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Students spend the day in local workplaces

Kids tag along with their parents for Take Our Kids to Work Day

By Lorne Stelmach

Grade 9 students across the region had a break from the classroom last Wednesday.

But it wasn't just a day off from school—the kids fanned out to workplaces all over Winkler and Morden as part of the annual Take Our Kids To Work Day.

"It's getting them out of the school and realizing how the adults in their world are spending their days and how they contribute," said Angela Muggridge, a teacher at Morden Collegiate. "I think for some kids too they can actually make a connection and find a future career or at least some possibilities and open up their expe-

rience so they can see there's options."

"One of the things that we try to emphasize is just taking in what's there at the workplace as opposed to just focusing narrowly on what their parent might be doing for the day," said Charlie Silar of Northlands Parkway Collegiate in Winkler. "It's an experience day, so if they have an opportunity to see some other types of jobs or different types of employment ... they get a chance to see some of those other things happening as well.

"For some of them, it might be sort of their first career exploration where they have a chance to go out to a workplace and just explore what's there."

In Morden, Lisa Dyck at Shear Bliss had her son Zach and his friend Rory Hunt with her for the day.

"It's fun and hard, too ... it's interesting seeing what she does all day ... there's a lot of people, a lot of conversation," said Zach. "You get to learn some new things, seeing what your parents do all day. It's not my type of thing, though."

Though he may not follow in her

Lisa Dyck of Shear Bliss looks on as her son Zach contemplates washing friend Rory Hunt's hair.



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Jane Hiebert with her father Kevin at Triple E in Winkler on Take Our Kids to Work Day last week.

footsteps, Dyck felt it was good for her son to see what all goes into her work.

"I hope it gets the kids to realize what all their parents do in a day and all the multi-tasking most parents do between having a career and being their parent," she said.

"I think can open up their eyes to some careers they didn't know were out there," Dyck added. "I always think it's a great community thing if you can get the kids in the workplace."

Kevin Hiebert was joined by his daughter Jane at Triple E in Winkler. She came away from the day a bit surprised by a few things.

"It's like a whole lot bigger than I imagined it to be. There's a lot going on," she said. "It's something I know I would not want to do when I grow up, but it's cool.

"I think it's a really good experience for all the kids," Jane added. "They don't really get much experi-

ence from school, so coming to your parent's or guardian's workplace and just getting the chance to see what they do, seeing what's out there, is really great for the kids to expand their minds a lot more."

"It's nice for her to see firsthand what [her father] does for work each day," said Hiebert. "My job keeps evolving. It doesn't really stay the same each year, it always changes.

"I don't mind change. Everybody wants sometimes to stay the same, but you have always have to evolve, always have to keep up to date, and especially in this industry ... you have to stay one or two steps ahead of what others are doing."

Hiebert thinks Take Our Kid to Work Day is a program with a great deal of merit.

"I'm sure in class they'll share what other children experienced as well, and they could bounce the ideas off

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Stephen St. banners honour those who served

By Lorne Stelmach

New street banners throughout downtown Morden put a spotlight on the sacrifices and service of local veterans in the days and weeks leading up to Remembrance Day.

The project spearheaded by Legion member and former Morden mayor Ken Wiebe created 25 banners featuring photos of area residents who have served our country.

Wiebe was inspired after reading about similar projects done in other communities.

"I thought what a great idea because we have a large number of veterans in our community," he said. "We're all very thrilled with it, and the Legion is very happy with the way it all turned out. The feedback has been extremely positive."

After finishing his term in office in 2018, Wiebe started pursuing the idea in earnest. The project fell into place this year with the approval from Legion directors and the City of Morden, the latter of which provided the hardware to hang the banners and the manpower to put them up.

The banners, which were made by Checker Signs, include a few features.

"You'll see a Legion crest on it, you'll see the City of Morden logo, and you'll also see on the bottom right corner of the banner either the family or a name ... that's the sponsor," explained Wiebe, noting the banners sold for \$275 each. "We really didn't have any trouble selling 25 banners."

The banners cover the whole spectrum of service, including those who served in the First and Second World

Wars, the Korean War, more recent conflicts in the Middle East, and a few community members who served during peacetime.

"We have a good spread, and we actually have three banners up where those people are still alive," Wiebe said. "The great thing is that, if you look at the banners, each one of them has its own story."

A few were specifically planned, such as those with a poppy on the photo to signify that person died in service. That includes Ralph Spencer, who died on Juno Beach, and Harvey Kinsmen, who was killed in Normandy.

"We tried to put them close to the cenotaph," Wiebe noted. "We got them as close as we could."

Another banner went up near the house where the person's family had been raised on Stephen St, while another is in front of the credit union where the individual had been the manager in years past. The banner of Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen's son T.J. is just down the road from the fire hall at Sixth and Stephen St.

