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Abe Dueck, Martha Bergen, Sabrina Neufeld, Sandra Banman, Trish Gerbrandt, and Marvin Plett served up hundreds of pancake meals at the Winkler Christmas Cheerboard's annual Holly Jolly Breakfast Saturday. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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# Holly Jolly Breakfast raises \$6,400 for Cheerboard

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Central Station was alive with the smell of pancakes and sausages and the sounds of Christmas music Saturday morning as the Winkler and District Christmas Cheerboard hosted its annual Holly Jolly Breakfast.

The kickoff to this year's fundraising drive fed upwards of 250 people and raised \$6,400, shared Cheerboard president Crystal Rempel.

"At first, because we had so many volunteers and everything went so smoothly, we were wondering: is this less [people] than last year?" she said. "But we just didn't bottleneck—we had enough pancakes all the time, so no one had to wait."

The breakfast is a great way to launch the Cheerboard's campaign, which this year aims to raise \$130,000 to put together holiday care packages for families in need next month.

"It just makes for such an enjoyable morning," Rempel said. "It's not like you're eating and running off—you get to have good fellowship with

those around you, listen to some good music, and support a good cause."

The fast-moving line Saturday was thanks in part to the crew of Winkler firefighters who came to help dish out the food.

Firefighter Henry Giesbrecht says the department is always keen to lend a hand when it comes to spreading Christmas cheer.

"They're just a great organization," he said of the Cheerboard. "They do a lot for the community and we want to be a part of that."

To that end, the Winkler Fire Department is in the midst of firming up plans for their annual Cheerboard hockey game, which will see them square off against the Winkler Flyers on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 4 p.m. at the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

"We're playing the Flyers for the third year in a row," Giesbrecht said. "I believe we're 1-1, so we're hoping to up the average for us this year."

The afternoon will include raffle prizes, a 50/50 draw, and a few fun activities between periods. Admis-



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The line for breakfast moved quickly at the Cheerboard's Holly Jolly Breakfast Saturday, held at Central Station Community Centre. Right: Mayor Henry Siemens chats with the Winkler Fire Department's Tina Wolf at the coffee station.



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## MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

The Cheerboard anticipates distributing around 440 hampers on Dec. 11. Each one will include a grocery gift card (its value tied to how big the recipient family is) and presents of toys and gift cards for any children in the household.

In addition to the upcoming charity hockey game, there are a number of other opportunities to support the Winkler Cheerboard over the next few weeks.

On Friday, Nov. 15, the Emmanuel

Mennonite Church is hosting a fundraising supper for the Cheerboard from 5-7 p.m. Tim Hortons is also doing its Holiday Smile Cookie Week in both Winkler and Morden from Nov. 18-24, with proceeds from the sale of cookies going to the local campaigns. And the Gardenland Co-op grocery store will be accepting donations at the till.

"We've got a short time, so we've got to make the most of it," Rempel said, thanking everyone who has stepped up to make these fundraising events happen.

You can also donate online at [winklercheerboard.com](http://winklercheerboard.com).

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# Cutting the ribbon on Winkler Elementary's new office

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's oldest school got a welcome facelift this summer, and last week they got the chance to show it off.

Garden Valley School Division staff and trustees gathered at Winkler Elementary School Oct. 29 to cut the ribbon on the new main office.

"This has been a long time coming, and we know that it's definitely something that WES has needed for some time," said superintendent Dan Ward.

The renovation, which transformed two classrooms located beside the school's main entrance on 8th St., not only provides a larger, more modern space for staff and visitors, but also addresses safety concerns.

The old office was located in the heart of the building, a good walk down the hall from the nearest entrance. The new office's interior windows now look out over the entrance foyer.

"Of course, the esthetics is amazing. However, what struck me was the safety," GVSD board chair Leah Klassen said. "The fact that when we walked in I was in the complete eye line of who was working at the desk—you can see who's coming in."

It also makes it easier for visitors, who must check in when entering the school, to find the office, Klassen noted.

The office includes a spacious main desk area, a row of student study carrels, a nurse's office, offices for the principal and vice-principal, and, new for the school, a dedicated board/meeting room.

WES principal Jordan James said the project has gotten a big thumbs-up from staff and students alike.

"We feel just very fortunate," he said. "It's something that was really needed, and now that we have it up and running and we get to see it in use, we realize how needed it was

and we just appreciate it very much."

The board room, for one, is a welcome addition, James said, as now "we have a place where we can meet with the staff and the families. It makes a huge difference in our day to day."

The old office space will eventually be turned into a new classroom and also be used to expand the teacher's lounge, which WES has long outgrown.

"We have a pretty large staff here at WES, and we would like a space where we could all be able to gather together," James said, noting there's no timeline yet on when those renos will begin. "That's the goal down the road. For now, we're just grateful for the office."

Klassen noted that while GVSD has built a number of new schools in recent years, it's important to ensure its older facilities—part of Winkler Elementary was built in the 1950s—are continually maintained and upgraded to meet current needs.

"The board of the day as well as boards previous have absolutely been concentrated on making sure that all our schools are functioning well," she said, "and that they are looking nice, that people can be excited and proud of going to school in whichever school that you're going to."

Some of the improvement projects—new roofs, heating/cooling systems—aren't all that flashy or even noticeable to visitors, but they are integral.

"Those are all items that the school board grapples with, and they're all big-ticket items," Klassen said, noting another major project this past summer was redoing the link between J.R. Walkof School's main building and the set of portable classrooms that have become a permanent part of the campus.

"Our contractor and our own staff did a great job there," added Ward. "As they did here [at WES], they worked through the summer."



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Winkler Elementary School students Emayah Wall and Lance Tianchon joined (from left) vice-principal Hayley Friesen, GVSD board chair Leah Klassen, and principal Jordan James in cutting the ribbon on the school's new office Oct. 29.

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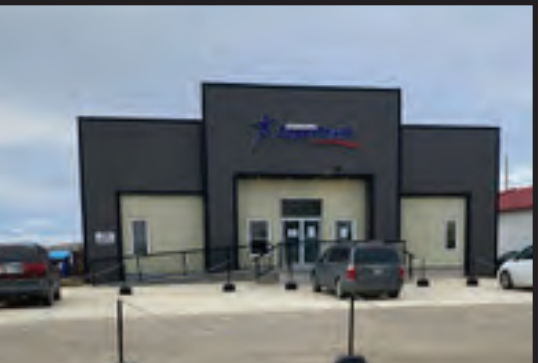
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There were a variety of games, crafts and fun activities last Thursday as the Morden Family Resource Centre invited families to celebrate Halloween at its location in the lower level of the Morden Alliance Church. The come-and-go morning had the support of Fehr Glass and Aluminum as a sponsor, while the Enns family donated pumpkins for the superheroes, princesses, and dinosaurs to carve.

# Tykes mark Halloween with MFRC party



# Morden Cheer Board kicks off '24 campaign

By Lorne Stelmach

is gearing up for what it anticipates will be another holiday season of in-

creased need.

The cheer board last year had anticipated there would be a significant demand that would at least match the previous year's numbers, which included just over 300 hampers that helped just over 800 people. The final tally came in at 364 hampers for a 20 per cent increase.

"We're anticipating a large need again in our community. The need has been increasing steadily," said board representative Allison Wiens.

"It is a challenge. We want to make

sure that we are able to provide hampers for everyone who is needing one. We're working hard at having more events this season to try to raise some more awareness and raise some more money.

"It's our goal to bring families that need a little extra support just a little bit of extra cheer," said Wiens, who suggested the pandemic really had an impact on the level of need. "I also think we just have a growing commu-

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nity in Morden ... so in general, things are just more expensive to purchase, so it is harder for families."

