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Helen Hiebert, Lena Peters, Margaret Letkeman, and Winkler Heritage Village tenant coordinator Nellie Toews with some of the thousands of handmade items local seniors crafted over the past year to help fill Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. For the full story, see Pg. 2.







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Seniors give back in a big way

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Children in need half a world away will be kept warm this winter thanks to the efforts of local seniors.

The common room at Winkler Heritage Village on Sixth St. was filled last week with thousand of handmade gifts lovingly crafted by an army of volunteers.

"We have probably about 100 or so people involved with this program," says tenant coordinator Nellie Toews, who explains residents in many of Winkler's downtown seniors housing complexes make up the bulk of the volunteers, with a few others from the Morden-Winkler community at large also taking part.

The group spent the past year making everything from knitted scarves, toques, and teddy bears to school bags, colouring books, wooden toy cars, and other fun or useful odds and ends.

The bulk of the more than 5,200 items will be included in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes slated to be sent out by Samaritan's Purse to developing nations around the world later this month.

"We're doing 200 shoeboxes this

years, 100 girls and 100 boys," explains Toews. "Ours will all be going to the Ukraine because, of course, they need warm stuff there."

The extra items will be sent to the Samaritan's Purse distribution centre in Calgary to help fill up even more shoeboxes. Last week's display also served as a sale to raise funds for the purchase of other items (school supplies and the like) for the kids.

This project, which is in its fifth year, gives seniors a tangible way to use their skills and hobbies to contribute.

"If I didn't have this crocheting to do, I don't know what I would do," says Lena Peters, who lost track of the number of items she created over the past several months." I feel so blessed that I have a small part in bringing relief and joy to children."

"Morning, day, and night, it goes with me everywhere," says Buhler Active Living Centre resident Helen Hiebert of her knitting.

"You feel so good inside that you're helping somebody," she adds." I don't like to sit and watch TV or movies or stuff like that. I like to do something with my time."

Participants take this project seriously, Toews says, sharing the story of



Local seniors spent months making over 5,000 pieces of winter wear, teddy bears, colouring books, pencil cases, school bags, purses, wash cloths, and wooden cars to fill Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

one 96-year-old who is teaching herself to knit with her eyes closed as her vision worsens.

"She crochets a wash cloth a day. Last week she came up to me with a big smile on her face and she says, 'Nellie, guess what? I'm practicing doing this with my eyes closed because I know I'm going blind soon.' "And you know what? She did it.

What an inspiration." More and more seniors take part in

the campaign every year.

"It's been trickling into the other se-

nior places, which is great. That is our goal," says Toews.

"Each of them has such an amazing gift and they use it," she says."We want to inspire more people to do the same."

The project is supported through the proceeds of a weekly tea house as well as gifts from generous donors, which help purchase supplies for the volunteers to use.

If you'd like to get involved as donor or a volunteer, contact Toews at Winkler Heritage Village at 204-325-8810.



MINISTRY OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

BTHC Fdn. gala raises \$75K for hospital

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation's annual fundraising banquet was a resounding success Friday, raising \$75,000.

The gala evening plays an integral role in the foundation's ability to make equipment purchases for the hospital and support programs like palliative and spiritual care, said board chair Grant Thiessen.

"It's our main fundraiser of the year, so it's vital for us," he said."And it's great to get all our supporters together in one place and give a real kick to the year."

Since its creation in 2001, the BTHC Foundation has raised over \$6 million for the hospital.

That's a testament to the community's unfailing support, Thiessen said.

"Everybody identifies with it, everybody uses it, and everybody wants to do what they can to support it."

It's the foundation's privilege, Thiessen added, to ensure those funds are used to improve patient care.

In the current fiscal year alone they have committed over \$180,000 for equipment for a variety of different hospital departments.

That's on top of their \$200,000 per year commitment for two part-time palliative care nurses, a part-time palliative care volunteer coordinator,

and a full-time spiritual care coordinator.

future, the foundation is hard at work supporting the development of plans for the expansion of BTHC.

slowly, but we're getting some presentations together that will go to the government in the coming weeks," Thiessen said. Southern Health-Santé Sud CEO

Jane Curtis is pleased to have the foundation at the table for those discussions about BTHC's future.

"I think that part of our success over the past few years in health care is because of our strong partnerships with our community," she said.

"I always humbled by the ongoing commitment, work, and generosity of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation, and recognize that many Southern Health-Santé Sud programs, departments, and individuals once again have benefited from the foundation's labour of love."

BATTLING HEALTH FADS

The evening's guest speaker was Timothy Caulfield, author of Is Gwyneth Paltrow Wrong About Everything? and host of VisionTV's A User's Guide to Cheating Death, both of which debunk popular health myths.

Caulfield took aim at the dangerous role celebrity endorsements play in hyping up dubious health fads.

"It really has become science versus pop culture," he said, pointing out that in our social media-saturated world people are more likely than





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BTHC Foundation board chair Grant Thiessen (left) at the organization's fundraising gala Oct. 26, which featured a presentation from health fad debunker Timothy Caulfield (right).

ever to follow the lead of celebrities when they tout the supposed benefits of everything from detox cleanses to bee sting therapy to cupping.

"Just because something's been around for a long time doesn't necessarily mean it's effective," Caulfield noted of the latter, pointing out, however, that people are increasingly putting their faith in anecdotal evidence instead of rigourous scientific testing. In some cases, that misplaced faith can have serious consequences for us all.

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Whirlwind first week for Mayor Burley

By Lorne Stelmach

It's been a whirlwind first week for Brandon Burley as the new mayor of Morden.

It all started to sink in for Burley the morning after the Oct. 24 municipal election when he met with former mayor Ken Wiebe and interim city manager Dave Haines.

"It seemed a little surreal," said Burley, who topped the polls with 1,334 votes ahead of Karla Warkentin at 1,112 and Ron McClain at 267.

"It's exciting. This is what I dreamed of five years ago when I had made the decision to try to help shape the future of Morden ... it seemed a long way away then, an unreachable distance away.

"I'm incredibly thankful for the people in Morden who got the vision and have given me the opportunity to serve them. ... It's humbling ... to realize that people are willing to trust their futures in this city to you for four years."

The new mayor will be joined at the city council table by two incumbents and four other newcomers.

Earning the most votes to be councillor was Jim Hunt at 2,115 followed by incumbent Doug Frost with 1,892, newcomers Garry Hiebert at 1,882 votes, Gordon Maddock with 1,764, and Nancy Penner at 1,669, and incumbent Hank Hildebrand at 1,667 votes. Losing the election was Rich Harries at 1,538 votes and Ray Reidle with 1,008.

Burley said it was a tough but exciting campaign with all the candidates bringing a vision for Morden's future.

"I think the election came down to an election about ideas," he said. "I was very thankful for that. It was about vision for change

"We did a lot of groundwork ... but it was exciting and it was good to get out and meet people."

Burley noted it was a close race and acknowledged the results meant that



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Brandon Burley arriving at the Morden Civic Centre the morning after his election as the new mayor of Morden.

he has to earn the confidence of half the population.

"I'm cognizant of the fact that it was not a landslide by any means, and I realize that I have the trust of a lot of people to earn, and I will do my best to do that in this position," he said.

He also expressed his gratitude for

his opponents and for everyone who ran for a council seat.

"It's no small thing to put your name out there ... it was the longest six weeks of my life.

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Five incumbents get Winkler's vote, Bueckert to fill sixth seat

Community also firmly votes"no" on retail pot sales

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler voters opted for stability in electing their next city council.

Every councillor running for reelection retained their seat Oct. 24. The spot left vacant by the departing Don Friesen will be filled by newcomer Karina Bueckert.

Henry Siemens led the way with 2,223 votes followed by Andrew Froese with 2.128. Marvin Plett with 2.091. Bueckert with 2,038, Michael Grenier with 2,026, and Don Fehr with 1,950.

Losing their election bids were challengers Don Cruickshank (1,257 votes), Jerry Friesen (1,250) and Zahid Zehri (635).

Getting the chance to be the new

face at the table is an exciting opportunity for Bueckert, who is the first woman on Winkler city council in decades.

"I am very, very grateful for each vote," she said."What an amazing opportunity. ... I'm very excited to get to work."

Moving forward, Bueckert is intent on listening to and acting on the concerns of Winklerites.

"I want to make sure that I'm very approachable and that people can always feel like they can come and talk to me," she said. "I want to hear the concerns, I want to hear how people feel about things."

Bueckert was pleased to see voter turnout was a relatively high 41 per cent.

"I'm just grateful that people came out to vote, so thankful to have a voice behind it."

For Martin Harder, back in the mayor's seat by acclamation, seeing so

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"We've got to call it bunk when it's bunk"

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For example, the rise of the anti-vaccine movement, which claims childhood vaccines cause autism despite evidence to the contrary, is leading to outbreaks of previously controlled illnesses such as measles.

"This is a real problem and it's having a measurable impact," Caulfield said. "You could make a really strong

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many familiar faces re-elected is a clear sign of the community's confidence in council.

"I think this gives us some continuity for the projects that are ongoing, which are huge projects," he added.

Harder also thanked Cruickshank, Friesen, and Zehri for putting their names forward.

"Putting your name on the ballot is a huge risk for the candidates," he said. "It takes a lot of effort and I know all of them put a lot of effort into the election.

"I'm glad there were challengers," Harder said, "and I'm glad people came out to vote."

A RESOUNDING 'NO' TO POT SALES

In addition to voting in the new council, Winklerites were also asked to weigh in on whether marijuana retail stores should be allowed to operate in the community. Recreational marijuana use became legal nationwide Oct. 17.

The response was a resounding no, with 2,112 people voting "no" and just 923 voting "yes."

Having 70 per cent of voters against the idea of pot stores in Winkler makes it clear where the

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"Karla ran a spirited and a very good campaign, and she was a formidable opponent and a great person to run against," Burley said. "And I was excited for the council no matter who it was ... we had a really excellent field of candidates who ran."

There is now a significant learning curve ahead for the new council and mayor, but Burley is anxious to get to work.

"Beyond that, the priorities need to be economic growth, development of good jobs, affordable housing ... all those things that help grow an economy," Burley said.

"A lot of the expenditure is going to have to be the un-glamorous

community stands on the issue, Harder said.

"I was expecting the vote to be a little closer, to tell you the truth," he reflected. "But, as we've said all along, fifty [per cent] plus one was the number and council will abide by the decision of the community.

