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Kids in the kitchen

Central Station program teaching kids the basics

By Ashleigh Viveiros

You're never too young to learn your way around the kitchen.

That's the message behind Central Station's new Kids in the Kitchen program, which is wrapping up a six-week session next week.

The group of 12 nine to 11-year-olds have been meeting at the Winkler community centre after school on Thursdays since mid-February, and they've been having a blast learning the ins and outs of healthy cooking.

"A lot of research shows that when kids are allowed to get in the kitchen, get messy—much to parents' dismay, sometimes—it creates a better relationship with food," explains program coordinator Meagan Einarson. "They're more likely to be less picky, eat more kinds of food. They



Participants in the weekly Kids in the Kitchen after-school program at Central Station learnt how to make bean burritos last Thursday. The program gives kids the chance to learn new recipes and cooking skills.

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tend to grow into healthier teenagers because they have that familiarity—they're not afraid to go into the kitchen."

Einarson, who is a registered dietitian at the Winkler medical clinic, says each afternoon session starts

with time in the kitchen, followed by food-themed activities and discussions while they wait for the snack or meal they prepared to cook.

"We show them basic things like knife skills, how to use the oven, how to read a recipe," she said. "It's a great

way to practise not only cooking, but things like literacy, math skills."

In recent weeks, the kids have mastered recipes such as mini pizzas, bean burritos, fruit kabobs, and more.

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Women's Giving Circle lives up to its name

By Lorne Stelmach

Three worthwhile causes all benefitted to varying degrees thanks to the Morden Area Foundation.

They each earned a portion of the \$10,000 that was to be raised through the Power of the Purse brunch March 5 at the Morden 55+ Activity Centre.

The event was held to enable the foundation's Women's Giving Circle to meet a Winnipeg Foundation challenge to raise \$10,000 by Sept. 30. If the goal is achieved, the Giving Circle will receive \$4,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation. From that amount, \$2,000 will go directly into the endowment fund and the remaining \$2,000 will be used for grants.

Saturday's brunch aimed to have 100 women each bring \$100 to donate. They listened to South Central Cancer Resource, the Morden Parent Child Resource Centre, and Genesis House make presentations on projects, and then each woman made a personal decision as to which cause

they wanted their funds to go to.

Foundation director Lynda MacLean said their aim was to raise the \$10,000 in one morning.

"We don't have the full hundred here today, but the foundation is going to pick up the balance so that we still have the full \$10,000 to give out," she said, noting there were close to 90 women in attendance at the brunch.

"The women get to come here ... they get to vote themselves where the money goes," MacLean said. "So it's giving the power to them to choose ... and know that they are doing something good. They know that their money is doing something good."

Those who attended agreed it was a worthwhile event and a good way to bring in support.

Nancy Penner felt it was an interesting concept to "have input on where your donated dollar goes.

"They are all good causes," she added. "It does give us a choice though ... and being able to direct your donated



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The Power of the Purse brunch granted \$10,000 to charity Saturday.

dollar has huge value."

"It's a wonderful social time to get together and also just to hear what some of these organizations are doing and how we can assist them ... what we can to help them do what they do best," said Linda Fehr.

"Now that I see the causes, there's two of them I'm specifically interested in because they are near and dear to me," noted Linda Kirk. "They're all great causes ... and it's an interesting way of bringing it together."

MacLean said the Giving Circle has

been going a couple of years now but it still has been a challenge to get more women involved. She noted that the brunch was a good opportunity to connect with new members.

"You need that relationship building, and so that's another thing we are hoping to do," said MacLean. "We're hoping though with the people who came here this year that they'll see it and they'll like the concept ... and we'll reach our hundred people next year."

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Firefighter hangs up his helmet after 30 years

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As of March 1, Winkler firefighter Ray Doell handed in his keys to the fire hall and went off duty for good after 30 years with the department.

It was certainly a bittersweet day for Capt. Doell, who officially joined Winkler Fire & Rescue in 1985, though his involvement with the department in fact stretches back decades earlier.

"For the first 13 years of my life, my dad, Ikey, was a member of the fire department," Doell says. "I clearly remember actually going along to fire calls with him, because I'd be with him and there'd be a fire and the siren would go—that's what called them to fires in those days—and off he'd go. There wouldn't always be time to drop me off first."

Doell, of course, safely stayed in the car during those early blazes, but it was enough to whet his appetite for the job.

He was also inspired by other family members who manned the hoses

during the department's early years, including his uncles Jack and Johnny, the latter of whom was a founding member who served 29 years.

"I guess I beat him by a year," says Doell, chuckling.

Looking back, Doell reflects that an awful lot has changed since his first few years as a firefighter.

"I still clearly remember we used to jump on the back, on the tailboard of the trucks, and we'd be putting our gear on in the back while we're moving down the road," he says. "It was insane, but that was what the guys did before me and that's just the way we did it then."

Changing safety protocols aside, just about every piece of firefighting equipment has improved over the last three decades, Doell says.

"Our turnout gear has improved a lot, our trucks have improved big time. It's really like night and day ... in 30 years, it's all come a long way."

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Captain Ray Doell wrapped up 30 years with the Winkler fire department on March 1.

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Left: Shelie Shusterman and Yunona Sultanova at work in the Kids in the Kitchen program at Central Station last week. Right: Kelsey Astles and Slava Pak get help from volunteer Tina Hildebrand in making bean burritos.



> KIDS IN THE KITCHEN, FROM PG. 1

“So far they’ve all had a lot of fun,” Einarson said. “They get really excited to be here and they get really excited to especially eat the food they’re making.”

The “eating the food” part does seem to be the highlight for many of the young participants. “It’s fun to do because you can make lots of things and then you get to eat it!” exclaimed Tristan Driedger, 10, when asked when he’s enjoying most each week.

“Cooking is fun,” he added. “I cook, usually, cookies at home ... Here we’ve learned how to make lots of stuff. I think the pizza [was my favourite].”

“I liked doing the fruit kabobs. That’s been the best,” noted Yunona

Sultanova, 11.

Kelsey Astles, 9, admits that signing up for the program was his mother’s idea, but says he’s been enjoying trying out new recipes.

“I think it’s yummy,” he says of the cooking, adding that he especially enjoyed making bannock. “That tasted pretty good.”

Helping out with the program are several volunteers, some of them parents of the participants.

One of those is Regina Braun, who signed-up

her daughter Stina.

“I thought it would be more fun to learn in the kitchen here than just at home, and it has been,” Braun said, noting she’d recommend the program to any parent looking to get their child more interested in helping

“THEY’RE MORE LIKELY TO BE LESS PICKY, EAT MORE KINDS OF FOOD.”

out in the kitchen. “They’re learning healthy cooking and just getting more involved in helping with recipes.”

The Kids in the Kitchen program rounds out Central Station’s cooking course offerings, which includes weekly men’s and women’s classes.

“We had some funding that we landed up not using for other cooking classes and so we wanted to do something related,” said director Lavonne Kroeker. “This program is run in other communities, but we’ve nev-

er actually run it here in Winkler, so it seemed like a good opportunity to try it.”

The youth program has proven so popular (there is already a waiting list) that Central Station plans to hold another session sometime in the near future, Kroeker said.

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NDP budget consultation a sham

The Manitoba Legislature is currently in session, but only for another few weeks, until the provincial election begins.

The NDP Government continues to limp along, hampered by negative press and hamstrung by internal divisions within their own caucus.

It's a broken government with a broken record. The most recent financial update for Manitoba shows that things are still going in the wrong direction. Spending is up \$139M and the deficit is now projected to be \$550M (up



Cameron Friesen, MLA

\$128M over the budget estimate).

Now the NDP says they won't deliver a budget after all. The NDP Government clearly has no interest in delivering a budget that would undoubtedly disclose further financial bad news.

The NDP should have focused in previous months on careful preparation of a new budget. They were busy making 110 spending announcements in two weeks. And now when the time comes for the government to provide to Manitobans an accounting of how they would actually pay for these 110 new spending pledges, they take a pass and make excuses.

In September, the Minister of Finance said: "There will be a budget next spring, definitely. When people go to the polls they will know our plan."

The Finance Minister even held budget consultation meetings where he invited people to "help prepare the 2016 budget by sharing your ideas

and priorities."

This week in question period I revealed that the cost of those NDP budget consultations was over \$40,000. Manitobans are not pleased to learn that they took the time to share their ideas and priorities, and that the NDP wasn't actually planning to produce a budget.

It's a glaring example of NDP waste and mismanagement. The NDP Finance Minister says they are choosing instead to issue a financial snapshot, but taxpayers who are on the hook for the \$40,000 price tag should not accept anything less than a full budget. Manitobans deserve an answer as to how this NDP Government with a \$550M deficit would pay for these 110 new spending promises.

It is simply unacceptable that the NDP Government spent \$40,000 on a budget consultation process that did not result in a budget. It just doesn't add up.

Letters

It's time to really listen to what Morden taxpayers want

I am writing regarding the town square proposal by the Town of Morden.

I am questioning the need for the whole concept. In speaking with the Corn & Apple director, Cheryl Link, this is something that was not requested by them. They never requested a stage, let alone a permanent stage. This seems to be one of the big selling features by the town on why it is needed. I would like to point out that we currently have a permanent stage in Morden. It is in the Sun Catch. It is not used. It is vandalized on a regular basis. Adding another stage for considerable cost is a questionable idea.

The current Corn & Apple director indicates that the set-up of the town square the way that it is now is perfect. Because there is nothing in it, it can be reconfigured by the

different groups that use the town square. It is currently being used by the Farmers' Market and can be re-configured easily. Any change to this permanent stage and closing of the street will have no added benefit for the town.

All the businesses that line the square are against this particular proposal. Those have been listed in other people's letters to the editor. We have two former bankers on our council. They know that business plans are made with current traffic flows. Changing the traffic flow will affect their businesses. This idea will change the traffic flow.

The post office will no longer have access to their loading dock with this proposal. It has been said that the post office can make a new access to their parking lot. Canada Post wants to close our post office. Rather than

make changes, they probably would close the post office.

The town of Morden upset a great number of taxpayers by going ahead with their garbage proposal without consultation and when consultation was finally provided it was only an informational session. This led to a lot of angst in our community. Let's not do this again.

This is supposed to be an informational session and a consultational session for the citizens of Morden. It appears as if all the stakeholders in this are against it. Even though the town of Morden has significant dollars in its budget allocated to this project, listen to your taxpayers, listen to your voters, and don't get egg on your face again.

**Dr. Alain Kolt,
Morden**

> DOELL, FROM PG. 3

That's been part of the fun of being a firefighter for so long, Doell adds.

"You see a lot of history that happened," he said. "So many changes."

'I WISH I HAD DONE IT SOONER'

Doell joined the department as an unpaid volunteer after he and his wife, Vicki, returned home to Winkler from Winnipeg to raise their family.

"I joined under [Chief] John Elias. He had tough shoes to fill, taking over for Percy Enns," he recalls.

Enns had served in the role for 20 years and had actually been trying to convince Doell to join the department earlier—something he wishes he had done.

"I didn't feel I was ready then, but, looking back, I wish I had done it sooner, during Percy's reign, because he was really a legend in his own time," Doell says, noting it was under Enns that the 4th St. fire hall got built.

That said, Doell says he's been proud to serve under every chief who's taken on the mantle since then, including Elias (who was instrumental in launching the department's annual fundraising supper), Abe Suderman, Henry Derksen, Garry Klassen (under whose direction the new Pembina Ave. fire hall was constructed), and the most recent chief, Richard Paetzold.

Each brought something different to the role and helped grow the department.

"For me, really, it was easy to serve, because the leadership that we've had with the chiefs ... there's no words for it. They set the bar so high," says Doell. "With leadership like that, it's just been a real pleasure to serve."

The support of the community and a desire to give back to it is also part of what kept Doell with the department.

"I've got to say, the RM and the City, the mayor and the councillors, they've always given us their support. They've always had our backs," he says. "And so did the community. It's unbelievable the support from citizens and from the business community ... they always come to the plate for the fire department."

He also couldn't have stayed involved if not for the support of his family.

"I can't forget to say how important the wives are [to the department]," Doell stresses. "My wife's always been supportive and anytime we do a fundraiser the wives all pitch in. And when we go out on a call, they're the ones taking care of the family ... whatever needs to be done. It's all part of it."

