday was a banner day for Blumenfeld School.

The small school in the village of Blumenfeld south of Winkler held a Community Day on Feb. 11 as part of Garden Valley School Division's Celebrating Our Schools initiative.

Things got underway in the early afternoon when the school's very first logo was unveiled by way of giving every one of the 63 students a school T-shirt.

"We had wanted [a logo] for a long

time but just didn't have the time, with everything else that happens in a school, to design one," said principal Renae Hildebrand. "So with this celebration we thought what a perfect time to design one and have the kids involved in designing it."

The logo includes three trees representing the Gr. 1-8 school's various classes, as well as the motto "Rooted in Community."

"The littlest tree is the little class, the middle tree the middle class, and

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New leader at the helm of Back 40 Fest

By Lorne Stelmach

She may be new to the role not only as a director but as chair of the Back 40 Festival, but Jenessa Kehler is certainly no stranger to it.

She has not only been a longtime fan, but also got one of her first tastes of performing thanks to the Back 40.

"Î played in a Back 40 coffeehouse for the first time in my teens in the '90s ... almost 20 years ago ... and I want those same opportunities for my kids and their friends," said Kehler.

Kehler is heading up a revitalized Back 40 board of directors that is motivated and anxious to get to work.

Many of the faces may be new on the board, but they are certainly familiar faces in the local musical world, Kehler was quick to note. All of the new board members have been very active in the Back 40 in one way or another in previous years, she said.

"Bill Dowling has been running the songwriting circle, Steve Dueck and Bill ran the coffeehouses last year in conjunction with the Back 40," said Kehler. "Dan Heinrichs has worked with sound and stage management in the past, and Dan and Shelly [Heinrichs] have been doing photography for the Back 40 festival in previous years as well.

"And Scott Bell has organized so

many musical events in the area, I don't have a count.

"So these are all people who are very familiar with the Back 40 and how things run and have much more experience than I do.

"I'm grateful for the members who have stepped up and thrown their name in the ring. I was motivated to join up because of that ... I think we're a strong team."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Back 40 Festival committee this year includes (from left) Hank Hildebrand, Shelly Heinrichs, Dan Heinrichs, Sharla Kinsman, Scott Bell, Jenessa Kehler, Steve Dueck, Bill Dowling, and Maryanne Neufeld. Missing from the photo are Mike and Luba Zorin and Rachael Smith.

Back 40 coffeehouse at GVC Feb. 25

By Lorne Stelmach

The Back 40 Festival's vision is to elevate homemade music in southern Manitoba.

The aim is not only to help musicians develop but also provide them with opportunities to perform, and the festival's directors are looking to get back into doing more of that throughout the year.

Working to help accomplish this are Steve Dueck, Scott Bell, and Bill Dowling.

The trio of musicians have joined the festival's board as members of an event committee aimed at promoting the Back 40 with additional community events beyond the June festival, such as more regular coffeehouses.

"We want this to be a starting point to building some-

thing bigger where people will really want to come out to these events," said Dueck."The last few years, I think it's mostly been just the festival, so what we want to do is have more things throughout the year."

The first coffeehouse is on Thursday, Feb. 25 in The Zone at Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler at 7 p.m. A second one is in the works for spring in Morden.

The free night is open to anyone who wants to enjoy an evening of music or get up on stage themselves.

"It's going to be an open mic ... so local musicians can come there with their guitars and play a song or two. We want to open it up for people to play," Dueck says. "It gives audiences a chance to hear some things in a less formal setting, and hopefully it will also help us get some 'tweeners' for the festival."



What to do, who to call WHEN YOUR CAR GOES

GET THE JOB DONE RIGHT!

Canadian Driving = Severe Driving

As you flip through your vehicle's owner manual, you're likely to notice that it has two different service interval schedules – one for "normal" driving and one for "severe" driving." If you're like most Canadians, you probably think that you drive under normal conditions, but like most Canadians, you'd be wrong.

Severe driving should not be confused with aggressive driving. It refers to the conditions in which you drive rather the way in which you drive. Even the most cautious and patient driver in Canada drives in severe conditions thanks to the array of weather that Mother Nature throws our way.

The conditions that manufacturers identify as being severe vary slightly, but severe driving conditions are typically defined as:

- driving in cold weather;
- driving in extremely hot weather (over 32°C);
- extensive idling (e.g. at traffic lights);
- driving in stop-and-go traffic;
- taking trips that are shorter than 8 kilometers or, in freezing temperatures, shorter than 16 kilometers;
- towing a trailer or driving with a roof rack;
- driving on mountainous roads; and/or
- driving on muddy, dusty, or de-iced roads.

To keep your car running safely and dependably over the long term, you must maintain it to the standard outlined in your owner's manual, but that standard depends on the environment in which you drive. That's why your vehicle's service schedule was determined by automotive engineers, taking into consideration how driving conditions influence the rate at which its parts and systems wear.

By acknowledging that you drive in severe conditions and following the shorter maintenance intervals, you can keep yourself, your passengers, and your fellow drivers safer on the road.



Choosing a Reputable Autobody Shop

When vehicle owners ultimately suffer an untimely automobile accident, they will likely need to find an autobody shop as soon as possible. Individuals will surely want to take the vehicle to a mechanic who is eminently reliable. Here are a few tried-and-true tips for selecting a repair shop that can restore the car to its previous appearance.

Ask Family Members and Friends for Referrals

If the car requires significant repairs, people should always ask trustworthy friends for referrals. In most cases, body shops will be required to restore the vehicle so that it closely resembles its original form. If quite a bit of paint has been scratched or sheared off, expert technicians will be needed. With a few referrals from friends, car owners can begin exploring various options. If the cost estimate at a certain garage fits nicely with the overall household budget, the vehicle can be dropped off immediately.

