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Organizers decide to call it quits on Morden Block Party

By Lorne Stelmach

If they didn't feel like they could again give it their all, organizers of the Morden Block Party decided it was time to step away.

Announcing their decision to end the event after 11 years, committee members last week said it was hard for them to come to that conclusion.

"It was a really, really difficult decision," said James Steedsman of Giant Tiger, who was a key founder and organizer of the event along with Jeff Sit of Velocity Epic and in recent years John Rempel of Youth for Christ, which was a beneficiary of the event's fundraising efforts.

It basically came down to a feeling of burnout, as the event had grown into a major undertaking that took months of planning, marketing and execution.

The amount of work, Steedsman said, had become almost overwhelming, to the point where a great deal of enthusiasm for it on behalf of organizers had been lost.

"We were thinking of ways that we could maybe change it or get more people involved," he said, noting they had hoped to be able to pass on the organizing roles to other people.

"It got to the point where we got together at the end of the last one and were thinking what we needed to do to be able to do this again, and when we met

just a couple weeks ago, we decided that we just can't ... it's too hard on all of us.

"It came down to a decision where maybe we have to eliminate some events or scale things back, we just didn't want to do that either."

The Block Party, which would



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Checking out the car show at a past Morden Block Party. Organizers have decided to pull the plug on the popular celebration.

have taken place June 2, was created to showcase local businesses and as a way for them to say thanks to their customers by offering a free day of fun, food and entertainment.

It also evolved into a major fundraiser for Youth for Christ and, more recently, the Pembina Valley Humane Society, with the funds raised since 2007 topping \$40,000.

Over those 11 years, Morden's Block Party evolved from a modest car show,

kid's park, and entertainment that took up two blocks of downtown into multiple events, displays, food vendors, and entertainment encompassing a full six blocks.

"It literally started with Jeff's car show ... then at Giant Tiger here we were trying to do a kids day ... and we just got together," said Steedsman, noting the day really grew when they moved it from September to June.

"It grew and expanded from there. It became something that we took very personally and just poured everything we had into it pretty much for the three or four months leading up to it.

"But as soon as you're trying to evolve it or make it bigger, you've got more infrastructure needs, you've got more planning ... and it's kind of hard to keep going back to the same

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Local students shine at Pushkin competition

By Lorne Stelmach

Three local students were at the top of the class at a recent competition celebrating the most famous Russian poet and writer of all time.

They placed first in three different age classes at the My Favorite Pushkin competition, which brought 34 Russian speaking students from across Canada to Winnipeg, including 15 students from the cultural and educational centre LEADER program in Morden.

The competition revolved around the work of Alexander Sergeyevich Pushkin, who was a Russian poet, playwright, and novelist considered by many to be the founder of modern Russian literature.

Participants performed a Pushkin poem on video to enter the first stage of the competition. The top entrants were then invited to perform a second Pushkin poem live before a panel of judges in Winnipeg at the University of Manitoba Feb. 3.

Students from the LEADER pro-



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Students from the Cultural & Educational Centre "LEADER" in Morden came home with three first place finishes from the My Favourite Pushkin competition in Winnipeg. Above: Anora Onishchuk clinched the trophy in the 5-7 age group. Right: Andrey Kononenko won in the 8-10 division and Xeniya Lyovina took the 11-13 trophy.

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Kaleidoscope of cultures

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Morden's 10th annual Winterfest was a huge success Saturday as it brought the community together to celebrate diversity. The day included a variety of cultural displays and demonstrations as well as outside fun and games. Clockwise from above: The stage was filled with traditional folk dancing from around the world; a performance by the Swan Lake First Nation dancers; volunteers enjoy a step dancing lesson; the lack of snow put a bit of a damper on some of the outdoor plans, but the horse drawn wagon rides were still a hit; the community hall was filled with booths from dozens of different cultures; a traditional yard spinning hands-on demo.



String ensembles perform two concerts Sat.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Too many interested concert-goers, not enough seats.

It's a nice problem to have, from one point of view, but not one the Douglas Kuhl School of Music intends to repeat.

After having to turn away audience members from their December show, the DKSM's strings students will perform two concerts instead of one this Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Morden Mennonite Church.

"For a few years now actually we've had too big an audience" for the space available, says director Rochelle Drudge. "That's good in a way, but we needed to deal with that because we don't like to turn people away."

With over 80 students ranging in age from seven to adult and hailing from all across Southern Manitoba, much of the audience is made up of extended friends and family, but there is also an ever-growing interest from the community at large.

"And we want them to come. We want to offer the concert to the community," Drudge says. "There is an appreciation out of there of being able to have this kind of music in our community, not having to drive to Winnipeg for it."

"We're not quite symphony calibre,

definitely, but it's good music and people enjoy it and I think enjoy seeing the intergenerational aspect to it."

This weekend's Winter Strings Concert includes performances from DKSM string ensembles performing a variety of music—everything from "O Susana" and the *Chronicles of Narnia* theme song to works by Dvorak, Mozart, Sibelius, and Warlock.

The show begins at 2 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, though donations will be gratefully accepted toward the school's programming.

LOCAL STUDENTS TO PERFORM WITH WSO

Though the concerts wrap up DKSM's string ensembles for the year, its students are by no means putting away their instruments.

Sixteen violin and cello students are preparing to play a piece on stage with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at the Winnipeg Centennial Concert Hall April 25.

The WSO's Adventures in Music school concert series give kids a taste of life as a professional performer.

"It's very motivating for them," says Drudge. "The kids really love it."

"It leaves a lasting impression on them," she adds. "That's what we try to do as a music school is offer these op-

Douglas Kuhl School of Music students perform two concerts at the Morden Mennonite Church this Saturday. The shows start at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.



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portunities for kids to get involved and play collaboratively, play together with other groups that are there and get to know the music world of Manitoba."

Looking further ahead, registration is already filling up fast for this summer's Cadenza music camp.

Over 80 students have signed-up for the July 2-6 day camp, leaving only about 20 or so spots left.

The camp this year will have a special focus on

fiddle music and features as a guest instructor Kelli Trottier.

"She's a fiddle performer, singer, and stepdancer," says Drudge. "She's also an educator ... and she resonates with our vision of teaching kids."

For more on this and other DKSM programming, head to douglaskuhlschoolofmusic.com.

Council's fingers remain crossed on Hwy. 32 twinning

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler is receiving assurances that the continuation of the four-laning of Hwy. 32 could still be in the works for this year.

A possible roadblock had arisen in relation to the relocation of natural gas and MTS lines along the route.

"The concern was, from Hydro, that it may take until 2019 to relocate them, and so of course that was pretty disappointing," said Mayor Harder at the Feb. 13 city council meeting. "We have worked for an entire year on the design engineering as far as Hwy. 32 is concerned ... to delay it another year really was not something that we were looking forward to."

Assurances have recently been received from provincial officials, however, that lead council to hope the project should not have to be delayed any further.

"The letter we got from the

minister indicated that it looked like that was not going to need to be an issue," said Harder. "So as far as I know, we are good to go. We will have to wait until March 12 and see if it's in the [provincial] budget."

The project involves major reconstruction of the busy roadway, including the continuation of the four laning from Pembina Avenue to Cargill Road.

Meanwhile, council is also hopeful a speed limit reduction will finally come into place along a section of another highway route in the city.

An upcoming Manitoba Highway Traffic Board hearing will address extending the reduced speed zone further north along PR 428 near Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

"It's nice to see them see it our way," said Harder, pointing out that the school zone limit would be 50 km/hr rather than the typical 30 km/hr given that it is a highway.

"It's something we asked for a couple years ago, but they brought it up now to resolve it," he said. "I'm glad they are ... for the safety of our community, safety of the kids who are at Northlands Parkway and also getting up to Rosebrook ... I think these changes will be positive and create a safer environment."

City council also gave their approval last week to minor increases in their pay for the year ahead.

Councillors will receive a two per cent increase in their annual indemnities in keeping in line with what city staff are also receiving, said Harder.

The mayor's indemnity will now be \$30,296 while the deputy mayor will receive \$16,245 and other council members will get \$13,874. In addition, they receive a daily rate of \$200 or a half day per diem of \$100 when on city business.

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If you would like to share your opinion concerning this proposal, you are invited to contact the Manitoba government by sending either a letter or an email with your name clearly identified to (TRC@gov.mb.ca) specifically referencing TRC 12-039 no later than March 23, 2018. After this date, the proposal will be dealt with by the Livestock Technical Review Committee.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry.

For more information

If you would like more information on this topic, please visit http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/livestock/public_registries.html or the Rural Municipality of Lorne at 307-3rd Street, Somerset, MB, R0G 2L0.

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You cannot hide from hate

I own a copy of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. I am not a white supremacist or a Nazi and I fight almost daily against these things as well as extreme nationalism, fascism, racism, anti-immigration and other tendencies I would associate with what became the rise of the Third Reich in Germany during the 1930s and '40s.

I own the book because I think it is important to understand history and people like Hitler with the hope of ensuring such a monster never rises to authority anywhere ever again. To quote Ray Bradbury from his famous book *Fahrenheit 451*: "Books are to remind us what asses and fools we are."

The book, such as it is, is a terribly written manifesto by a man who should never, under normal circumstances, have risen to any level of notoriety let alone lead a country and perpetrate the murder of more than six million Jews and countless others he deemed flawed or of no value.



By Peter Cantelon

In fact, it is so poorly written that it is difficult to get through on the basis of structure alone, not to mention the content.

The other day, I noticed the following headline on CBC: "Hitler's *Mein Kampf* seized from home of man linked to shooting six Africans in Italy."

I struggle with the connection. I struggle with the implication that somehow Hitler may have had a little something to do with the murder of six Africans in Italy. Not because I don't think Hitler would applaud—he would—but because it is headlines such as these that can lead to knee-jerk banning and censorship.

The book has been banned in several European countries, the Russian Federation, and Guatemala. It is banned in Austria. In Germany the state of Bavaria held the copyright until 2016 and forbid its publication until that time when it entered the public domain.

It is not banned in Canada because it does not explicitly call for or promote genocide, although it is filled with and motivated by hate from cover to cover. To be banned in Canada it must meet the definition of "hate propaganda" which means:

"Any writing, sign or visible representation that advocates or promotes genocide or the communication of which by any person..."

There are some nuances within the Criminal Code of Canada that could be pursued, but that would depend on how *Mein Kampf* was being used.

So how does one advocate for the right for people to say something

horrible without seeming to support what the writer is saying? It is not an easy task.

I personally despise everything Hitler stood for and his actions but found it helpful to read his tome to try and gain a foothold into the mind of someone so clearly insane and, further, to try and understand the national mentality of a people who would thrust such a person into leadership.

According to the Wikipedia article on the book: "In 2008, Stephan Kramer, secretary-general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, not only recommended lifting the ban, but volunteered the help of his organization in editing and annotating the text, saying that it is time for the book to be made available to all online."

This is the reality. Like a hammer, the book can be used to build something, like a better understanding of the past to avoid such mistakes in the future. It could also be used to express hate and anger; to beat someone over the head with and kill them, figuratively and literally.

So do we ban it? I don't think so. Do we watch how it is used? Do we advocate for educating people about the historical context and urge deep scholarship to accompany the text. I would say yes.

If anyone were to read it I would suggest the recently published critical and annotated edition by IfZ. I do not believe it should be read in a vacuum, or worse still, to be read in the context of hoping to emulate Hitler's clearly stupid ideas.

Letters

Sustainable Watershed Act will protect valuable wetlands

Minister of Sustainable Development Rochelle Squires has shown sound leadership by introducing The Sustainable Watersheds Act.

Combined with robust regulations, the new legislation will protect cer-

tain classes of wetlands and enable Manitobans to better control the flow and quality of water.

Premier Brian Pallister and his government have acted promptly on the principles of the recent Made in

Manitoba Climate and Green Plan in advancing this legislation.

All Manitobans stand to benefit from the act's protection of wet-

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Calling all artists: studio tour registration on now

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers are calling on area artists to get on board for this fall's Pembina Valley Studio Tour.

They are now taking registrations for the annual tour that draws hundreds of visitors to the region the second weekend in September each year.