> SILOAM MISSION, FROM PG. 4

The question, then, was what to do with the art.

The answer was clear to the students: raffle it off and give the money right back to Siloam.

"The draw is on the 21st and we're hoping to sell all 1,500 tickets and make \$2,500," Madak said.

The kids will be selling tickets (three for \$5) during parent-teacher conferences March 17-18 and at a special gala event they're hosting March 10 for family and friends to explain more about their service learning project.

The general public can also pick up raffle tickets and check out the artwork by stopping by the ECS office during school hours between now and March 21.

The kids' involvement with Siloam won't end with this raffle—they will continue with their monthly item collection drives through to the end of the school year.

All that work has been most certainly worth it, they say. "You can make a difference in someone's life," stressed Abbey.

"It's a really good experience knowing you can help people in need," agreed Carley.

The final piece of the puzzle is his fellow firefighters.

"The guys in the department from the day I joined to the members we have now, they're just

an incredible bunch of guys," Doell says. "That hasn't changed: they're all dedicated, they're all just a great bunch of guys, and that's what I'm going to miss the most."



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Hundreds of people came out to the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce's annual Home & Life Show last weekend to check out what local businesses in a variety of sectors have to offer.



Showcasing what our region has to offer

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers were pleased with the turnout at the Home and Life Show in Morden last Friday and Saturday.

"From people who attended, we always hear great comments after they have made it through. Many times, people are surprised how long they take to go around and see everything," said Candace Olafson, executive director of the Morden District Chamber of Commerce.

The annual event was again sold out with 40 exhibitors that represented a wide range of goods and services.

The chamber started the showcase to give local businesses a way to promote themselves and for the public to see just what the Pembina Valley has to offer.

"We want people to remember ... to think about shopping local first ... give your neighbours an opportunity for your business," Olafson said. "If people take a look, they'll be surprised what they can find ... lots of what they need right here at home."

Vince Reimer was working at the Ideal Floors exhibit Friday evening and noted it was a great opportunity to spread the word about the company's products.

"There's been tons of traffic. There's

lots of interest, people coming by," he said. "People can see what we have to offer and we can help to educate them on different products and what's available."

"There's tons of stuff to see here," Reimer added, noting at that point Friday he had not "made it around the whole show yet because I haven't been able to get away. It's been a hundred miles an hour since I got here ... it's been great."

Ed Stoesz, working at the Winkler Co-op@ Home exhibit, agreed it was a good promotional venue for them.

"We obviously can't display everything ... we display a few things and we'll show the customers what all we have and maybe they'll come back to our store," he said. "It's a very nice show and a good way for the area to see what we have."

Olafson said they were pleased with the feedback they were receiving from both exhibitors and customers.

"We had a really great lineup of exhibitors ... and we were sold out, so we were really pleased with that," she said. "We had lots of people locally as well as from other communities who came out to check it out."

"We heard from the exhibitors that they were really pleased."



Correction

The March 3 edition of the *Voice* included a story entitled "Year of growth for Winkler chamber."

Due to a miscommunication with chamber reps, the story listed the organization's year-end membership total as 280 businesses.

In fact, the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce had 360 members at the end of 2015, an increase of about a dozen businesses over the year before.

We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.

Cancer Soc. daffodils spreading hope

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Signs of hope will be popping up all over Winkler, Morden, Manitou, and Plum Coulee next week.

The Canadian Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days run March 15-19.

Volunteers will be delivering hundreds of bouquets of flowers to local cancer patients courtesy of the many generous businesses who pre-purchased flowers last month. They will also be setting up flower sales tables at retail locations in each of the four communities.

For just \$7 a bunch, you're helping to provide hope to cancer patients by way of supporting the society's research efforts and support programs, says Morden area campaign coordinator Lois Dudgeon.

"People buy flowers for themselves, for friends who have cancer, family members, neighbours," she said. "And people aren't just buying one or two bundles any more—they're buying three or four. There's not too many people in the world these days that aren't touched by cancer somehow, somewhere in their life. People know the more money we raise, the closer we get to a cure."

Dudgeon and her team of volunteers will be selling flowers at the Morden Friendship Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. next week Tuesday to Friday.

They'll also be in Manitou at the Pembina-Manitou CDC Office (315 Main St.) on the Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The campaign is already off to a fine start—the February

"THERE'S NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE THAT AREN'T TOUCHED BY CANCER SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE IN THEIR LIFE."

business canvass in Morden resulted in about 450 bunches being purchased for delivery to patients at the hospital.

That puts Dudgeon over \$3,000 to her goal of reaching at least \$8,000.

"So that gets us kind of halfway to where we want to be," she said, adding that the final campaign total will also include the proceeds collected from the daffodil pin donation boxes that will be distributed to businesses in April.

EXPANDING TO PLUM COULEE

Over in Winkler, Nettie Friesen is back for her second year as a Daffodil Days organizer.

Her goal is to double the \$4,400 brought in last year in the Winkler area.

"I think we can do it," she said, also stressing that this is a cause with a wide reach. "Everybody knows somebody that's been touched by cancer."

"That's the reason I'm doing it," she added. Friesen has lost her husband and several other family members to the disease over the years.

The Winkler campaign is already \$1,700 toward its goal thanks to the 242 bunches of flowers pre-purchased by Winkler businesses.

"I hope to see that number grow next year,"

Friesen said, noting this was the first time in several years the business canvass was done in the city, so it may take some time to get the word out again.

As far as next week's flower sales go, volunteers will be at the Winkler Co-op grocery store Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday and at Superstore and Walmart on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

For the first time, they'll also be setting up shop in Plum Coulee at Prairie Foods, the Plum Coulee Gas Bar, and the Senior Centre on the Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

On the volunteer front, the Winkler/Plum Coulee campaign is well-staffed, but they won't say no to more people wanting to help.

"If anybody wants to get involved they can always contact me," Friesen said. "If we don't use them this year we can definitely keep them on for next year."

You can reach Friesen at 204-331-4097.

Dudgeon is also looking for new people to help out with the Morden campaign. She's been heading it up for eight years now and would like to find a successor. You can reach her at 204-822-6207.



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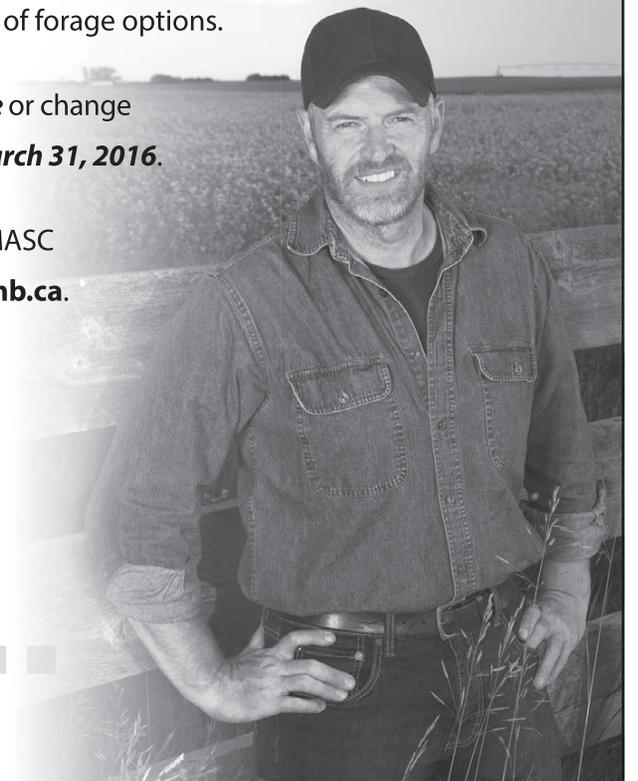
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Drumming up some exercise

By Lorne Stelmach

Her father is a drummer, and Rowan Francis also finds herself drawn to it.

As an active girl as well, it maybe wasn't surprising then to find Francis at the drumming fitness class in Morden last Friday afternoon.

"It's a change ... and it's a really cool workout. I like it," she said during a break in the March 4 class at the Access Event Centre.

The five-week fitness class is being offered to students in Gr. 5-8 as an after-school program by the City of Morden Community Services.

Combining the dynamic movements of dance with the energizing rhythms of the drum, drumming fitness uses an exercise ball with drumsticks

for a fun-filled brain and body workout.

Francis liked the combinations of the drumming with a variety of movements and music.

"I've also been really involved in a bunch of active things lately, and I do triathlons," she noted. "I just thought this would be a cool thing to do ... I like dancing and stuff like that, too. I like being active."

Instructor Deanna Baker of the Fittwell Centre suggested the music was a big part of what was drawing kids to this new class.

"The idea to engage the kids' brains with their body together and put music as the guide, as opposed to just an instructor or teacher ... it just gives them a different element," she said. "It keeps the fun in it, even though they're busier than they

think they are."

The exercise uses rhythm as its foundation and combines the benefits of group exercise, fast action with sticks, and body movement, Baker explained.

Its benefits include muscle and cardiovascular endurance, concentration and memory enhancement, and creative expression through movement.

The program is good for both beginners and anyone with some experience with drumming, Baker noted.

"To me, it's exciting ... when you can engage the brain and the body at the same time ... that to me is really essential, to keep them engaged."

Social media fast becoming a valuable crime-fighting tool

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler residents can share some of the credit for solving two recent thefts in the city.

Their involvement through social media quickly closed those cases, and they are more and more playing a significant role in tackling increasing crime in Winkler.

Police Chief Rick Hiebert said there are many cases that likely would have gone unsolved in the past that now are being solved thanks to the input of the community through outlets like Facebook and Twitter.

"Having the community take ownership together with us in this fashion has just been overwhelming. It has definitely helped solve a lot more crime than we would have otherwise."

The Winkler Police Service has been active in social media for a little more

than a year now. In that short time, they have attracted over 22,000 Facebook followers and are regularly seeing their posts liked 100 or 200 times and re-posted on over 10,000 timelines.

"We actually celebrated a milestone this week ... hitting over 1,000 Twitter followers," Hiebert noted. "That was something we didn't think would happen that quickly. I think Twitter is maybe not as popular in this region ... Facebook is the big social media."

The instantaneous involvement that is possible through engaging with the community through social media was illustrated with last week's thefts.

The police posted two photographs to help identify people of interest in these cases, and they received 10 tips in the first hour.

"IT HAS DEFINITELY HELPED SOLVE A LOT MORE CRIME THAN WE WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE."

One person in the photos showed up at the police office shortly after on their own, and the second one was apprehended later the same evening as a direct result of several tips from the public.

"Social media is fast becoming a major crime fighting tool in Winkler," said Hiebert. "If the offender is local to any degree ... the chances of us getting positive responses or tips through the media or from the public

is almost a hundred per cent."

Building this kind of engagement with the community is vital for the department, Hiebert stressed.

"For us, it helps humanize the police service, which was our initial intent," he said, "by allowing us to better connect and converse with the general public. Even more importantly, it provides a platform for our officers to share information quickly and to respond to tips from civilians."

"I would say the public response and support has been nothing short of overwhelming for us," Hiebert said. "We've really felt that the community has taken this ... and welcomed us."

"We're actually getting a real sense of people taking ownership of the community ... a community that works together to solve crime and make Winkler a safer place together."

Lions Toy Show takes over event centre March 19-20

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Lions Toy Show offers a trip down memory lane for many people.

Those who take in the 2016 show March 19-20 at the Access Event Centre are often drawn there with fond recollections of a favourite toy from their past.

"It's about reminiscing for some people," said organizer Don Holenski. "There's a lot of antique toys ... and there's a lot of unique toys. If you take the time to stop and look at things, there's things that you will not find in the stores."

The show features up to 100 tables with a variety of collectibles and toys both on display and for sale.

Holenski said there will be at least eight exhibitors with farm machinery toys and collectibles, and there will also be some interesting Lego creations set up, as well.

Others displays will feature model cars, including one exhibit from Vir-

en with something special to offer customers.

"They will custom build the cars for you ... if you have a certain model you would like, they will build it for you," said Holenski, offering the example of people working on pipelines wanting a replica of their welding trucks.

When you take in the show, you can also enter the draw for a chance to win a toy riding tractor.