Research the History of the Shop

Individuals can also do a bit of careful research to ensure that they are choosing the right shop. Businesses that are locally owned will likely be intent on preserving their reputation within the community. Likewise, an autobody shop that offers lifetime warranties will no doubt be reputable. Businesses that have been in operation for several years will have demonstrated their viability within the region. A track record of success usually means that all repair jobs will be performed honestly.

Get Estimates

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Shopping around is ultimately a critical part of the process. Once vehicle owners have received a quote from the initial shop, they can take the cost estimate to other businesses in the area to see if they will beat it. Some men and women might also want to visit a garage that specializes in certain car brands. Toyotas and Nissans, for instance, will likely be better served in repair shops that are associated with those particular manufacturers.

Be Picky

Proud automobile owners should oversee the repair process every step of the way. In most cases, individuals should demand that factory-original parts be used wherever possible. When quality mechanical and electrical components are used, the vehicle will likely remain in great shape through the years ahead. The shop should be reminded that aftermarket parts are simply not acceptable, especially if they are in less than great shape. Having at last found an excellent autobody shop, car enthusiasts can rest easy as they wait to return to the open road.





What to do, who to call WHEN YOUR CAR GOES

Common **Automotive Myths**

The windshield is for comfort not safety.

Fact: They weren't just made to keep you dry from the rain; windshields are part of your vehicle's safety restraint system, meaning that a cracked or damaged windshield can decrease the overall effectiveness of airbags, seatbelts, roof stability, and your personal safety in the event of an accident. If your windshield has a crack, it's important to have it repaired or replaced immediately.

Suspension isn't important to your car's safety.

Fact: Together, the steering and suspension system are key to your car's handling and overall safety. Professionals recommend

having your vehicle's steering and suspension systems checked at least once a year and usually with a wheel alignment. It may be time to have your steering and suspension inspected if your vehicle experiences one of these symptoms: pulling, uneven tire wear, noise and vibration while cornering, or a loss of control.

Shutting off and restarting your engine uses more gas than if you let it idle.

Fact: Contrary to popular belief, restarting your engine does not burn more fuel than idling. In fact, 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting your engine. If you are parked and are going to be idling for more than 10 seconds, save fuel by turning off your vehicle.



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How to Ensure An Autobody or Repair Job Is Completed Correctly The First Time

but they can also be emotionally and end up with no injuries, most likely your car has sustained some damage and needs to be taken to a repair shop. Taking your vehicle to a repair shop can be frustrating, complicated, and time-consuming. If you have a professional auto body mechanic who is trustworthy and honest, then you are ahead of most people. If you need to look for an auto repair shop, there are a few steps you can take to ensure that you find the right shop and get your repair done right... the first time!

An Estimate is not a Guesstimate!

When a repair shop gives you an estimate, it should be detailed, comprehensive, and easily explained. The mechanic should be able to clearly answer any questions you have. When the job is completed, the final paperwork should match the estimate; any discrepancies should be explained and resolved before payment is given.

Shopping Around is Worth the Effort.

Before you decide on a repair shop,

online reviews and testimonials.

Don't Just Look at the Prices, Look at the Parts, Too!

Repair shops may use rebuilt, refurbished, or OEM parts (parts manufactured by the maker of your vehicle or an authorized facility). Repair shop quotes should tell you what type of part they plan to use. After your repairs are completed, you may want to ask to see the damaged parts

Expect to Inspect

Once all the repairs are made, and before you pay or drive away from the repair shop, you should inspect the work. Most people cannot tell a water pump from a carburetor, or a rocker panel from an upper frame rail, but it is still possible for the untrained eve to do a brief inspection of the completed you should get at least three estimates. work. There should be no visible body

Caraccidents are not only frightening, In most states, insurance carriers damage, the vehicle should be clean inside Ponder the Paint are not allowed to limit you choices and out, and there should be no noticeable Before you drive away, the last inspection financially exhausting. Even if you to their own network of shops - they gaps or missing pieces in the repaired area. you should make is the paint job. A poor may suggest, but the law forbids them The doors and the trunk, or hatchback, paint job is the most common complaint to demand. When shopping around, should open easily and freely, the headlights people have after a car repair. Look for any consider the prices, the time, the should be in proper alignment, and, if you color consistency issues and make sure that cleanliness and organization of the look at the underside of the car, there should the new paint blends smoothly with the old shop, the professionalism of the staff, be no visible evidence that a repair was paint. The surface should be smooth to the recommendations from friends, and made or that the frame was straightened. touch, and it is important to look for any drips, overspray, or fingerprints.





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If you notice any problems or have any concerns, talk with the shop manager immediately. Reputable body shops always stand by their work and will be happy to make sure that the job is completed correctly and that the customer is satisfied.

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To idle, or not to idle? That is the question.

It's no secret that Canadian winters can be brutally cold, but did you know that you shouldn't idle your car to warm it up? It's true! The best way to warm up your engine in the cold is to gently drive.

You've likely been told that it's important to let your engine run for a few minutes before driving away, and years ago that was true. Older cars did need a bit of time to warm up because the carburetor couldn't always get the right mix of air and fuel into the engine when it was cold. But carburetors were replaced by fuel injectors starting in the 80s, so unless you drive a car that is more than 30 years old, it's time to change your bad habit.

Not convinced? Here are a few facts about winter idling:

Modern engines are best warmed up by driving.

Even in cold weather, the best way to warm up your engine is to drive away. Today's fuel-injection technology relies on sensors to supply fuel to the engine and these sensors adjust to temperature, so you should only need a maximum of 30 seconds of idling before driving away.

Idling wastes fuel. Idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting your engine, and it gets you zero kilometers per litre. Idling to warm up your car simply wastes fuel and increases emissions, which is bad for both the environment and your wallet.