"We felt it was important for this issue to be brought to the people and to have a true representation of a democratic vote."

Neighbouring RM of Stanley's plebiscite on the matter had a similar outcome, with 78 per cent of voters saying no to local pot shops.

Morden, on the other hand, opted not to have a plebiscite, opening the way for retailers to come to the community.

Potentially missing out on new businesses in this sector isn't something Harder is concerned about.

"We will let the communities that are very aggressively going after this, thinking it will attract businesses, to let them do that and we will be content with the rest of the businesses," he said.

"We will continue to focus our attention on the growth of Winkler with productive jobs and industries that are going to be solid and provide opportunities for generations to come."

stuff," he noted, citing large projects in the works such as the wastewater treatment plant and expansion of the medical clinic. "You're going to have to commit to things like health and education and infrastructure if we want to grow the economy."

Burley said he intends to create a government that is transparent and accountable, and he vows to work to see that government meets the needs of all its citizens.

And perhaps he will also be able to inspire others for the future, he added.

"I want to be seen as somebody who leads the next generation in terms of civic duty and social responsibility." argument that vaccinations are the greatest single achievement of biomedicine. They save millions and millions of lives every year.

"Despite that, we have this kind of noise," he said, gesturing to news headlines from celebrity anti-vaxxers, "and a lot of it is coming from popular culture."

How did pop culture start to win the information war? It's all about telling compelling stories, Caulfield said.

When a celebrity like Jenny McCarthy, who has claimed her son became autistic after being vaccinated, tells her story, people listen.

"There's really interesting research that shows that a good narrative, a good story will overwhelm the data," Caulfield said. "This is one of the reasons celebrity culture has so much pull."

Celebrities, by virtue of their fame, also have a wider reach than ever before. Caulfield pointed out that singer Katy Perry (who has said she takes dozens of supplements each day another health fad Caulfield says has little scientific evidence to back up many of its claims) has a following of 108 million fans on social media.

In contrast, the World Health Organization reaches just 4.6 million people with its posts.

"This is a real problem," Caulfield said. "It creates distraction and confusion about how we *can* live healthy



BTHC Foundation banquet speaker Timothy Caulfield.

lives. It creates financial problems and physical harm and, honestly, public health harm."

So how do we battle this? By encouraging the development of critical thinking, science literacy, and more stringent government regulations, Caulfield said.

That, he added, and also being willing to call out dubious claims for what they really are.

"We've got to call it bunk when it's bunk."









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Wab Kinew talks reconciliation

"He had the opportunity to begin lifting the veil of racism," said Kinew.

"It shows that reconciliation is not

Kinew reiterated that people can

"I think exchanging stories and

making it personal ... helping people

feel the emotion and the spirit of what

reconciliation is all about is going to

be the more important way to pursue

Opportunities like Diversitas that

"It's the same way with politics.

You're trying to bring people along

with you," Kinew said. "It's not about

imposing an idea or imposing a direc-

tion on this country. It's about bring-

ing people into this conversation and

hopefully we can share that journey

stressed. "We're all invested in one

another's future, and if one of our fel-

low people is poor, we're all worse off.

If one of us can succeed more, then

At the end of his life, Kinew's father

"What I hope people take from that

story is that we've let these categories

and definitions, whether it's on race

or faith or class, divide us, and really

they were brothers the whole time,"

he said. "And if those dividers hadn't

could accept the archbishop as his

we're all better for it."

"We're all in this together," he

provide a chance for dialogue play a

vital role in this journey, he added.

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By Lorne Stelmach

Reconciliation is a grand concept that is better grasped by making it personal, as Wab Kinew demonstrated Monday in Morden as the opening speaker for the 2018-19 Diversitas speaker series.

The Manitoba NDP leader spoke on reconciliation through his father's eves as a survivor of the residential school system.

"I've been lucky enough to have the chance to reflect on it and see how there's some experiences in my dad's journey that might be able to help really create some bridges and help people understand both the indigenous community but also the rest of the country," Kinew said.

"My dad went from, in the early years, experiencing the worst of this country's history to later in life embodying the best of our moral character. So I think that is something that we all want."

Kinew, who himself served as an honorary witness for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada as well as an associate vice-president for Indigenous relations at the University of Winnipeg, touched on his father being taken away to a residential school and suffering abuse.

"How do you think he was when he came home?" he asked, explaining how there can be an inter-generational impact as a result.

Kinew's father did come to find forgiveness, and he even later built relationships with representatives of the



Sending out kudos to our local post office workers

I'm sending public kudos out to Brenda Dueck and staff at our local post office in Morden for their hard work and herculean efforts to send out positive vibes regarding the use of Canada Post to deliver mail "through thick and thin" and maintain as much of the old adage "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds" as possible in modern times. It seems like her employer is doing as much to discourage her as is possible as well.

Ratification of the USMCA (US/

Mexico/Canada) free trade agreement means that "as long as we don't use Canada's national mail carrier" to ship some goods from US retailers "we will pay less in duties and taxes; in fact all shipments under \$150 will be allowed into Canada duty-free." Meanwhile Canada will continue to collect provincial and federal taxes on the shipment which is tacked on by couriers and their brokers.

According to CBC News: "Tellingly Canada's department of finance immediately confirmed that the new de minimis applies only to

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE NDP leader Wab Kinew spoke at

the latest Diversitas session in Morden Monday night.

been there, maybe both of their lives would have been better for it.

"So hopefully, planting that seed, planting that idea with people ... they can reflect on it and think well, what sort of things are preventing me from building a better relationship with my neighbour,"Kinew said."Really, at the end of the day, I hope people just have some time to think and maybe recommit to the idea of seeing one another as human beings."

shipments by private courier, not to any parcel sent by mail. Think about that: Canada's new rules don't apply to its own post office."

The article goes on to say Ottawa's calculation in this was to "surrender to American bludgeoning on the big-picture stuff and hang on if possible to barriers and protections that force Canadian consumers to pay for our lack of competitiveness."

We live out in the country, south of Morden, on a little acreage. We don't have the luxury of having par-



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Stanley elects Friesen, Loewen; says no to retail pot sales

By Lorne Stelmach

The RM of Stanley will be guided for the next four years by a blend of familiar and new faces.

Political rookie Ike Friesen took the most votes in the Ward 2 election with 271. He will be joined by Alfred Loewen, who was re-elected with 246 ballots. Incumbent Wayne Penner came up short with 214.

In by acclamation for Ward 1 were incumbents Don Falk, Peter Froese and Bob Giesbrecht alongside newcomer Ray Unrau. Reeve Morris Olafson was also unchallenged.

"I'm pretty happy with the way it turned out," said Olafson, adding he likes the make-up of the new council.

"All three candidates were very credible people ... and in the end, the vote wasn't really that far apart, so you know that the right guys were running," he suggested.

"Neither one of these guys has an axe to grind ... they've all got different interests ... and I know they're hard working people," Olafson added. "I think we're going to be sitting pretty nice here."

Loewen was not available for comment on his re-election, but Friesen said he looked forward to the opportunity to serve.

"I'm actually pretty surprised and pleased," he said of not only being elected but being the top choice of

voters.

"I would like to thank all of the people for the vote of confidence that I received," Friesen said, adding as well that he appreciates he will be working alongside experienced councillors.

"It's going to be an exciting time coming up. I'll be learning a lot of new things," he said, pointing out that "it's not just working with the RM but working with everybody in the whole area as well."

Olafson also stressed the importance of working with other regional leaders, and noted he's encouraged to see returning and new councillors in both Morden and Winkler expressing similar sentiments.

"It's always good to hear that," he said. "At least the general thought is there that we can work together and get a few things done along the way here. They see the bigger picture."

Stanley voters also let their voices be heard loud and clear on whether they want to allow retail cannabis sales in the municipality.

Seventy-eight per cent of voters—665 people—voted against the idea, with just 179 voting in favour.

"It went pretty much the way I thought it would," said Olafson, who noted his feeling was that "it wasn't a big glaring issue ... if we don't have it for sale in a store, that's fine."

He added, though, it was good to have a clear majority vote that leaves



Hateful Eight wins WFRC trivia trophy

The Hateful Eight claimed the trophy Oct. 25 at the Winkler Family Resource Centre's fifth annual Quiz Night, which had a Wild West theme. Twenty teams of eight came out for an evening of trivia, raising \$3,200 for the centre's early childhood education programs.

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no doubt on the matter.

"I think if we would have voted on this as a council, we probably would have said no at the council table as well, but this way we know for sure." Neighbouring Winkler also voted down local pot sales, while Morden, who did not hold a plebiscite on the matter, is open for business.

Municipal election results around the region

Voters made their voices heard loud and clear in the municipal election last week.

In the RM of Rhineland, challenger Larry Fehr (250 votes) and incumbent Brad Braun (216 votes) will represent Ward 1. Incumbent Mark Ratzlaff lost his bid for re-election (129 votes).

In the Local Urban District of Gretna, Delores Smith (103 votes) and Danny Dyck (81 votes) beat out Jeffrey Dyck (72 votes) and incumbents Kerry W.M. Enns (72 votes) and John Wall (39 votes).

All other seats on council were acclaimed, with Don Wiebe returning as reeve, Archie Heinrichs and June Letkeman representing Ward 2, and John Dueck and Jake Heppner representing Ward 3.

Also acclaimed were Plum Coulee LUD councillors Brian Derksen, Justina Hamm, and Kyle Wiebe and Rosenfeld LUD reps Trevor Janz and Laurie Schroeder. Rosenfeld has one vacant seat.

Other regional results include:

• RM of Dufferin: Acclaimed reeve George Gray will be joined by councillors John Peckover (Ward 1), Clayton Morgan (Ward 2), Harvie Takvam (Ward 3), Sheldon Harder (Ward 4), Barrie Fraser (Ward 5), and Fred Dunn (Ward 6).

• RM of Roland: Michael Pfrimmer was elected as reeve with 216 votes, beating out incumbent John Hughes (81 votes). Also elected were John Fox, Jodi Gaultier, Carrie Hennan, and Richard Hildebrand.

• RM of Pembina: Reeve Glenn Shiskoski and councillors Harry Brendle, Chad Collins, William Howatt, Cynthia Hunter, and Don McLean were all elected by acclamation. One seat remains vacant.