Applications for hampers are online at [mordenchristmascheer.com](http://mordenchristmascheer.com). The deadline for submission is Dec. 10.

The cheer board will accept donations of non-perishable food up to Dec. 16, but if you want to contribute toys and books, they would like to have those a few weeks ahead of the hamper delivery date of Dec. 18.

"We do gift cards for the food ... but we do still collect non-perishable food and divide that among the hampers, and we do still collect new unwrapped toys and new books as well," Wiens explained.

There are a few events in the coming weeks where you can support the cheer board.

On Nov. 16, there will be a story and holiday craft event at the Morden Library at 10 a.m. Admission is \$20. All ages are welcome. E-mail [mordenchristmascheerpr@gmail.com](mailto:mordenchristmascheerpr@gmail.com) by Nov. 12 if you'd like to take part.

Tim Hortons' Holiday Smile Cook-

ie Week runs Nov. 18-24, with partial proceeds from cookie sales going to the cheer board.

Another annual tradition back again is the Morden Thunder Christmas Cheer game where they play against a team of firefighters and police. It is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 29.

As well, the cheer board will be on hand the evening of Nov. 23 for the annual City of Morden tree lighting celebration at the civic centre.

You can also watch out for donation boxes around Morden in various businesses starting around the middle of November, and there are various businesses that also

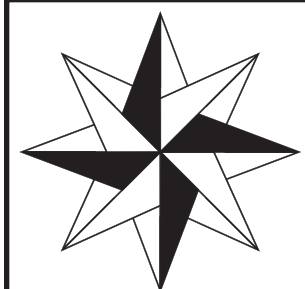
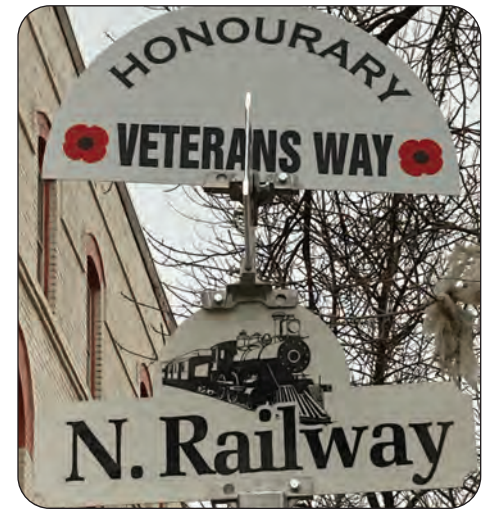
do their own fundraisers to support Christmas cheer. For example, an Oct. 30 fundraiser was done at the Hope Thrift Store and led to a contribution of over \$3,200.

"Every year we are just overwhelmed by the amount of cash support and the food and the toys that we get donated," Wiens said. "We couldn't do without all the donations that we get."

"WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT ALL THE DONATIONS THAT WE GET."



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Morden councillor Doug Frost, Morden Legion rep. Bob Frost, Mayor Nancy Penner, and Councillor Garry Hiebert gathered outside the Legion Monday to officially recognize the honorary renaming of North Railway as Veteran's Way. "I think to have a visual sign commemorating our veterans is a special way to remember them," said Penner. "It's a prominent way to show respect for their service to our country."



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grant announcements, well over \$1M will have been awarded to deserving community initiatives.

The past 30 years has included many noteworthy milestones for the Foundation, including surpassing the \$1M mark in 2011. Then President Chad Friesen remarked at the time, "Sometimes it can be a difficult sell to convince people to give a \$100 donation to the Foundation that only pays out interest, as opposed to spending the money on something immediate. You have to remember that this is a legacy give and that \$100 is not only going to give back to the

community this year, but for years to come." That proof is evident in the 60 plus grants that have been awarded in the years since those comments were made 13 years ago.

A cause for celebration also occurred in spring of 2024 with the announcement

by original board member Robert Martens that the Altona Community Foundation would receive \$750,000 as a contribution known as the Thomas Sill Fund. This transformative contribution will enable additional annual financial contributions to the foundation.



Another series of community financial partnerships will be announced this fall to coincide with the 2024 Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge which will be held Nov. 12 - 17. For every \$5 contributed to the Altona Community Foundation during the annual Giving Challenge Week, an additional \$2 will be "stretched" by The Winnipeg Foundation and Manitoba government.

Gifts can be made by credit card online through [endowMB.org](http://endowMB.org) or [altonacommunityfoundation.com](http://altonacommunityfoundation.com). Cheque donations will be accepted at Access Credit Union, Altona from Nov. 12 - 15, or with any board member.

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## Moment of silence

I watched some children romp through the mall the other day, each proudly wearing a bright, red poppy.

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Perhaps she said, "This is to remember the soldiers who fought in the war" as she carefully pinned the plastic flowers to the front of their hooded sweatshirts. They might have nodded solemnly, in response to their mother's suddenly serious tone. And then, they scampered off, asking themselves, "What is war?"

As a child, the idea of war was so remote to me. We'd sing, "Faith of Our Fathers" in assembly at school. Somebody would inevitably recite, "In Flanders Fields" followed by that long moment of silence.

I remember scrambling for something to think about. I listened to the kid next to me breathing. Somebody sneezed. I stared at my shoes. It felt so strange having 200 kids together in one room, with no one making a sound.

As a kid, what do you think about during the moment of silence?

I thought to myself, "This is about soldiers, right? I'll think about sol-

diers. Hmm. Let's see. Yeah. Soldiers fighting. Wounded soldiers lying on stretchers, looking very sick. Uniforms. Guns. I wonder what my mom put in my lunch today. War... War is about people fighting. People dying, in countries far away. Hey, there's a hole in my shoe. Think. Think."

And then, a bugle sounded, and it was over.

Kids and teachers filed out of the room, the noise returned, and we headed back to our classrooms. Back to books, and desks and stuff we could relate to.

My thoughts are a bit less distracted now. At my age, I've known the sting of loss, so while I can't relate to a death on the battlefield, I can sympathize with how the survivors must have felt. And the ages of the fallen sound awfully young to me now.

My mind drifts to old newsreels I saw on CBC. All the images were black and white. Even now, when I think about war, it's all black and white, or in sepia tones. War was distant, like the stuff we saw in the movies. It seems wrong to watch the news and see a person wearing the same jeans I'm wearing, in full colour, running from bombs. You expect to see

them in clothing from another era, like the '30s and '40s. And yet, here's someone in a Nike sweatshirt, holding a cell phone. There's a woman with professional blonde highlights in her hair, holding a kid with a Peppa Pig T-shirt.

"This is wrong," my mind screams. War should be something you read about in history books. It's not supposed to happen in my time, or my children's time.

What do you think about during the moment of silence?

Your to-do list for the day? The free coffee and doughnuts at the front of the assembly hall? If you never had a loved one fight or die in any military event, it's hard to relate to the fading photos of the unbelievably young soldiers who were lost in battle.

During the moment of silence, my kids tell me they thought about the "storming the beaches of Normandy" scene in the movie *Saving Private Ryan*. Trust Hollywood to make it real, I suppose.

Some of us simply count our blessings, thanking God that we live in a country that, so far, doesn't draft young people into combat. We're thankful that our reality doesn't include bomb shelters. And thankful that our moment of silence isn't broken by the sound of distant guns.



**By Lori Penner**

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# Winkler MCC Thrift holds AGM

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler MCC Thrift Shop celebrated both its volunteers and its 50th anniversary at its appreciation luncheon and annual meeting Monday.

President Dave Penner offered thanks to the many board members, staff, and volunteers who have served over the years as well as the community for its support through both donations and shopping.