"We raise money through that, and it will go to Katie Cares and the rehab unit at Boundary Trails Health Centre," said Holenski. "We generally donate around \$800 to \$900 through that draw."

The annual toy show was started by David Booker, who organized it for 10 years before the Lions Club took it over in 2011.

It is a well established event with many exhibitors returning year after year, said Holenski.

"We have exhibitors coming from the Steinbach area ... many from Winnipeg ... and locally from Morden

Raffle tickets for the chance to win this riding tractor will be available at the Morden Lions Toy Show next weekend. Funds go to Katie Cares and the BTHC rehab unit.



and Winkler, Crystal City ... and from Yorkton and Regina, as well," he said, suggesting events like this are fewer and farther between than they used to be. "I guess there aren't as many shows like this anymore ... a lot of them have gone by the wayside.

"It's well attended. We have people coming from all over to see what's available."

The show goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 19 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 20. Admission is \$2. Kids 12 and under get in for free with an adult.

Morden makes land swap deal with Western SD

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden and Western School Division have agreed on a land swap.

The exchange of properties will clear the way for plans to expand on the existing skate park on Wardrop between 1st St. and 2nd St.

City council approved the land expropriation bylaw at its Feb. 29 meeting.

The city wants to expand the skate park to the west of the existing facility, but that would involve land that had belonged to the division.

In exchange for that piece becoming city land, the division will get title to a piece on the west side of 2nd St. where the Morden Collegiate track extends onto city property.

In other business, city council approved a rezoning that clears the way for construction of a new church.

Sections of land on the west side of Eagle Dr. and north of Thornhill (west of the railway tracks) will be rezoned from commercial highway and community reserve to institutional use.

Triple E Developments is consolidating the now closed right of way for a future road with adjacent parcels to the north and south for the future construction of a church.

City council also approved a bor-

rowing bylaw for \$3 million. It is standard practice for municipalities to en-

sure they will have funds in place to meet their current expenditures until

the property taxes for the year have been approved and levied.

Pizza delivery driver robbed at gunpoint

Winkler police are investigating an armed robbery that took place early on Saturday.

They were called March 5 shortly after 1 a.m. by a pizza delivery driver who said he had just been robbed at gunpoint during a delivery to the Parkland hill.

The lone gunman demanded cash and ran off into the park after the driver complied.

Officers searched the area extensively but did not locate anyone in the park. The investigation continues.

Other items of interest in the Winkler and Morden police reports include:

- Two local Morden teens are facing numerous charges after their alleged involvement in a break and enter at Olympic Sports last Thursday night.

The store had been entered by smashing the front glass door. Numerous sporting good items were removed from the store and later

found hidden in a yard near the business.

Before leaving, the suspects also pushed the cash register onto the floor, turned off the furnace and several electrical breakers, and emptied a fire extinguisher inside the store.

The damages and theft came to over \$5,000.

As a result, a 16-year-old youth has been charged with breaking and entering, theft, breach of undertaking, escape of lawful custody, and causing a disturbance. He was remanded into custody to the Manitoba Youth Centre in Winnipeg.

A second youth, age 15, is also charged with theft under \$5,000 and breach of probation.

- A Winkler man is facing several charges after a woman came to police Feb. 29 about a number of incidents of domestic abuses which occurred over a period of three months.

The 24-year-old has been charged with three counts of assault, one count of sexual assault, and two

counts of breaching a probation order.

He appeared in court and was then released on conditions, including a weapons prohibition.

- Morden Police were called around 10:30 p.m. March 4 about people yelling and screaming on Maplewood Crescent. While on their way, officers received another call about a male and female yelling at each other.

Police arrived and saw a vehicle parked in the area and spoke with the two individuals.

The man told officers they had an argument but nothing physical had occurred, but they learned from witnesses that the man was seen fighting with his girlfriend and punching her on the ground.

As a result, the 43-year-old male from Morden is facing charges of domestic assault. The accused turned himself into police and will be appearing in Morden Provincial Court in March.

arts & culture

Big Band Concert in Roland March 19

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The community of Roland will be alive with the sounds of big band music next week as over 40 musicians descend on the town for a music reading workshop.

The 19th annual Roland Community Band Workshop sets up shop at the Roland United Church on Saturday, March 19.

Under the direction of Prairie Redcoat Band leader Bernard Helfter, participants will spend the day exploring a range of musical genres, says organizer Tom Neufeld.

"I think after 19 years it's really got a reputation of being a really great event," he said. "The selection of music is such a variety. There are things people are familiar with and lots of stuff they're not familiar with that they're being exposed to.

"There's always new people coming in and checking it out and then coming back the next year," Neufeld added. "We've got people coming down from Thompson, another guy coming down from Brandon ..."

The workshop will also feature the presentation of the 2016 Bob Day Memorial Community Band Member Award.

This award, created 18 years ago in memory of the late Winkler dentist who was a keen community band member and advocate, is presented to a band member who displays qualities of dedication, commitment and musical spirit.

After a day of musical camaraderie, participants will perform in the CBW Big Band Concert at the church at 7 p.m. Admission is free, though free-will donations will be accepted to thank the church for the use of their



Musicians from across Manitoba will gather in Roland March 19 for a day-long workshop, capping it off with a free public performance.

Next gallery chili bowl night coming up March 18

One of several arts events coming up this spring

By Lorne Stelmach

A popular annual fundraiser for the Pembina Hills Arts Council will double as a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

The arts council holds its annual chili bowl night fundraiser next Friday, March 18 at the gallery in downtown Morden.

"Because it was close to St. Patrick's Day, we decided to do it along that theme," said program and outreach co-ordinator Margie Hildebrand. "We are going to have some Irish soda bread and have some Irish beers here with it as well. So it should be a fun time."

The evening will also feature music by local group Tin Heart that includes band members Ryan Schroeder,

Donny Adri Putro, and Mark Friesen. Formed in 2013, they offer a sound that embraces a folk vibe, also combining elements of pop and jazz.

As always, the feature attraction is not only the bowl of chili but also getting it in a handcrafted piece of art you get to keep.

"The bowls are being made by our local potters. Everyone who comes will get a bowl of chili in a bowl of their choice and then they get to take the bowl home," said Hildebrand, suggesting that has always been a big draw for people. "I think people really kind of enjoy picking out their bowl ... and especially if they know the artist."

She said the annual evening has become a well established event for the arts council.

"It's always been a good fundraiser for us, and it's nice that is a chance to socialize," said Hildebrand, noting that fundraising is vital to the gallery and council.

"It's important to us," she said. "Part

space.

"It's all different types of music, so it ends up being a great concert," Neufeld said.

For more information on the work-

shop (musicians still have some time to register) or the concert, check out the Roland Community Band Workshop on Facebook or contact Neufeld at 204-343-2358.

of our funding comes from grants, but we need to keep having fundraisers to help keep everything running here and keep our programs going."

The event usually fills up, so you should get your tickets in advance.

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Morden group Lakes and Pines performs at the Pembina Hills Art Gallery on Wednesday, March 16. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Arts festival strings sessions on next week

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Festival of the Arts continues its 41st season with the strings in the spotlight next week.

Entries are up from 137 last year to 160 for the 2016 strings sessions. They will feature all levels from beginner to Grade 10 performing on violin, guitar, cello, and viola with both solos and duets.

Classes include baroque composer, sonata, romantic composer, 20th/21st century composer, concerto, classical composer, baroque/J.S. Bach unaccompanied, and Canadian composer.

They take place March 13-15 at the Morden Church of God and run Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Monday at 9 a.m., 1:15 p.m., and 7 p.m., and Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

This year's adjudicator is Karen

Barg, who began violin instruction at the age of four through the Suzuki program and continued her studies at the University of Manitoba and McGill University.

Barg has performed solo recitals for the last eleven years, performs with various professional string quartets as well as her own, and has enjoyed performing with touring acts such as Il Divo and Sarah Brightman.

Admission to the festival is \$2 per adult. Kids get in for free.

Programs containing all the details of the sessions are available at the Pharmasave, South Central Regional Library, Thornview Grocery and at all festival venues for \$4.

Up next will be the sacred evening March 20 followed by the piano sessions March 21-23, both taking place at Christ Lutheran Church.



Karen Barg is the adjudicator for the Morden Festival of the Arts' strings sessions running at the Morden Church of God March 13-15.

• HEALTH CORNER

Celebrate Nutrition Month with "100 meal journey"

March is Nutrition Month and this year's theme is "Take a 100 Meal Journey: Make Small Changes, One Meal at a Time."

Eating well can boost your health and help you feel your best. Want to eat better? Instead of trying to change everything all at once, take a 100 Meal Journey throughout the month of March.

Canadian's consume about 100 meals each month, so throughout March Registered Dietitians across Canada will be inspiring you with

ideas to help you make small changes supported by real-life strategies to help make those changes. Have you been thinking about make some changes to your diet? Look no further!

There are many complex personal, social, and environmental factors that influence eating behaviors.

According to a recent Cochrane Review, there is no single proven method that is most effective at creating

long-term dietary changes.

The goal of this year's campaign is to provide information and guidance to make it a little easier for you to improve the quality of your diet and manage portion sizes. Dietitians are the most trusted source of food and nutrition information for Canada's, providing evidence-based information, practical tips, and fresh ideas for help you with your behavior change.

Week 1: Get Ready

Take the pledge at www.Nutrition-Month2016.ca and join us for a month long journey of make small, sustainable changes.

Set a small S.M.A.R.T. goal to work on throughout Nutrition Month and beyond. You can track your eating habits to help you stick to your goals on Dietitians of Canada's eaTracker app for your smartphone. It will help you set goals, track habits, and get feedback along the way.

Week 2: Quality Counts

Nourishing foods promote health and can help you feel your best. Take small steps to bump up the quality of your meals and snacks: get clever with cooking, swap in nutrient-rich choices, and enjoy deliciously healthy foods.

Give your meals a nutritional boost by adding cooked lentils to your ground meat mixtures for more fiber (bonus: your meat will go farther and

save you money).

In a hurry? Blend frozen berries, yogurt, and milk for a super smoothie. Make it even better with baby spinach and ground flax.

Week 3: Prioritize Portion Size

When it comes to healthy eating, how much you eat can be just as important as what you eat. Eating portions that are too big can lead to overeating and weight gain. Try using smaller plates for meals—you'll eat less but still feel satisfied.

Week 4: Try Something New

Healthy eating tastes great! Keep

it interesting—try a new, delicious meal or snack idea. Check out some delicious new recipes at nutrition-month2016.ca.

Week 5: Make it Stick

Lack of time, eating out, holidays, and stress are all challenges that can sidetrack our healthy eating plans. Party time? Eat a snack before you go and you'll be less likely to overindulge.

For more healthy eating tips, or to get started on your 100 meal journey, consult a dietitian at your local medical centre.



By Tracey Zacharias, RD

> LAKES & PINES, FROM PG. 12

They are \$35 and are available at the gallery.

The arts council also has a number of other events in the works for the next few weeks.

Morden indie-folk group Lakes and Pines performs at the gallery Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

The arts council is also planning a spring break art camp from March 29 to April 1 from 10 a.m. to noon for ages six to 10. Registration is \$45.

Later in next month, the gallery's

next art bar painting party will take place April 22. In honour of it being 400 years since William Shakespeare's death, the theme will be *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The fifth module of the childrens' art academy also is in the works for this spring.

Other classes and workshops being finalized for all ages includes intermediate pottery, mosaics and oil painting among others.

To keep up-to-date on what is happening, go online to www.pembinahillsarts.com.



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Pembina Threshermen's Museum volunteers Betty Warkentin (above) and Alyce Klassen (left) with a few of the outfits they've created to wear at the pioneer village this summer. The two history buffs have been dressing up in period pieces at museum events for the last several years, amassing a huge collection of outfits.

PTM volunteers show off their vintage duds

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Some people stop by a thrift store and see old, dated clothes and house-

hold items long past their prime. Betty Warkentin and Alyce Klassen, however, see potential. The long-time Pembina Thresher-

men's Museum volunteers say thrift stores are a treasure trove of odds and ends that can be transformed into the ornate costumes they wear to help bring the museum's pioneer village to life.

"You can take a fancy tablecloth and you can make it into a shawl," says Warkentin. "Or you can take a bedsheet, a dust ruffle, and pillow cases and end up with a very nice outfit with frills on it."