The free, self-guided tour welcomed over 200 people to dozens of Pembina Valley artists' workspaces over two days last year, said committee chairperson Margie Hildebrand.

"We're trying to display the diversity of the artists in the region," she said. "They can feel like they are a part of the community of artists."

The tour offers a glimpse into where and how the magic of creating art happens. It not only offers artists a chance to promote their own work, but maybe even to gain inspiration from engaging with the public.

Hildebrand suggested the artists can gain a lot from participating, including showcasing their art pieces to people "who may not otherwise have

an opportunity to see their work.

"And hopefully they can make some sales," she added. "Some are hoping to make some sales, for some that is not as important. Some are maybe just starting out, some are well established."

Hildebrand said they always like to get at least a few new artists involved each year if possible.

"We try to encourage some new people to join," she said. "Sometimes the artists, if they do it year after year, they don't get to see the tour themselves ... they'll sometimes take a break, but they often join the tour again."

The tour locations have been spread across a wide region, with last year's map featuring eight stops in the Morden-Thornhill area, another eight in the Altona area, and sites in Winkler, Emerson, Carman, La Riviere, and Miami.

Artists of all mediums are welcome to take part. Past years have included painters, potters, photographers, woodworkers, textile artists, and more.



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Winkler artist Jake Bergman chats with a visitor during last year's Pembina Valley Studio Tour. The 2018 edition, which takes place Sept. 8-9, has put out a call for participating artists.

Artists interested in applying can visit peminavalleystudiotor.com for more information. Registrations are open until March 16, with early

bird pricing available for registrations received prior to March 9.

For more information, e-mail pvstudiotour@gmail.com.

Event founders hope someone new will step up

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people year after year."

The end of the Block Party comes as sad news for YFC, but Rempel understands that it had just become too much work for too few people.

"The Block Party has been huge for us, not just because it's raised funds for us over the years but because it was a great way for us to blend into the community," he said.

It does leave a bit of a void however, Rempel added, pointing that if it averaged out to rais-

ing close to \$4,000 a year that "pays for one of the programs each year or perhaps pays for a brand new treadmill ... so this is big for us.

"But the spin-off benefit from this have been important for us, and it went way beyond just the one Saturday in June," he said. "So we are just very grateful."

Steedsman said they hold out some hope that others may come forward to revive the event in the future.

"We have gotten a lot of positive comments," he said. "It will be interesting to see if people do step up ... if that happens, who knows?"

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The coming months will be crucial as the government and other stakeholders work to shape new regulations to accompany the Act—regulations that conserve and restore wetlands.

Timing is critical, as until the Act passes and strong regulations are developed Manitobans will continue to lose wetlands at an alarming rate.

DUC supports embedding "no net loss" of wetlands goal in the new regulations where wetlands are maintained and replaced when lost to development.

With the passing of the new Act introduced by Minister Squires, and the development of strong regulations under the Act, Manitobans will have reached a "watershed" moment in conservation.

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A Bohemian Waxwing enjoying a berry snack.

• YEAR OF THE BIRD

A look at the classy Bohemian Waxwing

By Paul Goossen,
Discovery Nature Sanctuary

The Bohemian Waxwing is a classy bird. Stylishly dressed, with its swept back head crest and refined brownish-greyish body plumage, the Bohemian Waxwing is a work of art. Its black eye mask and throat add mystery to its persona, while its grey-black tail looks like it was freshly dipped in bright yellow paint.

Eye-catching yellow-edged flight feathers, red wax-like tips on its secondary wing feathers along with a splash of russet on the under tail add to its elegant appearance.

Winter is the best time to look for these gentle birds in southern Manitoba. In fall, many migrate from the boreal forest to southern Canada and the northern U.S. searching for sugary fruit to help them survive the winter. Fermented fruit, however, can be problematic, creating a tipsy situation for over-imbibing birds.

Bohemian Waxwings are socially

inclined and highly nomadic in winter. In years when food supplies are poor, flocks of waxwings can mushroom into the thousands. In 1998, an amazing observation was made in Morden of one flock estimated to be comprised of 3,200 waxwings.

Try and locate these birds in your neighbourhood. Check out a few fruit trees and listen for their soft "sirrr" calls—you might get lucky to see them sharing berries with each other! A smaller, yellowish waxwing in a flock of Bohemians would be the Cedar Waxwing, the one we see in summer, although a few occasionally overwinter.

The northern forests of Canada are an important habitat for Bohemian Waxwings as they are home to an estimated 77 per cent of the North American population. By June or July, pairs are back up north feeding insects to hungry broods.

These birds are not territorial and do not have a song—a highly unusual combination for a songbird. Since

much of their food is fruit, which is temporarily available yet abundant, it is thought that protection of a territory is not necessary and therefore no song is needed.

During this Year of the Bird, take the opportunity to learn about waxwings and what they need to survive the cold winter.

One way to help these beautiful birds is to plant a Mountain Ash, a tree with abundant berries which are a favourite item on their menu.

Interesting sightings of Bohemian Waxwings or other birds can be reported to discoverynaturesanctuary@gmail.com or on the Discovery Nature Sanctuary Facebook page.

Conservation organizations around the world are marking 2018 as the Year of the Bird in recognition of the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Check out this column each month for a snapshot of the diversity of our local feathered friends.

Home & Life Show next weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Home and Life Show takes over the Access Event Centre in Morden next weekend.

Offering a showcase of the varied goods and services available in the region, the show organized by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is well established now in its seventh year.

"It has come together really nicely," said executive director Candace Olafson. "We've got a sold out show as far as exhibitors go, so that's really exciting. It sold out faster than ever."

Upwards of 40 exhibitors are slated to set up booths throughout the community hall and foyer March 2-3. Admission is free.

For the exhibitors, the weekend offers a way to connect with people and to attract customers. For the general public, there's a little something for everyone with booths ranging from home decor, furniture, and health and beauty products to landscaping services and outdoor activities.

"I think we've got a great lineup of exhibitors, and we've got a few new exhibitors this year, which is exciting as well," Olafson said.

Featured exhibitors this year are Ideal Floors, Pembina Valley Chrysler, Co-op at Home and the Morden Discount Centre. Access Credit Union is on board once again as the event's title sponsor.

The show runs March 2 from 3-9 p.m. and March 3 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students celebrate their roots

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gram won first place in three categories: Anora Onishchuk in the age five to seven group, Andrey Kononenko in the 8-10 division, and Xeniya Lyovina in the 11-13 category.

Onishchuk, originally from the Ukraine, said the more she has come to know Pushkin's poems the more she likes them.

"I would like to participate once again in a similar competitions," she said.

"It was cool," said Kononenko, whose family came here from Russia. "I was very nervous, but I tried very hard and wanted that our centre to be the best. I was very excited to receive an award.

"I was so surprised that living in Canada you can participate in such competition and show all the beauty of the Russian language," said Lyovina, who was raised in Kazakhstan. "This is a very good opportunity not to forget my native language."

LEADER program director Olga Vorobyeva said they welcomed the opportunity to be part of the competition given the importance of Pushkin.

"In Russian culture, Pushkin is the



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LEADER program students at the My Favourite Pushkin competition in Winnipeg earlier this month.

first poet ... all Russians, they know the name, the work of Pushkin," she said.

It fits in well with the objectives of the LEADER program to help the children of immigrants stay in touch with their roots by preserving their mother language, culture and customs while also helping their integration into their new community.

As important as maintaining their heritage, culture, and language is to be engaged in an atmosphere of respect and love and to promote their overall development, Vorobyeva said.

"Our goal is not only the preservation of the Russian language and culture but also the development of the whole child into a well-rounded member of the wider community.

"Together, we can all help our children to get this result. Our children get a lot of benefits ... and we always encourage our children to improve."

First organized in Morden in 2013, the LEADER program has more than 60 children aged three to 15 participating in weekly Russian and German classes.

Singing the praises of shelterbelts

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Stanley Soil Management Association is hosting a workshop next month aimed at getting the word out to farmers about the enduring importance of shelterbelts.

It's a topic the SSMA is certainly no stranger to, but recent funding through Environment and Climate Change Canada is allowing the agency to focus specifically on encouraging landowners to renovate existing shelterbelts rather than remove them entirely from their fields.

To that end, last fall a landowner north of Winkler received support to renovate about a half mile of trees in exchange for acting as a demonstration site for the methods available.

SSMA technician Richard Warkentin would be happy to bring interested landowners to the site and talk about the options for ensuring their own trees continue to be beneficial to the land.

"We're want to get it out there that you can actually keep your old shelterbelts," he said, adding that Environment and Climate Change Canada especially want to focus on the potential benefits related to battling climate change.

"Shelterbelts are quite an effective carbon sink and if you take them away they can't do that anymore," he noted. "If you renovate them, though, you're keeping them in action."

Every year a tree grows, more carbon dioxide is sequestered into the soil and as biomass, Warkentin explained, keeping it out of the atmosphere.

"There are many older shelterbelts that have stored a lot of carbon, and are continuing to do so," he said, adding that whatever one's stance may be

on man-made climate change, cleaner air is a clear benefit for everyone.

"It certainly doesn't hurt," said Warkentin, adding it's also not the only demonstrable benefit—well-placed, well cared-for shelterbelts can also play a role in improved pollination, increased heat units, and wind, snow, and moisture protection.

"It can be a bit of a nebulous thing because a shelterbelt is a long-term investment. But there is lots of research that shows shelterbelts can increase your yields from five per cent to 45 per cent, depending on the crop."

With farmland prices skyrocketing, it's not surprising to see rows of trees pulled in favour of more room for crops, but Warkentin urges producers to keep those long-term dividends in mind when looking at their land.

"There are producers that have come to realize they've bulldozed too many down and now they're planting more and they're trying to make up for lost time," he said, stressing it can quite some time for new trees to reach their full potential. "It's kind of like, yeah, I'm going to plant a one-foot tall row of trees now. That'll sure hold the wind away. It will, eventually, in 15 years or 20 years."

"It's the perception that they get more land [by tearing trees out], but if you keep them in there in the first place, even if there's just a five per cent increase in yield attributed to the shelterbelt in a 40-acre field, you'll still get more bushels on the 38 acres that you've got left ... with fewer problems down the road."

MORE EFFECTIVE SHELTERBELTS

Wayne Derksen of Hespler Farms near Winkler certainly knows the



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Stanley Soil Management Association technician Richard Warkentin in front of a shelterbelt on his own land that has helped significantly with snow, wind, and moisture control.

shelterbelts on his company's land have an ongoing impact on the health of their crops.

"They help with soil erosion. Maybe not every year, but some years, depending on the wind, we can see the difference clearly."

Hespler Farms has done a lot of work in the past on their older shelterbelts and they continue to plant new trees each year.

"We are often having to reposition them ... some of the irrigation systems do not work with the shelterbelts that were originally done," said Derksen, pointing out that replacing old, crooked tree lines not only makes it easier for irrigation systems but far more effective usage of GPS equipment on the field as well.

"If you're using GPS and you're going running up and down the fields and you have a shelterbelt that was originally put in at a little bit of an

angle, you do waste a lot of ground," he said. "So I know for us we have been taking shelterbelts out and then we've been planting where we want them now."

It's an attitude that Warkentin applauds, though he again stresses that for some older shelterbelts renovation is an option worth exploring.

"The first thing is evaluate it. Just because they're old trees doesn't necessarily mean they have to be ripped out," he stressed. "A tree doesn't live forever, but invariably a lot of shelterbelt trees are not necessarily past their prime. They're not dying. They're just old or they just need to be renovated."

"So take a good look at it to determine if it's something that could be worth keeping," he said. "The best way to do that is to get an arborist in there to give you an idea of what can be done."

"I would like to see more renovation happening and see it right," Warkentin said. "Don't just massacre your trees. Try and do it the best way possible."

"Realize the value of your shelterbelts and keep them if you can."

Next month's workshop coincides with the SSMA's annual general meeting and takes place at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's dining hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

The day will include presentations on the varied benefits of shelterbelts as well as planting and renovation options.

To register, contact Warkentin at 204-362-0352 or stanleysoil@hotmail.com.