You shouldn't need to warm up your engine oil.

If you're worried that you need to heat up your engine oil before driving in the winter, don't. If you follow your owner's manual and use the correct type of oil for your vehicle and climate, there's no need to worry. Modern synthetic motor oil can flow at temperatures as low as -40 degrees Celsius, so your car should get the oil it needs as soon as you start your car.

Idling can damage your car.

When your engine is cold, the fuel injectors supply it with more fuel. Idling your engine, therefore, forces it to operate in a very inefficient, fuel-rich mode that can cause excessive engine wear and damage components including the cylinders, spark plugs and exhaust system.

Idling is bad for your health.

A cold engine produces more unburned hydrocarbons. Idling your engine to warm it up releases harmful emissions that have been linked to cancer, diabetes, cognitive degeneration, and heart and lung disease – nasty stuff! This is especially dangerous if you idle in your garage. Even with the garage door open you are putting yourself and your family at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Idling your car is completely unnecessary – even in the cold. In extreme temperatures, using a block heater or plugging in your car are far better alternatives. So stop buying into the myth and make the right choice for your car, your wallet, your health, and your environment.

Take Care of Your Vehicle

Little problems such as scratched paint or dents may not impair your car's ability to drive, but they certainly affect the look of the vehicle. If you've been in a collision, a dent on the surface of your car may actually only be a sign of more extensive internal damage. Scratched paint may not seem like a big deal, but if left untreated, it can lead to rust damage that will slowly eat away at your car's exterior. Getting minor surface damage checked out by an auto body repairer is essential. They will be able to survey the whole vehicle, find out the extent of the damage, and take appropriate steps to fix it. You'll protect your investment and will end up with a car that will look great for years to come.









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Above, left: Volunteers from the Mexico exhibit perform a traditional women's hat dance as part of the Winterfest activities in Morden Saturday. Above: the community hall was lined with cultural displays to celebrate the area's growing diversity. Left and right: Other indoor activities included arts and crafts and hula hoop challenges for the kids. Below: Outdoors, hardy souls braved the cold to enjoy a giant bonfire manned by Morden firefighters and play boot hockey, among other activities.









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the big tree the big class," Hildebrand explained, adding that the motto" talks about the community values and how much the community comes together in Blumenfeld to support the community and support the school."

Now proudly donning their new T-shirts, the students' afternoon went on to include hearing stories read by several Winkler Flyers players in honour of I Love to Read Month, followed by an hour playing hockey with them on the school's outdoor rink.

"The kids were all so excited to be able to meet and skate with the Flyers," Hildebrand said.

Then, that evening, the entire community came out to watch the Winnipeg Jets game projected on the gymnasium wall.

It was a great way to celebrate the role of community at the school, Hildebrand said. "It kind of goes back when families only got together certain times of the year and when they did it was usually big events, and so Blumenfeld seems to keep those traditions going and tonight is one of those nights," she said. "The community's going to get together, we're going to watch the Jets game, and just enjoy each other's company and enjoy the kids."



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PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Redskins face-off vs. Hawks, Royals tackle Islanders

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first round of the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League playoffs got underway last week.

The third-place Morden Redskins took on the sixth-place Notre Dame Hawks in a best-of-five quarter finals starting on Feb. 11.

That first game was a pitched battle that saw things tied at 1-1 after two periods, with Morden's Ryan Funk scoring in the first and Notre Dame's Colin Fay tying things up in the second period.

Graham Leiding regained the lead for the Redskins minutes into the final period, but the Hawks' Cale Jefferies took advantage of a powerplay to even things out at 10:10 with a goal that ultimately sent the game into overtime.

There, after just over 19 minutes of fruitless attempts to break the deadlock, Morden's Keith Bially got the game winner.

Reed Peters got the 3-2 win in net for Morden with 38 saves.

Peters went on to have a flawless night between the posts on Feb. 13, making 24 saves en route to a 3-0 Redskins victory. Clint Olson, Ramsay Fehr, and Jehr Fehr did the scoring honours that game to give the Redskins a two game lead in the series that was slated to continue Tuesday night in Morden and, if necessary, Thursday evening in Notre Dame.

Over in Winkler, meanwhile, the Royals—who finished the season in fourth place—took on the fifth-place Portage Islanders.

The league newcomers took a series lead with a 4-3 victory on Feb. 11.

Winkler was in fine form in the opening frame, with three goals coming from Logan McGuire, Phil Letkeman, and Cody Friesen, while Matt Krahn gave up just one in net.

Portage fired back hard in the second, though, scoring the two they needed to tie and one more besides for the win.

The Royals bounced back in game two on Valentine's Day.

Mitch Doell got Winkler on the board with the opening period's lone goal and then scored his second at the end of the middle frame to make it 2-1 after Portage had tied things at the start of the period.

The final period saw Portage tie once again midway through, but Letkeman scored at 17:14 to retake the lead for Winkler. It was a lead that held through to the end for a 3-2 Royals victory that tied the series at once game each.

Game three was back in Winkler Monday evening and it was a nail-biter.

Craig Cornelsen and Mitch Doell gave the Royals a solid 2-0 lead by about the first period's midway point, but Portage managed to get the two they needed past Krahn in net to tie.

Period two saw Winkler consistently retake the lead only to lose it again minutes later. Still, goals from Cornelsen, Mark Hildebrand, and Letkeman left things at 5-4 heading into the final frame.

There, Portage got the tying goal they needed to send things into overtime where, after 19 and a half minutes of fruitless shots, it was the Islanders who finally scored for a 6-5 win to take a 2-1 series lead.

The fourth and potentially final game of the series takes place on Friday in Portage.