"I go to the MCC store and I see a blouse that has a high neck and a high collar and I buy it, because we're doing Victorian and a proper Victorian lady would wear something like that," adds Klassen.

The ladies showcased several new

outfits they've created for the upcoming summer season at the museum during a special volunteer get-together there earlier this month.

"I make a lot of mine ... I have quite a vivid imagination and I can already imagine what it will look like pretty much before I get started," says Warkentin.

She's rapidly running out of closet space to store all her creations, which includes everything from hats and dresses to boots and parasols.

"I'm almost afraid to say how many I have," she says, laughing. She adds that she can't possibly pick a favourite because "every one is unique in its own way."

It's a similar story for Klassen, who says she gets to live out her love of history in a very real way each time to she dons one of her outfits.

"I have way too many clothes," she admits. On the upside, she points out that she's able to mix and match her many different blouses, dresses, coats, and hats to create a new look for just about every occasion. "I play around with them all and I can do so much interchanging."

It was with her mother that she first got involved playing vintage dress-up, Klassen says.

The two of them used to create detailed costumes to wear to Winkler's Old Time Value Days (the downtown precursor to the Harvest Festival and Exhibition).

"We would dress up and we would go into the costume contest and we'd win," she says. "It was always so much fun."



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The Little Mermaid comes to Manitou

By Lorne Stelmach

It's an exciting time for students and staff involved in the Prairie Spirit School Division musical production of *The Little Mermaid*.

It's not only because it is a well loved Disney tale, but also because of the venue for the production: this will be the first school production since the completion of the new addition to the Manitou Opera House.

Teacher and co-director Caitlin Cranmer said the renovations and additional space will be very beneficial to the cast and crew.

"The additions allow for our crew to have a lot more room to construct larger set pieces and for our cast to be able to maneuver around the backstage more quickly and fluidly," she said of the musical taking place March 17-20.

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the classic animated film, *The Little Mermaid* is a love

story for the ages, Cranmer said.

Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, wishes to pursue the human Prince Eric in the world above and bargains with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. But the bargain is not what it seems, and Ariel needs the help of her colorful friends—Flounder the fish, Scuttle the seagull, and Sebastian the crab—to restore order.

For Lexi Hacault, the opportunity to take on the role of Ariel was both exciting and a little daunting.

"It is every girl's dream to play a Disney princess and to get that opportunity is fantastic," she said. "One of the challenges of this role is living up to people's expectations of being a Disney princess. Ariel is a well-known character, so I hope to live up to who people see as Ariel."

It's a challenge the entire production will face as it brings such hits to life as "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World."



The Little Mermaid runs at the Manitou Opera House March 17-20.

"People know this story and can sing and sway along with our upbeat songs and dance numbers," said Cranmer. The production offers a fantastic creative opportunity for rich costumes and sets, she noted, and they are having fun utilizing bubble machines, lighting, and unforgettable costumes to create the underwater world.

There are nearly 50 kids in Gr. 7-12 in the cast and crew hailing from all over the school division—from Pilot Mound and Darlingford to Snowflake and Notre Dame.

"We also have an amazing amount of adult teachers, supervisors and

specialists who help to teach the cast and crew all about theatre ... from singing on key and dancing on beat to making sets and costumes to leading our orchestra," Cranmer said.

The Little Mermaid runs Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. as well as a 12:30 p.m. matinee on the Friday and 2:30 p.m. matinees on the Saturday and Sunday.

Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students, and \$6 for children under 12. Tickets at the door are \$15, \$10 and \$6. Tickets are available at CJ's Convenience Store, Nellie McClung Collegiate and the Manitou Opera House.

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Add value to your home with these renovations



Certain projects have a history of providing a greater return on homeowners' investments than others. The following renovation tips can add beauty to your home and generate great returns when you put the home up for sale.

- Invest in your kitchen. Kitchen remodels are a safe bet when it comes to putting money into improving a home. Residents tend to spend a great deal of time in the kitchen, but a dated, poorly functioning kitchen can detract from the value of a home, even if the rest of the home is in good shape. It's possible to recoup between 60 and 120 percent of your kitchen remodel investment, especially if the kitchen matches up well with the rest of your home. Homeowners should know that a deluxe renovation may not be necessary, as relatively moderate improvements can create a whole new look for a kitchen.

- Look to paint. One of the least expensive improvement materials, but one that has a significant impact, is paint. Neutral, modern colors can easily liven up any space. If you paint with low-VOC paint, you also can advertise an eco-friendly home, which is very desirable these days.

- Put in another bathroom. Multiple bathrooms are an attractive selling point, particularly in older homes that may not have been equipped with more than one bathroom. Finding extra space for a bathroom can be tricky, but consider closets, areas under stairs or even taking some space away from another room. Popular home-improvement television channel HGTV advises that half-bathrooms require at least 18 square feet of space, while full baths need 30 to 35 square feet for a stand-up shower or bathtub.

- Renovate the HVAC system. Aesthetic improvements aren't the only ones that add value to a home. Many home buyers are eager to purchase a home that has a new heating and cooling system, as buyers understand that furnaces and air conditioning units are substantial investments that can last for years. Other improvements, such as adding attic insulation or replacing older windows and doors with more energy efficient options, also are smart bets.

- Add illumination to rooms. A dark home is a dreary home. Adding light can mean including more overhead and accent lighting. Under-cabinet task lighting is a nice touch. Inclusion of skylights and sun tubes can bring natural light into rooms that may not have south- or west-facing windows.

- Put a deck addition outdoors. Outdoor living spaces have become more desire-

able, especially as the "staycation" has grown in popularity. Decks and patios can make backyards more appealing. The scope of your investment will depend on the size of the deck and design. Doing the work yourself can cut the cost of decks in half, but only if you have the specific tools or experience to tackle such a project.

- Improve curb appeal. Adding attractive landscaping and freshening up the entryway to a home can add considerable value to your home, as buyers judge homes by their exteriors. Completely renovated interiors may never be seen if buyers pass up your home because of a less attractive exterior. Classy, subtle changes, like well-placed shrubbery and a green lawn, can work wonders. An inviting front door and well-lit entryway also add curb appeal to a home.

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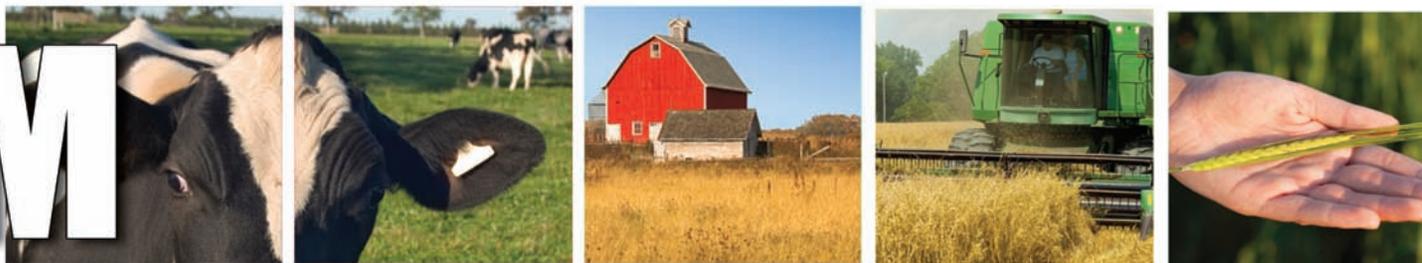
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Your FARM



Suncrest Colony opens up new hog barn

By Harry Siemens

Suncrest Colony near Steinbach celebrated the opening of the first new hog barn in Manitoba in seven years with an open house last Friday.

"Seven years is a long time and it reflects some of the dynamics that have greatly affected the Manitoba industry including the U.S.-Canada dollar exchange rate, U.S. Country of Origin Labeling, industry low margins, and a moratorium on new sow barns imposed by the Manitoba government in all of Manitoba," said Jim Long, the president of Genesis Genetics, at the celebration. "These four points combined with general lack of enthusiasm (bullishness) in the Manitoba swine industry has led to next to no new barn infrastructure investment for the last decade."

Long says this in itself leads to an aging barn and equipment inventory and, over time, if there is no new investment, the natural evolution will be to lower production as facilities go out of business.

"It's not that aging barns can't get production: Suncrest's old barns have achieved 30 pigs per sow and

growth rate hovers around 160 days all in barns that are approaching forty years old," says Long, a hog commentator in addition to selling genetics to farms like Suncrest Colony. "Stockmanship trumps facilities in most any scenario."

Bob Kleinsasser, the hog boss at Suncrest, says the new barn is built with the latest technologies, including a Big Dutchman ESF system, the Gestal feeding system in lactation, and the latest equipment and feeders from Crystal Spring. Several hundred industry people came out last

week to see all this new technology for themselves.

"By nature, most if not all of us in the swine industry are optimistic people," says Long. "We saw a new barn built to last with the best technology designed by people who know pigs. It was fantastic to be with the Suncrest Colony people as they celebrated a big investment in the future. Faith in themselves and in the swine industry."

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Bob Kleinsasser, Suncrest Colony hog boss, Jason Manness, director of procurement for Maple Leaf Foods, and Jim Long, president of Genesis Genetics, at Suncrest Colony sow barn open house last Friday.

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Report outlines how to improve our transport systems

By Harry Siemens

Ever since the beginning of transportation systems, governments keep trying to make them more efficient.

David Emerson, a former Harper cabinet minister, had the task of heading up the latest review of our nation's transport systems.

The report, *Pathways: Connecting Canada's Transportation System to the World*, is the product of a review of the Canadian transportation system and the legal and regulatory frameworks which govern it, including the Canada Transportation Act.

Emerson held consultations and received advice from a broad range of transportation interests, other governments, experts, and members of the public.

"A recurring theme in the report is the inseparable relationship between Canada's international trade performance and the quality of the transportation and logistics systems," he says. "As a small, geographically dispersed trading economy, access to a globally competitive transportation system is vital to the prosperity of the country, the competitiveness of industry, the sustainability of communities and the ease with which Canadians can travel."

Emerson says the advent of globalization has fundamentally altered the nature of industry and the evolving role of transportation and logistics in achieving competitive success. Not surprisingly, governments must also adapt policy and regulatory approaches to secure the competitive position of the country.

"The report makes significant recommendations on government decision-making and regulatory frameworks to reflect best practices in other jurisdictions," says Emerson. "A swath of specific recommendations deal with the transport of grain, Canada's trade gateways and corridors, the north, climate change, technology and innovation, accessibility, as well as recommendations relating to each major mode of transport."

In his 268-page report, tabled in the House of Commons on March 3, Emerson says Western Canada's grain transportation system needs to evolve "to a more commercially grounded framework."

That modernization, he said, should include major reforms, leading to the elimination of the Maximum Revenue Entitlement (MRE), which limits the amount of income Canada's two class one railways (Canadian National and Canadian Pacific) can earn shipping regulated prairie grain.

Producer organizations who depend so heavily on this mode of transportation for moving grain were quick to respond to the report's recommendations.

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association says the report includes several positive ideas, but misses on certain key issues on enhancing greater competition and service in rail shipping.

"Farmers have seen it very clearly for some time that major changes are needed in railway service for shippers, and it's good to see some of it recognized in the Emerson review" says Jeff Prosko, who chairs the association's transportation committee. "As we said in our submission to the re-

view, 'farmers end up shouldering the cost of system failures,' and this has to change."

Prosko says farmers produce and export tens of millions of tonnes—and billions of dollars—in wheat and other grains from western Canada every year. Improved rail service for grain shippers is paramount to getting the grain to customers here at home and abroad, including to key markets in Asia.

"We encourage the government to accept and implement the key recommendations on railway service, some of which would help create a more competitive market and incent greater investment in the grain industry," said Prosko. "However, grain growers also need to see much greater competition and increased capacity among the railways—we can't keep losing customers and valuable export markets due to system failures."

On the other hand, the Wheat Growers like the idea of modernizing the MRE program, improving level

of service provisions (including for producer car shippers), performance standards, reciprocity, and creation of a dispute resolution unit within the Canadian Transportation Agency to address level of service issues and complaints.

The Wheat Growers believe some form of rate regulation around the MRE will likely still be necessary in seven years, given the lack of competition among railways and the lack of alternative market channels for large segments of the prairie farm economy.