The Stanley Soil Management Association helped fund a shelterbelt renovation project on a farm north of Winkler last fall. The project is a demonstration site for shelterbelt renovation options.

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ACU executive to speak at EmpowHER event



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Access Credit Union executive vice-president Myran Driedger headlines the Morden chamber's International Women's Day event March 7.

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is holding its third annual EmpowHER event to mark International Women's Day.

Set for 7:30 p.m. March 7 in the Boston Pizza lounge, the evening will feature Myrna Wiebe with a presentation entitled *Meet My Village*.

Held in partnership with Pharmasave, the EmpowHER event is becoming a highlight for many local women, said executive director Candace Olafson, adding it is always exciting for them to be able to feature local speakers who have an inspirational message.

"I believe it's made it a really strong event because the speakers have been outstanding," she said. "It's kind of become an event women come back

to year after year, and it does sellout. It's a really fun and empowering evening and just a great way for women to connect and to celebrate each other."

Wiebe, who serves as executive vice president and chief strategy and innovation officer for Access Credit Union, suggested that there will be a couple key aspects to her message.

"It will be about how women need to set their goals, work hard to reach their dreams and encourage and support each other."

Equally important, though, is a sense of community and fellowship.

"Success isn't driven by one person; it's driven by the people around you and the support," said Wiebe, who added she would likely also highlight some of her personal achievements and goals to show "where I came from

and where I am today.

"I hope that people realize that success is defined by the individual person ... and that it should be shared among the people who have brought you to that point in your life," she said. "It's a lot about community and supporting each other and success is defined by the individual and not what others perceive for you."

As part of the evening, the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre will be accepting donations for their capital projects.

Tickets are \$25, which include one beverage and a dessert. Register online at www.mordenchamber.com, by e-mail to execdirector@mordenchamber.com, or by calling 204-822-5630 ext. 1.

Cdn. Red Cross looking for local volunteers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Canadian Red Cross has put a call out in the Winkler-Morden area for volunteers.

The aid agency is looking for people to join its Personal Disaster Management team, which will respond to calamities affecting individuals and families within about a hundred kilometre radius.

"These are volunteers that would go meet with a family if there is a small-scale disaster in the area, such as a house fire," explains community outreach coordinator Michelle Ford.

"What it looks like is when we receive a call from the family or the individual affected, the volunteers will go meet with that family and go through a needs assessment," she says. "If they don't have a place to stay, part of that would include [providing] accommodation, like a hotel. And we'll write a voucher for anything else that the family might need."

"We're giving people a bit of breathing room to be able to stop and think about 'What are my next steps? Where do I go from here?' They don't have to think about where they're going to stay or how they're going to get food on their plates."

The Red Cross has been working steadily since the program's introduction to Manitoba two and a half years ago to get volunteers in place and to raise awareness about the aid

it can provide.

"We're trying to create teams so that we have coverage around the entire province," says Ford, adding that they hope to get at least 10 people on board in our region.

"We are looking for a bit of a time commitment," she says. "We do create a schedule and ask people to kind of be on call, working with their team to always have someone who is ready to respond to those small-scale disasters when they happen."

Volunteers receive training to do the job, including an online course that takes a few hours to complete and one half-day classroom session.

Beyond that training, the main requirements to volunteering is to be 18 years of age, pass a criminal record check, and have an interest in helping out your community.

"This program is a great way to help your community, get more involved in your community, and just help people in a really big time of need," says Ford. "We're finding a lot of students are getting really interested, people who are recently retired, or people who are in the helping type of field already, someone like a social workers, nurses, firefighters."

The Red Cross hopes to have the team up and running by spring,

though volunteers will be accepted anytime going forward.

If you're interested in getting involved, learn more online at redcross.ca/heroeswantedmb or call 204-982-7330.

Ford notes that if volunteering isn't an option for you, you can still support the Personal Disaster Management Team by making a donation at the till at Walmart now through March 9.

"Those donations go towards training our volunteers and making sure that they are able to provide the support to those in need," she says.

WFRC has plenty planned for spring

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre is heading into a crazy busy spring.

The agency has several big events planned for March and April.

First up is the March 3 Paint Night at The Bunker at 7 p.m.

The evening, which is a fundraiser for the centre's free early childhood programming, will feature an artist walking participants through how to create a dandelion painting.

The \$60 admission includes all the

necessary supplies as well as a speciality dessert from George K Catering and a beverage from Other Brother Roasters.

"We'll also be having a silent auction," says WFRC executive director Cathy Savage. "It's going to be a great night."

Later in the month, the WFRC's seventh annual Literacy Fair takes place on March 23 at J.R. Walkof School from 6-7:30 p.m.

This year's free family event is Olympic-themed and families are encouraged to come dressed in Team

Canada or sports apparel.

Activities will include celebrity readers, an Olympics-inspired obstacle course, various play stations, and a craft table.

"The kids will get to make their own Olympic medal and they can go through the obstacle course and stand on the podium with it," Savage says.

Thanks to funding from the Winnipeg Foundation, each child will also take home a free book to build their

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Buried in the snow

The Year of the Big Snow it was called. Winnipeg recorded a record snowfall the winter of 1955-56 that still stands today at 79.17" or 99.45", depending on which Google link you consider most reliable.

In the small town of Morden where I was growing up, our family and others like ours experienced the effects of the far above average snowfall.

My dad was more housebound than most as his health did not allow him to work or shovel. He was forced to wait until my brother Jimmy came home from school.

Our overworked mom had to shovel the back steps and begin shoveling the driveway. On laundry days she had to stumble through the deep snow to set out racks of wet clothes to freeze and then haul them back in to the house to dry. Electric tumble clothes dryers were not yet in common use!



Florence Dyck

After school, my sister Jeanne and I trekked through the knee-deep snow on sidewalks and streets to the train station in the centre of town. Here is where we picked up the papers we delivered from one end of town to the other every day except Sunday.

Our winter clothing was never adequate for the biting cold and the harsh stinging prairie winds. Gortex and North Face had not yet been invented. The plaid-lined rubber boots Jeanne and I pulled over our shoes were no match for the snowy yards we had to cross and the shortcuts we took to finish our route quicker. We often came home in tears with snow-filled boots and semi-frozen toes.

Relentlessly the snow fell. Every day large dark headlines on the front page of *The Winnipeg Free Press* announced that soon all previous snow fall records would be broken.

Despite all that hype, we never had a snow day at our Morden Elementary School. Most of us walked to school and home for lunch, back after lunch, and home again after school. If the few children from nearby farms had to stay home because of blocked

roads, it was their responsibility to catch up on lessons missed. School buses were not yet part of the educational system.

Headlines about daily temperatures and record snowfalls meant little to our strong, young constitutions. Summer and winter, regardless of the weather, we played outdoors.

We enjoyed careening down the steep hills left by the snowplows; no one warned us to watch out for vehicles that might not see us in the encroaching evening dusk. Along with this winter activity, we dug holes and buried each other in these holes. The holes we dug were shallow and the snow was loosely packed. We were always able to jump out quickly!

But one night would prove to be different and almost fatal. After dinner, Jimmy and our next door friend Artie went into the garden with snow shovels and a plan to dig the biggest hole ever.

I arrived on the scene after finishing my chores. I was quite impressed with the large hole they had dug and did not hesitate when they dared me to jump in. I still can't believe that I, at the age of 12, was that naïve.

I lay on my back and actually marveled at their ingenuity in digging a hole long enough for me, as I was quite tall.

Then, as the boys began shoveling snow down on me, I covered my mouth and nose with my mittened hands. I did not know that each shovel full of snow thrown packed the layer below.

I don't know when I knew I was in trouble, but I can still remember the terrible feeling I had when I realized that no matter how hard I heaved against the packed snow, nothing moved.

I pushed and pushed in an effort to push my way up and out, but it was no use. I could not break free. I was gasping for air. I knew that soon I would not be able to breathe.

The author, Florence Dyck (far left), with her sister Jeanne and brother Jimmy as children.

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I might have heard some frantic noises above me but I was concentrating only on breathing and pushing. What a relief when I finally saw my older sister Jeanne's face and heard her angry words.

"What were you guys thinking?" she yelled. "Don't you know you could have killed her?"

I was so happy to be free and alive that I did not have the energy to be angry. Also, I knew I had done a foolish thing by accepting their dare.

That night and the years that followed, I never questioned Jeanne's timely arrival and my dramatic rescue. Years later, Jeanne told me her side of the story.

She was inside reading, as usual. As she did not like being cold, she rarely joined in any of our outdoor games. Mom noticed her and told her to go out to play. "You need fresh air," Mom said.

Jeanne argued to no avail. Usually Mom did not insist but tonight she was adamant. Upset, Jeanne pulled on her jacket and boots, slammed the door, stomped outside, and stood sullenly on the back steps. She told me her unkind thoughts: "I'm outside but I'm not going to play and I'm not going to have fun."

When Jeanne heard laughter, she glanced toward the garden where she saw Jimmy and Artie leaning on their shovels and laughing. Knowing that I always played with them, she called

out, "Where's Florence?"

"Oh, we've buried her and she can't get out," was their joyful response. At those words, Jeanne ran through the deep snow to where the boys stood joking. Without a word to them, she grabbed a shovel and began digging furiously. Just as I thought I had taken my last breath, I was freed from my too early snowy grave.

Why was Jeanne sent outside? Mom enjoyed Jeanne's company in the house. She rarely did or said anything to upset her. Jeanne was not as large or robust as Jimmy and I were and both my parents were concerned she might have inherited our father's heart condition.

We'll never know. That incident, along with other childhood escapades my brother and I survived, was only reported to our mother after we were older.

Memory is hard to explain. Jeanne and I are only 11 months apart in age and yet often have different recollections of a childhood incident. Jim remembers almost nothing of our growing up years together.

But on this "Buried in the Snow" incident we are all agreed. It is only I, though, who still sees those blaring headlines from that long ago year and feels the weight of that snow on my chest.

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

Teenager killed in Hwy. 32 crash

A 19-year-old from Rosengart was killed Monday in a single-vehicle accident on Hwy. 32.

Emergency crews were called to the scene half a kilometre west of Road 21W in the RM of Stanley just after midnight.

When officers arrived, a pickup

truck was on fire in the south ditch.

A 19-year-old man from Rosengart had been thrown from the vehicle and was declared dead on scene.

An 18-year-old man from Winkler was also ejected from the vehicle. He sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to local

hospital.

Alcohol is considered to be a factor in the collision. Neither occupant of the vehicle was wearing a seatbelt.

A RCMP forensic collision reconstructionist is assisting with the ongoing investigation.

Exploring the natural beauty of birth

By Lorne Stelmach

A group of Manitoba photographers have joined forces to showcase the beauty of birth.

BORN - A Photographic Celebration of Birth in Manitoba is being featured at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden starting this week.

As both mothers themselves as well as professional photographers, they want to share both the beauty and strength in the welcoming of new life to the world, said Holly Klassen, a Morden-based member of the group.

"We've just kind of really grown together and adopted this idea of community over competition. We wanted a place to showcase our work together," said Klassen, who operates as Holly Michelle Photography.

She appreciates the gallery is giving them not only the space but the spotlight "to let us show the world what we do ... we're very thankful to them."

It's not something they take for granted because their work is often not easily received by some people, Klassen noted.

"We are often being censored on social media," she said, pointing in

example to photos of mothers breastfeeding their children. "We all have it in common ... I'm sure I speak for all of the group when say that we feel quite frustrated by it."

She questions the difficulty some people have in viewing what is a beautiful, natural part of life when there is so much else out there where women's bodies are sexualized.

"And that seems to be okay, but as soon as we start to put out there what the woman's body was intended for, to do naturally, it seems that the public is uncomfortable with that," she said.

"Many of us photographers have faced Facebook bans, removal of Instagram accounts. It's quite absurd actually," said Klassen. "So we're quite excited to have our work up uncensored and open to the public."

Klassen said they are driven by a desire to normalize birth in a society that tends to hush open discussions around it.

With their art and imagery, they hope to showcase the indescribable beauty that occurs where all of our life journeys begin, she said, adding it is an honour and a privilege every



PHOTO BY HOLLY KLASSEN

Starting Feb. 20, the Morden art gallery hosts a photography exhibition celebrating childbirth.

time they are trusted to enter into a family's birth space.