Meanwhile, the Maroons-Mercs series was tied at one game each as of press time. Game three was slated for Tuesday and game four for Thursday.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The Norman Wild's Kali Cummings takes a hooking penalty in her efforts to stop Hawks forward Katelyn Heppner in Saturday's 5-0 Pembina Valley victory.

Hawks drop final game, still clinch second place

Ladies now turn their attention to ousting the Wild in playoffs this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks closed out their Manitoba AAA Female Hockey League regular season on a losing note.

They saw a six game winning streak come to an end Sunday in falling 3-1 to the Central Plains Capitals in Morden.

The closing weekend was a good one otherwise for the Hawks, as they followed up a 4-3 shootout win over the Westman Wildcats Friday in Manitou with a 5-0 blanking in Morden Saturday of the Norman Wild, who will now be their first round opponent in the playoffs starting this weekend.

Pembina Valley finished with a record of 22-5-1 for 45 points, second only to the Yellowhead Chiefs, who topped the standings at 24-2-2 for 50 points. With the win Sunday, Central Plains vaulted into third place at 20-6-2 for 42 points, just one up on Westman, who fell to fourth at 18-5-5 for 41 points.

The remainder of the standings had the Winnipeg Avros at 31 points, Eastman Selects at 17, Norman at 11, and Interlake Lightning at three.

Pembina Valley could only manage a first period goal from Sage McElroy-Scott Sunday afternoon as the Wildcats tied in the first and then took the win with two more third period goals. Halle Oswald kept the Hawks close in this one, facing 38 shots.

The Hawks clinched second place Saturday night as Taylor Reimer had a 15 save shutout against Norman.

Pembina Valley blasted 50 shots at the Wild net to earn their sixth

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Winkler Flyers crush Natives 8-1, Kings 7-2

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers certainly had a winning weekend, besting Dauphin and Neepawa by wide margins.

After nearly a week off, Winkler hit the ice raring to go, firing 19 shots Neepawa's way and making good on two thanks to goals from Scott Gall and Jason Cohan. Nathan Warren in net slapped away all six of the Natives' attempts to get on the board.

Period two saw Cohan make it a 3-0 game four minutes in. After a lot of back and forth (shots were 12-8 in Winkler's favour this frame), Neepawa managed to cut the Flyers' lead to 3-1.

Winkler poured on the pressure in the final period, massively outshooting their opponents 22-6 and scoring no less than five goals for an 8-1 victory. Doing the honours was Braden Billaney, Jeff Michiels, and Kurt Sonne with singles and Kayden Jarvis with two.

Overall, the Flyers outshot the Natives 53-20, with Warren going the distance in net for his ninth win of the year. Back at home the next night, the Flyers gave fans something to cheer for as they ran roughshod over the Dauphin Kings 7-2.

Winkler's Mitch Dyck made it a 1-0 game after one period, with shots on goal even at 11-11 and Warren once again stepping up between the posts. Scott Gall and Nolan McGuire bolstered that lead with goals in the second surrounding Dauphin's first goal for a 3-1 lead heading into the final frame. There, it was 10 solid minutes of scoring for Winkler, with Gall and Cam Whyte scoring singles and Mc-Guire getting the two he needed for a hat-trick.

The Kings managed to get the last word in with a goal at 13:52, but that was the final time that either side made good on their chances, giving Winkler the win.

Warren made 28 saves in net as Winkler outshot Dauphin 34-30.

The wins bring Winkler's record to

36-12-3 for 75 points, putting them in third place behind the Portage Terriers (94 points) and the Steinbach Pistons (83 points). They have a full 10 points up on the fourth place Virden Oil Capitals.

This week, Winkler hit the road starting Tuesday to face the Waywayseecappo Wolverines. They also play at the Winnipeg Blues and the Dauphin Kings Thursday and Friday before returning home Sunday to host the Selkirk Steelers.

Hawks bow to Chiefs, Wheat Kings

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks couldn't build on a modest two game winning streak in Manitoba AAA Hockey League action this past weekend.

A game Hawks squad dropped a pair of games with a 4-1 loss to fourth place Yellowhead Saturday followed by a 5-0 shutout at the hands of Brandon Sunday.

With two games remaining, Pem-

bina Valley will finish no better than 10th with a record that now sits at 8-30-0-1-3 for 20 points, ahead of only Interlake at 16 points and Norman at eight.

As has often been the case this season, the Hawks got a brave performance from their goaltender as Matthew Thiessen made 47 saves Saturday when the Chiefs outshot Pembina Valley 51-27.

The Hawks' lone goal was by Daniel

Nychuk at 15:25 of the second, closing the gap to 2-1. But two more Yellowhead goals in the third period sealed the win for the Chiefs.

Three second period goals including a shorthanded marker put away the game Sunday for the Wheat Kings in Brandon.

Aaron Brunn made 40 saves in the Pembina Valley net as the Hawks

Twisters best Knights, Twins, fall to Express

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters had mixed results this past week against the three teams bringing up the rear of the standings in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

The Twisters cruised out to a 4-0 first period lead and then hung on as River East made a game of it Sunday

before falling 5-4 to Pembina Valley.

The Twisters had earlier suffered a 3-2 overtime loss to the Transcona Railer Express Friday following a 2-1 win Tuesday over the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins.

The results left the team in third at 22-11-5 for 49 points, trailing the Raiders at 59 and Charleswood at 56 points. Chasing down the Twisters

the Morden Thunder bested GVC

7-1 in the first game of a best of three

quarterfinals. Scoring for Morden was

Finley Wheeler with a hat trick, Evan

Wuerch with two, and Brendan Turn-

bull and Brayden Jonasson, while the

Zodiac's lone goal came from Tristan

Peters. Game two took place Feb. 17.