Also in without contest are LUD of Darlingford members Calvin Funk

and Virginia Halabicki and LUD of La Riviere's Warren Lea and Larry Thompson. One seat remains vacant on both LUD committees.

• RM of Morris: Joining acclaimed reeve Ralph Groening will be Shane Kroeker, Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Scott Siemens, Stan Siemens, and Barry Fraese. • RM of Thompson: Reeve Brain Callum was acclaimed, as were Ward 1 councillors Royce Burnett and Huntley Knox.

Elected in Ward 2 was Heather Imrie, in Ward 3 was Wayne Gall and Walter McTavish, and in the LUD of Miami was Anne Black and Judy Knox.

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cels delivered to our door, so we must find a solution to getting our FedEx or whatever parcels delivered in town.

Out of principal Lorne and I have always insisted to opt out for parcel delivery to our nearest post office which is where my kudos to Brenda step in again, as she has bent over backwards to accommodate us whenever and wherever possible.

I think we need to do whatever we need to support her and her staff in the fight to maintain Canada Post as our national carrier, whatever that entails.

Morden businessman honoured with provincial award

By Lorne Stelmach

At the heart of what is a thriving business venture for Blayne Wyton is a passion for his work.

The Morden founder of Prairie Barnwood recalls being surprised when people would refer to him as an artist for his work creating unique pieces of furniture.

"I never saw myself as an artist," said Wyton, who can now add a Manitoba Entrepreneur of the Year to his growing list of accolades."But an artist is somebody that takes what's inside their heart and brings it to life, and that can be anything ... so I think that's where the passion is. There's something inside me."

Wyton was honoured Friday by the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce at the 35th Manitoba Business Awards in Winnipeg.

In addition to noting his business success, the citation also heralded Wyton as a strong voice and advocate for human rights and empowering woman. He is involved in helping widows and orphans in Canada and abroad, helping with humanitarian aid work, providing basic needs for people in villages in rural India, and helping raise money to buy land and build a farm to employee widows in India.

This provincial award comes a year after Wyton received a similar award from the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce.

It's an overwhelming honour, Wyton said.

"I don't know if it's really hit home



MANITOBA CHAMBERS PHOTO

Blayne Wyton (centre) of Prairie Barnwood was named Entrepreneur of the Year at the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce's 35th Manitoba Business Awards on Friday. He's shown here accepting the award from Jamie Jurczak, partner with Taylor McCaffrey LLP, and MCC board chair Paul Holden.

yet," he said of being singled out among so many other very deserving businesses."You just see the other amazing businesses here in Manitoba ... I think it does ring true how much of an honour it is to receive this and be recognized in this way."

Wyton founded Prairie Barnwood in 2008 after a trip to Ontario inspired him to create handcrafted furniture from reclaimed wood.

Working today from a large new shop in Morden, the company dismantles old barns, wood structures, and homesteads, often getting enough wood from one barn to build between 100-150 pieces of furniture. "It's pretty amazing how many pieces you can build out of it,"Wyton said. "You never really know where or how you will be inspired," he continued, recalling a time when a beautiful table in the foyer of a resort in Mexico caught his eye.

"I sat there and kind of studied it. It was a Mexican antique table, so as I was looking at it I was seeing how it flowed, how the lines were on the table," he said. "Just years of being used made the corners round over ... so I kind of brought that home and started sanding my pieces that way."

Wyton said there are a few thoughts that come to mind when he looks

"MORE THAN ANYTHING, IT'S BEEN THE PEOPLE. RELATIONSHIP IS KEY, MORE SO THAN TRYING TO MAKE MONEY."

back over the last decade of building up Prairie Barnwood.

"Once you start breaking it down into day-to-day challenges of business, I think it's any business, not just our business, but every business has to overcome such hurdles," he said.

"In business, the amount of failures that we have inside of a business and the amount of successes are so different," he added. "It's almost like a hockey game where they shoot 30 shots at a net and only one or two go in."

Wyton added that there are many "people who have helped me get here, whether it be suppliers or even farmers who have given me their barns, or employees past and present.

"I think there could have been 200 people up there with me receiving that award," he said. "More than anything, it's been the people. Relationship is key, more so than trying to make money or profit.

"It's just tying in with other people and sharing your vision or you dreams so they buy into it."

Winkler, Morden pause to remember Nov. 11

By Lorne Stelmach

Remembrance Day will carry special meaning this year in also marking 100 years since the end of the First World War.

The anniversary of the armistice is being celebrated nationwide with a couple of initiatives, including one that will see bells in many cities ring 100 times at dusk in commemoration and another where flags will be placed on the graves of veterans across the country.

Organizers of Nov. 11 Remembrance Day services in Winkler and Morden are still considering how they might be able to participate in ringing bells locally.

In Winkler, they are looking into having the bell at the fire hall rung 100 times at sunset, said Rob Wiebe. "The service in the morning will be pretty much as usual ... but we'll be highlighting the 100th anniversary of the armistice," he said.

The service will get underway promptly at 10:45 a.m. at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

Delivering the message this year is Phillip Vallelly. The former lead pastor at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church has a degree in theology and pastoral studies from the Irish Baptist Bible College.

"We understand a lot of people may be torn between going to church or attending the Remembrance Day service," said Wiebe of the Sunday morning ceremony."I think we've got a good service planned ... we encourage people to show up if they can."

In Morden, events begin Saturday, Nov. 10 with the annual Remembrance Day dinner at the Morden Legion. The evening starts with drinks at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Legion clubroom.

The guest speaker will be veteran and Legion member Ken Wiebe, who just ended two terms as mayor of Morden.

The community service then takes place Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Access Event Centre. Legion treasurer and past president Harvey Kinsman is the guest speaker.

Kinsman made a second visit to France last summer to Juno Beach and the Canadian war memorial. He has previously addressed the Remembrance Day service about his first visit to his uncle's grave, including donating several of his uncle's memorabilia to the war museum at Juno Beach, where the Canadian forces landed on D-Day in 1944.

Morden Legion rep. Bob Frost said everyone is welcome to be part of both the banquet and the community service.

"We invite everybody to come out and join us in celebrating the remembrance of our fallen war heroes," he said.

Frost noted they have been pleased to see increasing interest in the service in recent years.

"Every year it seems to get a little bigger," he said. "We're seeing even more youth, so that's kind of gratifying for us. It leads me to believe that our teachers are promoting remembrance a little more than it maybe happened in the past."

Talking lean manufacturing at CME Summit

By Lorne Stelmach

Lean manufacturing is not a new concept or a recent trend, but there is still more companies can learn to make it more effective.

That was one of the keynote messages last Thursday at the Southern Manitoba Manufacturer's Summit held at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

The annual day-long event hosted by the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Manitoba featured a variety of presentations, including consultant Bob Kerr offering an address entitled *Why Lean is Not the Answer and What is Good Manufacturing*.

For Kerr, the focus was not so much on lean manufacturing itself as it was on the culture around implementing lean ideas.

"Lean has been around for quite a while," he said. "What they have to rethink is how do you get your people engaged?

"Some of the experts are saying there's only five to seven per cent of the companies in North America or the world actually implementing lean the way it's supposed to be,"Kerr said. "There's something that limits the companies from implementing it, and really what we've found is it's really about how do you meet your employees?

"Lean works, there's no question. I've worked with a number of companies and seen lean working extremely well," he continued. "But it's only after you engage your employees or you engage your employees while you're implementing lean ... doing the training and investing in people."

Another potential limiting factor can be with the management.

"They have to park their egos at the

door and allow the people the ability to make mistakes and then make improvements," Kerr said, suggesting there are many companies in Morden-Winkler that have successfully embraced different ideas and approaches. "There's companies in this area that are actually doing this, they're engaging their employees."

"It's about how companies implement it, like anything else," agreed Ron Koslowsky, vice president of CME Manitoba.

"The way I define lean is really engaging your employees ... in helping them understand how they can eliminate waste from the system of adding value to the customer and engaging them in implementing the tools needed to eliminate that waste.

"The culture is at the core. Without culture, lean fails almost inevitably," Koslowsky continued. "I've seen the value to Manitoba manufacturers ... and manufacturers in this region who have adopted lean in a way that lean was intended."

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The 2018 Summit attracted over 80 delegates from organizations across Manitoba including front-line staff, process improvement specialists, managers, and business leaders.

In addition to Kerr, another keynote speaker was Dan Chase, director of sales and marketing for the Winnipeg Goldeyes, whose address was focused on the theme of teamwork on and off the field.

A company spotlight featured Klassen Manufacturing. Delegates were also able to tour Decor Cabinets.

Other presentations included cyber



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Addressing lean manufacturing at the Southern Manitoba Manufacturer's Summit in Morden last Thursday was keynote speaker Bob Kerr, founding director and retired vice president of operations for High-Performance Solutions, shown here with Ron Koslowsky, vice president of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Manitoba.

security, harnessing your whole team for greater success, what you need to know about violence and harassment and leveraging peer-to-peer learning.,

The aim of initiatives like this for CME Manitoba is to work with industry in building a more competitive business environment and providing critical and timely intelligence to manufacturers, said Koslowsky.

With a booming manufacturing industry, Morden-Winkler is the ideal place to host this conference, he noted. ern Manitoba is stronger per individual than I've seen in Winnipeg," Koslowsky said. "You've got some phenomenal companies out here that have huge opportunity and are grabbing it."

Newly-elected Morden Mayor Brandon Burley agrees.

In his first public address in the role, Burley told summit attendees that "this region was founded and built on hard work and innovation. That hard work continues to move our economy forward and will continue to drive our city and the area towards the future."

"The manufacturing world in south-

Council forced to take another look at MEC financing bids

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler city council is taking another look at who will handle the financing for the Meridian Exhibition Centre project.

The issue arose at council last Tuesday in the wake of the winning bidder indicating it needed to revise its bid in light of changing market conditions.

"We received a variety of different bids and CIBC came in with the low bid," explained Mayor Martin Harder, adding that council understood the bids to be firm. Now, however, the city needs to rethink their selection. "We are going to revisit the other bids that we have and probably we will look at giving the contract to a different financial institution. We are going to pursue those.

"We cannot afford to wait until November because these bids may change, and so therefore we want to secure the financing that we currently have available," Harder added "The project is settled, it is moving ahead ... we have another bid that is there, but it's just not quite as aggressive as the CIBC bid was."