"What immeasurable trust to be invited into a space that's so intimate, so vulnerable ... not only to be invited to be there but to document it as well," she said, noting that they are with the mothers and families through the whole birth process.

For the exhibit, there are going to be variations of the theme from the nine artists involved.

"There's going to be several different styles. You're going to see a wide array of birth settings," said Klassen.

"We're just going to show the whole spectrum ... you're mostly just going to see real births ... how it actually is ... so I just hope to show the beauty in birth and actually what it is that we do."

Other artists with work in the show include Alicia Thwaites, Carla Bryski, Catherine Brown, Elliana Gilbert, Illissa Kolly, Jennifer Doran, Luci Stebner, and Megan Stoneman.

BORN will run at the Morden gallery until March 30. An opening reception is planned for Feb. 24 at 7:30, with an artist talk at 8 p.m.

Discovery Toys raising funds for Easter baskets for shelter families

By Lorne Stelmach

An initiative will once again brighten the Easter season for families living in shelters across the province.

Discovery Toys consultants are joining forces for their annual campaign that raises funds to create and deliver Easter baskets for children in family shelters, including Genesis House here in Winkler.

Easter is meant to be a joyous time of year, but for children experiencing emotional or financial hardships, the upcoming holiday can be a challenging time, suggested area consultant Heather Deamel.

"I think it gives them a little glimmer of hope. It's something positive in their situation that might not be the most positive one that they have been experiencing," she said.

There are about a half dozen Discovery Toys consultants involved in assembling the Easter baskets for the Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters and shelters in Winnipeg,

Selkirk, Winkler, Steinbach, The Pas, Thompson, Dauphin, Portage La Prairie, Brandon, and Swan River.

They invite individuals and businesses to contribute \$30 for each basket. Sponsors who donate over \$100 will have their name and/or logo

posted on the Facebook website banners and ads.

Funds generated in each area will support the nearest shelter in that region, Deamel explained.

"I was responsible for three shelters last year. I did Genesis House and

Portage and Brandon, and between the three we delivered 40 baskets," noted Deamel, estimating they delivered about 140 province-wide in 2017.

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family's library.

"We really want to bring families together and just share our love of reading with everybody," Savage says.

Finally, back by popular demand is the annual Mom 2 Mom Sale on Saturday, April 21 at Southland Mall.

Savage is already accepting table registrations for this event, which gives families a chance to make some extra cash selling gently used maternity, baby, and children's clothing, toys, games, books, and

kid-related equipment.

"I've had a lot of inquiries about it already," she says, noting they had about two dozen vendors last year and a good turnout of shoppers. "If you're starting to clear out your stuff from your closets for spring and want to get rid of stuff, it's a perfect way to sell it all in one place."

The sale will run from 9 a.m. to noon that day.

Tables are \$25 each. Home/direct sales consultants are also welcome to book a space.

For more information or to register for any of these events, contact Savage at 204-332-9418 or winklerfrfc@gmail.com.

That's also the contact information for any of the WFRC's ongoing programs, including the Jolly Tots Family Drop-in Tuesdays mornings, Preschool Party Thursday mornings, and Rhythm and Rhymes Friday mornings.

Learn more at winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com.

Polar Plunge raises over \$15K

Icy dive held in support of Special Olympics

By Lorne Stelmach

The numbers were down but the community spirit remained high for the third annual Polar Plunge held in Morden Saturday in conjunction with Winterfest.

Organizer Cst. Scott Edwards of the Morden Police Service estimated the crew of about 30 brave souls who plunged into the tank of icy cold water collected over \$15,000 in pledges for Special Olympics.

"We were close to the same number of jumpers as last year ... we still haven't reached what we did our first year, so that's kind of become our goal ... we had close to 50 jump that

first year," noted Edwards.

"We're very grateful for those who did come and the fundraising that everyone did. We're happy with it."

He was also pleased to again see a good turnout from the community to cheer on the participants.

"We filled that grandstand, and it was cold for them too, so it was nice to see that support, nice to see people come out," said Edwards. "We're very happy with what we were able to raise for Special Olympics ... it was great."

Among the return participants were the crew from the Manitou fire department who always come in costume—this year as a team of superheroes.

"The fun part for us is dressing up. We like to make people look," said team member Bill Boulton, who noted they usually go past the \$1,000 mark in fundraising. "It's a great cause. It's good to come out and do this each

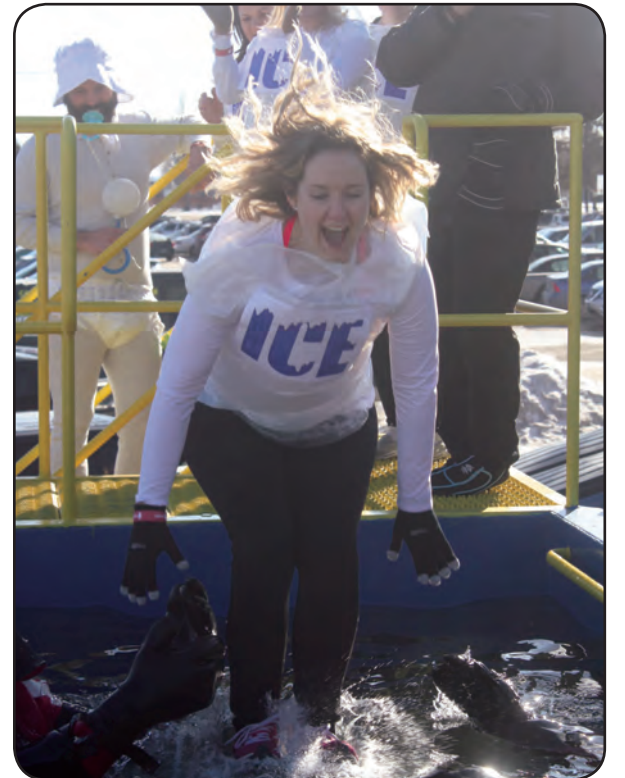
year."

Jerry Fehr of Morden, who also took the plunge for a third time, raised around \$500 this year but had previously topped out at about \$4,500.

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About 30 people took a dip into icy water at the third annual Morden Polar Plunge Saturday to raise funds for Special Olympics Manitoba.

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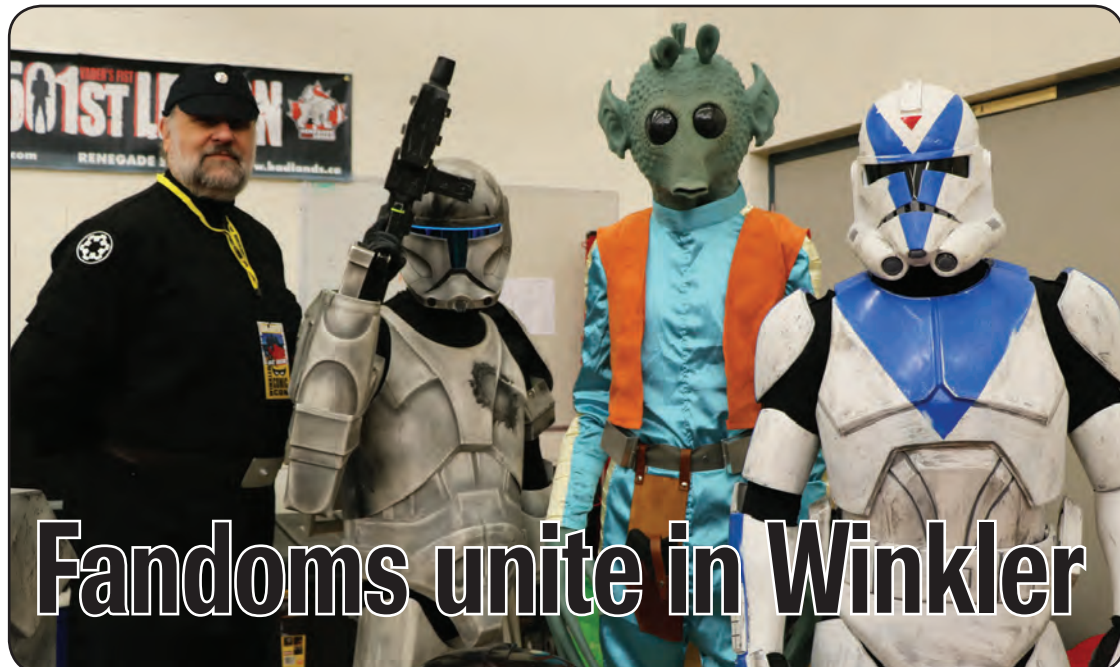
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Fandoms unite in Winkler

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The second annual Winkler Comic Con brought fans of all stripes together at Garden Valley Collegiate on Monday. Above, left: Star Wars cosplayers show off their impressive costumes in the vendor hall, which was packed full with over 30 displays featuring pop culture products, comics, artwork, and more. Meanwhile, upstairs was Gaming Central, hosting everything from tabletop games (above, right) to board games to video game tournaments (right). Left: A young Bat-girl strikes a pose for the Cosplay Contest. For a few more photos, check out Pg. 19.



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Reduce instances of distracted driving

Distracted driving is a problem that results in injuries and claims the lives of thousands of people each year. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines distracted driving as any activity that diverts attention from driving. In 2015, 3,477 people were killed and 391,000 injured in the United States as a result of distracted driving. Allstate says distracted driving is now the No. 1 risk on Canadian roads, contributing to eight in 10 collisions.

It is relatively easy to avoid becoming a statistic by reducing distractions behind the wheel.

Put away tech devices

One of the easiest ways to reduce distractions is to keep phones and tablets out of reach while driving. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says sending or reading a text message takes a driver's eyes off of the road for about five seconds, or long enough to cover a football field while driving at 55 mph. It removes a person's attention from the road; takes his or her hands off of the wheel; and it mentally engages the brain when a driver's focus should be on driving.

Devices should be stowed away when driving. Drivers should pull over if they need to send a text or read a message.

Set the GPS ahead of a trip

Global positioning systems have revolutionized the way motorists get to and from locations. They can help sig-

nal upcoming traffic and find the best routes possible.

Just like other devices, GPS can be a distraction, especially if drivers are taking their eyes off the road and constantly pressing buttons on the map. Enter the destination address before departing and place the GPS in a position that it can be glanced at, which will not impede vision. Better yet, let a passenger navigate.

Limit or skip phone calls

Many people find that making phone calls while on the road is an efficient use of time. Yet the personal injury experts at Lehmecker Law say even when drivers use hands-free devices their brains can remain distracted for 27 seconds after using voice commands to dial a number. Engaging in phone conversations will continue to take drivers' minds off of their driving responsibilities.

Drowsy driving is dangerous

Being tired can be a distraction as well. Geico insurance reports a U.S. government study showed that 37 percent of drivers have nodded off or actually fallen asleep at least once while driving. Drowsiness increases the risk of a crash by roughly four times. Those who become drowsy behind the wheel should pull over.

Skip the infotainment package

New vehicle infotainment systems can take one's attention off of the road for long periods of time. According

to research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, drivers using in-vehicle technologies like voice-based and touch-screen features may find themselves unusually distracted.

In addition to these tips, drivers can reduce the number of passengers contributing to distractions, turn down the volume on the radio, and pull over when eating on the road. Reducing distractions can save lives.



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How to sell a vehicle with an accident history

Selling a vehicle may seem easy, but unloading preowned vehicles may take some time. While sellers may already have their eyes on the prize - a new vehicle - the first step is selling their current vehicle at a fair price, especially for those sellers who need to finance the purchase of their next vehicle with the proceeds they earn when selling their current one.

Sellers must consider a host of factors, including potential market for the vehicle and its potential sale price, before putting their vehicles up for sale. The accident history of a vehicle is another important factor to consider. Buyers are understandably weary about purchasing vehicles that have been in an accident. Easily accessible vehicle history reports can make it even more challenging to sell a used car, but such reports don't make it impossible to unload preowned vehicles.