Off the ice and out on the court, on

Feb. 11 the GVC varsity girls basket-

Thunder take third

Zodiacs in 7th, Nighthawks in eighth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Zone 4 boys hockey regular season came to an end last weekend

The Morden Thunder wrapped things up on a high note, decimating the Cartwright/Nellie McClung/Pilot Mound Tigers 9-0 on Friday night.

That gave Morden a 17-5-1-1 record and 36 points, placing them in second place in the standings behind the undefeated Prairie Mountain Mustangs and ahead of Portage in third.

The GVC Zodiacs, meanwhile, put a cap on their season by downing the NPC Nighthawks 5-1 and then falling to the Altona Aces 3-1. That gave them a 6-15-1-1 record for 14 points and the seventh place spot in the standings.

The Nighthawks also fell to the Mustangs 9-1 and then to the Trojans 5-2 to end things at 4-17-2-1 and 11 points for the eighth place in the league ahead of only the Tigers.

NPC then hosted the Tigers for a one-game survivor series that they dropped 5-2 to get knocked out of future playoff rounds.

Those got underway on Monday as

> FEMALE HAWKS, FROM PG. 20

straight victory. Scoring for the home team were Alyssa Alderson, Katelyn Heppner, Makenzie McCallum, Sage McElroy-Scott, and Hannah Petrie.

The Hawks earlier gutted out a vital 4-3 shootout win over Westman that helped them maintain their slim hold on second place just ahead of the Wildcats.

In that game, Pembina Valley got a solid night in net from Oswald, who earned the win with 42 saves as the Hawks took period leads of 2-0 and 3-2 before the Wildcats evened it in the third and forced overtime.

Team captain Jenai Buchanan and assistants Chelsea Dearsley and Katelyn Heppner each had a goal ball team downed the Aces 56-24. The boys team also came home from Altona with a win, besting the Aces 85-24. They were led by Tom Prazak with 19 points and 14 rebounds, Travis Klassen with 20 points, and Chris-

tian Andrade with 14 points. The boys also found success at a tournament in Winnipeg over the weekend. They defeated Gray Academy 71-43, Hapnot 65-56, and host Nelson McIntyre 105-47 to take home the championship. Prazak was named a tournament All-Star, while Isaiah Friesen received the MVP award.

Also in Zone 4 league play, the Morden Thunder varsity boys fell to the visiting Sabres 63-53, while the girls lost their game 59-37.

and assist for the Hawks in regulation time.

When the extra frame settled nothing, the game went to a shootout.

In the fifth round, Oswald didn't bite on a fake and stopped the Westman shooter. Heppner was then called on a second time for the Hawks, and she snapped a wrister for the win.

Pembina Valley will square off against the Norman Wild this weekend in the first round of league playoffs.

Game one goes Friday at 8 p.m., game two is Saturday at 5:15 p.m., and game three is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. All three games are in Morden.

are St. Vital at 46, St. James at 45, and Stonewall at 42.

Against the River East Royal Knights, David Remi's 12th of the year on a powerplay at 13:33 of the third period proved to be the winner, making it 5-2 for the Twisters.

They jumped out to a 4-0 lead by 15:40 of the first on goals by Paul Remillard, Bryce Dusik, Chad Millar on a powerplay, and Eric Lebrun.

Gavin Klassen backstopped the win with 35 saves as Pembina Valley was outshot 39-30.

The Twisters at least came away with one point Friday after giving up a 2-0 lead and falling in overtime to Transcona.

Scoring for the Twisters were Matt Mazinke with his ninth of the season in the first period and Ryan Lussier in

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 20

were outshot 45-23 overall.

Pembina Valley finishes their season with a pair of home games in Morden this weekend. They host Parkland Saturday afternoon and then finish with a rematch against Yellowhead Sunday.

GOALIE HONOURED

Hawks goaltender Aaron Brunn had earlier been honoured as the league's Player of the Week for the previous week.

the second with his first goal.

Klassen took the loss with 28 saves as the Twisters were outshot 31-27.

The Twisters had snapped a four game losing skid last Tuesday with a narrow victory over the last place Twins. The score, though, flattered the Twins, who only managed to stay close in this one thanks to the heroic effort of goaltender Reid Pennington, who stopped all but two of 55 shots.

Dusik scored his ninth of the year unassisted in the first period then Mazinke collected his eighth of the season in the third period for the Twisters.

Klassen lost his shutout bid with about nine minutes left but still earned the win with 22 saves.

This weekend the team takes on Stonewall Friday and St.Vital Sunday.

The second year netminder stopped 60 of 64 shots for a stellar .938 save percentage in two games. Against Norman, Brunn turned aside 28 of 30 shots in a 6-2 win for his club, then he forced Kenora to a shootout with a 32 save performance in a 3-2 loss.

While the Hawks as a whole have struggled, Brunn has had individual success. He's backstopped the team to six of their eight wins and had two wins and two shootout losses in his last six starts.