The \$20 million project plan calls for the city to borrow up to \$17 million. Aside from funding, the other key pieces of the recreation complex expansion are in place, with Verne Reimer Architects recently approved to move ahead with final designs and the contract for the construction management awarded to WBS Construction.

In other council news, Winkler is awaiting word on whether the region will be hosting a couple of major hockey tournaments in the future.

A recent meeting of the recreation and tourism committee reported on joint bids with the City of Morden to host the girls U18 national women's championship next November and a world junior A tournament in 2021. "We're in hockey country here," said Harder, who noted both events could be tremendous opportunities for the two communities.

"We, together with Morden, have had lots of opportunity to host different hockey events, and I think we have a proven record that we can do a good job of it,"he said."We had Hockey Day in Canada here, and we have Rogers Hometown Hockey coming in March.

"It's another reason why we need another ice surface," Harder added. "So [the Meridian Exhibition Centre] is going to be a great addition for future events."

Morden student shines at national debate seminar

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden could become regarded as a centre for the art of debate in the province thanks to growing interest here at the high school level.

Not only is Morden Collegiate set to host the 2019 National Student Debate Seminar next September, but a student in its debate club recently earned honours at this year's event in Quebec City.

Mollie Wheeler received the Founder's Cup Award for the top debater from Manitoba as well as the Chief Justice Award for the top bilingual debater from among about 120 seminar participants from all across Canada.

"I think debate is something that is really under-rated," said the Grade 11 student, who was among a Manitoba team of six students at the week-long competition last month.

"This national debate award is very prestigious and came as quite a surprise to us, but we are extremely happy with the result," said Michael Macaraeg, a science teacher and debate coach at Morden Collegiate.

Macaraeg spearheaded the school debate club four years ago, starting it up with just four students.

"Now we have over 20 kids and it's phenomenal because you don't expect it to be that big for something like debate," he said.

In addition to competitions in Winnipeg, Morden has sent students three years in a row to events in Halifax, Port Hope, and now Quebec City. Macaraeg sees students being drawn to debate because of the many skills that they can develop through it.

"You want kids to be able to have competent communication skills and learn about self advocacy," he said. "Things like critical thinking and public speaking are things that interest some kids.

"For the most part, students are doing impromptu debate, so they're thinking on their feet ... and the more you practice it the better you get at things," he continued. "It's not just public speaking, though—you're also Morden Collegiate Gr. 11 student Mollie Wheeler, shown here with

here with teacher Michael Macaraeg, competed at the 2018 National Student Debate Seminar in Quebec City last month.

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listening to what the other side has to say."

Wheeler, who is in her first year with the club, sees see how beneficial the skills she's honing will be to her in the future.

"I think that it can help no matter where you want to go from here," she said.

"I'm comfortable speaking in front

of people, and I like thinking of both sides of things," Wheeler added. "It not only gives me the opportunity to use those skills that I already have but also improve those skills to a point where I can use those skills to help me in other areas."

Having been in French immersion all through her school years, seeing

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Miami Railway Stn. Museum volunteer receives award of merit

By Lorne Stelmach

A resident who has played an instrumental role with the Miami Railway Station Museum was honoured for his efforts last week.

Gordon Docking, co-chair of the museum's board of directors, received an Award of Merit from the Association of Manitoba Museums Oct. 25 at its central region meeting in Miami.

The award cited Docking for his leadership and tireless efforts in relation to preserving and displaying Manitoba's railway heritage.

His dedication has ranged from taking courses on best practices and developing public programming to overseeing physical improvements to the museum.

"He's been a real leader ... I really appreciate working with him," said museum board member Joan Driedger in adding her praise for Docking.

Driedger said the merit award offered a great opportunity to acknowledge how much Docking has done since getting involved with the museum in 1995.

"This was an opportunity to show how much we appreciate him," she said. "He's always been the best fundraiser ... who couldn't give money to Gordon? He's been just excellent.

"He's been very instrumental ... emphasizes that we have to be a handson interactive museum to keep it going," she explained further, describing him as "very, very hands on. He phones people, he goes out and visits museums, he goes and visits people to find more information.

"Everything you see there, he's probably had his hand on."

"I'm very pleased, I'm quite humbled ... but I really do want to make the point that it's not done alone," stressed Docking in response, passing on praise to the rest of the facility's executive for their efforts and to the community for its ongoing support of the museum.

"We've had people right across southern Manitoba ... who are more than willing to give us money to help with projects," he said.

Docking's motivation to get involved came in the mid-1990s when there was a fear that the historic building could be lost.

"The museum had actually closed for a period of time ... and we had heard another community was interested in taking and moving the mu-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Gord Docking of the Miami Railway Station Museum received the Association of Manitoba Museums award of merit last week from Leslie Poulin, the agency's central region representative.

seum," he recalled." That really got us inspired to say, 'Look, we can't have that museum just moved away from this community."

A priority for him all along has been

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that the museum should provide as much hands-on opportunities as possible, whether that means being able

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Cutting the ribbon on 201 South Railway

Business Development Centre offers small businesses an affordable place to flourish

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The transformation of 201 South Railway Ave. in Winkler is complete.

Now dubbed the Business Development Centre, the former potato storage building has undergone massive renovations both inside and out, creating a 35,000 sq. ft. space where retail businesses of all kinds can flourish and grow.

The new design of the building has the main floor in a strip mall format, offering for lease large spaces with separate entrances and tall ceilings, some with mezzanine options.

The second floor, known as Office 201, includes 17 fully-finished offices with free usage of the common boardroom, lunch room, and Valley Fiber internet. These offices can be leased on a month-to-month basis. "We're offering an all-inclusive rate for rent, which is pretty unique in the industry," said Choice Realty's Dave Kasdorf.

The starting price of \$395/month for an office makes the space affordable for just about any business, he said, allowing home-based entrepreneurs the opportunity to take their companies to the next level.

"It gives new businesses an opportunity to start someplace," said Kasdorf, "and it also gives existing businesses a place to grow, all by managing their costs at the same time.

"It's almost like an incubator mall for retail that's not funded by taxpayers or by the city," he added.

"We're happy to say we just started marketing and we already have two



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From left: Choice Realty's Dave Kasdorf, Russ Dueck of HWH Holdings, Coun. Henry Siemens, and Chamber president Kori da Costa cut the ribbon on the Business Development Centre at 201 South Railway Ave. last week.

leases signed, with another offer that came in yesterday. So the interest has been good."

At the building's ribbon cutting last week, Councillor Henry Siemens lauded investors for their vision.

"When we see entrepreneurs coming forward and investing in the community, giving other entrepreneurs an opportunity, that's really what Winkler is all about," he said. "It's about getting it done. It's about finding ways to repurpose what's there. Take it and make it better.

"We're really excited about this business development centre and the fact there is now a place that, at an affordable rate, people can start up a business or grow a small business from their garage or home and bring it here. It's a terrific thing."

The building offers affordable office space (right) on the second floor and several blank canvas retail spaces of various sizes on the ground floor.





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to sit down at an antique manual typewriter or tap out Morse code.

"I think we're moving in a very positive direction, and that is the hands-on more and more," Docking said. "My feeling is we need more of that ... I think they come away with a little more appreciation."

One disappointment for him, though, was when the rail line through the area was removed. The museum now only has about 100 feet of rail on site.

"A dream, a wonderful thing, would be if you could have a little bit more rail and have something that was actually workable."

More concrete projects underway right now include finishing off the restoration of the rail station's platform and a fresh coat of paint inside, both of which will serve to freshen the site up for visitors.

Docking also hopes to see more new faces volunteering at the museum in the years to come.

"We've been involved for a long time ... I think we're in the process of looking at a transition," he said. "The last thing we want is for that museum to sit there empty ... I think we have plans afoot to make sure that new people come on board."

"I don't know what we're going to do without him," said Driedger, who observed museums like Miami Railway Station completely rely on this kind of volunteer dedication, as evidenced by the kind of discussion that took place at the AMM meeting.

"Every one of those museums, their problems are volunteers and money ... keeping the volunteers, getting the money," Driedger said.

"This museum is very important to the town ... we're the symbol. When you drive into Miami or you look at the website ... that's what you see."

> DEBATE, FROM PG. 10

Quebec City was also a big attraction for Wheeler, who for the seminar was given two topics ahead of time to research. She ended up having to argue against Canadian schools having a mandatory course on the founding nations.

"I do feel that those kinds of courses are important, so it was interesting, for my first debate experience, to have to argue for something that I don't necessarily believe," she said.

"I think that's one of the great things about debate ... if you are able to argue something that you don't believe in, then maybe you're able to see the other side of something.

"In a way, it's leading to peace," Wheeler added. "Debate sounds like it's arguing and fighting but in a way it's teaching kids how to be able to see all sides of things, to consider other people's opinions ... it's just as much about listening."

Wheeler plans to continue with the debate club, though she will not participate in the seminar here next year as students can only go one time. She does want to volunteer at the event, though, and take part in other tournaments.

Macaraeg is excited about the opportunity to host the seminar, noting it will be a fully bilingual event. That aspect could be especially beneficial with Morden now also starting up a French debate program.

"I think they're really noticing our community here now," Macaraeg said, adding he hopes they can inspire other schools in the region to start up debate teams.

"We're just really hoping that the idea of debate at our high school really grows ... and having something more local, we would be ecstatic about that idea."

DNS hosts dessert night Nov. 9

Winkler's Discovery Nature Sanctuary holds its first fundraiser next week.

The DNS committee is hosting a dessert evening at Northlands Parkway Collegiate on Friday, Nov. 9 to raise funds for the construction of an outdoor classroom at the preserve at the northeast end of the city.

The highlight of the fundraiser will be an illustrated talk by owl expert and author Dr. James Duncan.

Duncan has researched owls for over 30 years, has banded over 2,000 owls, and has hundreds of articles, papers and several symposium proceedings on owls.

After retiring as director of Manitoba's Wildlife Branch, Duncan formed Discover Owls, a social enterprise dedicated to education, research and conservation of owls and other wildlife throughout the world.

Joining Duncan at the event will be a special, rarely seen visitor: a live Long-eared Owl. The evening will also include desserts, a silent auction, and an opportunity to donate. Tickets are free but limited, so people are asked to register

in advance by calling 204-325-4808. Doors open at 7 p.m.

PHOTO BY PATSY DUNCAN Dr. James Duncan releases a Great Gray Owl.



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Winkler's Canadian Tire is ready to celebrate

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Canadian Tire is rolling out the red carpet this week to celebrate the completion of its massive expansion project.