- Be open and honest. Hiding an accident is unethical and can haunt you as much money as you would get if you were to sell the car privately, but trade-ins tend to be simpler. Dealerships have almost zero emotional attachment to vehicles and likely won't be as concerned as a private buyer about an accident on record. Some dealers farm out used cars to auctions or salvage yards. It may be worth it to take the lower price and not have the headache of unloading the car on your own.

- Consider a dealer trade-in. Dealer trade-ins may not earn you as much money as you would get if you were to sell the car privately, but trade-ins tend to be simpler. Dealerships have almost zero emotional attachment to vehicles and likely won't be as concerned as a private buyer about an accident on record. Some dealers farm out used cars to auctions or salvage yards. It may be worth it to take the lower price and not have the headache of unloading the car on your own.

- Encourage a vehicle inspection. Inform the buyer that you have no qualms about him or her taking the car to a mechanic and having it thoroughly inspected. This will show your confidence in the performance of the vehicle.

- Be flexible on pricing. The right price will help prospective buyers overlook minor blemishes or accidents. When coupled with the truth, the right price can entice buyers to seal the deal.

Auto accidents happen. But while no one wants to get into a fender-bender, such accidents should not prevent auto owners from selling their vehicles in the future.

Tips For Finding The Right Autobody Collision Repair Shop For You

When it comes to autobody collision repair you may benefit from getting estimates from multiple auto repair companies in your area.

Auto collisions are stressful enough as it is and having your vehicle repaired incorrectly can add even more unneeded and unwanted stress. Here are a few tips to help you find the autobody collision repair that you are looking for.

First tip to finding a shop when you are in need of autobody collision repair is seeking shops that have been in business for a longer period of time. Repair shops that have been in business for quite some time are often companies that have a great track record with happy customers. This is usually a sign they do quality work and will fix your vehicle properly. A lot of times these companies are family owned or second generation. This can be another indicator that they will do a great job at fixing your vehicle.

Secondly, when you need autobody collision repair in you may benefit from getting

estimates from multiple auto repair companies in your area. Once you do this you should search through and compare the estimates especially if they are vastly different in pricing.

Last, autobody collision repair shops often rely on their past customers to pass along their work. If you know of

someone who has in the past used a repair shop they give great reviews, it may be worth your time to check into using that business. If they are keeping their customers happy for long periods of time it can be a great way to tell they are a business that will properly repair your vehicle.

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Your vehicle has a recall. Now what?

Vehicles are expensive. When motorists drive their vehicles away from a dealership, they hope to travel many miles before they need to come back for maintenance. But manufacturers sometimes issue recalls that can affect drivers of both new and old vehicles.

Recalls are safety precautions taken should a portion of a vehicle or the entire car or truck not operate in the manner it was intended. In many instances, auto manufacturers will directly contact customers who are affected by a recall via a letter, email or both. Individuals also can stay current on recalls by visiting the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website (www.NHTSA.gov).

According to AutoTrader, recalls

are becoming more common because of the complexity of modern vehicles. NHTSA flagged nearly 22 million vehicles for safety issues in 2013, and that number is on the rise. Drivers can follow these important steps if they learn of a recall.

Don't panic, but don't ignore recalls. The experts at Kelley Blue Book say recalls often occur due to a problem in the manufacturing process in similar models, and this issue may surface in other vehicles. Recalls do not guarantee vehicles will malfunction or break down. However, consumers are urged to take recalls seriously, adopting a "better safe than sorry" approach when recalls are announced.

Follow the instructions. A recall no-

tice should come with instructions. Instructions often advise drivers to take their vehicles to the dealership where the cars were purchased. Notices may provide information regarding nearby dealerships for drivers who have moved since buying their cars or trucks.

No payment should be necessary. The cost of repairing the recalled part should not fall on your shoulders. Such repairs are paid by the manufacturer. The financial resource Bankrate.com notes that, "if you had the repair made before the recall was issued (up to a full year), the automaker is legally obligated to reimburse you, as long as you had the work done at one of its franchised dealers." Save all receipts for the work. If work was done by a private mechanic, drivers

still may be eligible for reimbursement.

Be patient. Dealerships are not responsible for making repairs until the date indicated on the recall notice, so motorists may need to wait before having their vehicles repaired.

Request a loaner vehicle. In some instances, recalls may take a few days to fix. Although not every dealership may make loaner vehicles available, it's still worth requesting one so you are not inconvenienced.

Anyone having difficulty with a recall can contact the NHTSA online, by phone or by mail. Those who suspect a safety problem also can contact the agency and report their concerns.

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More Comic Con fun



Above: Jeff Carson with his extensive Transformers collection at Winkler Comic Con on Monday. Right: Building Lego masterpieces at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre, which also hosted a superhero art show. Left: The day also included how-to panels on costume and prop building, makeup techniques, and comic book art.

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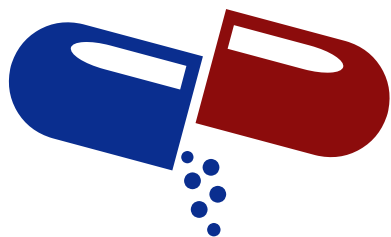
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Tips for last-minute RSP contributions

For many of us, the deadline for Registered Savings Plan contributions is a source of unwanted stress. But personal finance experts say that the deadline is no reason to be intimidated — even if you haven't been making regular contributions, you can still make a difference in your retirement plan.

“While it is much better to have a personalized financial plan with regular contributions to an RSP over a longer term, making a last-minute RSP contribution is still a step in the right direction,” explains Wade Stayzer, vice president of sales and service at Meridian, Ontario's largest credit union. “Additionally, taking the opportunity to set up a preauthorized contribution that allows you to invest smaller amounts on a regular basis will save you a lot of stress in the future.”

Here are some tips for maximizing your last-minute RSP contributions.

Get going now. Many financial institutions will have extended hours to meet the needs of last-minute contributors, but don't wait until the last minute — make an appointment as soon as possible. You can also consider phone or online banking. No matter how you chose to contribute, you'll need your account information and social insurance number.

Don't over-contribute. Due to contribution limits, be sure to only invest your allowable amount, as over-contributions are subject to tax penalties. You can find your current limit on your most recent Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency.



Get a short-term plan. Most last-minute contributors park their money for the short-term and then decide later where to invest for the long haul. Working with a trusted financial advisor can help you choose the best option given your circumstances.

Plan ahead. Make next RSP season less stressful and set up a pre-authorized contribution now. While the deadline for contributing to an RSP is the same every year, you might not be able to make your maximum contribution in one lump sum. Creating a pre-authorized plan allows you to invest regularly through smaller contributions on a weekly or monthly basis, meaning you can start saving for your dream retirement automatically.



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World Day of Prayer service set for March 2

By Lorne Stelmach

People coming together in Morden March 2 will be uniting in prayer with others from about 170 other countries around the world.

The annual World Day of Prayer gathering takes place at 7 p.m. that evening at the Christian Life Centre in Morden.

There is expected to be 1,250 similar services across Canada, where the global event is spearheaded through the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC).

Its aim is to bring women from all churches together in prayer and action for justice, equality and the care of women throughout the world.

There are 10 churches involved in planning the Morden event, which last year had about 90 people at St. John's Catholic Church.

"And we are expecting more this year," said organizer Ella Martens.

"The event is held in different churches every year. So it brings the churches of the community together for a common cause," said Martens,

who suggested there is a tremendous benefit in building a sense of community around the greater good of the world.

"I think the fact that the women come together learning about a country and learning about the needs, it makes them more conscious of what is going on in the world."

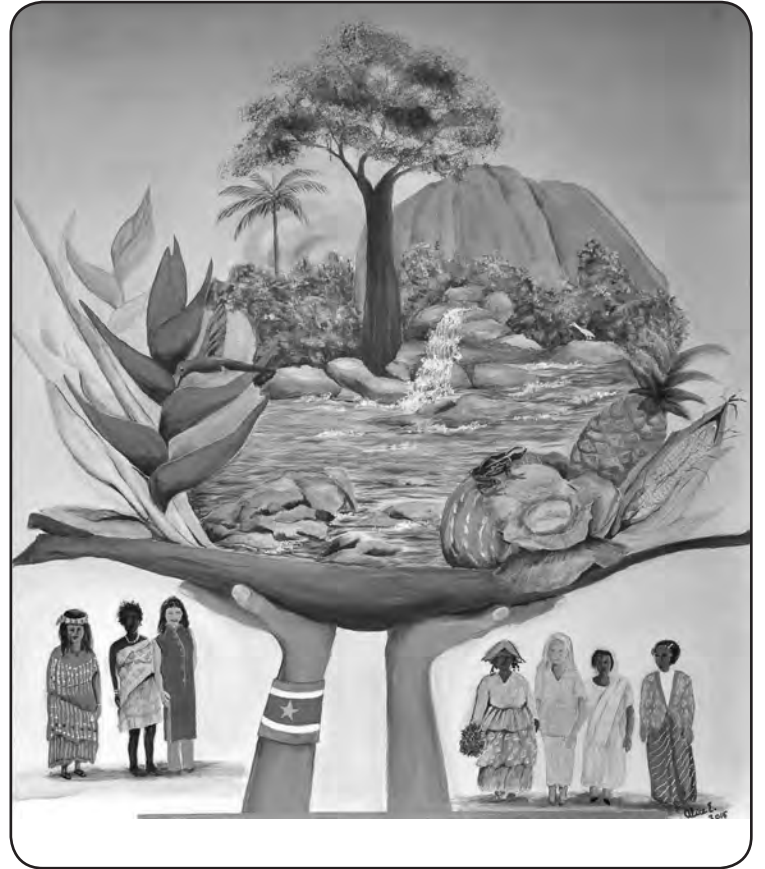
The theme for this year's service will be "All God's Creation is Very Good" with a focus on the South American country of Suriname.

It is a smaller, ethnically diverse country on the north shore of the continent with over 540,000 inhabitants made up of seven ethnic groups.

A beautiful land with both the pristine coastal areas lying on the Atlantic Ocean as well as the inland area of tropical rain forests, Suriname has more than 715 species of birds which together with the giant sea turtle are protected by the National Institute for Environment and Development.

The service will help familiarize the community here with the needs of women in Suriname, and although the meeting is conducted by women,

The faithful all over the globe come together March 2 in prayer and action for justice, equality, and the care of woman. The local service takes place at St. John's Catholic Church at 7 p.m.



everyone is encouraged to attend.

In the case of Suriname, there are a range of needs including better teaching on recycling and reduction of waste, and the country suffers heavy pollution of water from mining.

"They were asking that we pray that the government would stop that so that they would have save drinking

water," said Martens.

"They're also looking for better education for their youth and to make education more available to the youth in their country," she concluded. "And of course they want to nurture good health."

An offering will be taken in support WICC's aid programs around the globe.



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The second annual Sledge Hockey Game in support of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Manitoba pitted Morden Minor Hockey players against members of the Intermediate Sledge Hockey Manitoba team on Monday. Above: Braden Pettinger, a former junior hockey player who was injured and paralyzed during a game two years ago, dropped the puck to start things off. Proceeds from the afternoon's admissions, silent auction, and the sale of stuffed toys for Katie Cares, Winnipeg Children's Hospital, and Ronald McDonald's House go to SBHAM to assist families living with spina bifida or hydrocephalus cover medical bills, recreation programs, and other related costs.

Sledge hockey game raises funds for SBHAM



• HEALTH CORNER

Six ways to reduce your medication costs

The cost of medications to treat chronic medical problems can escalate very quickly.

In 2016, \$29.4 billion was spent on prescription drugs in Canada. Almost one quarter of this cost was paid out of pocket by individuals. What can you do to reduce your own medication costs?

1. Buy generic. Luckily, for prescription drugs your pharmacist will automatically substitute a generic equivalent if your doctor writes a more expensive brand name. For example, changing Lipitor to atorvastatin. Generic drugs contain the exact same active ingredient in the exact same dose, so they work just as well, for a lower price.

When you're buying over the counter drugs, it is up to you to find the

generic. This is actually quite simple as they are usually placed beside the brand name drug on the shelf. You simply need to identify the active ingredient in your desired medication and then look for a generic version. For example, the generic version of Tylenol is acetaminophen.