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Portage Terriers	56	48	6	2	98	260	114
Steinbach Pistons	53	40	10	3	83	215	123
Winkler Flyers	51	36	12	3	75	221	129
Virden Oil Capitals	53	32	20	1	65	172	123
Winnipeg Blues	53	27	18	8	62	186	151
Swan Valley Stampeders	53	22	25	6	50	159	177
OCN Blizzard	52	23	27	2	48	162	188
Selkirk Steelers	51	20	29	2	42	172	221
Dauphin Kings	53	18	32	3	39	154	221
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Neepawa Natives	52	10	40	2	22	110	273
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Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	39	28	8	3	59	154	106
Pembina Valley Twisters	38	22	11	5	49	155	125
St. Vital Victorias	39	21	14	4	46	146	130
St. James Canucks	39	22	16	1	45	147	135
Stonewall Jets	38	20	16	2	42	145	130
St. Boniface Riels	39	17	19	3	37	134	152
Transcona Railer Express	38	16	20	2	34	134	160
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Yellowhead	41	27	8	1	60	145	99
Central Plains	42	23	13	2	52	142	112
Brandon	41	21	19	0	43	118	125
Parkland	41	19	18	0	42	161	163
Kenora	42	19	21	2	40	151	177
Southwest	42	18	20	1	40	130	141
Pembina Valley	42	8	30	1	20	93	190
Interlake	42	8	34	0	16	106	228
Norman	42	3	37	2	8	110	26 9
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HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Brandon Wheat Kings - B1	34	30	4	0	60	209	54
Central Plains Capitals - B1	33	19	11	3	41	165	145
Yellowhead Chiefs - B1	34	18	11	3	41	158	129
Parkland Rangers - B1	34	18	15	1	37	171	172
Pembina Valley PV Hawks - B1	33	12	16	3	29	154	177
Southwest Cougars - B1	34	11	22	1	23	107	128
Norman Wolves - B1	34	1	33	0	2	53	338
MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA							
HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	Т	OTW	OTL	Pts
Yellowhead Chiefs	28	20	2	-	4	2	50
PV Hawks	28	19	5	-	3	1	45
Central Plains	28	18	6	-	2	2	42
Westman Wildcats	28	17	5	-	1	5	41
Winnipeg Avros	28	10	11	-	4	3	31
Eastman Selects	28	7	19	-	1	1	17
Norman Wild	28	4	22	-	1	1	11
Interlake Lightning	28	1	26	-	-	1	3
HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY	GP	w	1	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
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Morris Mavericks	23	12	8	1	27	102	81
W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	23	12	9	1	26	90	86
Carman Cougars	23	9	5 14	0	18	50 62	95
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Agriculture

Canada's hog industry keeps on evolving

By Harry Siemens

Dr. Mike Brumm of Brumm Swine Consultancy says that to accommodate today's heavier market weight hogs (because of the demand for bigger cuts and shipping more meat on the same pig), pork producers need to be looking at increasing the size of their feeders.

Brumm says producers have added 1.3 pounds per year to the carcass weight of market hogs since 1997 in the U.S..

That means 15 years from now the average pig is going to be 20 to 25 pounds heavier than today, which means feeders need to be bigger, too.

"Number 1, the biggest point on a pig, dimension-wise, is the shoulder width. Your code of practice has a table on feeder width, on shoulder width, and basically it says, at today's sale weights, our feeder holes need to be at least 14 inches or 35 centimeters," he says. "If they're less than that, big market weight pigs can't all get in the feeder holes because they're just too big."

Brumm says the second dimension is from the front edge of the feeder to where feed is presented, because as the pig grows bigger its nose gets longer. Harold Gonyou at the Prairie Swine Centre in 1997 determined that 10 inches or 25.5 centimeters from the front lip to feed presentation on a dry feeder was correct for a 97 kilo or 215 lb. pig.

"Remember we're selling a 127 kilo pig in the U.S. on average today. That means we've got to make these feeder spaces bigger," Brumm says. "Whether they're the wet-dry shelf or a dry feeder, we've got to make the eating activity of a pig enjoyable, have a quality eating experience."

DEMAND IS RISING

While the industry struggles with inches in the feeder and pigs getting bigger each year, there is still the question of getting enough pigs to the processing plants in Brandon and Neepawa and points further west and in between.

At the same time, Florian Possberg, chair of the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board, says there's a strong desire among western Canada's pork processing plants to be able to access increased numbers of slaughter hogs from Saskatchewan.

By expanding processing capacity in that province, the board hopes to create a local market that has a lot less freight costs.

"We do produce about two million hogs annually here in the province. About half those hogs are owned by Olymel, former Big Sky Farms company, and they would almost exclusively go to the Red Deer Olymel plant," says Possberg. "Saskatchewan, the Thunder Creek plant does roughly 6,000 hogs a week. In addition probably about a third or a quarter to a third of our hogs would go to Manitoba plants."

Possberg thinks there's interest in the Red Deer, Brandon, and Moose Jaw to have additional supplies come to their plants.

Probably Thunder Creek in Moose Jaw is in the best position to encour-

age Saskatchewan production, he says, but thinks Maple Leaf, Olymel, and Hylife would very much like to see additional hog production availability for their plants as well.

Possberg says Sask Pork is taking a Saskatchewan first approach in terms of processing capacity, but where there's a demand the province's producers are being encouraged to supply the needs of all western Canadian pork processing plants.

Crop update from Ukraine and Russia

By Harry Siemens

Mike Lee is a crop consultant operating a website called Agronomy-Ukraine, a view of farming and agribusiness from the Black Sea region that includes Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, and Kazakhstan.

Lee has a team of crop scouts who help him with tours at strategic times of year to gather up-to-date crop reports from that region. In an interview, Lee says recent mild temperatures and rain have melted snow cover across central and southern Russia and eastern Ukraine.

"As temperatures returned to more seasonal averages last week, the melt water, which had pooled and failed to drain through the frozen soil, turned to ice," he says.

"Rain on snow is not a good thing. It speeds up thawing but it also collapses the structure, reducing air spaces between ice crystals, which is what gives snow its insulating property," says Lee. "A bit like very old loft insulation that has lost its integrity and is now half the thicknesses it was when it went in 20 years ago."

Lee says then there is ice, which has the real capacity to do some damage. Melt water and rain collected into low

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> HARRY SIEMENS

he ag industry and my role in it continues to intrigue me as the ball keeps rolling on.

There's something in the air that's different, and I'm not sure I can put my finger on it quite just yet.

There's an intensity amongst producers, a self determination that almost gives me goosebumps when in the midst of that.

The whole realm of marketing, processing, distribution of those commodities farmers produce, and entering the global marketplace like never before. Every farm conference has some expert talking about social media and how people can use it more and more to reach further and further, yet making the world smaller and smaller.