“Thanks to all the shoppers and customers, thank you for purchasing our products, giving MCC the opportunity to help less fortunate people all over the world for 50 years,” he said.

Speakers judged the past year as having been a successful one even with the Winkler MCC showing a deficit of just over \$31,000—an amount that can easily be absorbed with the organization having a healthy bank balance, noted treasurer Don Klassen, who added they are optimistic about being in a surplus position next year.

“We almost reached out budget ... still sent a half a million dollars to MCC, which is great, and we’re looking forward to a good new year,” said Penner.

He reflected on the 50-year milestone and touched on the beginnings going back to when a goodwill store was started in Winkler.

The formal organizational meeting to become the Winkler MCC happened in 1974. It has grown over the

years and been located in numerous locations, starting with a former Bible school building on 8th St.

It eventually came to its current location on 4th St., where it has continued to expand. Penner recalled them having a mortgage burning ceremony in 2020, allowing them since then to put more funds into further improvements to their building.

He said it is hard to imagine what the total sales would now be after 50 years, but noted the total amount sent to MCC Manitoba over the years is about \$14 million. In the same period, local grants handed out total about \$375,000

Store manager Peter Kornelson reflected on being in his 14th year in the position.

He noted the past year saw the completion of a few projects, including finishing work on their roof as well as refurbishing the kitchen with donated cabinets.

“This next year, we only have one project coming up,” shared Kornelson. “We’re going to put money in to do bar coding. The board wants us to be progressive in our store and how we do things.

“We think the bar coding will help mainly for the most part in the till area. It will be faster and less confusion,” he suggested.

Kornelson concluded by expressing his gratitude for everyone who helps out and supports the MCC in Winkler.



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The Winkler MCC Thrift Shop held its annual general meeting Monday at Central Station, pairing it with a luncheon to thank its many volunteers for their service. Right: Board president Dave Penner thanked the community for its ongoing support.



“I enjoy coming to work with a group of people who are dedicated to a cause,” he said. “Thank you for volunteering your time. Time is a precious thing.”

# Change coming to Morris Christmas dinner

By Sean Conway

The stockings will be hung by the chimney with care, but there will be no celebration of a Christmas evening meal on Dec. 25 in Morris this year.

“It is with sad hearts that this year there will be no Christmas Day supper,” shared event coordinator Pat Rempel. The organizers have cancelled the buffet-style meal or pre-ordered takeout delivery at the Emmanuel Baptist Church hall.

“Our volunteers have hung up their aprons,” said Rempel. “For 24 years we have provided meals for anyone that was alone, shut in, or mentally disabled.”

Rempel started the dinner to help her overcome her struggles with her mother’s passing.

“I wanted to find a place for people who are by themselves to gather so

they would not be alone.”

The event’s first serving was at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 hall in Morris in 1999. In 2018, the event moved to the church. Noani and Dave Thiessen took over organizing the kitchen.

Last year 70 guests passed through the buffet line and 27 diners ordered takeout. It was a full course meal of ham, meatballs, mashed potatoes, perogies, and coleslaw. Fresh baked buns and desert was also on the menu.

But while the Christmas Day meal is no more, a new community gathering is starting up to help fill the gap it leaves behind.

“The fear for me is that if we cancel the meal for even one year, it will be very hard to get it back on track again, and therefore we are breaking new

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# “Who’s teaching kids how to use this stuff safely?”

## GVSD hosts series of online safety talks for students, parents

By Lorne Stelmach

Students across Garden Valley School Division heard about online safety last week from a speaker who has made it her mission to deliver her message to students and parents.

With 17 years of experience as a speaker, Val Caldwell has addressed thousands of students, parents, and educators across Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

She addressed GVSD students and parents in Winkler with her presentation on “Bridging the Gap.”

“At the end of the day, my focus is about building trust and relationships with kids,” Caldwell said before speaking at Northlands Parkway Collegiate on Wednesday. “Kids want to be heard but not judged ... sometimes, as adults, we forget what it’s like to be kids.”

“It’s definitely a hundred per cent my passion for sure,” said Caldwell, who was previously a program facilitator with Child and Family Services in western Manitoba and delivered parenting programs in rural communities.

“A number of years back, I approached my supervisor and said the stresses of parents are really changing. So instead of coming and saying things like what’s the difference between discipline and punishment, they would be asking questions like should I give my 12-year-old Facebook? And this was back in the days long before any of the other social media things existed.”

She went looking for resources and found there was little or nothing available at that time, so she worked with a co-facilitator to develop a presentation.

“And the feedback at the time was overwhelming ... who’s educating kids; who’s teaching them how to use this stuff safely?”

It has continued to grow and expand from there, and she left the agency about seven years ago to become an independent consultant.

“I just got to a point where this was really where I was being driven, and this was where my passion was,” said Caldwell.

“I just think with all of the online platforms that are available, the younger kids we’re seeing have access to things now ... when I started this, the issues that were high school

issues are now in the middle years.

“There’s lots of reasons for it. I think COVID definitely sort of was a launching pad for the younger kids because a lot of those kids probably wouldn’t have been provided devices ... there’s a whole generation of kids who were kept at home and learned online.”

Her presentations have a focus on mental health and the potential effects technology and social media have on overall health and well being as well as a focus on online presence and digital footprint and the affect it may have on the future.

There is discussion about things like privacy settings and ensuring accounts are set up properly to avoid mistakes that could affect opportunities at school or work as well as potential dangers on social media and gaming sites.

Depending on the age of who she is addressing, there can also be discussion on the definitions of consent and coercion and the laws surrounding “sexting” and how “sextortion” works.

For example, with early years students, she may ask questions like has anyone ever sent you something that made you feel unsafe or uncomfortable?

“With the younger kids, it’s just kind of probing around ... trying to figure out where they are at,” she said. “That sort of tells me the direction that the conversation needs to go based on the usage of the kids.”

“For the middle years, we then go a little bit deeper,” she continued. “For example, some of the things we touch on would be sextortion, sexting and those types of topics.”

“The sad reality is we’re seeing right now in Manitoba the targeted group

for sextortion are boys between the ages of 11 and 17,” Caldwell added. “When you think about kids that young, the conversations have to start younger.”

Her presentation very much engages with the students, as she frequently has them provide their feedback and consider their own habits, and it cites a number of statistics:

- Ninety-five per cent of teens use social media daily, and the average amount of time spent on technology is over eight hours.

- Teen boys on average clock one hour more daily screen time than girls.

- The average Canadian adult also spends over six hours online daily.

- Between 2010 and 2021, the percentage of high school students who slept seven or fewer hours each night rose from one third to one half.

There is also a strong connection to mental health, with the Canadian Mental Health Association having estimated the total amount of 12- to 19-year-olds at risk of depression is 3.2 million. Psychologist Robert Leahy had also suggested the average high school kid today has the same level of anxiety as the average psychiatric patient in the 1950s.

In the end, Caldwell urges youth to carefully consider and assess their digital media use and their overall digital footprint, and to be careful with their social media posts, avoid and remove negative content, and carefully manage their privacy to keep their private lives private.

And rather than punishment, she tries to encourage a more positive approach when situations arise.

“My goal with the kids is really focusing on a mistake is a lesson,” she said. “My biggest fear is there’s a lot



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Val Caldwell was in Winkler last week for several presentations in local schools about online safety.

of messaging out there that tells kids basically that they’re expected to be perfect, and if they make a mistake online, it’s going to ruin their future.

“If it’s a significant concern or mistake, yes, it can impact their future, but I never want kids to feel like a mistake defines them ... so I really try to focus on how do we clean up those mistakes?”