Most stores will have an in-house generic brand. For example, Life Brand in Shopper's Drug Mart. This will almost always be cheaper than the original brand, partly because less money is spent on advertising. Make sure the active ingredient and dose are the same as what you usually use. If you have any doubts that products are interchangeable, ask your pharmacist.

2. Regularly review the need for your medications. If you are on long term medications, check with your doctor at least once per year if you still need to take all of them. For some conditions you only need to take medication temporarily. For example, if you have acid reflux/heartburn it's recommended that you try weaning off your medication at least once a year to determine whether it's still necessary.

3. Buy larger quantities each time.

Each time you fill a prescription you will pay a dispensing fee at the pharmacy, so if you buy your medications once every three months you will pay the fee four times a year, whereas if you buy them monthly you'll be paying it 12 times a year.

4. Ask your pharmacist if there are cheaper alternatives to your medication that can do the same job.

Many medications are part of a larger medication class. What this means is that many drug companies have made similar medications which act in the same way in the body. For the most part these are therapeutically equivalent, although they are not the exact same.

By switching to the cheapest drug in a class you can save large amounts of money. For example, perindopril is the most expensive medication for high blood pressure in the drug class of ACE inhibitors, it costs \$464/year before pharmacy dispensing fees. By comparison, ramipril, the cheapest ACE inhibitor costs \$68/year. Thus, you could save \$396/year on that one medication alone!

Once your pharmacist identifies any cheaper alternatives to your current medications you can take these

suggestions to your next doctor's visit to determine if they are appropriate for you.

5. Split pills. This simply involves buying a higher strength pill and then halving it to get the dose your doctor has recommended.

For many medications, the high dose pills are not much more than the low dose pills. For example, if you were taking rosuvastatin 20mg/day (a cholesterol drug) it would cost \$108/year to buy 20mg pills, however if you bought 40mg pills, split them in half and continued the same dose it would only be \$64/year.

It's important to check with your doctor and pharmacist if this approach makes sense for you, as there are some medications that cannot be split safely.

6. Know your dispensing fees. The fees a pharmacy charges for each medication vary widely. If you are on one or two medications this probably doesn't matter much, but if you take a large number these fee differences can add up. Shop around to find the pharmacy with the lowest dispensing fee that will provide the services you need.



By Dr. Dan Hunt

Organizers hope to see event expand across MB.

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"It's a very shocking experience. This year felt colder than the previous

two years when you hit that water," he said.

"I think everybody should get out there and try it. It's a good experience ... it's making memories and helping

our Special Olympians," said Fehr. "I like raising funds for their athletes so that they can their goals. It's a great cause."

Edwards said they see potential for the event to keep growing not only

here but across the province. It already expanded this year from the two in Winnipeg and Morden to four with new events in Portage and Dauphin.

> EASTER BASKET DRIVE, FROM PG. 12

"And last year we surpassed 500 baskets total for the province since the program started."

Organizers are hoping to see those numbers grow even more, especially with a new facility coming on board.

"We've approached Ronald McDonald House in Winnipeg this year and they are interested in receiving baskets this year too," said Deamel. "So this year's provincial total goal is higher."

It's a great way for community members to give back, she said, and the campaign leaders work hard to ensure every dollar counts.

They aim to create baskets "that

can absolutely be the best that they can be," she said. "We put a toy or game and a book, and we put some Easter treats, and we also put in some basic toiletries, so there's definitely things in the basket that they need, things that they could use, things that they might want as some nice little treats as well."

If you'd like to sponsor a basket, contact Deamel by e-mail at heatherdeamel@yahoo.ca or call 204-242-2436. Deadline for sponsorship is March 15 to allow enough to put the baskets together and deliver them in time for Easter.

You can learn more online at www.discoverytoys.com/heatherdeamel.



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Members of the Manitou fire department dressed as superheroes to take part in this year's Polar Plunge at Morden's Winterfest Saturday.

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Hawks advance to semi-finals

By Lorne Stelmach

A series sweep moves the female Pembina Valley Hawks into the Manitoba AAA semi-finals.

The second ranked Hawks took care of the seventh place Interlake Lightning in three straight, wrapping up the quarter-final Sunday with a 3-0 shutout.

They kicked off the series by winning game one 5-1 last Tuesday in Morden and then taking game two 5-0 Friday in Teulon.

Coach Dana Bell saw his team really take it up a notch, after coming out a little sluggish in game one following five games over four days at a Calgary tournament.

"In the second period, we got back to our game plan," said Bell, whose charges took a 2-0 lead in the second period of game one. "We had our aggressive forecheck going, and we were getting pucks to the net. As the game went on, we kept getting better and were capitalizing on our chances."

Sage McElroy-Scott led the way with a hat trick and a four point night, while Makenzie McCallum contributed a goal and a pair of assists. Also scoring was Karsty Nicolajsen, while Halle Oswald made 21 saves with the shots 31-22 for the Hawks.

In game two, Bell said every player bought in from start to finish, with a three goal second period putting it away.

Hannah Petrie had a three point night with a pair of goals. McElroy-Scott, Taylor Kristjanson and Cora Fijala also scored while McCallum chipped in three assists. Oswald was only called on to make 16 saves for the shutout.

"The girls played a solid 60 minutes and dominated the play till the final buzzer," said Bell. "We had a super aggressive forecheck and controlled the puck well. Everything we asked them to do, they did."

On Sunday, the Hawks got a pair of goals from Tessa Odell while McCallum had a goal and an assist as the Hawks jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one period. Oswald earned a second consecutive shutout with an 18 save



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Pembina Valley's Breanna Millions looks to sweep the puck from an Interlake player in Sunday's 3-0 win over Interlake. The Hawks now face the Wildcats in the semi-finals.

performance.

The semi-final schedule was not finalized at press time, but the opponents were determined after action Sunday.

The Hawks will face third place Westman after the Wildcats dispatched the sixth place Central Plains

Capitals in three straight, wrapping it up with a 2-0 shutout Sunday after having won the first two games 5-2 and 7-2.

The Hawks won three of the five regular season meetings with the Wildcats, opening with a 1-0 win before dropping the next two 2-1 and

6-3. The last two games were 1-0 and 2-0 shutouts for Pembina Valley.

The first place Winnipeg Avros had earned a quarter-final bye and will be facing fifth place Eastman after the Selects advanced by taking care of the fourth place Yellowhead Chiefs in three games.

Flyers lose three in a row

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers struggled to find their footing this past week as the clock counts down to the final regular season games of the year.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 13, the boys were flying high after a 4-2 victory over the Selkirk Steelers.

Weiland Parrish and Lucas Barker made it a 2-0 game heading into the second period.

There, Winkler's offensive lines

were stymied by Selkirk's defense, while the Steelers managed to sneak one in with two minutes to go in the period.

Period three saw Selkirk score once more, but goals from Coltyn Bates and Cole Kirkup cemented the win.

Troy Martyniuk stood tall in net for Winkler, stopping 32 shots as Winkler outshot Selkirk 39-34.

The pendulum swung far the other way as the Flyers hit the road to play Virden Friday, Swan Valley Saturday,

and Steinbach on Monday.

The Oil Capitals were up 4-0 before Matt Christian got Winkler up on the board with a late second period goal.

Parrish added to the Flyers' tally midway through the final period, but it wasn't nearly enough, and Virden got it back in any case less than a minute later to eventually take the game 5-2.

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Winkler Curling Club men's bonspiel winners



The Winkler Curling Club hosted its men's bonspiel Feb. 9-11. Winning the 1st event was Team Vic Klassen (left, top). Team Donovan Hiebert (right, top) took the 2nd event. Team Jim Hiebert (left, bottom) won the 3A event. And Team Dan Pappel (right, bottom) clinched the 3B title. The club sends its thanks out to everyone who competed and to all who pitched in and helped with both the bonspiel and the fund-raising steak fry, which served up nearly 200 steaks. The next steak fry is March 23.



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Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE						Series A (Best of 5) Warren Mercs vs Winkler Royals - Warren wins series in 3 games to 1	
GF	GA	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	
Steinbach Pistons	55 44	8	2	91	273	119	14-Feb-18 Winkler 2 Warren 3
Virden Oil Capitals	56 37	17	2	76	239	168	15-Feb-18 Warren 4 Winkler 6
Portage Terriers	55 35	15	2	75	236	155	18-Feb-18 Winkler 3 Warren 4 OT
OCN Blizzard	54 30	17	5	67	192	169	19-Feb-18 Winkler 0 Warren 4
Winkler Flyers	56 32	24	0	64	186	159	
Winnipeg Blues	53 26	21	4	58	191	196	Series B (Best of 5) Morden Redskins vs Altona Maroons
Selkirk Steelers	54 27	23	3	58	176	190	- Altona wins series 3 games to 0
Swan Valley Stampeders	53 25	22	5	56	173	179	15-Feb-18 Altona 5 Morden 2
Neepawa Natives	55 24	28	2	51	199	228	17-Feb-18 Morden 3 Altona 4 OT
Dauphin Kings	54 13	39	1	28	131	254	18-Feb-18 Altona 5 Morden 1
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	55 7	44	3	18	120	299	Series C (Best of 5) Carman Beavers vs Portage Islanders
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE						-Carman wins series 3 games to 0	
PTS	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OTL	
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	41 33	3	5	71	172	80	13-Feb-18 Portage 1 Carman 3
Charleswood Hawks	41 29	9	3	61	121	82	16-Feb-18 Carman 5 Portage 3
Transcona Railer Express	41 28	9	4	60	166	114	17-Feb-18 Portage 2 Carman 5
St. James Canucks	41 21	16	4	46	145	117	
Stonewall Jets	41 21	17	3	45	131	122	MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE
Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins	41 19	19	3	41	126	112	Quarter finals - Pembina Valley defeats Interlake in 3 games
St. Vital Victorias	41 19	21	1	39	141	169	Quarter finals - Eastman defeats Yellowhead in 3 games
St. Boniface Riels	41 17	21	3	37	130	148	Quarter finals - Westman defeats Central Plains in 3 games
Pembina Valley Twisters	41 16	21	4	36	165	170	Semi finals - Eastman vs Winnipeg
River East Royal Knights	41 2	37	2	6	60	243	Game 1 Feb. 28 @ Seven Oaks 7pm
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
Semi finals - Westman vs Pembina Valley							
STATS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20							

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Martyniuk and Aaron Brunn were both in goal, the former making eight saves off of 11 shots, while Brunn made 23 saves on 25 shots.

It was a closer match but the same outcome against the Stampeders the next night.

A strong start with goals from Will Blake and Parrish put the Flyers in the lead in the first five minutes, but Swan Valley successfully chipped away at it to send the game into period two tied at 2-2.

A Mitchell Dyck goal ended up being the last one the Flyers would see, scored in the second period's eighth minute. Swan Valley, meanwhile, got two more past Martyniuk ahead of a scoreless third frame for the 4-3 victory.

Martyniuk made 34 saves as Winkler outshot the Stampeders 43-38.

The Flyers rounded things out with a 4-3 loss to Steinbach Monday afternoon.

The Flyers battled back from a

3-0 deficit after two periods, with Kirkup and CJ Corazzin bringing Winkler within one of a tie by the 11th minute.

Steinbach made it 4-2 a minute later, and though Dyck started work on closing that gap with a goal at 15:58, that proved to be the last time either side would score.

Brunn went the distance in net this game, making 32 saves as the Pistons outshot the Flyers 36-21.

With that, Winkler is 32-24 for 64 points and fifth place in the MJHL standings. They trail the top three teams—Steinbach, Virden, Portage, and OCN—by three to 26 points. Nipping at their heels are the Winnipeg Blues in sixth with 64 points.

This week the team plays at home against Neepawa Wednesday, Virden Saturday, and Swan Valley Sunday. Puck drops nightly at 7:30 p.m.

They then round out the regular season with a March 2 game in Winkler against Steinbach.

Pizazz shine at Stonewall competition

The Pembina Pizazz synchronized skating teams received gold in the elementary and pre-novice categories at the recent Skate Canada Manitoba prairie regional synchronized skating competition in Stonewall. The pre-novice category had seven teams from Manitoba and Saskatchewan while the elementary category had six teams from Manitoba and Saskatchewan competing.