Dr. John Carr is a livestock vet consultant who hangs his hat in Australia. John is a hog's best friend because he actually loves hogs, and his goal, while making sure the producers make money, is to give that hog the best life possible in the six months it spends on this earth.

What I like about him is the fact he has a great balance because in the end when it is all said and done, we can do all kinds of nice things for the animal, but if the producer loses out, we have nothing.

Carr is a consultant for producers all around the world. I often chase

after him using email and Skype and find him in all these different places; articles have appeared in this paper about him and his work over the last couple of years.

On Thursday of last week, while attending the CropConnect16 in Winnipeg, I waited for Carr and his assistant Gerry from Taiwan as they were about to catch a flight to the Ukraine that very afternoon.

You'll see more stories on that discussion in future editions, but Gerry says the hog industry in Canada, the parts he was able to see in a week, is very impressive, especially how farmers look after their pigs and make sure they have the highest biosecurity protocols to not only keep the pigs safe, but to keep the diseas-

> CROP UPDATE, FROM PG. 22

lying depressions and was unable to drain through frozen soil before temperatures dropped and it turned into ice.

"Where snow has melted completely the ice is obvious but we also are finding ice when we dig through the snow," he says. "Ice that has formed beneath the snow is, perversely, insulated from any rise in temperature and in all probability will be around now until the snow thaws sometime in March."

It's difficult to put the level of risk into context given that it's hard to get out into the fields for assessment at this time of year, but, if pushed, Lee would say they're seeing issues on 10-20 per cent of the fields they visited across Moscow, Lipetsk, Oryol, Voronezh, Kursk, and Belgorod.

"At this time we don't have verifiable information for Ukraine but based on what see near the Russian-Ukraine border and anecdotal evidence suggest there is a similar issue in eastern Ukraine," Lee says. "We won't be able to fully assess the extent of any damage and yield."

He says the market isn't yet picking up that there could be a problem, and he doesn't think it is catastrophic at this stage, but right now the crops are fairly exposed, with ice caps starting to form and still a lot of winter to go.

Lee says things in Ukraine are basically carrying on as before. The conflict in eastern Ukraine is, while not settled down, somewhat frozen, and across the rest of the country things are progressing as normal.

"Still a chronic shortage of cash, no realistic credit terms available, businesses are mostly working at generating and conserving cash," he says. "Prices across the board in farm commodities are down, which is not helping things. The exchange rate, the same as in Canada relative to the United States dollar, is also making the commodities, wheat in particular, favourable on the wider market."

While not certain, he thinks Russia still has the export tax in place, or variations of it, and they're quite keen to expand their exports next year.

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 22

es from spreading.

This thing I started writing about at the outset is turning the Canadian farmer into an even better farmer, one who looks after the land and environment and uses the best research and technology to keep the land safe, make a profit, and feed the world with great healthy safe food.

I'm somewhat suspect, and yes I still come from an older school, but initially all the scrutiny from dogooders, environmentalists, safe food police, and the like made me nervous because I don't want our farmers and farm leaders to capitulate too much.

But I'm beginning to sense that

"I think going forward into this year, 2016 and 2016 harvest, I think we will see both Ukraine and Russia exporting quite competitively because they need to generate cash dollars to bring into the country, particularly Ukraine. Russia does have oil to sell, although prices there are low too," says Lee. "Ukraine will continue down the road of increasing exports and pushing."

Lee says it is interesting in Ukraine, where this year they have embarked on a policy of deregulation across the agricultural sphere.

"There was a lot of dead wood legislation and archaic procedures and processes in place with no purpose whatsoever," he says. "The new min-

maybe, just maybe, with all this intensity—somewhat self-inflicted, but also intensified from what the outside is telling us-that the farmers are okay. We're doing it right and we're coming out on top because we are doing it right.

Farmers are the best inventors, researchers, and adaptors when it comes to make things more efficient and more cost effective.

Shifting gears now, a producer from Miami somewhat tongue-in-cheek complained how doing away with the CWB monopoly is driving up land prices.

While hard to grab real numbers

ister of agriculture pursued a very vigorous deregulation policy and have removed many of the old rules and regulations and simplified procedures in particular for imports and exports, imports of fertilizers, and exports of grains, commodities, and so on."

He says all indications are Ukraine will continue to do that and will continue to get the backing of the West.

Russia will do it because they can export competitively because of the exchange rate differences.

"The problem is they will continue to export into a marketplace that is already over subscribed with stocks and commodities," he adds.

and make the comparison, this farmer says he's convinced removing the monopoly did it. In his case, it hurts because he wants to see his son start farming.

How could removing the monopoly of the CWB raise farmland prices, you mav ask.

With farmers having the ability to sell their crops where they so choose and growing the crops that can make them the most money and not having the old croney CWB people around to harass them for wanting to be their own bosses.

This one too shall be continued.

Back 40 plans to host more events year-round

From Pg. 12

Kehler said she and the other board members are all strongly committed to the Back 40 mission of keeping homemade music alive.

"I feel like the Back 40 has given me a lot and given the community so much in terms of supporting local musicians and providing venues and education for musicians and songwriters," she said. "When I heard that they were looking for board members to join up last year, I saw it as an opportunity to give something back and to be a part of making sure the Back 40 stays alive and keeps growing."

The board is already actively making preparations for the June festival, including plans to step it up a notch board meeting just this past week with more events year-round, including additional

coffeehouses.

"I don't feel like we have a new direction so much as a new energy. New people on the board means new ideas, more hands to do the tasks," said Kehler. "We want to put on the same great festival that's always been put on but add our own touches to it as well."

She noted they had their second

and she feels they have made good progress already.