“A very common things adults will say to kids is what were you thinking. Well, the reality is they’re not thinking; they’re reacting and they’re emotional,” she concluded. “With the adults, I really focus on relationship building with the kids. My goal would be to have safe adults in every aspect of kids lives ... I think it’s important for kids to feel that they have safe, trusted adults around them.”

### > CHRISTMAS DINNER, FROM PG. 7

ground this year,” shared former Morris mayor Dale Hoffman, who is heading up a team of organizers for a new holiday supper.

Hoffman and his team of six fellow volunteers have set Dec. 21, the Saturday before Christmas, as the date to host the new Christmas meal in Morris.

“We are hoping to satisfy the same clients this year as the Dec. 25th evening,” said Hoffman, noting it is open to anyone who is alone for the holidays or perhaps unable to leave their home due to physical or mental challenges. “If we attract more people, that is not a bad thing, but we have to be able to anticipate num-

bers and therefore we will have sign up sheets in different areas.”

The organizers have a list and are checking it twice.

“We have a cook, Esther Loewen, who has experience cooking for greater numbers than 100 at a time,” said Hoffman. “That is a big hurdle we had to overcome to start.”

The core team of three couples are preparing posters to distribute to advertise the event and help determine numbers.

“The response to help has been overwhelming,” Hoffman said, noting they invite everyone to get involved as volunteers. “We welcome people to be part of this.”

The plan is to still host the meal at the Emmanuel Baptist Church at 5 p.m. on Dec. 21. Ham, meatballs, and turkey are on the menu.

“Of course there will be mashed potatoes and there could be perogies,” said Hoffman. It seems the head organizer has a lead on the dough dumplings stuffed with filling if he can nail down the supply.

“We are looking for donations. I plan to cover some costs for this year but I want to create an account that can have money to keep it going,” Hoffman shared. “Two or three years down the road, someone else can take it over.”





## Morden club hosts sectionals and fall open

Morden Figure Skating Club welcomed skaters from across Manitoba and northwestern Ontario last weekend for the 2025 Skate Manitoba junior senior sectionals championships and fall open. The junior senior sectionals competition provides the opportunity for junior and senior skaters to seek qualification for the 2024-2025 Skate Canada Challenge in Winnipeg November 28 to Dec 1. The fall open featured skaters from star 5-gold free skate, podium pathway (pre-novice, novice and short and free program), pre-juvenile and juvenile, and artistic star 5 to gold.

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## Back 40 Festival hosting grunge concert Nov. 16

By Lorne Stelmach

The Back 40 Festival is delving into a different musical genre for its next fundraising concert.

Grunge will be the focus for the show set for Saturday, Nov. 16 at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler.

Festival president Scott Bell said it was appealing to them to do something different, and a tribute to the rock music that emerged from the music scene in Seattle in the early '90s certainly fit the bill.

"We do tribute nights, and we try to mix it up a little bit, trying to appeal to different audiences," he explained. "We do a lot of stuff based on the '60s and '70s, so we thought we would try to something to maybe appeal to a different demographic.

"The big push came from Brent Klassen from BK and the Bad Habits. He was very enthusiastic about this idea, which was pretty cool, and then Steve Dueck from the Back 40 board kind of cemented the idea."

The lineup will feature tributes to bands and acts including Alice in Chains, Pearl Jam, Neil Young, Sound-

garden, Stone Temple Pilots, Liz Phair, and Nirvana. The performers include well-known local musicians, including a group dubbed Slaymaker as well as Underhill, Bill Dowling, Faces For Radio, Jenessa Kehler, and BK and the Bad Habits.

"As always, it's all local musicians paying tribute to some of the famous bands from that era," said Bell. "There's been a lot of enthusiasm from the musicians about doing this kind of music.

"That's the music that, personally, for me, it was my college years, and it really kind of turned music around," he suggested. "It was one of the key musical movements that happened while I was learning to be a musician.

"The music is interesting. It's a little bit heavy, a little cynical, a little bit dark, but it's also very musical and rhythmically kind of complex in many cases, and it's got a lot of energy," said Bell. "Rock and roll was kind of very corporate and kind of in a very safe lane, and then Nirvana and Pearl Jam and Soundgarden and these bands really did something different."

Tickets are \$20 and are available online at [www.winklerconcerthall.ca](http://www.winklerconcerthall.ca).

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There were lots of gift ideas for people looking to start their Christmas shopping Saturday as the Pembina Hills Arts Council hosted its annual Holiday Craft Sale. The sale filled not only the hall at the Access Event Centre but the foyer as well with about 60 vendors. If you missed out, there's no shortage of artisan markets coming up over the next few weeks. There's the A Gifted Christmas market at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre in Altona this Saturday, the Fawn and Cub Christmas Market Nov. 16-17 at the Meridian Exhibition Centre, the Sneak Peak into Christmas holiday gift market at Winkler Arts and Culture Nov. 25, and the launch of the multi-weekend Winkler Christmas Market at New Leaf Nov. 29.

# PHAC hosts annual holiday craft sale



# Wrapping up a Morden Christmas is Nov. 14

By Lorne Stelmach

It's become an annual tradition that ushers in the holiday season in Morden.

The Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas promotion of the Morden Chamber of Commerce returns the evening of Nov. 14 from 3-9 p.m., with 24 businesses participating this year.

"I think it's certainly become a shopping tradition in Morden. People look forward to this every year. They know it's coming," suggested chamber executive director Clare Agnew. "The business community and shoppers alike look forward to it.

"I think it just really gets everybody in the Christmas spirit, and I think it's a great opportunity for people to shop locally ... this is an opportunity for the community to show local businesses their support."

As you shop, you can grab a passport from any participating location and then gather stamps as you make your way between retailers. At the end of the night, drop off the filled passport at your last stop for a chance to win prizes.

The evening will also include a Santa's Market at 500 Stephen in support of the community centre.

"We also have some new businesses that are joining us this year," noted Agnew, who sees it as a good opportunity to see what all the businesses have to offer.

"The businesses will often have some promotions that evening as well," she noted. "Some of them might serve dainties or apple cider or something like that, so some businesses really do go all out and make it a fun experience for the shoppers."

The participating businesses for Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas 2024 include Appelt's Diamonds, Morden Discount Centre, Coffee Culture, Morden Nurseries, Pharmasave, Saban & Company, Prairie Dragonfly, Sasha's Atelier, Pure Ananda, Sawatzky's Furniture, Ruff Mutts, Shear Bliss, Morklers, Country Cycle & Ski at Terra Point, Olympic Sports, The Brick, Pembina Hills Art Council, Jem Insurance, Floral Scents, Home Hardware, Fringe Salon, Mitobi, Stephen Street General, and Santa's Market at 500 Stephen.

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# Remembrance Day - Monday, November 11



## A legacy of valour

By Lori Penner

Honouring our fallen soldiers is a solemn duty that acknowledges the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of those who served to protect our freedoms.

Each soldier's story stands as a testament to the bravery and resilience that shape our shared history, reminding us of the true cost of peace and the value of the freedoms we often take for granted.

Memorials and Remembrance Day services serve as poignant tributes to the lives lost and the families forever changed. As Joseph Campbell once said, "A hero is someone who has given



Photo by Lori Penner/Voice  
Perry Batchelor is part of a committee of three veterans dedicated to preserving and displaying war memorabilia representing fallen soldiers from Altona and Rhineland on the War Memorial Wall at the Millennium Exhibition Centre in Altona.

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his or her life to something bigger than oneself." This perspective encourages us to not only remember the fallen but to celebrate their lives and the ideals they upheld.