The store increased its footprint in the Southland Mall development to over 41,000 square feet—a huge jump from the 24,700 sq. ft. of retail space it had before.

The expansion—Canadian Tire's largest since the standalone building went up here in 1998—was made possible by carving out every inch of space on the property, says owner David Dunseath.

"We went as far back as we could both north and to the west, so if we ever want to expand the store again we'll have to go up or go somewhere else," he says, adding that the reno was long overdue.

Winkler's store was previously classified as an "E" sized store, the second smallest type in the franchise. But it's long been punching above its weight in sales, Dunseath says, so the new "C" sized facility puts it more in line with the community's support of the business.

The additional space gives Dunseath the ability to expand countless product lines.

"Really, we expanded most everything, some areas a lot more than others," he says, pointing to new of-



ferings in clothing, toys, tools, seasonal, and especially kitchen and housewares."That area, it's stunning now.

"We've also got what's called a hunting pro shop now," Dunseath adds, gesturing to the wood-paneled feature wall on the west side of the building "So we've expanded our hunting and fishing lines significantly."

It's been a very long year of work including a few unexpected delaysto make this expansion a reality.

"We started planning this more than a year ago and then Jan. 4 we moved

> everything out of the garden centre and into the store, shrunk all the aisles ... it was so tight," Dunseath says.

Workers were putting the finishing touches on the exterior just this past week, and work continues on the revamped parking lot the store shares with Mark's Work Wearhouse and the mall.

Through it all, Dunseath has been grateful for the community's patience, which, he notes, very much impressed the project manager and merchandiser he brought in to help with the process.

"They do this all the time and they're amazed, they can't believe how nice the customers are. We have not had one complaint," he says. "I told them you have to understand in Winkler people are proud, I think, that their Canadian Tire store is expanding to this. It's incredible that in 'little Winkler' we have a Canadian Tire this

big."

After a gala ribbon cutting event the evening of Oct. 31, the store opens its doors Thursday, Nov. 1 for four days of celebration.

"We're going to have in-store demos going on, there's going to be games for the kids to come in and play, we're going to have Frank's Snack Shack so people can come in and try some food," Dunseath says.

Friday, Saturday, and Monday will also feature free giveaways to the first 100 customers through the door. There are also points bonuses for Canadian Tire Mastercard holders on Friday and door crasher deals throughout the revamped store.

"People need to come in and experience it," Dunseath says.





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The extra retail space—over 16,000 square feet worth—gave Canadian Tire Winkler room to add a dedicated hunting pro shop.

Grandparents' delight

The Douglas Kuhl School of Music hosted an intergenerational night of music at the Buhler Active Living Centre last Friday. The Grandparent's Recital saw the young performers reach out to their grandparents for music suggestions, with at least one grandparent-grandchild duo—Amy with granddad Peter Elias, below—taking the stage as well.

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Tactical team called for Plum Coulee arrest

The Regional Support Tactical Team (RSTT) were called to Plum Coulee last week to deal with a potentially dangerous situation.

Just before noon on Oct. 23, the team along with members of the Altona Police Service executed a search warrant in an apartment located at 209 Main Ave.

As police had information that a firearm had been illegally stored in the apartment, the RSTT conducted a high-risk take down of the 36-yearold male. The female occupant of the apartment had been earlier detained during a traffic stop Police evacuated much of the apartment block and advised the Plum Coulee School of the activity in the event that they would need to go into some form of a lockdown.

When searching for the firearm, police located about 10 grams of methamphetamine, valued at approximately \$1,000. No firearm was located in the apartment.

The suspects were both charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking meth. They will appear in court in Altona next month.

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Royals, Redskins fall in openers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals and Morden Redskins both posted losses as the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League kicked off another season over the weekend.

Winkler was on the losing end of an 8-3 home opener against the Notre Dame Hawks Sunday night.

The Royal's lone goal of the first frame, scored by Calvin Spencer, was bookended by two from the Hawks, who went on to score four more in the first 10 minutes of the second period.

Cody Friesen gave Winkler their second at the 18:59 mark in the middle period, while Marlin Froese contributed one as well in the third, but Notre Dame continued their onslaught with two more goals before the final whistle.

Devon Wiebe got the loss in net, making 25 saves as the Hawks outshot the Royals 33-28.

Morden's loss Saturday night to the Warren Mercs was a much closer affair.

The hard-fought game saw a scoreless opening period followed by Warren getting the lone goal of the second.

Morden was then down 2-0 before Jay Fehr got them on the board midway through the final period.

Behind 2-1, the Redskins pulled Morgan Wall from net for the extra man, to no avail. The Mercs, meanwhile, scored on the empty net for a 3-1 victory.

This Sunday the Royals host Altona while Morden heads to Portage.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler Royals goalie Devon Wiebe gets a shoulder on a point shot despite the partial screen of teammate Jamie Thiessen and Notre Dame's Steve Clark in Sunday's SEMHL home opener. The Royals fell 8-3. The Morden Redskins didn't fare much better, losing their game Saturday to Warren 3-1.

Wolverines kill Flyers win streak

Their winning streak came to an end, but the Winkler Flyers still earned three of a possible four points over the weekend.

A night after increasing their streak to five games with a 5-1 win Friday in Dauphin, the Flyers finishing up their two game weekend road trip with a 3-2 overtime loss to the Wolverines in Waywayseecappo.

Goaltender Britt League had another strong performance between the pipes for Winkler, helping his club pick up at least a point, and special teams and discipline were front and centre as all three Wayway goals came on the powerplay.

Captain Connor Beebe sent a shot past the glove of Isaac Labelle just 18 seconds into the game for a 1-0 Winkler lead. Griffin Leonard then cashed in a rebound for his sixth of the year to pull the Flyers even at 2-2 in the second period.

Both teams had their chances in overtime—a period that included many game-saving stops by both goaltenders—but the Wolverines would get another chance on the powerplay late in the fourth. The game winner came from a tipped point shot on the powerplay with

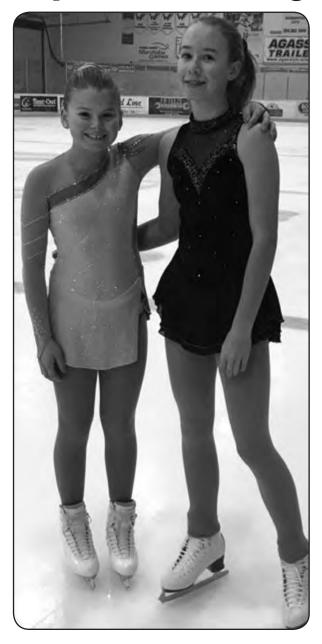
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League finished the game with 31 saves as Wayway outshot Winkler 34-19. Winkler went 0-for-7 on the powerplay and 4-for-7 on the penal-ty-kill.

On Friday, the Flyers received goals from five different skaters and League stopped 30 of the 31 shots he faced in helping Winkler beat the Kings in their first meeting of the season.

The first few minutes of the game were spent in the Winkler end of the

Top Manitoba figure skaters in Morden this weekend



High school sports round-up

• In Zone 4 varsity volleyball, the Morden Thunder girls fell to the Sanford Sabres in three sets Oct. 23; Garden Valley Collegiate's boys beat Altona in four that same night, while the female Zodiacs lost their match to the Aces in four.

The Zodiac boys also won their home tournament over the weekend. They dropped just one set in the round robin to head into the playoffs ranked number one. There, they beat Landmark 2-0 and Crocus Plains 2-1.

• Playing in the SCAC, the male Nighthawks bested the Jeanne-Sauve Olympians on the volleyball court in three sets Oct. 24, while the girls lost their match in three.

On Monday, the boys fell to the Glenlawn Lions in five sets. The girls lost in three.

• Zone 4 high school hockey saw the Nighthawks fall to the Morris Mavericks 9-1 Oct. 23, while the Morden Thunder lost to Carman 4-3 the next night and to the Mountain Mustangs 5-2 on Friday and the GVC Zodiacs 3-1 Saturday. GVC had played Portage the day before, losing 7-3.



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Above: Representing Morden at the Sectional Figure Skating Championship in town this weekend will be Alison Convery, Kate Ginter, Gabbi Hildebrand, Olivia Sawatzky, Annika Roberts, Sarah Kagan, Leah Braun, Dana Hynes, Jessica Kagan, Molly Cowan, and Ky-Lynn Jenner. Left: Winkler will be represented Halley Penner, Daniela Heinrichs, and (missing from photo) Madison Gerbrandt.

The top skaters in the province are in Morden this weekend for the Skate Canada Manitoba Sectional Figure Skating Championship.

The Morden Figure Skating Club hosts the event, which is a qualifer for the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge and, ultimately, the Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

Over 70 skaters take the ice at the Access Event Centre Saturday and Sunday. The event kicks off with opening ceremonies at 12:15 Saturday followed by competition until 9 p.m. Performances run from 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

"We are happy to have the opportunity to host sectionals this year," said Tasha Roberts, president of the Morden Figure Skating Club."We have skaters from all across Manitoba competing and we wish everyone the best of luck. Some skaters at this competition are also competing to qualify for the Canada Winter Games, which is very exciting."

"Skate Canada Sectionals is the entry point for the athletes, enabling them to qualify for the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton in December followed by the National Championships in Saint John, NB in January," said Donna Yee, Skate Canada Manitoba board chair. "It is very exciting for all the skaters to experience this level of competition and to dream about someday competing on the international stage."

A detailed performance schedule and ticket information is available online at mbskates.ca.

Twisters done in by Raiders

By Lorne Stelmach

Giving up four unanswered second period goals did in the Pembina Valley Twisters Friday night in Winnipeg.

It broke open what had been a 2-2 game after 20 minutes as the Twisters fell 7-3 to the first place Raiders, who have now lost just once in nine games so far this season.

Special teams cost them as Pembina Valley gave up two powerplay markers as well as a shorthanded goal.

Elijah Carels scored twice, while Jeremie Goderis earned his team-leading 10th goal of the season, which puts him second overall in the

league.

It was not a good night for Travis Klassen, who was pulled from goal after allowing five goals on eight shots. Martin Gagnon then stopped 13 of 15.

The loss ended a good run for the Twisters, who had won five of their last nine. Pembina Valley's record is now 5-2-2 for 12 points, which leaves them three back of St. James and four behind the Raiders while just one up on both St. Vital and Transcona and two ahead of Fort Garry Fort Rouge.