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Hawks gain key points as season winds down

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks picked up two key points Sunday in a back and forth game settled in a shootout.

Fighting down to the wire for position in the standings, the Hawks rebounded from a 5-1 loss Saturday to Parkland by edging the Rangers 6-5 in the second half of the weekend doubleheader Sunday afternoon.

The win was a much needed boost for the Hawks after they had been blanked 7-0 by the Southwest Cougars last Wednesday. Pembina Valley now sits precariously in seventh place going into their final two regular season games this weekend.

"We ran into a hot goalie on Saturday night. The bounces wouldn't go our way," coach Rylan Price said afterwards. "Sunday's game was much the same. We got off to a great start, had a lazy second period but had a strong finish. It was nice to finally win in a shootout."

The momentum swung a few times Sunday as the Hawks led 3-0 by the nine minute mark of the first but trailed 4-3 after two periods.

A pair of third period goals by Kolton Shindle gave the Hawks a 5-4 lead, but the Rangers forced overtime

with 2:37 to go in the final frame.

Tristan Day, Sven Schefer and Ethan Carels also scored for Pembina Valley, which won the game when Travis Penner kicked off the shootout with the lone goal. Shots on goal were 44-23 for the Hawks.

The Hawks gave up an early goal Saturday to the Rangers then trailed 3-1 before the midway mark of the first period.

Penner scored the lone Pembina Valley goal at 5:03 of the first period to tie the game briefly, but they were

stymied the rest of the way by Rangers' goalie Zach Grouette, who made 36 saves.

After allowing three goals on the first five shots, Martin Gagnon was relieved by Brock Moroz, who stopped 22 of 23 shots until Parkland sealed the deal with an empty net goal.

The second period did in the Hawks last Wednesday in Souris, as the Cougars outshot Pembina Valley 26 to 7 and fired home four goals to take a 5-0 lead.

Moroz allowed the seven goals on

42 shots with Odin Pauls coming on in relief and stopping two shots in the final seven and a half minutes. Shots on goal in total ended up 44-27 for the Cougars.

Pembina Valley sits at 23-18-0-2-3 for 51 points, which is one back of Yellowhead and just two ahead of Southwest and three up on Central Plains.

The Hawks face a tough conclusion to their regular season this weekend with a doubleheader against the second Brandon Wheat Kings. The games go Friday and Saturday in Morden.

Twisters fall to St. Vital 3-2

By Lorne Stelmach

A second period lapse did in the Pembina Valley Twisters Sunday.

The Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League team couldn't quite recover after giving up three goals to St. Vital in about a five minute span as they came up on the short end of a 3-2 game.

It followed a 2-0 win Friday over the Stonewall Jets, and it leaves Pembina Valley in a tight spot in ninth place

with just four games remaining.

Travis Klassen earned the shootout Friday with a solid 38 save performance as the Twisters were outshot 38-30 by the Jets. Alex Tetrault took care of the scoring, as he fired home his 16th on a first period power play then added his 17th shorthanded in the second period.

On Sunday, the Victorias broke open the game with their three second period goals. Power plays got the Twisters back into the game in the third

with Jeremie Goderis connected for his 17th and then Tetrault scoring his 18th of the season, but that was all they could muster in the end.

Noah Morin was heroic in goal for St. Vital, coming up with 62 saves as the Twisters had a massive 64 to 38 edge in shots on goal. Klassen took the loss in net with 35 saves.

This week, the Twisters hosted the Twins Tuesday and they welcome the Raiders to Morris Friday before visiting the St. Boniface Riels Monday.



ACU supports Hawks

The Pembina Valley Hawks were sporting new white jerseys at their playoff games against the Interlake Lightning this past week thanks to a \$3,000 donation from Access Credit Union. ACU's Sara Stoesz was on hand for the last regular home game of the season earlier in the month to join the team for a photo. The midget players will proudly don the ACU logo on their backs at home for the next three seasons.

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Redskins, Royals knocked out of the running

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The quarterfinals proved to be the line for the SEMHL's Morden Redskins over the weekend.

After placing third in the regular season, the Redskins found themselves up against the sixth-ranked Altona Maroons in the first round of playoffs.

Despite having bested the Maroons in three out of their four regular season matches, the Redskins just couldn't find their footing in the best-of-five series.

First they dropped game one 5-2 on Feb. 15. Victor Knaub and Jordan Valentino put Morden up on the board with goals in the first and second periods, tying the game at 2-2 heading into the second intermission.

It was open season in period three, though, with the Maroons getting three past goalie Reed Peters, who made 28 saves in all this game.

Game two was a much closer affair, with the two teams tied at 3-3 after regulation (Morden's goals came courtesy of Nicolas Doyle with two and Graham Leiding with one). The extra minutes went Altona's way, though, giving them the win 4-3.

The Redskins seemed to lose heart in the do-or-die game three, scoring just one goal in the second period, courtesy of Matthew Sibbald, while the Maroons fired home four goals that same frame and one more in the third to take the game 5-1 and the series 3-0.

Also knocked from a run at the championship title are the Winkler Royals, who lost their series to the Warren Mercs three games to one.

Winkler, who finished in seventh and last place in the league, dropped

game one to the second-place Mercs on Valentine's Day.

The Royals battled back from a 2-0 deficit with goals from Jon Gaudet and Mitchell Hansen early in the final period, but Warren fired home the game winner at 15:10 to take the match 3-2.

Things went the other way the next night for Winkler as they played before a hometown crowd and won game two 6-4. Gaudet, Mark Hildeb-

rand (with two), Cole Smith, Brett Harder, and Marlin Froese all contributed goals.

Warren then took game three 4-3 in overtime. Winkler goals came courtesy of Froese and Caleb Unrau in the second and Phil Letkeman in the third. The Mercs got the tying point with seconds to go and then scored the game-winner 1:03 into overtime.

That brought things to a head in game four, which ended up being a

5-0 rout for Warren, giving them the series. Matt Krahn took the loss in net, making a heroic 50-save effort as the Mercs outshot the Royals 55-26.

Winning the league's third quarter-final series were the Carman Beavers over the Portage Islanders three games to none.

The schedule for the next round of playoffs is expected to be posted online at semhl.net this week.

Thunder advance to semi-finals

The defending champion Morden Thunder dropped game one of the semi-finals 5-1 to the Morris Mavericks in the Zone 4 hockey semi-finals on Monday. They were slated to play game two Wednesday in Morden and then are back in Morris for game three Saturday.

Morden advanced to round two by beating the Prairie Mountain Mustangs 4-3 and 6-5 in the first round of the playoffs.

The quarter-finals also saw the Northlands Parkland Collegiate Nighthawks knocked out of the running by the Pembina Tigers.

NPC had won the series opener 5-4 in overtime Feb. 13, but the Tigers swept games two and three by a score of 3-1 to advance to the semi-finals, where they face the Aces.

The GVC Zodiacs were also bounced out, falling to the Aces in two games, losing 9-4 and 5-3.

In Zone 4 basketball action, the GVC varsity boys team squared off against the Thunder Feb. 15. The Zodiacs came out on top 77-55.

The loss was the second of the week for the Thunder, who also fell to the Aces 90-51. Morden's varsity girls, meanwhile, posted a 52-30 win over Altona Feb. 13.

In SCAC Tier 1 varsity basketball, the Nighthawk boys fell to the Lancers 110-58 and the girls lost 60-30.

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Agriculture

Producer-owned co. looks after its own needs

By Harry Siemens

FP Genetics was founded in 2008 on the principles of honesty, integrity and good business practices to create a seed production, distribution and sales force in Western Canada.

Their shareholder network spans Western Canada from the Red River Valley in Manitoba to the Peace River District of Alberta.

Herman Wehrle, marketing manager for FB Genetics, said wheat, durum, oats, rye, and some barley are the varieties they sell.

The Voice sat down with him recently to talk about their offerings.

Voice: What does it look like for newer varieties as we're looking into 2018, 2019?

Wehrle: There are lots of things that a grower's looking for when he looks at varieties, and obviously yield always seems to be number one because that's the one that pays the bills.

But growers are more and more looking at standability and shortness of crop so that it's easy to combine and doesn't lodge in the field ... and, of course, the disease package that it comes with. They need to make sure that it's going to be relatively disease free so that they can have a high-quality crop to harvest or market at harvest.

Voice: Is maturity still a factor, days to maturity?

Wehrle: North of 16 Highway, people talk about maturity more, but as you move to the south most of the varieties that are on the market now can be planted right across the country.

Voice: Tell me about the ones that are looking good for this year.

Wehrle: We've brought in two brand new wheat varieties. AAC Viewfield. It's a variety that it's the shortest wheat that you can buy in the marketplace, has excellent standability, which is something farmers are looking for, it's very high yielding, and it also has an excellent disease package with it.

The other wheat is also in the CWRS class, but it's a midge tolerant wheat CDC Landmark. This particular product, what's unique about it, it's the first semi-dwarf midge toler-

ant wheat that's come to the Prairies. That's always been a frustration for growers that they've had to deal with taller kinds of wheat. This one brings a midge tolerant class along with the semi-dwarf.

Voice: When you talk shortest, what is short for the farmer?

Wehrle: When we look at short and this particular variety of Viewfield and Landmark, we look at a shorter crop by about five to six inches, depending on the various crop types. It is relatively significant and certainly makes quite a difference at harvest and what has to go through the combine.

Voice: You talked about yield. That's

the profitability. So what kind of range are we looking at when you're looking at the newer ones that are coming in?

Wehrle: These new varieties, there's no question, genetics has played a massive role in wheat breeding and production in the last few years. We've hit another higher plateau in that market, and these wheat varieties certainly can, if given the right weather and the proper nutrients, they can all produce over 100 bushels to the acre. That's not saying we're going to see that every year, but we certainly have seen in a year like this year, where it was a relatively dry year,

but we did have good moisture in the subsoil, and these varieties have the genetics to do that.

But I don't think it's fair to say that it's all genetics. I do believe it's more of a 50/50 deal where 50 per cent of this you could attribute to genetics; the other 50 per cent is due to improved management of production on the farm, be it the cultivation, the seeding, the nutrient plans that go through, the whole nine yards.

You add that all together, and I think we've upped our capacity and capability to produce more crops.



By Harry Siemens

The cost of free speech

There was a time when climatologist Dr. Tim Ball would speak 150 times a year, getting paid to do so, telling farmers and others about what was happening in the world of weather and climate change.

Then he wrote his book, *Human Caused Global Warming: The Biggest Deception in History*, an abbreviated, illustrated version for those overwhelmed by the science and the knives came out.

Today, because of an international smear campaign by those feeling threatened by Dr. Ball's book, he doesn't speak at all unless voluntarily. Recently I reached out to him for an explanation on his most recent court battle.

"Miraculously, I just won a court battle when a defamation lawsuit brought by MLA and BC Green Party leader Andrew Weaver was dismissed. Voltaire said, "It is dangerous to be right in matters where men in authority are wrong." He knew because he challenged authority when the consequences were deadlier.

"Until you have experienced it, you cannot imagine or explain the degree of pushback and nastiness. You can get a small taste from many if you tell them you don't believe that humans are causing global warming.

People who know nothing about the topic will become quite exercised.

"Over 40 years I researched, studied, wrote books and academic articles, on climate change. This was after four years flying anti-submarine patrols over the Atlantic and five years of search and rescue in northern and Arctic Canada. I experienced how bad weather forecasts were.

"I went back to university to study why and learned that they were never any good and one of the reasons was the lack of long-term datasets. I worked with the father of modern climatology Hubert Lamb because he discovered the same problem as a forecaster for the aircraft flying over Europe in World War II. He helped with my doctoral thesis that reconstructed weather records of central Canada using the journals of the Hudson Bay Company to create a 250-year record.

"I knew when I began that climate changes rapidly and greater than most people understood. It made me laugh when later they called me a climate change denier. My entire post-military career involved explaining to people how much and quickly the climate changes. I was the antithesis of a denier.