Nearly every community in Canada has a war memorial, and Altona is no exception. The town proudly maintains two sites that pay tribute to fallen heroes: the Altona and District Veterans Memorial Cenotaph and the War Memorial Wall.

The cenotaph was created in honour of Altona's Centennial in 1995, with a push from the Altona Optimist Club. It was dedicated to the memory of local soldiers who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars, and Decoration Day ceremonies were held at its downtown site every summer.

To make way for new infrastructure, the cenotaph was relocated to a new permanent location in front of the Rhineland Pioneer Centre in 2021.

For Perry Batchelor and his family, the cenotaph carries great personal significance. Batchelor's grandfather was a First World War veteran. His father, Don, along with some of his uncles, were Second World War veterans. Batchelor and his brothers, Peter and Paul, also served in peace-keeping operations and other NATO commitments with the Canadian Army.

"Between all of us, we have over 300 years of combined service," Batchelor says.

Born in Altona and raised in Gretna, Batchelor spent almost 17 years in the Canadian military, completing peacekeeping tours in Cyprus and the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

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Batchelor's career with the Canadian military included peace-keeping tours in Cyprus and Yugoslavia (above). "Homes were destroyed. Money was worthless. There were food shortages. No factories in operation. No schools open, and refugees on the

move, fleeing for their lives," he recalls. "Children learning how to navigate around landmines. They were neighbours one day, and warring enemies the next. Nothing was safe. Nothing was sacred. That's the cost of war."

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He and his family also completed four years with NATO in West Germany.

Batchelor returned to Altona in 1997 where he served with the Altona Police Service until 2022; having served 42 years in uniform. During his combined service he was awarded the Peacekeepers Medal, Peacekeeping Medals in both Cyprus and Croatia, the Special Service Medal for service with NATO, the Canadian Decoration, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the Police Exemplary Service Medal.

His experiences in Cyprus and Yugoslavia still haunt him today.

"Homes were destroyed. Money was worthless. There were food shortages. No factories in operation. No schools open, and refugees on the move, fleeing for their lives. Children learning how to navigate around landmines.

They were neighbours one day, and warring enemies the next. Nothing was safe. Nothing was sacred. That's the cost of war. It was all such a waste. A good friend of mine was killed over there. War is a mess. Our world really needs to take a breath."

Now an Altona town councillor, Batchelor is one of three local veterans who make up a subcommittee that reviews artifacts for display at the War Memorial Wall located at the Millennium Exhibition Centre.

The wall was created in 1996 by Art Braun, Harv Kroeker, and Steve Penner, and features war memorabilia representing fallen soldiers from Altona and Rhineland, including service records, photos, medals, newspaper articles, grave markers, maps, and a variety of other pieces, donated and carefully protected behind glass.

"Most of this stuff comes in from families. People are still contributing all the time," Batchelor says. "These individuals displayed on this wall paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

Batchelor says both of Altona's memorials receive strong support.

"There's value in keeping these mementoes. We can't erase our history. And some of our history is dark. But the reality is, these people gave their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have today.

"We have always said freedom isn't free. Freedom is very expensive. And when you see 19- or 20-year-olds who never had the opportunity to get married, have a family, or have a life, so that we could, we can never forget that.

"There is a certain aspect of society that thinks we need to erase dark history. But the reality is, if

we don't remember, if we don't reflect on the horrors of war, we can always repeat it. The reality is, it's not cool. It's horrible. Innocent civilians, children, pay the ultimate price. People die in conflicts, like what's going on right now in the Middle East and in Ukraine. It's terrible. And sadly, it continues to repeat itself. The fact that we remember, and give them a moment of silence every year, is a small price to pay for what they gave to us. Honouring them one day a year is not a big sacrifice."

Batchelor urges everyone to wear a poppy.

"And no matter where you are at 11 a.m. on the 11th of November, stop what you're doing and take a moment to reflect on how fortunate you are for living in this great country of Canada."

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Monday, November 11th, 2024  
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# Remembrance Day - Monday, November 11



## A day to honour those who defended peace



November 11 marks Remembrance Day in Canada. Every year, Canadians come together to honour the courage and sacrifices of the men and women who serve or have served in the country's armed forces, and particularly those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Here's a look at this day of gathering and remembrance.

### Evocative numbers

It's important to remember the sacrifices made by the more than 2,300,000 individuals who have joined the armed forces in Canada's national history. Over 118,000 brave servicemen and women have given their lives to defend freedom. Remembrance Day honours the Canadian effort in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, the war in Afghanistan and all peacekeeping missions.

### Nationally recognized

On November 11, Canadians wear a poppy to pay tribute to veterans. The national ceremony in Ottawa, broadcast across the country, is held in the presence of government representatives. It includes a two-minute silence at 11 a.m., readings, songs and symbolic cannon shots.

As a Canadian citizen, join the veterans in your area in this collective duty of remembrance. Contact your local municipality to find out about Remembrance Day activities near you.

## 3 ways to support Canada's veterans year-round

On Remembrance Day, Canadians across the country commemorate the brave men and women who died in the line of duty as well as those who currently serve in the armed forces. However, your recognition doesn't have to be limited to November 11. Here are three ways you can support Canadian veterans year-round.

### Donate to a reputable charity

There are a number of charities, including the Poppy Fund, VETS Canada and Wounded Warriors Canada, doing critical work to empower and support veterans from coast to coast. Donating even a small amount

to a reputable organization can help improve the circumstances of those who risked their lives for their country.

### Volunteer at a Royal Canadian Legion

There are more than 1,300 Legion branches across the country. As Canada's largest veteran service organization, the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) offers outreach and assistance programs for veterans and their families as well as community services and support. Volunteering at your local Legion branch is a great way to make a real difference in the lives of those who served.

### Visit a veteran in your community

Veteran Affairs Canada (VAC), in collaboration with the RCL, runs an initiative that facilitates face-to-face visits with veterans in retirement and long-term care facilities. These visits provide social interaction and a sense of community to individuals who may not otherwise receive many visitors. Spending time with a veteran can have a major impact on their life as well as your own.

This Remembrance Day, know that Canadian veterans need your help year-round, and consider taking steps to offer your support.

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# sports & recreation

## Royals best Beavers, fall to Wild

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was a week of mixed results for the local South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League teams.

The Winkler Royals fell to the Red River Wild 4-3 Friday night and then turned around and defeated the Carman Beavers 3-1 on Sunday.

Friday's 3-3 tie after regulation—scoring for the Wild was Thomas Matuszewski (with two) and Tyler Anderson, while Winkler's goal came courtesy of Justin Augert, James Penner, and Aaron Lewadniuk—was followed by a fruitless overtime. The resulting shootout went Red River's way.

Against the Beavers at home a few nights later, Lewadniuk had a two-goal night that, along with a goal from Mitch Dyck and a 51-save night from netminder Matthew Thiessen, gave the Royals the win 3-1.

The Wild, meanwhile, headed to Portage to face the Islanders on Sunday, and returned home with a 5-3 loss to add to their record. Jared Magne, Justin Baudry, and Gavin Fro-



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler's James Penner reaches for the puck in Sunday's game against the Carman Beavers. The Royals won it 3-1.

ese scored for Red River.

The Morden Bombers dropped a 5-4 decision against the Springfield Winterhawks Saturday in Winnipeg. Getting Morden up on the board was

Collin Shirley and Mike Rey, who both scored twice. Brady Klassen took the loss in net for the Bombers, making 34 saves off the 39 he faced.

Coming up, Red River is in Ste.

Anne Wednesday and then hosts Notre Dame Sunday. On Saturday, the Royals host Ste. Anne and the Bombers host Springfield.