Increased competition among railways, as well as expansion in the livestock and processing sectors, is essential before any real discussion takes place of the MRE being done away with completely.

"Further, the extended interswitching provision of 160 km should not automatically sunset this summer, as that will reduce competition rather than expand it," says Prosko.



Why a new barn is cause for celebration

By Harry Siemens

The other two articles this week's deal with a hog barn opening as a major event. Why? Simply because the chances of more opening anytime soon are actually quite remote.

When last did going to a hog barn opening feel like a celebration? There was a time when producers were opening them so fast that they didn't want to tell anyone for fear of retribution in various forms.

In some cases, farmers would build hog barns and maybe five, six, or ten years later someone would start a housing development, and before you'd know it, a hue and cry would develop from those living in the housing development, now a budding community.

Nobody would stop to think of who had actually come first: the hog barn or the housing development?

While the vast majority of producers would treat their neighbors

well—meaning dealing with the manure properly and keeping the smell down most of the time—invariably a bad apple, a sloppy hog barn worker, or even a negligent producer would upset the apple (or manure) cart and all producers were then painted with the same brush.

A few days of hog barn manure smells would more often than not convince some people that every day smelled the same.

To make a long story short, after convincing themselves that hog manure runs uphill in January, people in the NDP government in Manitoba under the direction of then Premier Gary Doer came up with the idea we stop all hog production expansion in Manitoba.

Hence, an event to celebrate when finally a Colony builds a new hog barn, the first in seven years in this great province.

Shifting gears, my good friend and mentor Orion Samuelson asks the

question: Are we irrational about our food?

In my opinion many folks are, and some in the farming industry—especially some in leadership—think we must stand up and say yes we are, and try to head those people off at the pass, thinking mingling with them and their ilk will be a good thing.

Orion confesses right off the bat that he's not a nutritionist or a dietitian, and certainly not a medical doctor.

"I do, however, have some food questions of my own to add to those I get from readers and listeners every day," he says.

These include asking for definitions of natural, pure, wholesome, and locally-grown when it comes to food.

"Since we refuse to exercise personal responsibility to make our

Smile cookies raise nearly \$10K

Management and staff of Tim Hortons in Morden (at right) and Winkler received a big thank you from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler for their support of the organization through the Smile Cookie campaign. Created as a way for each store to give back to their communities, the two locations this past year raised \$9,800 for Big Brothers. "It's up by quite a bit," said owner Linda Doerksen. "We're so pleased to be able to do this every year and to increase the dollar value. It's exciting for our staff to be able to do it." Michael Penner, director of Big Brothers, said they are "thankful for them, their support, and also the community for coming out. The money that they raise for us each and every year goes a long way to help us help kids in the community."

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Braun House moved to its new foundation

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"I've always been interested in old-fashioned things because I love history," she adds. "And I'm very happy to be able to use all of this here now at the museum."

It's a chance to "go back in time, in a different sort of way," agrees Warkentin. "I enjoy meeting the people here and just kind of parading around the museum, the village, displaying what you've made ... it always puts a smile on people's faces."

Museum manager Kim Striemer says it's volunteers like Warkentin and Klassen who help put the museum on the map.

"It's what brings it alive. It literally is what's setting us apart from other museums," she says. "People walk in and it's like a step out of the world and all the sudden they're in the past."

The ladies' enthusiasm for dressing up is contagious, Striemer says.

"It's exciting to see somebody have that kind of passion," she says, adding that PTM volunteers are always welcome to come dressed in costume. "Maybe something like this is intimidating to them, but they can start with our 'Tickle Trunk,' borrow an outfit from there, and then a few events later they're bringing things of their own to wear, and it evolves. It just makes it so much fun."

But, warns Klassen, it can definitely be an addicting sort of hobby.

"This is a very good pastime, but once you start, it's so hard to stop. You just keep adding to your collection."

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum will officially open for the season in mid May, but things are already hopping at the Hwy. 3 attraction.

Just last week, the Braun House was moved to its new foundation a

few feet away from the old. The higher foundation will help prevent future decay of the century-old log cabin.

"It's on a new foundation, but there's still quite a bit of work to be

done," Striemer says. "The windows and doors have to be restored. The floor has to still be put in ... then we have to put all of the artifacts back in ..."

Still, the plan is to have the building open for tours by the summer.

To stay on top of what's going on at PTM, check them out online at www.threshermuseum.com.

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Claude Vielfaure, the chief operator officer with Hylife, said at the event that to maintain the viability of Manitoba's pork production and processing industries there is a need to replace older hog finishing barns and add new ones.

"It's been quite a few years that we haven't been able to build barns in Manitoba and so our facilities today are actually getting old," he says. "You need to be replacing a certain portion of your facilities on a yearly basis, so we're way behind the eight-ball on that one."

Industry people at the open house kept talking about the importance of

finally getting a new barn built and operating, but one in seven years is a far cry from the 100-200 new barns some feel the province needs to keep up to demand.

Vielfaure says Manitoba Pork's research on the cost of finishing barns shows it's certainly at a fairly bigger price than it was 10 years ago.

"Cost of a finishing barn is probably close to doubled in the last 10 to 15 years and it's a fairly significant number and so you need to be able to pay it off," he says. "It's not only about building a barn but being competitive and being able to pay for that facility."

While good to see a new sow barn, Vielfaure adds that it's not so much about building sow barns or nurseries—it's about finishing barns.

Jason Manness, procurement manager of Maple Leaf Foods, agrees.

Building sow barns and shipping Isoweans, baby piglets, and 50 and 80 pounds south does nothing for the packing industry in Manitoba, he says.

"We have over three million pigs a year that go across the border to the U.S. that could certainly be finished in Manitoba and make this industry a lot more sustainable and viable long-term," says Vielfaure.

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own decisions today, we will probably turn to a government agency to make those definitions for us," says Samuelson. "I think most of us know what's good for us, so why do we need the government to issue dietary guidelines?"

How true it is. Ask a person who swears by organic foods. I have no problem with them eating organic, but don't make it a religion and make me eat them too.

"And what about locally-grown?" asks Samuelson. "I like the idea of supporting local farmers, but if you live in a winter climate, that means you face six months without fresh fruits and vegetables, and if you live

in a grain producing area, where do you get beef, poultry, dairy, pork and poultry products?"

Then, there are the labels, he says.

"'Gluten-free'—if you have celiac disease, doctors tell me you absolutely must eat gluten-free; if not, you might be missing some healthy nutrients your body needs.

"'GMO-free.' Why? We have been consuming foods containing GMOs for decades and I have yet to see a death certificate listing that as a cause of death; 150 scientific studies world-wide say no danger.

"'No preservatives.' Does that mean the food I purchase is going to spoil before I have a chance to enjoy

it when I get it home?

"'No hormones.' I see dozens of hormone products for humans advertised on TV every week. If they are so great for humans, why are they so bad for livestock?"

"'No antibiotics.' When humans get sick, doctors prescribe antibiotics to kill whatever bug we have, why shouldn't we be able to do the same with livestock?"

I like this one: "Free Range Chicken.' When I see that on a restaurant menu I immediately move on to the next item. Why? Because I remember what our chickens ate in the barnyard on our Wisconsin dairy farm."

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Hawks fight to avoid elimination

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks were in a fight for their playoff lives as the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League post-season continued this week.

They went into game four of their best-of-five semi-final Wednesday in Portage facing possible elimination after falling behind two games to one to the Central Plains Capitals on the weekend.

The Hawks had a good bounce back effort Saturday in taking game two 5-1 in Portage, but the trend of the road teams winning continued Sunday with the Capitals taking it 2-1 in double overtime in Morden.

Central Plains got the upper hand in the series last week Wednesday with a pair of third period goals to take game one 4-2.

Hawks coach Dana Bell said they knew it would be a tough battle with Pembina Valley and Central Plains a close second and third in the regular season and having split their season series with two wins apiece.

"It's been good hockey. Both teams are battling hard. They obviously both want to move on to the next round," said Bell.

"It's a lot of back and forth with good physical play. There's a couple things we've got to get a little bit better ... get pucks through, get them to the net.

"Hopefully, if we can do that, we'll take it to them."

The Hawks and Capitals traded goals in the first and second to leave game one tied at one after the first and at two by the second intermission.

Makenzie McCallum and Sage McElroy Scott scored for Pembina Valley, while Sheridan Oswald had a pair of goals and a three point night for the Capitals including the winner in the third period. Oswald converted on an odd man rush that saw her drill



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The Pembina Valley Hawks' Megan Neduzak escapes the defense of Capitals Kelly-Rae Zdan and Amy Klippenstein in Sunday's 2-1 OT playoff loss in Morden.

a great shot under the bar short side. The Capitals sealed the deal with a long empty netter off a bank shot from their own end.

Taylor Reimer made 20 saves in the Hawks goal while McKenna Wild had 21 for the Capitals including several key saves down the stretch.

Pembina Valley came out strong in game two and built commanding 2-0 and 5-0 leads at the intermissions.

They set the tone just 16 seconds in when Dearsley picked a loose puck out of the corner and moved into the high slot, ripping a shot that deflected off Alderson. The scoring was spread

out with goals from Alderson, McCallum, Chelsea Dearsley, Ginny Grenier and Katelyn Heppner.

Halle Oswald came up with 41 saves to backstop the Hawks to the victory.

In game three Sunday, the first overtime was a defensive affair, although Sage McElroy-Scott did have a glorious opportunity to put the game away for the Hawks when she got a defenseman to cough up the puck and she skated in alone. But a great move and quick shot was stopped.

The fifth period ended quickly when a turnover in the Hawks zone led to a quick pass up the middle, where the

Caps star Sheridan Oswald ripped a shot past Halle Oswald.

Heppner had the lone goal for the Hawks in the second period.

If Pembina Valley was able to extend the series in game four Wednesday, the fifth and deciding game will be this Saturday in Morden.

In the other semi-final, the first place Yellowhead Chiefs had a 2-1 lead on the fourth place Westman Wildcats at press time.

After taking game one 2-0, the Wildcats snuck away with a narrow 1-0 win Friday in game two but then fell 3-1 in game three Sunday.

Flyers finish season in third

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers wrapped up their last week of regular season hockey on a mixed note, but held on to their spot in the top three.