> "We have a lot to work on in terms of learning the details of how the festival is run. To help us with that, we have long-term board member MaryAnne Neufeld who has been getting everyone up to speed," she noted. "Hank Hildebrand has returned again as site co-ordinator and Sharla Kinsman is running the children's tent as she has in

the last few years. So we're not all brand new.

"In addition to that I've been in communication with Jocelyn Unrau, last year's chairperson, quite a bit, and she's made herself very available to us in terms of helping make the transition."

A big priority coming up is the festival's annual fundraising show in the spring.

"Things are happening. Acts are being booked, and rehearsals are underway," Kehler said, adding that they had a great response to last year's tribute to the music of the '70s and they want to keep going with that idea. "There are a lot of acts to explore from that decade."

Stay up-to-date on what the Back 40 Festival is up to online at www. back40folkfest.com.



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"CR" Community Reserve "I" Institutional Lots 16 - 19, Block 2 - 3 Eagle Drive Plan 1854 Roll #331180. 331200. 331170.331010.331190

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Morden. Martin Sandhurst, City Planner 133 7th Street, Morden, MB. R6M 1V3

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Re: Farmland in the RM of Stanley

Laurie Dyck, School Board Chair

Garden Valley School Division

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Lot 1 SP Plan 20968 MLTO in NE 1/4 24-2-4 WPM

A cheque for \$10,000.00 must accompany the tender as a deposit. Written tenders must be received by 2:00 p.m. on February 26, 2016. Deposit will be returned if tender not accepted.

Closing date for the sale shall be 30 days after the close of tenders, by cash or approved loan proceeds. Any loan advances paid after closing date are subject to payment of interest at loan rate during reasonable delay for registration of security. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all 2016 property taxes and GST or shall self-assess for GST.

The highest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

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NOTICES YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CITY OF WINKLER **2016 BUDGET HEARING** MARCH 8TH, 2016, 7:00 P.M. **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

> The Council of the City of Winkler will hold a public hearing to present the 2016 Financial Plan (budget). The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by a forum for questions and comments from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

> Copies of the proposed financial plan are available on our website at www.cityofwinkler.ca or upon request at City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, during regular business hours. Questions and remarks may also be directed by letter to our Assistant Administrator or through our email address at bdyck@cityofwinkler.ca.

Consultation with our community is an important component of the City's budget process. Council encourages you to attend.

Barb Dyck, Asst. Administrator City of Winkler February 18th, 2016 (In accordance with

subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act)

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Derek and Adelle Rewerts of Winnipeg are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Talia Celes. Talia was born at 10:19 a.m. on January 9, 2016 weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz. and 19.5" long. Proud grandparents are Ron and Phyllis Rempel of Morden and Collin and Betty Rewerts of Brandon.





OBITUARY

John Braun January 24, 1923 - February 4, 2016

John Braun, aged 93 years passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre with his wife of 66 years at his side.

John will lovingly be remembered by his wife. Elsie M. (nee Brandt); his five children, John (Cindy), Bill (Carol Ann), Patti (Doug), Brenda (Dan), Mary Jane (LaVerne); his 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. John was predeceased by his parents, John J. and Anna Braun and two sisters.

John grew up on the farm in Burwalde with two older sisters and two younger sisters with male cousins close by. Being the only son meant he helped his Dad in the orchard, fields and workshop. His dream was to fly an airplane, but farming became his lifetime

career. On Christmas Day at the age of 20, John gave his life over to the Lord and the next year was baptized. John was a very humble man that always thought of others first and himself last. If a neighbour needed help, he was there leaving his crop unharvested. His faith was lived in helping others and serving in the church. In September 1949, John traveled to BC to marry his sweetheart and bring her back to Manitoba where they farmed in Miami and had five children. In 1960 they moved to the home place and farmed there until 1993 when they moved to their retirement home in Morden. John took up golfing and still found many excuses to go to the farm and either drive truck or work on a project in his woodworking shop. He regretted being too busy when his children were growing up but he made up for it by spending time with his grandchildren and then even getting on the floor with his great-grandchildren. We will miss his singing, his next joke and his great stories.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with interment prior at Hillside Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the many caregivers at Boundary Trails Health Centre who gave John thoughtful and gentle care during his last days.

> Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden In care of arrangements wiebefuneralhomes.com



OBITUARY



Jacob Rempel 1928 - 2016

Peacefully on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 with his daughters by his side, Jake Rempel aged 87 years passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

He leaves to mourn his passing daughters, Rose (Don), Irma (Pete); fi ve grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers; one sister and their families. He was predeceased by his wife, Helen (nee Hildebrandt) in 2015; one sister; one brother; two brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church in Winkler with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Dr. Woelk and Cancer Care for the compassionate care, for spending extra time with us and answering all our questions with dignity. Thank you to all the nurses who took excellent care of dad. Thank you for taking time in your busy schedule to visit with us and answer our questions, supporting us with compassionate hugs and encouraging words. Sincere thank you to Pastor John and Pastor Dale for their support and to Wiebe Funeral Home for their compassionate care. All your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten, The Family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jake's memory to Boundary Trails Health Centre Cancer Care.

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OBITUARY

Ila was born to Pearce and Ethel Rubidge on May 4, 1934. She was the oldest of three children; brother, Stan and sister, Eunice Clyde. Ila married Ross Williams March 18, 1952. They had four children, Bonnie, Pat (Jim), Shelly (deceased) and Bob (Becky). Ila married Lorne Gemmell July 30, 1982 and gained four stepchildren; Dave (Barb), Don (Laurie), Diana (John) Scott, and Rob (Cheryl). She is survived by 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and was predeceased by Ross in 1965, Lorne in 2010 and Stan.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at St. Paul's United Church in Morden with ash interment at Hillside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ila's memory to Cancer Care Manitoba.

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