## Male U18 Hawks fall to Lightning and Rangers, best Northstars

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks only picked up one win this past week, but still earned four of a possible six points.

Their week began with a 3-2 shootout loss to the Interlake Light-

ning last Wednesday in Teulon, then was followed by a 4-3 overtime defeat against the Parkland Rangers Friday in Dauphin.

The Hawks closed the weekend out on a positive note with a 4-2 victory over the Norman Northstars Sunday in Morris.

Pembina Valley salvaged one point last Wednesday by scoring in the final minute of regulation to force overtime against Interlake,

but the Lightning connected for the lone goal in the shootout for the win.

Casey Magarell and Haiden Friesen scored for the Hawks, and Ryler Gates took the loss in net despite making 41 saves. Shots on goal were 45-44 in favour of the Hawks.

Pembina Valley had to settle for one point again Friday when Parkland scored 1:50 into overtime to get the win.

Friesen, Cole Second, and Tyson Pethybridge scored for Pembina Valley, which had a slight 35-34 edge in shots on goal. Karsen Dyck was between the posts for the Hawks, making 30 saves.

On Sunday, Adrien McIntosh scored a key shorthanded goal at 16:32 of the third period to help secure the win over Norman.

Gavin Rondeau, Carson Hiebert, and Tegan Fehr also scored for Pembina Valley, while Gates made 22 saves as the Hawks outshot the Northstars 49-24.

The Hawks have inched up to sixth place at 7-5-1-1 for 16 points, which has them three ahead of Eastman and two behind Parkland.

Pembina Valley welcomes two Winnipeg teams to Morden this weekend as they play the Thrashers Friday and the Bruins Sunday.

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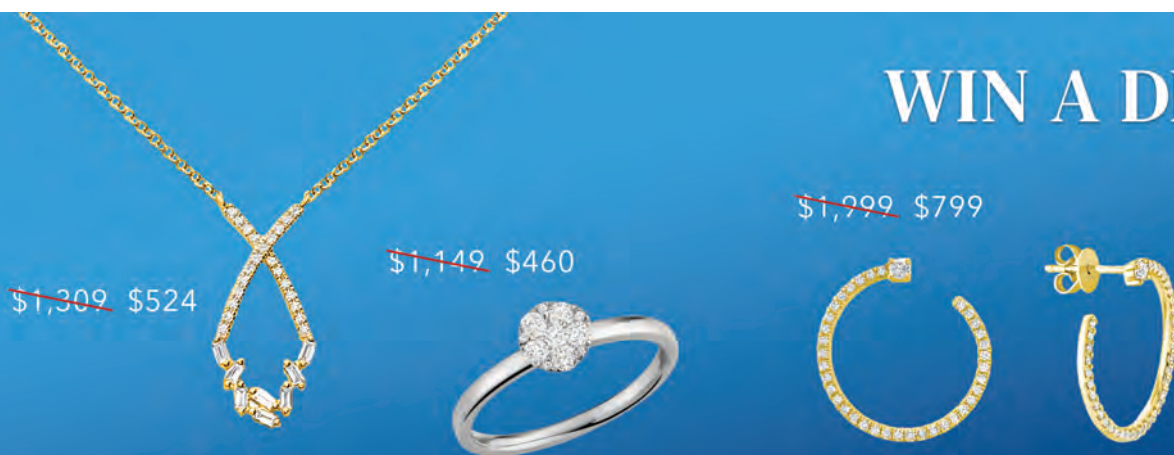
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# McLeod receives prestigious award at CCA rodeo finals

By Lorne Stelmach

Mallory McLeod was likely destined to spend her life around horses.

The daughter of Vaughn Mayert grew up with horses, as the family operated a PMU farm just south of Morden, so it's no surprise that she and her horse have received rodeo accolades.

At the Canadian Cowboys Association (CCA) rodeo finals in North Battleford, Saskatchewan last month, McLeod received a prestigious award as her horse Pearl won Barrel Racing Horse of the Year as voted on by all the other association members.

"I just love the horses and the people that you meet along the way. They kind of become family to you, and it's just fun," said McLeod, who now calls Morse, Saskatchewan home but still has a strong connection to Morden, where her parents still live.

Horses have always been a big part of her life.

"I've always been around horses and always been interested in them," she said. "I grew up with the Winkler Trailblazers 4H and went into horse showing and then started into rodeo ... I did high school rodeo in Manitoba but kind of got into it seriously when I moved to Saskatchewan."

McLeod puts a lot of time and energy into it.

"It completely consumes my life," she shared. "In order to compete at this level, your horses need to be in top shape, and they need to be on their game every time you go down the alley, so my horse kind of gets one or two days off a week. She gets ridden basically almost every other day."

And it involves a number of horses, McLeod noted.

"You always need to have something new coming up in case something happens to your good one," she said. "I've got some young horses coming up that I'm hoping can kind of take some of the load off Pearl. They're actually all siblings to her, so that's kind of special. Hopefully I can have a few of them in the trailer going down the road in the next couple of years, and I'll just kind of see how it all plays out."

The competition circuit can be grueling.

"We do maybe two or three a weekend ... it's every weekend from April to basically October we're on the road," said McLeod. "You've got to really love it if you're going to do it."

She obviously is quick to pass on the credit to Pearl for the honour.

"She's pretty cool," McLeod said



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Former Mordenite Mallory McLeod and her horse Pearl received the Barrel Racing Horse of the Year Award at the Canadian Cowboys Association rodeo finals in Saskatchewan last month.

of the 14-year-old horse. "She has the biggest heart ... she's going to do her best no matter what. She's going to give it her all every time she goes down that alley, and you know she's going to do the best job she can."

McLeod hopes to still have a few more good years of competing with Pearl.

"Every horse is different ... but you hope they're still running by 18 and then it's just kind of bonus after that ... she's stubborn enough that hopefully she'll keep going for a while."

"She has been the biggest blessing and is the reason for all my success in the rodeo arena. She alone has quali-

fied me for five consecutive Canadian Cowboys Association finals and makes my job easy and so much fun. I owe it all to her."

McLeod also offered gratitude to her family for putting that passion and drive in her to love the sport and the animals.

"I thank my family for allowing me the chance to grow up with horses and giving me every opportunity to grow, learn and compete," she said. "They taught me the value of the horse and the hard work that goes along with it and their support means the world to me."

# Flyers split pair with Blizzard, fall to Terriers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers had a rocky start to the month last weekend.

Things started off well with a 5-2 road victory against the Northern Manitoba Blizzard Friday night.

Goals from Charles-M Bernier, Jayce Legaarden, Mathys Blanchette, Liam Carlone, and Isaiah Peters kept the Flyers in the lead, while Liam Ernst turned away 24 of the 26 shots he faced in net en route to the win. His teammates sent 31 the other way

Game two against the Blizzard Saturday night swung the northern team's way after a hard-fought 60 minutes.

The first frame was tied 1-1, with Max Lavoie scoring just five minutes in to get Winkler on the board.

The Blizzard took a 5-1 lead in the first half of the second, which Lavoie cut down to 5-2 with a goal at the 19:19 mark.

The home team managed two more in the final period, and while Winkler got four of their own (two coming

from Brady Craik and singles from Legaarden and Nicholas Mckee), it wasn't enough to catch up. The Blizzard won it 7-6.

The Blizzard outshot the Flyers 37-32. Rylan Benner made 30 saves in net for Winkler.

On Sunday the Flyers headed to Portage to square off against the Terriers.

A scoreless opening period was followed by a goal from Mckee early in the second, but the rest of the game saw Portage not only match that but score two more to win it 3-1. Ernst

was back in net for Winkler, making 35 saves as the Terriers outshot the Flyers 38-29.