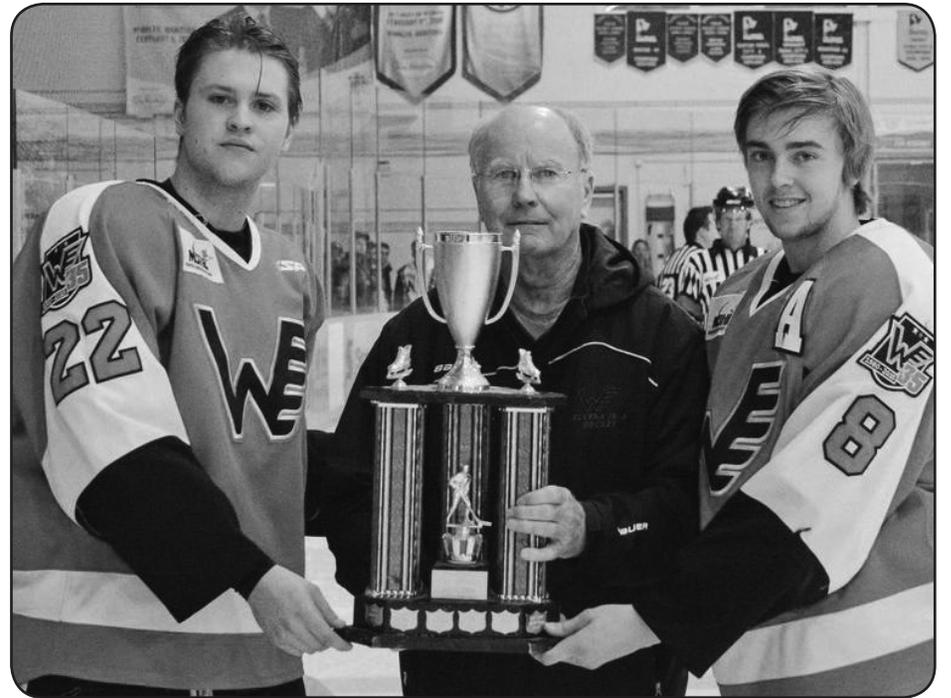
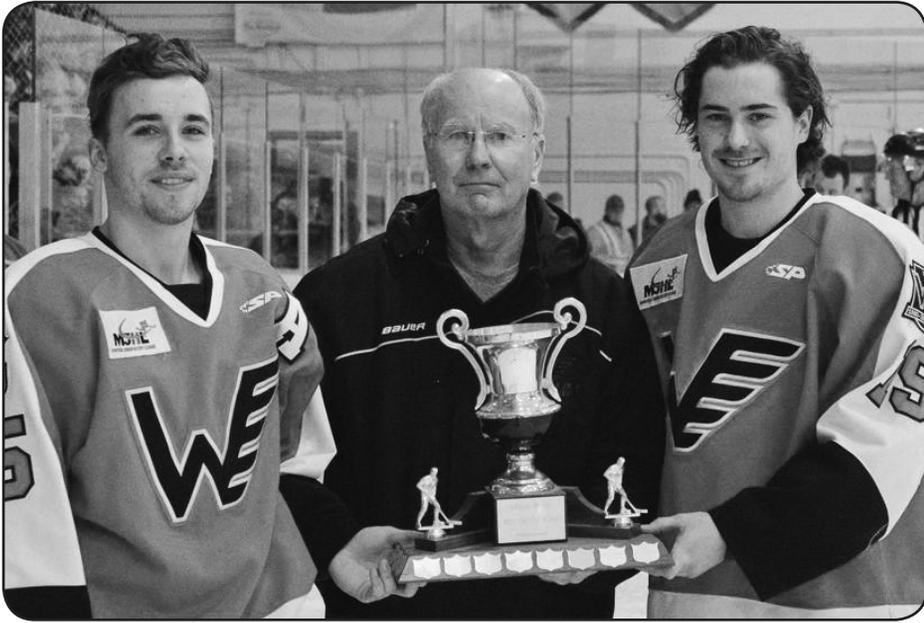
First up, on March 1, the team made good in their final home game of the season by downing the Selkirk Steelers 7-2.

Winkler's lengthy list of scorers included Tristan Keck with two and

Jordan Williamson, Jeff Michiels, Jordan Wall, Scott Gall, and Cam Whyte with singles.

In net, Nathan Warren slapped

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Flyers hand out the hardware

At their final home game of the regular season last week, the Winkler Flyers honoured their best and brightest with the 2015-16 team awards:

Rookie of the Year: Tyler Jubenvill.
Jubenvill has excelled during his first year of junior hockey. He has helped anchor a Flyer powerplay that has been among the best in the league all season long—doubling the Flyers efficiency in special teams situations from a year ago.

He currently leads the first-year Flyers with 25 assists, has recorded seven multi-point games to this point in his rookie campaign, and has been named to the MJHL All-Rookie Team.

**Best Defensive Player:
Connor Harmonic**

Awarded to the player deemed to

make the greatest defensive contribution on a nightly basis, Harmonic consistently matches up against the opposition's top offensive players.

In his third season with the team, this co-captain has been a vital part of a Flyer penalty kill that ranks second in the MJHL.

He is amongst the team leaders in time on ice and is one of only four players to play in all 58 regular season games this season.

Coach's Award: Kayden Jarvis

This award is given to a player who has provided steady, consistent play all season long.

Jarvis, who is in his second year with the team and is assistant captain this season, ranks near the top of the Flyers in virtually all statistical categories, but his best attribute is his abil-

WINKLER FLYERS PHOTOS BY RYAN SAWATZKY

Flyers president Dan Giesbrecht presented the team's awards March 1, including the MVP Award to Cam Whyte and Tristan Keck (left) and the Most Valuable Defenseman to Zak Hicks and Lawson McDonald.

ity to not only elevate his play, but also the play of his linemates on any given night.

Most Valuable Defenseman: Zak Hicks and Lawson McDonald
Hicks and McDonald have both had exceptional years in all areas and so were chosen to share this award.

Hicks has led the league in scoring by a defenceman all season long, and despite missing the last month due to injury, remains in a three-way tie for the scoring lead.

In addition, he has been involved in more power play goals than any other member of the Winkler Flyers, plays key minutes in all situations, and was named to the MJHL Second All-Star Team in this, his third and final year in junior hockey.

McDonald also plays key minutes in all situations and ranks second among Flyer defenceman in scoring. He also leads the D-Core with a +30

plus/minus rating.

Most Valuable Player: Cam Whyte and Tristan Keck

Together, Whyte and Keck have become the highest scoring duo in the league.

Whyte is a third-year Flyer who sits second on the team in scoring and fifth among goal scorers in the lead. He leads the team with a +42 ranking and has scored a goal in more games than any of his teammates, having scored 30 out of 58 games this season.

Keck currently ranks third in the league in points as he tries to chase down his second consecutive 40 goal season. He has once again been named as an MJHL First Team All-Star after recording 10 multi-goal and 21 multi-point games. And in his fourth and final campaign as a Winkler Flyer, this assistant captain also owns a +41 plus/minus rating through 58 games played.

Flyers face Blizzard in first round of playoffs

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away 31 of 33 shots as the Flyers out-shot Selkirk 36-33.

It was a much closer game in Neepawa against the Natives on March 4, which saw the home team up 4-0 by midway through the second period.

Winkler came to life, then, with a goal from Coltyn Bates at 12:35,

while Jordan Wall brought the team within two of tying early in the third.

It was Scott Gall who evened the score before time ran out, scoring twice in the final three minutes to send the game to a scoreless extra frame and then to a shootout.

Winkler lost the game when all three of their shooters—Gall, Whyte, and Williamson—missed the mark, while the Natives' third shot slipped

past Connor Slipp to give Neepawa the game 5-4.

In all, Winkler was up on shots 45-25, with Slipp making 31 saves.

That brings Winkler's record to 42-13-5, giving them 89 points for third place in the MJHL standings. They trail the first place Portage Terriers and the second place Steinbach Pistons.

The Flyers now turn their atten-

tion to the first round of playoffs, in which they'll face the sixth place OCN Blizzard.

The best-of-seven series kicks off Thursday and Friday in Winkler at 7:30 p.m., followed by games three and four next Monday and Tuesday at OCN.

Winkler and OCN played six games against each other in the regular season, with Winkler winning four.

Morden Thunder retain Zone 4 hockey title

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Thunder earned their second Zone 4 boys hockey championship in a row with a nail-biter of a win last Friday night.

Brendan Turnbull led his team to victory by scoring the overtime winner—his third goal of the game—with a little over four minutes to go in the extra frame to help Morden down the Prairie Mountain Mustangs 6-5.

The Thunder headed into game two of the best-of-three series feeling pretty good after their 3-0 victory of a few nights before.

That game saw Morden dominate with goals from Brayden Jonasson and Keane Boucher in the first and Turnbull in the second, with Jesse Ross slapping away all 30 shots sent his way in net.

Friday night's game began with an Evan Wuerch goal that got Morden up 1-0 just a couple of minutes in, though the Mustangs' Jeremie Goderis scored soon after to send things to period two tied at 1-1.

There, Morden's Jonasson and Turnbull scored within seconds of each other to take a 3-1 lead.

Prairie Mountain's Dylan Ducquay responded with a goal in the final four minutes, which Morden's Boucher answered in kind.

Turnbull scored his second to make it 5-2 for the Thunder early in the third, but the Mustangs' Eli Carels scored twice in quick succession to help his team claw their way back into things. Then Goderis got the tying goal past Ross (who made 30 saves overall this game) with just 2:37 to go to send the game into overtime.

There, Turnbull completed his hat trick to earn his team the banner for the second straight year.

Thunder forward Cade Kowalski was named the MVP for the playoffs with four goals and 17 points in six games.

ZODIACS PROVINCIALS-BOUND

The GVC Zodiacs boys varsity team



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Thunder captain Brendan Turnbull scores one of his three goals of the night en route to Morden's second straight Zone 4 hockey championship win.

is provincials-bound after coming out ahead 67-56 over Crocus Plains in the interzone championship March 3.

The team was led by Tom Prazak with 16 points and 14 rebounds. Travis Klassen posted 13 points and eight rebounds.

Winkler will compete in the AAAA provincials in Winnipeg later this month.

The other local teams found themselves knocked out of the playoffs/

provincial berths last week.

The Zodiacs girls team ended their season with a 56-45 loss to Crocus Plains in their interzone match on March 3.

The Morden Thunder boys team bested W.C. Miller 68-84 in the first round of Zone playoffs, but then fell to Sanford 76-30.

Ditto the Thunder girls, who bested Altona 58-27 and then fell to Sanford 67-46.

Redskins oust Maroons in SEMHL semi-finals

Will face Carman Beavers or Portage Islanders in championship finals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins are awaiting the results of the Carman Beavers versus Portage Islanders semi-finals to see who they'll take on for the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League championship.

Carman leads that series three games to two, with game six taking place this Thursday, March 10.

Morden, meanwhile, put the Altona Maroons out of their misery last week.

The Redskins were up 2-0 in the series (having won game one 3-0 and game two 5-2 the week before) heading into the March 1 game three in Altona, which went to the home team 2-0.

Morden bounced back in game four with another close win on March 3, this time by 2-1.

Graham Leiding got the Redskins

in the game in the second period, tying things at 1-1. Steve Mullin then got the game winner in the third on a power play.

Reed Peters earned the win in net, making 21 saves as Morden outshot Altona 32-22.

That made game five back in Altona do-or-die for the Maroons, who opted for the latter.

After a scoreless opening frame, Jay Fehr bookended the second with a pair of goals, while Peters turned away all comers in net.

Period three saw two more come from Chris Reimer, including an empty-netter in the final three minutes, while Peters (despite his team being outshot 38-23) continued to stand firm for a 4-0 shutout victory.

And so the back-to-back champion Redskins are now poised to defend their title next week. Check out semhl.net for the schedule.



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The Morden Redskins made short work of the Altona Maroons last Thursday, taking game four 2-1. Morden ultimately took the series 4-1 to advance to the final round of SEMHL playoffs.

New GVC wrestling team finding success in the ring

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate's newest sports team is doing well its first year competing.

The Winkler high school has introduced freestyle wrestling to its athletic roster this year.

Despite having never before taken to the mat, several of the wrestling Zodiacs have brought home medals from the three tournaments they've competed in thus far.

"For the first year of the program, I've been pretty happy with it," says head coach Jake Sailer. "It's been a good turn-out and they've enjoyed it a lot."

An avid wrestler himself as a youth, Sailer thought GVC would benefit from starting up a squad.

"It teaches kids a good work ethic," he says. "It's not an easy sport, so you've got to work hard to get better at it ... you have to mentally tough, as well, to succeed."

The team has attracted up to 18 members so far, a mix of males and females.

One of the students whose interest was piqued last fall when the squad was formed is Joana Klassen, Gr. 12.

"It was something new, something I hadn't ever done before," she says. "And it just looked like fun."

Klassen brought home a bronze medal from the team's most recent match at St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg last weekend, following up on a near-flawless 5-1 record from the previous two tournaments earlier in the year.

"It's very nerve-racking, still" stepping into the ring, she says. "But it's been a good experience. I don't think I'll take it anywhere, but just doing this and learning some self-defence

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as well, it's been good."

Fellow high school senior Taya Wiebe brought home silver last weekend, losing her first match of the event to a wrestler from The Pas before winning her next three straight.

"I play quite a few sports, but this is amazing and different from anything I've ever done," she says. "It's not easy, and it's something none of us have ever done before, so it's very new. We're all learning a lot and it's been very fun."

Learning to execute a variety of wrestling moves has been a highlight for Terry Wall, who says he always loved play wrestling with his brothers growing up.

"This has definitely been worth it. I've learned a lot more than I thought I would, actually," he says. "It's not just 'go and throw them to the ground.' There's techniques you have to know that I didn't know about."