The Twisters are on the road this week as they meet the St. Vital Victorias on Thursday and then face the Twins Sunday.

Winkler Curling Club hosts junior bonspiel





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The Winkler Curling Club kicked off its season with the fourth annual Winkler Quality Inn Manitoba Junior Curling Tour Bonspiel Friday to Sunday. Winners included Team Joshua Friesen (left) from the Manitou Curling Club/Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club and Team Meghan Walter (above) of the Elmwood Curling Club.

Pembina Valley Hawks have winning weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks are riding a four game winning streak in Manitoba female AAA hockey.

The Hawks extended their run on the weekend with a 3-1 win over the Interlake Lightning Saturday followed by a hard-fought 4-3 shootout victory over the Yellowhead Chiefs Sunday.

"We didn't play maybe quite to our potential, but on Sunday we definitely brought it," said a pleased Hawks coach Shanley Peters. "It was a good game, we fought back, we battled hard throughout the whole game and ended up coming out with a shootout win."

In Stonewall, the Hawks grabbed a 2-0 first period lead and then added an insurance goal in the third against Interlake. Breanna Millions picked up a pair of goals with the other coming from Zoey Pearce. Back from injury, Regan Durand made 15 saves in net.

On Sunday in Morden, the Hawks trailed 1-0 after 20 minutes but then had it tied 2-2 at the second intermission and 3-3 at the end of regulation time.

After overtime solved nothing, the Hawks took the shootout 2-1 to earn the second point.

Scoring for the Hawks were Millions, Mikaylie Bibault, and Erica Pouteau, while Isabell Reutter made 21 saves as the home team outshot the Chiefs 33-22.

Peters likes what she is seeing from her team after they were defeated in their first two games of the season amidst the loss of both of their goaltenders to injury.

"It's been a constant kind of uphill journey for us," she said. "We're definitely seeing everything together, the team working together. We're seeing in the dressing room the girls really buying into everything.

"The biggest thing is their work ethic and just their drive to compete," Peters said. "We've got to bring it every game; we can't ever take some time off." Pembina Valley remains in third place at 5-2-0-1, which has them tied at 11 points with Yellowhead and three back of the league-leading Westman Wildcats.

This weekend the ladies hit the road to play the Eastman Selects on Sunday.

Hawks earn three of four points

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks snagged three of a possible four points over the weekend.

The AAA mens team came up just short in a 3-2 shootout loss Sunday to the Eastman Selects after having beaten the Winnipeg Bruins 7-3 on Saturday.

It was a welcome rebound from two back-to-back losses one weekend earlier, and coach Jeff Andrews noted it showed things can happen when you just try to get more pucks on net.

"You're not going to score many goals in our league when you only get 10 shots in two periods [like against Eastman]," he said. "Any time we get in the offensive zone, we need to have a shoot first mentality.

"We need to do a better job of get-

ting pucks to the net, and we also need to do a better job of getting bodies to the net and making it hard for their goaltender to see the puck."

Pembina Valley grabbed period leads of 2-1 and 4-3 on the Bruins before putting the game away with three more unanswered goals in the final frame.

Hayden Couling scored a pair while Andrew Boucher, Michael Hlady, Cameron Brunn, Jacob Carels and Roux Bazin contributed singles Dylan Meilun was solid with 42 saves as the Hawks were outshot 45-21.

The game against the Selects got away from the Hawks, who took a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Brunn and Tyson Allison before Eastman tied it up in the second and won it with the lone shootout goal in the second round. Brock Moroz made 37 saves as the Hawks were outshot 39-25.

Pembina Valley is in Winnipeg Saturday to face the Thrashers and then host the Central Plains Capitals in Morden Sunday evening.

Andrews said he is looking for his charges to stick to their game plan and build some momentum.

"We're competitive in our league and we've proven that we can be successful against the top teams," he said.

"We need to really refine our attention to detail. We play with specific systems in mind for how we want to operate in the offensive zone and the defensive zone and the neutral zone. Games where we have success, our guys really buy into that and they do a good job of it."

Agriculture

Beef producers talk antibiotic rules, feed shortages

By Harry Siemens

Dr. Wayne Tomlinson, a veterinarian consultant who lives on a hobby farm near Glenboro, recently informed cattle producers at the Manitoba Beef Producers District 4 meeting in Grunthal about the new Health Canada prescription regulations for applying medications to cattle.

"Health Canada says it's going to happen ... so you can either fight it or do it properly," he said.

Tomlinson told an almost full house in the newly-renovated Auction Mart cattle ring that Health Canada has said the nation is going to increase the stewardship over antibiotics, both on the human side and in the livestock sector.

"Health Canada said we need some checks and balances to make sure that producers are using antimicrobial products in the right dose, for the right disease, for the right duration, to ensure prudent use of these products," he said, going on to explain it will be veterinarians who tell the producers what drugs their animals need and for how long.

"I honestly believe that 99 per cent of the producers are already doing this," Tomlinson said. "I don't think it's going to change a heck of a lot. I think we are already doing it.

"It's just that ... we need to show the international community somehow what kind of producers we have here."

Depending on which livestock sector, there's always something going on with animal health.

Looking at the beef industry specifically, Tomlinson noted Manitoba's cow/calf farms most often face calf illnesses.

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"We run into diarrhea, pneumonia, umbilical, and navel infections," he said. "In the cow/calf herd, cows are very sturdy animals. They don't get sick a lot, but we do see things like pinkeye, which is infectious pinkeye that's a bacterial cause. We see things like foot rot, those sorts of things on pasture.

"We are very, very fortunate in the beef world that we don't have a lot of highly contagious, lethal bugs."

The MBP meeting is a chance for producers to get the information they need about the new treatment rules, said District 4 director Rob Kerda.

"And I think how simple it's gonna

be, and how quickly they're going to come around to the new rules," he said.

Kerda said the cattle business in this area is treating producers fairly.

"Mother Nature, on the other hand, has made it a very rough year for feed," he noted."We have, just like the rest of Manitoba and Canada, lack of feed and quality issues."

It's a problem, but one producers are tackling head-on.

"I guess we're going to cope," Kerda said. "You feed what you have and lower the animal numbers and do whatever you have to do.

"This industry's not about quitting,

it's about coping. We'll get by. I don't think we're looking for handouts, maybe some control, maybe, from the government, and we've already received some of the deferrals on taxes, so we'll cope."

The cow numbers are up already at auction rings, especially the cull cows.

"We're going to lose some numbers, but I don't think we're going to lose as much as they were predicting at first," Kerda said. "That said, the guys are outstanding about finding alternative feed, and numbers are, from what I'm hearing, are fairly solid.

MBP president identifies key issues

By Harry Siemens

Fall is the time for the various commodity groups—both the Manitoba Beef Producers and the Manitoba Pork Council—to hold their annual district meetings.

For some reason, I have not attended the MBP meetings for some time, though I've attended the MPC district meetings regularly.

My friend Tom Teichroeb, a cattle rancher at Langruth, recently became the president of the MBP because the former president, Ben Fox, stepped down to run for political office.

Since Tom chose to attend the District 4 meeting in Grunthal, I decided to take in that meeting too.

It started with an old-fashioned beef-on-a-bun supper that gave me a chance to mingle with cattle producers from that region.

When I spoke with Teichroeb, he talked about the many things facing the cattle producers he now represents as president.

Among them, the drought this year. "There are still lots of issues around water and having available water. I talked to a producer just two days ago; he's going to have to haul all winter long, he has no other option,"Teichroeb said. "He has developed and worked through the environmental farm program, of which the government announced they are adding some new best management practices so they can develop more things around water, so that's a concern."

Teichroeb said our industry also has a considerable predation issue in parts of the Interlake.

Okay, I looked up that word and it means a biological interaction where one organism, the predator, kills and eats another. Yes, wild animals attack and destroy cattle and calves.

MBP is trying very hard to meet with the Sustainable Development department and Ag Minister Ralph Eichler to continue conversations on that issue, Teichroeb said.

"And then you have all your other things, more national issues," he continued."Whether it's traceability, whether it's transportation, and all those things that are ongoing files and ongoing work at any given day and time."

All that is happening alongside trade agreements.

"I think I'm going to steal somebody else's line by saying that the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership [CPTPP] is probably as big an announcement as we have seen since the North American Free Trade Agreement," Teichroeb said. "And I think we spent a lot of time in the last two months trying to lobby the government to make sure that we came in as one of the first six countries, and it pleases us that they responded by working hard and making that happen."

Teichroeb said they recently spent time as a fly-in in Ottawa trying to convince and meet with senators and MPs to make sure that they understood the timelines.

"So basically, the Senate needed to pass the CPTPP before the end of October, which now it is. So now, we will take advantage of reduced tariffs, not only for 2018 but also for 2019," he said. "Had that not happened, not only would we not be a part of the first six—which probably would have taken some time to renegotiate and get into the rest of it—but we also wouldn't have taken advantage of the lower tariffs. So we have increased demand for the beef industry, and that's what we were looking for."

What a great bunch of cattle producers and their families that I met in Grunthal. Those are the meetings that continue to make this career so worthwhile.



Kitty cats and caped crusaders hit the ice

There were a number of superheroes to be found at the Access Event Centre Friday as the City of Morden invited kids and families to enjoy the Halloween Spooktacular evening. The highlight was an hour of free public skating, but there were also games and colouring as well as a costume prize draw and pumpkin competition.

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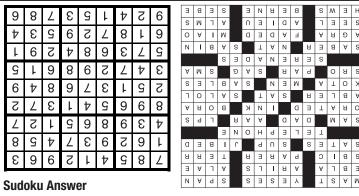


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One year in, new Tabor Home gets thumbs up

"WE'RE JUST REALLY

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ENVIRONMENT."

By Lorne Stelmach

One year on from the transition to the new Tabor Home, all is going well at the new care facility on the east end of Morden.

The 100 bed complex has been full and with a waiting list since making the move last November from 9th St. South to 450 Loren Drive.

Since that day-which saw resi-

dents eat breakfast at the old Tabor and have lunch in the new—the facility has continued to welcome new people on an ongoing basis. In fact, since moving to the new building there have been 63 new residents, which exceeds the 60 residents who lived at the old facility.