Coming up, Winkler is in Winnipeg to play the Blues Friday and Monday. They're at home Sunday to host the Virden Oil Capitals. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

In other Flyers news, over the weekend the team announced it has traded goalie Byrson Yaschyshyn to the Dauphin Kings in exchange for a player development fee.

# Twisters snap nine-game losing streak with dramatic overtime victory

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters snapped a nine-game losing streak on Sunday afternoon with only their second 2024-25 season victory. The Morris-based MMJHL is now 2-10-1, which is good for last place in the

league standings.

On Nov. 1, the Twisters were blown out at home in a rough 7-1 loss to the St. Boniface Riels. Austin Spicer had the lone goal for Pembina Valley, while Maysen Mazurat and Darion Penner combined for 42 saves in the loss.

A few nights later, on Nov. 3, the Twisters finally won when they pulled out a 4-3 overtime win over the Transcona Railer Express. Austin Spicer had two goals, while Slade Sotheran and Ty Sadowski had the other goals for Pembina Valley. Darion Penner made 48 saves.

The Twisters are back in action with a pair of games this week. First up, they're at home to play the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club on Nov. 8 (8 p.m.). And then also on Nov. 10 at home against the St. Vital Jr. Victorias (7 p.m.).



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 Terry Penner - Secretary  
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# Classifieds

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Absence of effort
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. Simpler
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near

23. Former CIA agent and critic

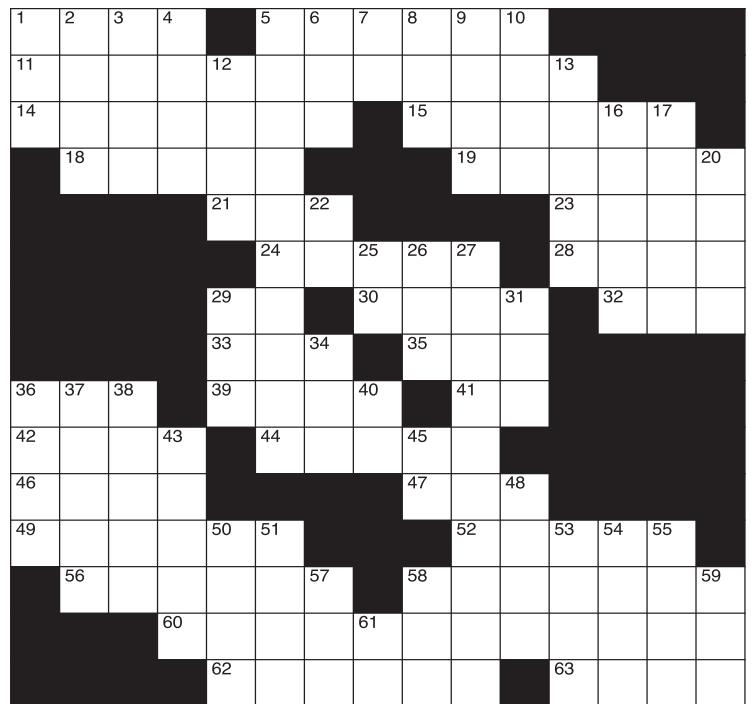
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. "Hammer" is one
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Licenses and passports

are two types

- 39. Snakelike fish
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Of a withered nature
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. \_\_\_ Falls
- 60. Assertions made again
- 62. Periods of history
- 63. Hyphen

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities rapidly



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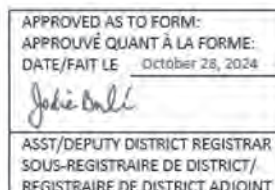
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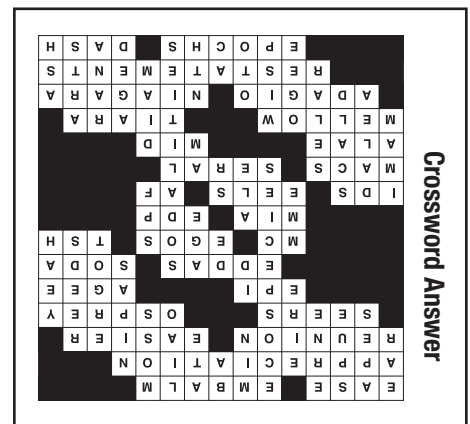
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- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. A type of subdivision
- 6. Variety of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Impressionable persons
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. Instinctive part of the mind
- 25. "The First State"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Fraternities
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Beer
- 36. Spiritual leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Ray-finned fishes
- 45. Morning
- 48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. A small bundle of straw or hay
- 53. Got older
- 54. Crater on Mars
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Relating to the ears
- 58. "To the \_\_\_ degree..."
- 59. Residue of a burned product
- 61. It cools a home



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**OBITUARY**



**Catherine Diane Braun**  
April 30, 1966 - October 30, 2024

Cathy passed away peacefully with her husband Lloyd and family members by her side on October 30th at Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, after a brief battle with cancer. She was 58 years old.

Cathy was born on April 30, 1966 to Jacob F. and Sara Kehler. She grew up in the village of Kronsthal and attended the Kronsthal Elementary School and later graduated from W. C. Miller Collegiate in Altona.

Cathy was baptized in the Altona Sommerfeld Mennonite Church. Cathy and Lloyd celebrated 32 years of marriage this past summer on August 21st.

Cathy had a love for animals. This could be seen in her younger years as well as later in life. She could often be seen walking their dog, spending time with their cat, or going to spend time with their

horses.

Cathy was someone that was always ready to lend a helping hand if needed.

Cathy is survived by her husband Lloyd; her parents-in-law Bill and Jane Braun; brothers Bernie (Bev) Kehler, Jim (Laurie) Kehler, Gerry Kehler; sisters Linda Kehler, Betty (Rod) Sawatzky, Irma (Jim) Fehr; sister-in-law Annamarie Kehler, brother-in-law Kevin (Beth) Braun, sister-in-law Pauline Peters, sister-in-law Lois (Miguel) Braun, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cathy was predeceased by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Cathy, you are missed. Till we meet again.

The family would like to thank our extended family and friends for their support, Cathy's co-workers and employer, the doctors and nurses at Boundary Trails Health Centre and Health Sciences Centre, the ambulance staff, the staff at the Bergthaler Church in Winkler, and Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler.

Funeral service was held on November 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Winkler Bergthaler Church with a prior private interment held at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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**OBITUARY**



**John David Dyck (1953-2024)**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that John David Dyck, age 71, of Roberts, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at home on November 1, 2024 with his wife, Bev, by his side.

John loved to spend time with his family and his beloved dog, Ginger. He had a great sense of humor and loved to joke around, especially with his 10 grandchildren. He loved woodworking and was a talented creator, making many wonderful pieces of furniture for his family over the years. He loved to garden and his beautiful, flower filled yard is the envy of the neighborhood. He always enjoyed nature and the family has many funny stories about John's encounters with wild animals over the years! In recent years after his retirement, John spent a lot of time cooking and baking and became well known for his delicious breakfast cookies.

John was born on September 18, 1953 to Jake and Margaret Dyck (nee Dyck). He grew up in Morden and attended Morden Elementary and Morden Collegiate. He was a talented pitcher and one of his favorite childhood memories was his Mandak North team going to the Little Canadian Baseball Western finals in BC.

John married Bev (nee Heinrichs) on February 8, 1975 in Crystal City, Manitoba. Together they had three children. John worked as a produce manager at Family Fare in Morden until he went back to school at Briercrest College in 1983 in Caronport, Saskatchewan. After college, John worked with Bible Christian Union for several years. He felt called into ministry and pastored several congregations in Alberta, Minnesota, and South Dakota until retiring from ministry in 1998 after a severe heart attack. John then returned to the grocery business and John and Bev moved to Wisconsin in 2007. John retired from work due to health issues in 2011.