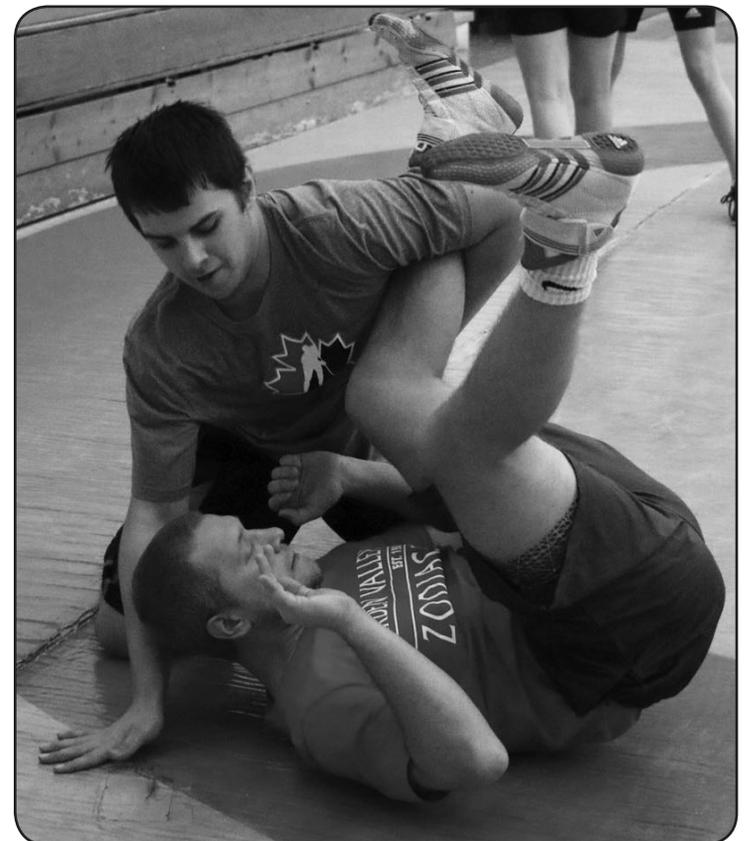
Wall went down in GVC history as earning the school's very first wrestling win at a match in Winnipeg in January.

Since then, he's earned silver at each tournament he's competed in, including last weekend's.

"I'll definitely be back next year," the Gr. 11 student says, adding with a laugh: "It's a lot of fun and you get to



Garden Valley Collegiate wrestling squad members (and coach Jake Sailer, who is getting pinned at right) practise last Friday in advance of attending their third competition of the season over the weekend. The Zodiacs brought home several medals from the event.



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throw people around."

Other medal winners at last weekend's tournament include Hannah Doerksen (silver), Jasmine Wolfe (bronze), Kendra Suderman (bronze), and Ayla Reimer (bronze).

Since wrestling isn't yet an official

Manitoba High School Athletic Association sport, the squad competes at Manitoba Amateur Wrestling Association events.

Their next tournament are the provincials behind held March 18-19 at Elmwood High School in Winnipeg.

Winkler Wild soccer registration is March 14

By Lorne Stelmach

The beautiful game is also a growing one in Winkler.

Now entering its sixth season, the Winkler Wild Soccer Club began with one team in 2011 but is now expecting it will field six teams in 2016.

The Winkler Wild are part of the Pembina Valley Soccer League and play games with Morden, Carman, Elm Creek, and Notre Dame.

Teams practice one or two times per week starting as soon as field conditions permit and play 10 games during May and June.

This year will include several different branches of soccer programming, and those wanting to get involved can sign up at the 2016 season registration night March 14 at the Winkler Arena from 6:30-8 p.m.

The programs include a U12 (female and male born in 2004, 2005, and

2006) as well as a U15 (female and male born in 2001, 2002 and 2003).

The registration fee of \$90 helps cover costs including field rental, referee fees, MSA membership and insurance, equipment and uniforms.

There will also be a premiere team for the Winnipeg Youth Soccer League in the U15 category (males born in 2001 and 2002) with a registration fee of \$110

Players at this level will typically

have three field sessions per week. Games will take place mainly in Winkler, but also in Winnipeg or Brandon.

To help keep pace with its development, the Winkler Wild Soccer Club also hopes to expand the volunteer base in some areas. Volunteers are needed not only for coaching but also to serve as referee assignor, public relations, sponsors, maintenance, uniform and equipment manager.

Breakfast Club wraps up another rewarding season

By Lorne Stelmach

They get to start their day with a bit of hockey and then sit down to a hearty breakfast.

The Morden Breakfast Club program never fails to give its kids a fun and worthwhile time, and that makes it rewarding for the volunteers who make it happen.

"It's what keeps us coming back," said Shawn Dias, one of the organizers of the winter program, which wrapped up for the season late last month. "The kids make it worth it ... their smiling faces, and they are there because they want to be there."

"It's volunteering our time, but they're also volunteering to participate, and it's something that they want to be there for, so that makes a difference."

The weekly breakfast club was started in 2008 as a free time for any youth aged four to 16 to have a fun learning environment for some hockey skills development followed by a good breakfast. It runs from November through to February every winter.

Dias is joined in running the on-ice part of the program by its founder, Brian McElroy, alongside volunteers Gerry Leiding and Ryan Hutton.

The participants receive one hour of

on-ice instruction followed by breakfast of pancakes, waffles, sausages, juice, milk and more.

Breakfast supplies are generously donated by Giant Tiger, and a core group of volunteers busily prepare the food while the kids are on the ice. Megan Dias and Peter Fehr have been among the steady help in the kitchen.

Dias said the numbers have remained fairly consistent since it started, ranging from an average of about 30 kids up to 40.

"Every year, you get probably about a third new kids," Dias said. "And lots of kids return, probably two-thirds are coming back year after year."

Obvious benefits are that it is free and the youth get a good full hearty breakfast, but Dias said they also get good skills training out of it and enjoy their time on the ice.

"They get out on the ice in a pretty fun learning environment," he said.

"We split the kids up into three stations on the ice, and we have three instructors. It's not set up like a typical minor hockey practice, so sometimes it's something a little bit different from what they are getting," said Dias.

"For some of the kids, they don't play any hockey except for coming out to breakfast club every week,"



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Kids involved in the Morden Breakfast Club held their final session last month, enjoying early morning hockey skills training followed by a hearty breakfast.

he added. "We've had about consistently six kids who weren't involved in minor hockey or rec. hockey. Then we have some participants who are involved in rec. hockey on Saturday mornings."

Dias noted they are grateful for the sponsors including Giant Tiger, City of Morden, Morden Minor Hockey, and Hockey Manitoba as well as the volunteers for making it another successful year.

Twisters finish in third

By Lorne Stelmach

It's always better to head into the playoffs on a winning note.

After a brief late season slump that included four straight losses, the Pembina Valley Twisters closed out the regular season in a strong way.

They went into their Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League quarter-final this week having won six of their last eight and seven of ten, with two of those losses coming in overtime.

It meant a solid third place finish for the Twisters, who hosted the sixth place St. James Canucks Tuesday in Morris in game one of their best of seven first round series.

Pembina Valley closed it out with a solid 5-2 win over the second place Charleswood Hawks Sunday after having earlier seen its three game winning streak come to an end in falling 3-2 to the Stonewall Jets in overtime Wednesday.

The Twisters ran into a hot team Wednesday as Stonewall came to Morris riding a four game winning streak.

It was a battle of two closely matched teams, and it was reflected on the ice as the shots on goal ended up even at 41. Morgan Wall made 38 saves in the Pembina Valley goal.

After the Jets opened scoring in the first period, Jamie Van der Linde

scored his fifth at 2:33 of the second on a powerplay to tie the game. Stonewall took the lead again at 9:19 of the third but Twisters' leading scorer Fraser Mirrlees replied soon after with his 29th on another powerplay at 10:24.

After falling behind 2-1 after one Sunday, the Twisters evened it at 2-2 in the second then took control in the third. Corey Mazinke scored the winner at 5:43 and then Cade Kowalski made it a two goal cushion at 16:46 with Mirrlees closing it out with his 30th into an empty net.

Matt Mazinke and Bryce Dusik also scored for Pembina Valley, while Gavin Klassen made 37 saves with the Hawks holding a 39-36 edge in shots on goal.

The Twisters finished with a 27-12-6 record for 60 points, just one back of Charleswood while the Raiders took first place at 68 points.

Pembina Valley's quarter-final opponent, the St. James Canucks, ended up sixth at 24-18-3 for 51 points. The Twisters took the first three regular season match-ups before losing the last two of the season series.

Game two of the quarter-final series moved to St. James Thursday with game three then back in Morris Sunday and game four in the city next Tuesday.

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Play-off standings							
Swan Valley Stampers	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Selkirk Steelers	1	1	0	0	2	6	5
Dauphin Kings	1	0	0	1	1	5	6
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Wolverines	1	0	1	0	0	3	4
Neepawa Natives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCN Blizzard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portage Terriers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steinbach Pistons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virde Oil Capitals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winkler Flyers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg Blues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Semi Final (Best of 7)
- Morden Redskins defeats Altona Maroons 4 games to 1
Semi Final (Best of 7)
- Portage Islanders vs Carman Beavers
Carman leads Portage 3 games to 2 at press time

AAA BANTAM

HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Pembina Valley PV Hawks	3	2	1	0	4	9	9
Interlake Lightning	2	1	1	0	2	6	5
Parkland Rangers	2	1	1	0	2	5	6
Southwest Cougars	3	1	2	0	2	9	9

MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Play-offs - Semi finals Pembina Valley vs Central Plains
Central Plains leads series 2 games to 1 at press time
STATS AS OF TUESDAY, Mar. 8

MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR

HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	45	32	9	4	68	181	123
Charleswood Hawks	45	27	11	7	61	163	126
Pembina Valley Twisters	45	27	12	6	60	179	139
Stonewall Jets	45	26	17	2	54	171	139
St. Vital Victorias	45	24	17	4	52	164	154
St. James Canucks	45	24	18	3	51	165	155
St. Boniface Riels	45	20	20	5	45	152	170
Transcona Railer Express	45	19	23	3	41	159	191
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Managed by:



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Sudoku Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

- Birds
- Quills
- Coniferous tree
- Type of vessels
- Used for baking or drying
- Promotion of product or service
- Many wombs
- "On the Waterfront" actor
- Air conditioning
- Heart condition
- Curved shapes
- The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Let it stand
- Famous actor
- Mated
- High and low are types of these
- Marsupial
- African nation (Fr.)
- Huge
- Mountainous area in Puerto Rico
- Crooked
- Canadian law enforcers (abbr.)
- Neat and smart in appearance
- Intent
- Reptile genus
- A way to make full
- Merchant
- Michigan
- Manifesting approval
- Melancholic music
- Massachusetts
- Membrane of the cornea
- Calendar month
- Exam
- Commission
- Old English letters

CLUES DOWN

- Olfactory sensations
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- Turn up
- Bright
- Thick piece of something
- Cause to absorb water

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- Morning
- 0 degrees C.
- Dull, heavy sounds
- Eisaku __, Japanese Prime Minister
- Tellurium
- In an angry way
- Homopterous insect
- Above
- Sodium
- Aoris' father (Greek myth.)
- They ring receipts
- Periods of history
- South Dakota
- Mammal genus
- Scotland's longest river
- Potato state
- __ City, OK 74641
- Connected with touch
- Molding

- High-energy physics
- Of I
- Small pieces of bread
- Third day in Armenian calendar
- They accompany the leader
- 1,000 grams (kilogram)
- Felis domesticus
- Large, flightless birds
- Felt deep affection for
- Suffer death
- Private rendezvous (pl.)
- Not the winner
- Touchdown
- Ancient Egyptian sun god
- Portuguese parish
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UPCOMING EVENTS

The 20th Annual Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum Induction Dinner will be held in Morden on June 4, 2016. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Jack Hrehirchuk at 204-638-6923/204-648-6395 or jhrehirchuk@wcgwave.ca, David Olsen at 204-284-8728 or dholsen@mymts.net, or Joe Wiwchar at 204-822-4636 or mbbbhof@mymts.net. Deadline for ticket sales is May 15, 2016.

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COMING EVENTS

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Roland United Church Hall

March 19 • 7:00 pm

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CAREERS



Buhler Trading Inc. a leading manufacturer in agricultural equipment is currently seeking a

SERVICE PARTS MANAGER

To join our team in the MST Warehouse, located in Morden, Manitoba. This position will oversee the Morden, MB, Fargo, ND and Blair, NE parts warehouses.