The year has been challenging and exciting as residents and staff have settled in at the new facility. For social worker Carol Toews, for whom part of her job involves showing people the care home before they come to live there, it is always a pleasure to see and appreciate the difference.

"Being able to show them a nice, bright new room ... we did our very best in the old building but sometimes it was like half a room behind a curtain," she said.

"When they come now ... families are thrilled when they've had experiences with other homes," Toews said. "We're just really pleased that we can offer such a nice physical environment."

Toews said the new Tabor just overall offers a better quality of life with

its five units of 20 rooms that each have common spaces for residents.

"I'm able to say to them you're going to have your own room, you have your own bathroom ... you'll be living in a house with 20 people. There will be a dining room you can go to with 20 people as opposed to

50-some," she explained. "You have a living room to go to in the evenings and during the course of the day. Each house has an outside yard where people can go.

"We had one gentleman who, on his first morning here, he was outside with cup of coffee and a paper,"Toews recalled."So we're able to offer a way more home-like environment than



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Music therapist Joel Klassen working with some of the Tabor Home residents. The new, much larger facility provides a better quality of life to residents than the aging Tabor Home ever could.



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Tabor Home resident Betty Ens (second from right) getting a visit on her birthday from her sisters-in-law and social worker Carol Toews (far left) last week.

we could before."

Facility manager Sherry Hildebrand added they are thankful not only for the continued community support but especially for the volunteers who continue to give of their time to assist residents at Tabor.

They make an important contribution to the quality of life for residents, she stressed, assisting in a variety of roles and helping keep residents connected to the community.

While everyone is pretty much settled into the new space, there are a few finishing touches still be done to bring the project to completion.

"Our main garden, we're going to start construction in the spring," Hildebrand said. "It's going to have a gazebo ... so we hope to open that up next year." There is also a main sign still in the works.

"A lot of people have asked us about that," said Hildebrand. "We have it all designed, but it was waiting for some structural work to be completed."

In the meantime, both Hildebrand and Toews said they remain thankful day in and day out for the difference the new facility has made in the lives of those in need of care.

"It's a joy to come to work each day," said Hildebrand.

"It had been a long time in coming," added Toews. "So for those people who have worked so hard [to make the project happen] ... when those people come in, I think you get a sense of satisfaction.

"People breathe a sigh of relief that it's been done."

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rink, and League, who was making his Flyers' debut, kept the game scoreless while the team in front of him started to push back.

For the third straight game the Flyers scored first as Griffin Leonard potted a rebound from a Noah Goertzen point shot at the end of a powerplay.

The Flyers doubled their lead with another powerplay early in the second as Eric Fawkes tucked in a wraparound goal for his second of the season.

Just over a minute later, rookie forward Kyle Lang tipped in a point shot to make it 3-0.

Just before the nine minute mark of the third, Josh Kagan sent a wrist shot to the back of the net to push Winkler in front by four goals.

After the Kings cut Winkler's lead to 4-1, the Flyers powerplay would strike again when Colton Friesen's shot from the right slot found its mark.

Winkler outshot Dauphin 46-32 overall. The Flyers went 3-for-7 on the powerplay and 2-for-2 on the penalty-kill.

The Flyers finished off October with a match against the Winnipeg Blues Tuesday night at home. The result was not available at press time.

This weekend they hit the road for a trio of games up north, playing Dauphin Friday, Virden Saturday, and the Wolverines Sunday.



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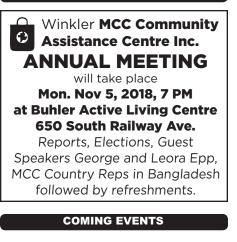
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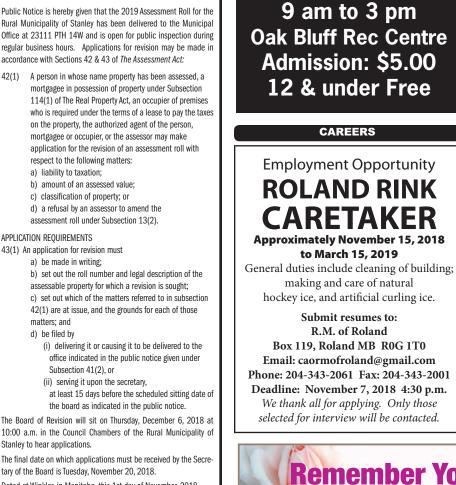




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Jacob Eddie Hiebert 1941 - 2018

On Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Jake E. Hiebert aged 77 years of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest.

Left to mourn his passing are his children: two daughters, Heather and Richard Dyck (Tyrell, Kara) of Schanzenfeld, Janice Hiebert of Winnipeg; three sons, Vic and Lenore (Renee, Kyle) of LaSalle, Don and Carole (Brady, Nate) of Winkler and Stan and Rachel (Rylan, Parker, Aubree) of Winkler; as well as two sisters and two brothers. He was predeceased by his wife, Betty Hiebert (nee Hoeppner) in 2006, one brother and one brother-in-law.

Jake was baptized upon the confession of his faith as a young adult at the Winkler Bergthaler Church. He married Betty

Hoeppner on July 9, 1967 and they celebrated 39 years of marriage before her passing. Dad was hardworking and enjoyed life on the family's hobby farm. He was employed at several businesses throughout the years, until his retirement in spring of 2006. Upon retirement, he filled his time with many woodworking projects in his garage. He especially enjoyed preparing items for the church mission sale and creating toys and other smaller household items. From 1980 - 1982, Dad and Mom served together on missions in South Korea with the family. Dad was involved in many different capacities at the Glencross Church. He was a people person, and really enjoyed his years as a church usher. After retirement, the Morden Men's Prayer Breakfast was a highlight in Dad's week.

OBITUARY

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Glencross Mennonite Church, Interment followed at the Glencross Mennonite Church Cemetery,

The family would like the express their sincerest thanks to all the staff at BTHC for the excellent care Dad received.

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Harvey Peter Friesen 1926 - 2018

Harvey Peter (H.P.) Friesen, went to his eternal rest Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Winkler, Manitoba, at the age of 92.

Harvey is survived by his five children, Bev (Bob) Brown of Parksville, B.C., Glen (Deb) Friesen of Camrose, Alberta, Douglas (Lois) Friesen of Duxbury, Massachusetts, Carol (Greg) Van Wyck of Shelter Bay Marina, Panama, and Tammy (Pierre) Janz of San Remo, Australia; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; and his sisters, Lillian Collins of Maple Ridge, B.C., Katherine Loewen of Coquitlam, B.C., and Deanna (Don) Kohanik of Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene Friesen in 2005; his parents, Peter T. and Agatha Friesen; one brother, Kenneth Friesen; two sisters, Mabel Friesen and Florence Edwards.

Harvey enlisted in the Canadian Army Active Services in 1943. After training, as Corporal, he volunteered for the Army's Chemical Warfare Testing Program. Following his injuries, he was awarded a Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and was discharged on July 10, 1946. He, along with Bill Tanner, fellow volunteer, lobbied the Minister of National Defense for many years to acknowledge Canada's role in the experiments. As a result, on August 26, 2005 a memorial plaque was erected at the Suffield Experimental Station in Suffield, Alberta, where the testing took place. Each veteran was awarded a medal as well as monetary compensation and additional pension plans in recognition for their suffering. Harvey married Irene Friesen on December 26, 1950 and together they raised five children. Harvey and Irene, both being family oriented and entrepreneurial, lived a large life as a family at Davidson Lake Cottage where the they spent summers swimming, fishing and hiking, to family ski trips on spring break - packing five children into a station wagon and driving to the Rocky Mountains. As the children matured, they were employed in the family business and worked alongside their parents. He joined his father as a 3rd generation printer in 1946. What was a small bookstore and printshop grew to become Pembina Printing Ltd., publishing four weekly free distribution community newspapers. Daughter Carol managed the newspaper and advertising departments. Harvey, along with son Glen, established Pembina Kwik Printing. Later, with the purchase of a 5-unit Web Leader Press, Pembina Web Press was established. Pembina Printing Ltd. and all divisions were sold in 1994 when Harvey retired. Harvey led a very full and active life, for many years his cars' license plate read "Fly, Fish, Hunt, Ski". He was actively involved in his community and a member of many organizations; the Chamber of Commerce: Kinsmen Club: Flving Club: Shiloh Masonic Lodge: Lake Minnewasta and Manitoba Water Ski Associations: Manitoba and Canadian Community Newspaper Associations: and the Royal Canadian Legion. Harvey was very involved in the Winkler Trinity Lutheran Church and was an active member for more than 39 years. In later years, Harvey spent much time with family and friends at his cottages at Wekusko Lake and Davidson Lake. He continued to fly his plane until age 86 and only stopped snow skiing at age 87. When he was 86, he went to Winnipeg to buy a new pair of ski boots. When the salesperson found out Dad was 86, he incredulously asked why he would want a new pair of boots. With his dry sense of humour, he replied "There is hope for all of us." Dad travelled the world visiting his children who, following his adventurous spirit, were spread across the globe. Harvey was a warm and generous man, loving and caring, he could tell a great story, and was proud of his family's accomplishments as well as his own. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018 at Trinity Lutheran Church,

Winkler, with interment at the Winkler Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Harvey's memory to: Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Trinity Lutheran Church and Katie Cares.

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His and her holiday accessories

No outfit is complete without the perfect accessories. Here's what to pair with your party wear this holiday season.

Women

Invoke your inner glam girl. This season's must-have accessories are all about making a statement.

• Hair clips. Keep your hair out of your face, nineties style. This season's clips, pins and barrettes are adorned with pearls and sparkles that mix style with function.

• Statement earrings. From ornate hoops to chest-grazing fringe, bigger is better for this season's top accessory. Gold is out this year, so opt for white or silver metals.

• White booties. It doesn't matter if you're wearing a cocktail dress or jeans, this Christmas you'll want to pair every outfit with white booties. Just as versatile as your black ones, you'll be wearing these until spring. • Hand bags. To complement your party outfit, choose a mini bag or clutch with a bold pattern. For daywear, think logomania and opt for all-over logo print.

Men

Imbue your formal holiday style with a touch of sportiness. Men's winter accessories are about panache and contrast.

• Baseball caps. No longer relegated to high

school homeroom, this season wear your home team's logo with pride. If sports aren't your thing, go for unadorned leather.



• Man bags. Stop stuffing your phone, keys and wallet into your pockets. Carry a shoulder bag or pouch to hold your most important things.