John leaves behind his loving wife Bev of nearly 50 years; his children: Kerri Rivers (Jason), son Daniel Dyck (Aymee), Sandra Peckenpaugh (Jeremiah), and his grandchildren: Eliot and Emaline Rivers; Charlie, Berkley, Finley, Olivia, and Everett Dyck; and Behring, Emerson, and Oliver Peckenpaugh. He is also survived by his sister Barb Ens and her family, sister-in-law Chris Dyck and her family, mother-in-law Anne Heinrichs, brother-in-law Ray Heinrichs (Pat) and family, sister-in-law Valerie Harms (Larry) and family, and sister-in-law Audrey Dueck (Marvin) and family.

John was predeceased by his parents Jake and Margaret Dyck, father-in-law Arthur Heinrichs, brother Harold Dyck, and brother-in-law Jake Ens.

A celebration of life will be planned for May of 2025 in Stillwater, Minnesota.

The family would like to thank everyone for your messages, thoughts, and prayers over the years and during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Randy White Ministries at PO Box 3181, Taos, NM 87571, a ministry that John supported and was dear to him.

**OBITUARY**



**Charlene Boucher**

Charlene Margaret Boucher, age 70, died peacefully this October of 2024.

She is survived by her two children, James Copeland, as well as his wife Kirsten and their two sons Liam and Colby, Laurel Copeland and her partner Scott Coates. Besides her children and grandchildren, Charlene is survived by her mother Margaret Boucher and her sister Lori Lavineway and partner Ken Dodd and brother Eddie Boucher, as well as nieces and nephews.

Her father Lorne Boucher passed away in 2012.

Charlene was born in Killarney, MB. The family moved to Erikson in 1968 where Charlene would become a graduate of Erikson Collegiate. She went on to find employment as a receptionist at Manitoba Hydro, eventually working for Employment Security until her retirement.

Charlene enjoyed visiting warm weather destinations, books and a good puzzle. An avid walker, Charlene loved to stop and visit with every dog she met. Every ear was thoroughly scratched, every head lovingly petted. She will be missed by all.

A private service will be held for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a mental health awareness charity of your choice.

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# Salem faspa raises \$22K for pathway project

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home's Faspa, Fellowship and Song Oct. 27 was a resounding success, raising thousands of dollars for its walkway project.

The Winkler personal care home shared last week that the event saw about 250 people come out to enjoy faspa treats and music from the Baker Hutterite Choir.

The by-donation show raised \$22,000 and counting towards Salem's plans to install a dedicated walkway on its grounds, providing residents and visitors alike with a safe place to enjoy the great outdoors.

"I am so pleased to report that the project has now received the Salem Park drawings from the architect, so we are moving forward to the next step," shared Josh Okello, Salem

Foundation vice-chair.

The plan is to begin work on the project next spring so residents can enjoy walks outside the building away from the busy parking lot and nearby roads. It will be done in phases, as funds allow, eventually becoming a Memory Garden Walkway.

Salem Home sends thanks out to all the event's corporate sponsors and community supporters.

"Thank you for your spirit of giving, your willingness to partner in giving the residents, and your loved ones, a better experience," they said in a statement. "We extend our gratefulness to you for joining us in 'Building for Today and Tomorrow.' You make the difference in their lives! Thank you!"

You can support the pathway project online at [salemhome.ca](http://salemhome.ca).



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

About 250 people came out to the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church Oct. 27 for Salem Foundation's Faspa, Fellowship, and Song in support of the care home's pathway project. Right: The path will wind around the care home's grounds and include floral displays, sculptures, and water features.



# Giving Challenge week the perfect time to donate

Donation dollars to be stretched Nov. 12-17

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual fundraising campaign that provides a big boost to community foundations across the province returns next week.

Area residents are encouraged to make donations to their local foundations between Nov. 12-17 as part of the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge.

For this week, every gift will be stretched by the Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba government, increasing the amount the foundations receive (each foundation can receive up to \$4,000 in stretch funding once they hit the \$10,000 mark in donations), and in some communities there are other local partners adding additional stretching dollars.

"It's a great time of year to give," said Myra Peters, executive director of the Winkler Community Foundation. "People often wait for this opportunity when their dollars are stretched and have an even bigger impact in our community."

"We were the top one in the province last year," she added, noting they brought in just over \$100,000 total with the matching contributions. "We received the highest donations during that week."

"We appreciate the support of the

community from individuals and businesses," said Peters, who noted they were setting a more modest goal this year of \$60,000. "Obviously, we would love to surpass it, but we are being realistic."

The amount raised in Winkler is boosted by community partners including the City of Winkler, Sun Valley Tire, Triple E, Kroeker Farms, Green Valley Equipment, Southern Potato, DA Loewen Electric, ProTec Plumbing & Heating, Froese Family Foundation, Elias Woodwork, Borderview Electric, Heatmasters, Jim M. Smith Chartered Professional Accountants, and Access Credit Union.

They have committed stretching dollars of \$2,000 per business, which means the Winkler Community Foundation receives \$2 for every \$1 you donate for the first \$32,000.

Gifts can be made securely online at [winklercommunityfoundation.com](http://winklercommunityfoundation.com), or you contact Peters 204-362-9292 for all the details and more giving options.

In Morden, the foundation is also hopeful that it could perhaps see an increase this year.

"The Morden Area Foundation has no particular goal this year, but we hoping to increase what was gifted last year," shared co-ordinator Maia Vicente, who noted they raised more than \$35,000 thanks to matching

grants from the province, the Winnipeg Foundation, and Decor Cabinets.

"This year Decor Cabinets will again be our matching donor and will grant a matching fund of \$10,000 when the foundation reaches the \$10,000 goal," she said. "The goal this year is to increase our donors and improve our donor engagement."

Gifts can be made in the following ways:

- Credit card online at [endowMB.org](http://endowMB.org) or by calling the Winnipeg Foundation toll-free at 1-877-974-3631.

- Cheque or cash payable to your local foundation, which can be handed to any foundation director or brought in person to your local foundation office.

# Female Hawks split exhibition games

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks had a break from league play this past week but still played a pair of exhibition games.

The Hawks blanked the Brandon Wheat Kings 3-0 Saturday in Brandon.

Madison Froese made 20 saves in earning the shutout, while Emma

Durand, Casey O'Brien, and Abby Brigg scored for Pembina Valley.

On Sunday, the Hawks hosted the Buffaloes, and the Pilot Mound Hockey Academy team came out on top 3-1.

Pembina Valley sits in seventh place at 2-6 for four points. They are even with Interlake in eighth place and three ahead of winless Central Plains while trailing Brandon by two

and Yellowhead and the Winnipeg Ice by four points. Westman and Eastman are tied atop the standings at 12 points followed by the Winnipeg Avros at nine points.

The Hawks have this week off and then return to league action with a busy three-game weekend. They face Westman Nov. 15, Brandon Nov. 16, and Yellowhead Nov. 17.



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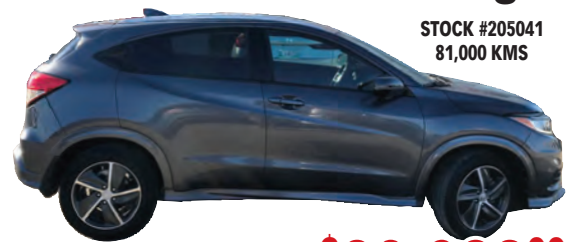
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