REPORTS TO: SERVICE MANAGER

The Service Parts Manager is responsible for running a profitable and efficient parts department. He/she will accomplish objectives through the use of proper purchasing procedures, inventory control, and staff utilization. The Service Parts Manager is responsible for managing inventory based on demand and cost targets. They must be able to maintain stock at a level that enables internal servicing and Dealer servicing to complete their work without delay. However, they must also avoid the costs of carrying excessive inventory. The Service Parts Manager must have knowledge of stock-control systems so that they can effectively record and analyze the movement of parts.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Forecast goals and objectives for the department and strive to meet them.
- Strive for harmony and teamwork with all other departments and Dealer network.
- Work with the Service Manager to ensure a timely turnaround of parts needed.
- Prepare and administer an annual operating budget for the parts department.
- Attend managers' meetings.
- Understand and comply with federal, provincial, and local regulations that may affect parts sales.
- Train, motivate, counsel, and monitor the performance of all parts department staff.
- Direct and schedule the activities of all parts department employees.
- Provide technical assistance to parts department employees.
- Conduct meetings with parts department employees to discuss activities and problems of mutual interest and to develop strategies for a more efficient operation.
- Develop, enforce and monitor guidelines for working with customers to ensure maximum customer satisfaction.
- Handle customer complaints immediately and according to Buhler Industries - Farm King Guidelines.
- Monitor and adjust inventory to minimize obsolescence.
- Train all employees to work efficiently with all customers and parts and ensure effectiveness of all warehouse operations according to objectives and prepare appropriate forecasts.
- Develop effective parts processes for both internal and external customers and maintain an inventory for all service departments
- Identify and resolve all issues in parts department and ensure achievement of all short and long term objectives.
- Ensure and maintain effective training standards for all employees.

Qualifications:

- High school diploma or the equivalent.
- Ability to read and comprehend instructions and information.
- One to Five years of supervisory experience.
- Five years of experience in a service parts department.
- Excellent communication and managerial skills.
- Ability to operate the department profitably within Buhler Industries - Farm King Guidelines.
- Professional personal appearance.
- Excellent English language skills
- Experience with green screen an asset

Salary will commiserate based on experience and we offer a comprehensive benefits package.

Please forward you resume in confidence to:

Jennifer Wood, HR Manager
Buhler Trading Inc.
301 Mountain Street South, Morden, MB R6M 1X7
Email: jwood@buhlerindustries.com
We thank you for your interest in the position but only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

CAREERS



301 Mountain Street South
Morden, MB R6M 1X7

Design Engineer

Buhler Trading Inc. (division of Buhler Industries Inc.) / Farm King; are an agricultural farm equipment manufacturer located in Morden, MB.

Job Summary:

As a member of our design engineering team, you will participate in design activities, calculations, communications, drawings, and bills of materials and will be accountable for the completion of engineering design tasks from concept to implementation into production.

Key Duties & Responsibilities:

- Creation of engineering designs that meet project specifications, cost targets, technical standards and are within manufacturing abilities
- Perform engineering calculations and analysis to ensure compliance with design criteria and all applicable standards
- Complete testing of components and systems to ensure product fit, performance and reliability
- Complete engineering drawings and release documents in accordance with engineering procedures
- Provide engineering support to production, quality assurance, purchasing, shipping and customer service support

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science in Engineering or Diploma of Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Three to five years of experience in engineering
- Proficiency in 3D CAD modeling, preferably in AutoDesk Inventor
- Ability to work and contribute to a team orientated environment
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Experience in machine design or manufacturing will be considered an asset
- Good mechanical aptitude and knowledge are important for this role
- Preference will be given to those with agricultural equipment or farming background

We offer a competitive benefits package. Please forward your application in confidence to:

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Thank you for your interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

CAREERS

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Is now accepting applications for the 2016 swim season:

LIFEGUARDS/INSTRUCTORS

1. 16 years of age or older
2. Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard Service Award and Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Certificate
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4. St. John Ambulance Standard First Aid Certificate or equivalent

Preference will be given to those candidates who hold the Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Certificate.

RECEPTIONIST - Casual Postion

- 15 years of age or older
- Be good with people, friendly and outgoing personality
- Has experience with computers specifically Microsoft Word & Excel
- Interested in becoming a lifeguard would be an asset
- Self-motivated
- Comfortable and fluent working with money

Wages will be based on the combination of training and experience. Full time, part time and casual positions available.

Recertification incentives for returning employees.

New and returning employees please submit a resume.

To apply, please forward resume and photocopies of documents verifying qualifications to the following address by March 31, 2016

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Please email resume and three samples of work to:
Nicole Kapusta - Production Manager
adproofsrtv@mymts.net



PUBLIC NOTICE

Winkler Kid's Korner Nursery School

FALL REGISTRATION

Winkler EMM Church (Southview Dr.) - South Entrance

Mon., March 22, 2016 from 6:30-7:30 PM

- 3 year old program - Tues AM or PM (\$160.00)
- 1 day 4 year old program - Wed AM or PM (\$160.00)
- 2 day 4 year old program - Mon/Thurs AM or PM (\$320.00)

Please Note:

- You MUST bring a \$75 non-refundable deposit, a post dated cheque covering the remainder of the fee and MHSC Card to complete registration

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NOTICE OF WINKLER CO-OP ANNUAL MEETING

March 22, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

WINKLER MB CHURCH

120 Pineview Drive, Winkler

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINKLER CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider:

1. Financial Statements
2. Report of the Board
3. Election of 3 Directors
4. Auditors Report
5. Appointment of External Auditors
6. Any other business authorized by the by-laws to be transacted at an Annual Meeting of Members

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PUBLIC NOTICE



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Morden Area Foundation Seeks Nominations for Outstanding Community Volunteer of the Year for 2015

Do you know a person whose exemplary volunteer efforts have demonstrated dedication, leadership and citizenship?

Their service to the community (or to one or more community organizations), will have occurred over an extended period of time and not focused on a singular event or activity. All nominees must reside in the City of Morden or the immediate surrounding RM of Stanley.

Nominations are reviewed by a committee of former Volunteer of the Year recipients. The recipient is chosen based on length of service, the legacy created, impact on the community / organization and the breadth of the individual's impact.

Deadline for all nominations is Tuesday, March 31. The public award reception will be held in April. Nomination form is online at www.mordenfoundation.ca or call Lynda MacLean, Executive Director at 822-5614 or email at info@mordenfoundation.ca or stop by the office at 100 - 379 Stephen Street, Morden, MB for more information.

This event is sponsored by the Winkler and Morden Co-op.

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IN MEMORIAM



Ken Warkentin
May 11, 1950 – March 9, 2006

"Those we hold most dear
Never truly leave us – they live on
In the kindness they showed,
The comfort they shared,
And the love they brought into our lives." (I. Norton)

-Remembering with love, Linda
Phil and Elisabeth (Astrid, Jakob)
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IN MEMORIAM

Kaitlyn Marie Reimer
1997 – 2012

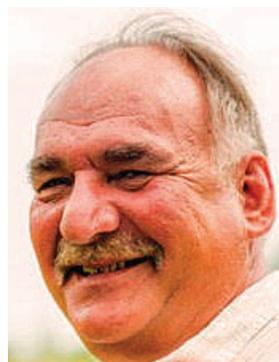
On angel's wings you were taken,
But in our hearts you will stay;
And in God's light you will rest,
Until we meet again someday.
-Grandma and Grandpa Reimer

IN MEMORIAM

Thiessen – Dueck
In loving memory of our
Father and Grandfather
Ben P. Thiessen
Mother and Grandmother
Nettie Thiessen
Sister and Aunt Grace Dueck

I often lay awake at night
And take a walk down memory lane,
With tears upon my cheek.
Remembering you is easy,
But missing you is a
Heartache that never goes away.
I hold you tightly within my heart,
And there you will remain.
-Sadly missed and lovingly remembered
by the family

OBITUARY



Alvin Barke
1957 – 2016

It is with deep sadness the family announces the sudden passing of Alvin Barke on Monday, February 29, 2016. He was born October 2, 1957 in Morden, MB.

Leaving to mourn, are his wife, Colleen; daughters, Stephanie (Devin) Boulton and Alicia McCracken of Manitou. He also leaves behind grandchildren, Kiera, Thomas, William; sisters, Linda (Doug) Griffin, Delilah (Glen) Kippen, Larry and Gisele Barke and many nieces, nephews and great nieces, nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Eric (1994), Gertrude (2010) and sister Jo-Anne (2011).

He grew up on the family farm north of Thornhill raising cattle and growing crops. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved the outdoors, farming, fishing, camping and quading.

Funeral service was held Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Zion Lutheran Church in Morden with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

If so desired, donations may be made in Alvin's memory to a charity of your choice.

Our sincere thanks for words of comfort and support given at this difficult time. Also thank you to Rev. Alex Klages for the service, Ladies Auxiliary for the lunch they provided, and Wiebe Funeral Homes Ltd. for making all the arrangements.

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wiebefuneralhomes.com



OBITUARY



Leona Verna Friesen (nee Fehr)
1939 – 2016

On Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Helen Klassen aged 94 years went to her eternal rest.

Helena was born in Gnadenthal, Russia in 1921, immigrated to Canada on the 17th of August 1923 landing in Quebec and grew up in Blumenort, MB. After completing grade eight, she spent a year at Bible School. On September 18, 1943, she married Jacob K. Klassen. They moved and lived in a myriad of places following Jake's stream of professions and jobs. They were blessed with three girls, Helen, Amanda and Rosanna.

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters and sons-in-law, Amanda and Michael Geist, Rosanna and David Wilson and son-in-law, Henry Rempel and Anneliese Baerg as well as her grandchildren. Joshua Wilson, Brenlee Rempel, Garret and Karen Rempel whose family consists of Caleb, Zachary, Ethan, Tate, Vance and Piper. We all loved grandma and great grandma so much! She is also survived by four sisters, two brothers and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, J.K. Klassen on May 26, 2000; her daughter, Helen on February 9, 1992 as well as six sisters and one brother.

Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church with a private interment prior at the Blumenort Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



George Elias
1932 – 2016

George Elias was born to parents Peter S and Helena (nee Siemens) Elias on April 20, 1932 in Haskett, Manitoba. He was the youngest of eight children, four brothers and three sisters.

He was baptized upon the confession of his faith in 1952 and joined the Rudnerweider Church in Glencross MB. He married Mary Friesen from Blumenfeld on October 25, 1953. They were blessed with three children, Mary Anne, Linda and Alvin.

He grew up on the farm west of Haskett and took over the farm from his parents and remained there for 50 years. His ventures included, building snowblowers, turkey farming, manufacturing drill carriers, and a whole dynamic of repair work for family, friends and neighbours. He was one of the caretakers of the Haskett Cemetery, trustee in the Haskett and Garden Valley School Division, spent almost two years in the Stoney Mountain Prison Ministry, 10 years to the Portage Boys Home Ministry, all the while meeting a lot of wonderful people along the way. Together with Pete Dyck, he was the cofounder of the Cripple Creek Music Festival, which has run for 34 years. They moved to Winkler in 1998 and he continued to help Alvin on the farm, even helping to take the crop off last fall with great pride and joy. Dad picked up the fiddle when he was 14 years old and learned by listening to WSM Grand Ole Opry every Saturday night. Dad continued to play his fiddle until the Friday before his passing. His family and friends were very important to him. Going to McDonald's for coffee in the evenings was a highlight for many great discussions. After our family gatherings he would always comment 'That was another great day!' His faith was the cornerstone of his life. He ministered through his music which gave him great joy and fulfillment. His words to live by were, "Never trade the truth for Peace," and "Nothing Runs Like A Deere".

He is survived by wife Mary (nee Friesen); daughter, Mary Anne (Brian) Elston of Brandon; daughter, Linda (Art) Neufeld west of Osterwick; son, Alvin (Leah) Elias of Haskett; grandchildren, Chandra Elston of Brandon, Dallas (Charity) Elston Macklin, SK, Velda Neufeld (Adam Chaboyer) of St. Norbert, Kendra (Corey) Derksen Winkler, Kayla Elias Haskett and great grandchildren, Amanda, Eli and Brianne Elston of Macklin SK.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Winkler EMMC with interment prior to the service at Haskett Cemetery. If friends so desire, donations may be made in George's memory to the Gideon Memorial Bible Plan.

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