"When I began climate studies in the late 1960s, the consensus was

global cooling. Lowell Ponte wrote *The Cooling* in 1976, and it said on the cover: "It is a cold fact: the global cooling presents humankind with the most critical social, political, and adaptive challenge we have had to deal with for ten thousand years. Your stake in the decisions we make concerning it is of ultimate importance; the survival of ourselves, our children, our species."

"Notice you can change the seventh word to warming and it is precisely the threats made about warming today. The difference is that global warming became the basis for a political agenda. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) created the science to identify human produced CO2 as the culprit.

"The Weaver lawsuit was one of three I received from the same lawyer all for members of the IPCC. Each was a defamation suit for articles I wrote designed to silence me; a category of lawsuit called a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP). They won the first lawsuit because I withdrew the article. I won the second lawsuit and now prepare for the third.

"What is the price of free speech in Canada? My legal bills to date are \$600,000, and that's at the halfway point."

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March 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
City of Winkler Council Chambers,
185 Main Street, Winkler, MB

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan. Copies of the City's 2018 Financial Plan will be available at www.cityofwinkler.ca or at the Reception Desk at the City Hall for anyone wishing to get a copy prior to the meeting.

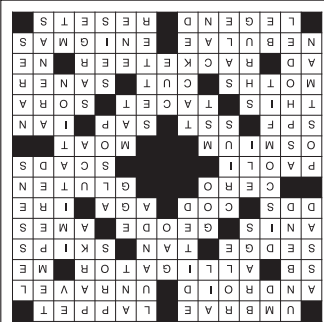
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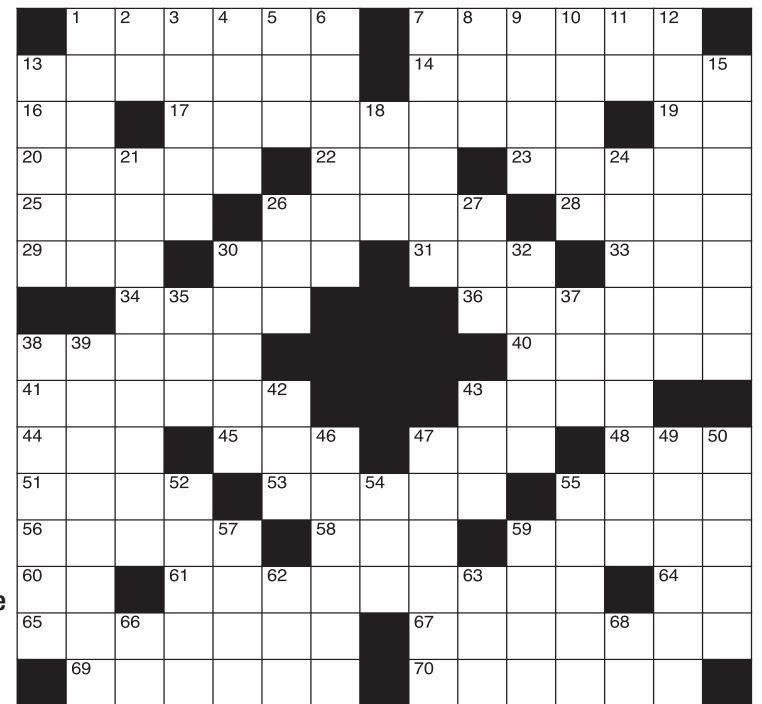
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Shaded inner regions
- 7. Overlapping part of a garment
- 13. Type of smartphone
- 14. Fall apart
- 16. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 17. Crocodylian reptile
- 19. Of I
- 20. Swamp plant
- 22. Sun can help you get one
- 23. Hops, ___ and jumps
- 25. Cuckoos
- 26. Small cavities in rocks
- 28. American traitor
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 30. Popular fish
- 31. Ottoman military leader
- 33. Anger
- 34. Fish of the mackerel family
- 36. Some people can't eat it
- 38. Amer. Revolutionary War battle
- 40. Misleading ads
- 41. Atomic number 76
- 43. A type of castle security
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Very fast airplane
- 47. Vigor
- 48. 007's creator
- 51. ___ and that
- 53. Indicating silence
- 55. Brown and gray rail
- 56. Nocturnal insects
- 58. Make an incision
- 59. Norwegian village
- 60. Commercial
- 61. Criminal
- 64. Northeast
- 65. Clouds of gas and dust in outer space
- 67. Mysterious things
- 69. One who won't be forgotten
- 70. Starts over

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Straighten
- 2. Gives medical advice (abbr.)



- 3. Touts
- 4. One's job
- 5. Afflict in mind or body
- 6. Proofed
- 7. Capital of Angola
- 8. Social insect living in organized colonies
- 9. Ones who are financially compensated
- 10. Jacket
- 11. Electron volt
- 12. Tuned
- 13. Syrian leader
- 15. Reduces
- 18. Congress' investigative arm
- 21. Make uneasy
- 24. A fake
- 26. Any thick messy substance
- 27. Goad
- 30. Titan
- 32. Continental Congress delegate

- for NY
- 35. Peyton's younger brother
- 37. Fiddler crab
- 38. Delivers the mail
- 39. Liliaceous plant
- 42. Mountain Time
- 43. Where wrestlers work
- 46. Secured
- 47. Dog breed
- 49. Where rockers perform
- 50. Nostrils
- 52. Express doubt
- 54. Pointer
- 55. Slang for sergeant
- 57. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 59. Six (Spanish)
- 62. Holds nonperishables
- 63. Between northeast and east
- 60. Titan
- 68. Meitnerium

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We would like to sincerely thank all of our friends and family for the cards, flowers, food, phone calls and visits on the passing of our dear husband, father and grandfather, Lawrence Richards.

Thank you to Dr. Woelk and Dr. Earl, as well as the nursing staff in the Chemo and Palliative Care Units of the Boundary Trails Health Center. Your compassion and care were sincerely appreciated.

Thank you to Wheatland Funeral Home and especially Don Stewart for taking care of the funeral arrangements that Dad had wanted and for the frequent visits to the hospital. You made this difficult time a little easier. Thank you to the Manitou Curling Club for looking after the lunch and hosting the service, it was just the way he wanted. Thank you to Randy and Donna Pawich for the eulogy. It was perfect. He always looked forward to your visits and friendship. To Richard Dymond, the songs of Elvis were captured perfectly. Thank you to Greg Currie for the memory slide show. It was wonderful and we will cherish it.

Thank you to David and Gail Dymond for your friendship and support to mom and dad through the most difficult of days, we truly appreciated it.

-Sincerely,
Shirley

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OBITUARY



**Gerhard Friesen
1934 – 2018**

On Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Gerhard Friesen age 83 years went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Helen (nee Klassen); four daughters, Tina and Wes Dyck, Helen Thevenot, Marge and John Rempel, Lisa and Greg Klassen; two sons, Abram and Tina Friesen, John Friesen; one daughter-in-law, Anne Friesen; one son-in-law, Warren Korzinski as well as 25 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, two brothers and their families. He was predeceased by one son, George (2014); one daughter, Mary Korzinski (2012) and three brothers.

Funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Gerhard's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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OBITUARY



**Archie Miller, DVM
1936 – 2018**

Peacefully, with his wife at his side, Archie passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Wednesday, February 15, 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, his children, AJ, Rick (Lori) and Bill (Jamie), his grandchildren, Noah, Annika, and Bailey and his brothers, Bill and Bob (Shelagh).

Archie grew up on the family farm near Grosse Isle, MB. He graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College (now part of the University of Guelph) in 1959. He set up his practice in Morden, where he met his wife Mary. They married in 1965 and had over 52 happy years together. Archie established the Morden Veterinary Clinic in 1960 and he was a regional veterinarian with the federal government starting in 1981. He had a very successful retirement, which started in 2001. A founding member of the Elks, he was also active in his United Church and he was previously a board member of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation. He spent his summers golfing and once retired, he would go on a road trip to the US with his son, AJ every winter. He was a devoted husband and father and embraced the role of grandpa later in life.

A memorial service was held at St. Paul's United Church in Morden on Tuesday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Archie's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation.

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OBITUARY



**John Wolfe
1933 – 2018**

John was born in the Village of Haskett on June 16, 1933 to John E and Annie Wolfe. John was baptized upon the confession of his faith on June 5, 1960 and became a member of the EMM Church in Reinland. On October 26, 1957 John married Elisabeth (Betty) Letkeman with whom he shared their joys and sorrows for 60 years. There were no children born to this union. John was raised in the village of Blumenfeld and obtained his education there. As a young man he left to work for the CP/CN Telegraph Service as a telegraph linesman. He also bought his first new car in 1954. Dad had to co-sign for the car. Upon their marriage they moved to Morden where they built a new house (home) and where they reside to this day. John worked as a carpenter for many years.

Later on, he formed his own interior decorating renovating company. He will be remembered as a man of integrity. John loved his church and served in many capacities such as Sunday School teacher, Deacon and soundman for many years. John and Betty loved and served the Church. They lived quite a peaceful life.

John was admitted to the hospital on Sunday, February 11 with the flu and pneumonia after a bout with the flu for a few days. He passed away peacefully at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

John leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Betty; seven brothers, two sisters, two brothers-in-law and their families and many relatives and friends.

We will miss John as a member of the family and as a friend. We will mourn for him but not as those who have no hope for we shall meet again. The Family.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018 at the Morden EMMC with interment prior at the Haskett Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in John's memory to the Back to the Bible Broadcast.

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OBITUARY



**Richard William Helps
1958 – 2018**

Rick was born on September 4, 1958 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was the first child for Elgin and Joan Helps and later a big brother to Randy and Patricia. Rick started grade school in Halifax until the age of eight and then this family moved to Calgary where they resided for six years. In 1972 they moved to Morden and decided to make this their permanent home. Rick and Lorraine were married on August 4, 1979 and on April 2, 1983 their son Derek was born and was the first grandson for the Helps and Wall families. On September 1, 1986 their daughter Stacey was born and their family was complete. During their marriage Rick was employed as a motorcycle and car mechanic, motor home and trailer repairman and supervisor and paramedic. During his employment with Sun Valley RV he decided to volunteer with the Morden Ambulance and this lead to a career change as a paramedic for over 24 years and he retired on October 1, 2016.

Rick had his first heart attack at the age of 30 and 10 years later had quadruple by-pass surgery. He always said he would die young because his grandparents and father died at a young age due to a hereditary heart condition.

His love for motorcycles and old cars started at a young age and when Rick was 17 years old he purchased a 1966 Chevy Malibu SS and never sold it to this date. He purchased a new 750 Suzuki V Strom in 2005 and still drove it until the roads where too icy and put on over 330,000 kms over the years. Rick joined the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron 179 in 1989 and was the Commanding Officer for over 10 years and later supply and training officer. During his tenure with the cadets he received a Certificate of Recognition award, Canadian Forces Decoration and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals. On the Queen's visit to Winnipeg for her Golden Jubilee tour Rick was selected to be on the Honor Guard serving as the Queen's first aide.

Rick passed away on Monday, January 29, 2018 at BTHC after suffering a heart attack at home. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Lorraine; son, Derek; mother, Joan Helps; sister, Patricia Prokopchuk and family; mother-in-law, Mary Wall; sisters-in-law, Janet Boxell, Sharon Wall and Shauna Gillis and their families. Rick was predeceased by his daughter, Stacey on December 29, 2017; father, Elgin Helps; brother, Randy and father-in-law, Peter Wall.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Westside Community Church with interment at Hillside Cemetery at a later date.

A special thank you to our family and friends for all the flowers, food and support shown during this difficult time. The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to all the paramedics, doctors and nurses for the excellent care provided to Rick.

Donations may be made in Rick's memory to RIDE FOR DAD charity for prostate cancer. Mail donations to Ride for Dad National Office, 424-300 Earl Gray Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K2T1C1 and include Rick's name and charitable number #85133 3179 RR0001 to ensure donations are allocated to the Manitoba Chapter.

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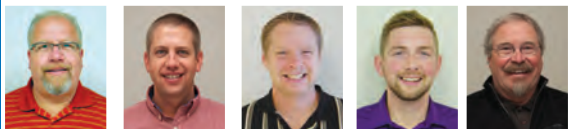
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