• Gloves. This season's gloves are made of leather or rubber and make a statement with patterns and embroidery.

• Sneakers. From bulbous basketball styles to sleek athletic shoes and canvas slip-ons, the way to wear a suit this year is with sneakers. Just be sure to leave your rank gym shoes at home.

Leather Hats, Bags & Boots

Updating your wardrobe with seasonal trends can be expensive but investing in stylish hats, scarves and gloves can ensure you look great without breaking the bank.

When shopping for accessories, ensure you pick out high quality garments that will stand up to every day wear and tear. Leather will always be in fashion and for this reason is always a good investment. This hard wearing material is extremely versatile and will compliment almost every outfit in your wardrobe. Leather hats, bags and shoes are made of durable materials and are ideal for every day wear. These hats are designed to be worn by people of all ages and are always trendy for both men and women. If you are looking for timeless fashion, put a leather hat on your wish list this Christmas season.

If you are looking for stylish winter accessories, there are some great items in the market this winter - for all of your fashion requirements. Whether you are looking for a hat or some winter boots, you will find all of this and more. At KC's Shoe Repair, they stock a pleasing array of shoes, bags and accessories along with gorgeous gifts for the whole family.





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Sewing For Christmas - 9 Fresh Ideas

Sewing for Christmas requires planning and time management. You do not want to spend every last minute, the week before Christmas holed up with a sewing machine, because you invested all your money in fabric and notions and you're forced to finish your projects because there's nothing else to give.

Here are some tips for success:

Sewing for Christmas - Tip #1: Pick projects that can be completed in one of two evenings.

Sewing for Christmas - Tip #2:

Unless you are 100% positive of the gift recipient's size, sew things that don't require fitting. Scarves, hats, pajama bottoms, vests, ties, purses, place mats, napkins, pillows, totes, belts and lap quilts work up fast, are popular with all ages and usually one size fits all.

Sewing for Christmas - Tip #3:

To save time, mass produce. Every year I make about 15 flannel pajama bottoms, in 5 different sizes.

Every one gets a different flannel, so that when I'm sewing, nothing gets mixed up, but there will be 3 or 4 blue prints, 2 or 3 red prints and so on. That way, one large spool of thread can complete 2 or 3 different bottoms and I do not constantly have to change thread spools and wind bobbins. When it's time to sew, I spend 1 or 2 evenings cutting out and marking the fabric. Then I thread up the machine and sew all blue bottoms with the same color thread. I sew one color group from start to finish, including the waistband treatment. However, I save all the knot tying and thread snipping on all the bottoms to do at one time.

Sewing for Christmas - Tip #4:

Sewing is a great way to stretch your Christmas budget. The trick is to shop year round. Buy on sale. Use store coupons.

Sewing for Christmas - Tip #5:

Sewing that special outfit for your office Christmas party is another way to help stretch that Christmas budget. But instead of going for a whole new outfit, take some time to examine one of your old party outfits. Can you take it in? Let it out? Shorten it? Add some sparkles? Freshen up some tired accessories? Add a flounce or beaded fringe? Even if you're the Queen of Sheba, you'll feel better about reusing things from the back of the closet. And if you are the Queen of Sheba? You can donate the money you would have spent on a dress to a soup kitchen or other charity.

Sewing for Christmas - Tip #6:

Think about sewing for others. It seems that around Christmas time, hearts soften and people want to do something for those who are less fortunate. Here's an opportunity to let your needle shine. You can turn lengths of polar fleece - which you got on sale - into warm blankets, or scarves or hats. You can make a baby quilt to donate. You can make cancer hats. You can make dolls.

Sewing for Christmas - Tip #7:

Start a tradition. Sew with a bunch of friends. Projects go fast when there are many machines and many hands to help.

An old friend of mine would spend the month of October making her two darling daughters the sweetest, over the top Christmas frocks you could imagine. In November the three of them would make a day of taking the family Christmas portrait and then going out for high tea. This continued until the girls were in college. She has the best Christmas portrait collection I've ever seen.

Sewing for Christmas - Tip #8:

Christmas ornaments are a great gift idea for teachers, coaches and people you work with. You can find patterns in fabric stores and quilt shops. Usually they are fast and relatively inexpensive to make.

Sewing for Christmas - Tip #9:

Do you decorate your house for Christmas? If you make a special doll, pillows or ornaments, remember not to stuff them with beans or rice. They could attract bugs and vermin while in storage the other 11 months of the year.

Remember, people love to get homemade gifts. It sends the message that you cared enough to spend your valuable time making them something. Most of the gifts you make will be made better than the things that you find in stores and made with better quality materials.







Shoes -The Perfect Gift This Season

As the season draws to closer, and as new and improvised collections of footwear make their way into the ever growing consumer market, it would be time to make the right choice in selecting the perfect shoe to gift a loved one. While this may not be one of the most formidable options for individuals to pursue in gifting a loved one with a pair of shoes, it can yet however be the perfect one if the shoe fits the bill. Buying a pair of shoes for a special occasion like Christmas, a birthday or anniversary may not show much, but will definitely convey the message of care and that great things come in small packages.

For men, it would mean a great opportunity to play prince and present their Cinderella's with the perfect shoe. It can be one of the most romantic approaches made by a man if carried out in the ideal manner. For women it can be a better opportunity to gift their better halves with the shoes they always desired but were saving the money till date.

Footwear makes up as the perfect and ideal gift to present someone with the sole intention of pampering their feet.

Early Christmas Shop For the Best Christmas Gifts

Do you promise yourself each and every year that you will get all your Christmas shopping done early so that you can have a relatively stress free holiday season, only to find yourself shopping for last minute Christmas presents a day or two before Christmas day and having no idea what to get or where to get it?

As we get closer to the holiday season, you need to find a couple of minutes to compile a list if you haven't done so already. Last minute shopping does not allow you to find the best Christmas gifts for your friends and family.

If you have no idea what holiday gifts to get and what would make great holiday gifts, find suggestions on or offline and pay attention to any hints dropped by family and friends.

Make this the year that you Christmas shop early. Most holiday shoppers usually wait until the very last minute - as is seen with the crowds of people at the mall and other shopping centers only days before Christmas. Waiting until December to find Christmas presents also means that if you are using a credit card, you will have a large credit card bill in the new year to pay off. Early Christmas shopping allows you to spread out your expenses.

Various stores and other outlets should have information on some of the best gift ideas to help you with your Christmas list.



You also need to set a budget that you stick to when reviewing gift ideas. Properly planing for the season will make is so you can relax without thinking about all the Christmas presents that you still need to get!

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Four gift ideas for tech-lovers in 2018



Tech-lovers can be tough to buy for. With all the new and exciting products that come out every year, it's difficult keep up with the latest trends. To help you out, here are four products that tech-lovers are buying en masse this year.

1. Virtual reality headsets

Virtual reality headsets are the future of both gaming and media. The 360-degree viewing experience transports you to another universe. There's no need to leave your living room to be courtside at Madison Square Garden watching a Knicks game, in the Egyptian desert taking a tour of the pyramids or even on a spaceship fighting cyborgs.

2. Drones

Drones are getting more popular and increasingly sophisticated every year. Nowadays, there are tons of different prototypes available and they come in a wide range of price points. Different models are made to appeal to different interests: choose between a camera drone, a toy drone or a racing drone.

3. Mobile WiFi hotspots

Some people can't survive without an internet connection. And many have a good enough excuse, as staying connected is vital to their job. Mobile WiFi hotspots are the perfect gift for these people. These palm-sized gadgets provide you with internet access anywhere in the world.

4. Portable chargers

The more electronic gadgets a person uses, the more frequently they're scrambling around anxiously to find a power source. Put a tech-lover's mind at ease by giving them a portable charger capable of powering up their phone, tablet, headphones and other electronic devices.

Five unique holiday gift-wrapping ideas

Wrapping Christmas presents often feels like a chore, but it doesn't have to. With a little creativity, you can make giftwrapping fun — not to mention cheaper and more eco-friendly. Here are a few gift-wrapping ideas to inspire you.

1. Use recycled materials as giftwrap. Wrap your gifts in recycled household items such as old newspapers and magazines, discarded maps, left over wallpaper and even gently worn clothes. With some extra effort, your presents will look just as beautiful and far more interesting than if they were wrapped in plain old store-bought paper.

2. Go monochrome. For a sleek, stylish look, consider using shades of the same hue for wrapping paper, ribbon and gift bags. Or, choose two or three colours to theme your gift-wrapping around (pick a combo other than red and green). **3.** Add natural materials as decorations. Try wrapping presents in brown Kraft paper, tying them with string and decorating the packages with sprigs of evergreen or dried flowers. If you're decking your house with holly or other seasonal greenery, save some of the foliage to use as embellishments for your wrapped gifts.

4. Try using furoshiki. Wrapping presents in patterned fabric, or furoshiki, is a Japanese practice that offers an esthetically pleasing and eco-friendly alternative to wrapping paper. Fabric can be reused year after year so you don't need to buy, and throw away, copious amounts of wrapping paper each holiday season.

5. Have your kids design the paper. Have your kids decorate large pieces of thin, white paper to use for wrapping presents. The personalized drawings by your children will make the presents that you gift to your family members that much more meaningful.

Let your kids plan Christmas?

If you're hosting your family's holiday party this year and you want your kids to be involved, why not let them plan Christmas dinner? If they feel like they're in charge, they won't even realize they're helping. Here's a suggested itinerary to help orchestrate the event from conception to execution.

One month before

Have your kids look through cookbooks and decide what to serve on the big day. Don't worry if they choose something unconventional — it could be a hit and become your family's favourite new holiday tradition.

Three weeks before

Put your Christmas tree up, string it with lights and let the kids go hang the ornaments. Bring out the rest of your decorations and let them decide where everything goes this year.

Two weeks before

It wouldn't be Christmas without the



smell of gingerbread in the air. Have them bake and decorate cookies to give to their teachers as gifts.

One week before

If your kids are old enough to use scissors on their own, teach them how to wrap gifts, and make it their job. Just be sure they don't tell grandma what you got her.

Five Days Before

Let them create a centrepiece for your holiday table. Even if you end up with a Star Wars themed Christmas, it'll be unique and they'll love it.

Three days before

Write a list of everything you need to make the dishes the kids picked and head to the market as a family. Give each child one or more ingredients to look out for.

The big day

Let your kids pick the holiday music, set the table and greet your guests.



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