"A lot of them ended up being in just absolutely the perfect spot," Wiebe said. "Things just seemed to work out really well."

He further cited the example of the Neil Penner banner going up right across the street from where his wife Dorothy lives, while the banner of Frank Doney is in front of the library, a place he and his wife Iris were great supporters of.

"There is somebody locally who knows the story [of each]," Wiebe said.



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Banners were installed on Stephen St. this fall with the photos and names of community members who have served our country.

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Winkler and Morden honoured community members who made the ultimate sacrifice Monday at their respective Remembrance Day ceremonies. During the reading of the honour roll in Winkler, Bev Hamm (above) placed a poppy on the cross for each of the nine Winkler men who died fighting in the First and Second World Wars, while Carol Enns shared a little of each man's story. Winkler's ceremony was led by Mark Wilson (left), a Canadian Armed Forces reservist who has served two tours of duty in the Middle East. Morden's ceremony (above, left) featured a presentation from reservist Sgt. Cody McMullen, who touched on the important role Canada continues to play around the world as part of NATO missions and in locales such as Afghanistan. Far left: McMullen lays a wreath in memory of fallen comrades.

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of each other ... whether this is something they would be interested in doing other than what they did with their parent," he said.

"I think it's just a good experience for all the kids ... they can see what goes on in the work world," said Don Hiebert, who was with his son Brady at Sawatzky's Furniture in

Winkler. "They see the parents go to work, but now they know what they're doing and what a day involves for their moms and dads.

"This just gives them an opportunity to see what's happening in factories, what's happening in retail stores, what's happening in offices," he said, adding for example that there is more involved in selling furniture than the kids might realize.

"If they just did an hour, you wouldn't really get a grasp of what a work day is like," he said. "In our business of furniture and appliances, most customers aren't carrying their product

out the front door, and so it involves a lot of guys in the back. They've got to get things ready, load the trucks, deliver it, come back and get the next day's loads ready."

"I think it's good to experience what they're doing each day," said Brady.

"You're learning skills like how to work and how to do your jobs ... I think we should do this more often," he said. "It's been different than what I thought it would be ... like the computer program here, it seems pretty complicated.

"Maybe I could get a part-time job somewhere," he added.

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Winkler Cheer Board launches 2019 campaign

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board is gearing up to distribute about 360 care hampers to families in need next month.

Board members gathered Monday to officially declare the next few weeks as Cheer Board Days in Winkler, kicking off the 2019 fundraising campaign.

"Our Holly Jolly Breakfast is on Saturday at the Southland Mall," noted board president Kris Derksen. "Scotiabank does match up to \$3,000 of what is donated [that day]. So that's a great time to give."

The Nov. 16 pancake and sausage breakfast runs from 8-11 a.m. at the mall's north end. In addition to food, people also have the chance to purchase teddy bears for kids whose families are receiving a hamper.

The community can also help the effort by making a donation at the till

or dropping off non-perishable food items at the Winkler Co-op grocery store. Many local schools and churches are also hosting food drives over the next few weeks.

A team of volunteers will round up all the donations and bring them to the Winkler MB Church on Pineview Dr. Dec. 9-11 to prepare the hampers, which will go out the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Each hamper will include a variety of basic food and toiletry items, gift cards to allow families to purchase groceries themselves, and age-appropriate gifts for the children.

It's something that helps make the holidays

a little brighter for families struggling to make ends meet, Derksen said.

"Everyone always thinks that Christmas is a happy time. For some families it's not. It becomes a very, very hard time if they're struggling. And this is just a way of helping.

"It goes from large families to singles," she noted. "Anyone that we hear

"ANYONE THAT WE HEAR OF THAT IS IN NEED WE WILL TRY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SOMETHING."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Christmas Cheer Board volunteers met Monday to continue planning for the 2019 campaign, which is expected to deliver upwards of 360 care hampers to families in need on Dec. 11.

of that is in need we will try to provide them with something."

Derksen said they've got all the volunteers they need to get the hampers ready for delivery, but they do need help with the very last step.

"Drivers are important," she stressed. "It's probably where we need the most volunteers, is delivering hampers."

To sign-up to deliver a hamper, sim-

ply stop by the church starting at 4 p.m. on Dec. 11.

"Last year we had a fabulous turnout and we were done, I think, in an hour and a half," Derksen said. "It was awesome to see the community support."

Hamper applications are available from the Central Station Community Centre at 545 Industrial Drive.

Foundations taking up the challenge this Sat.

All donations to be "stretched" in 24-Hour Giving Challenge

By Lorne Stelmach

If you've been thinking of making a donation to your local community foundation, this Saturday is the day to do it.

Nov. 16 is the 24-Hour Giving Challenge in Manitoba, which means all donations made to the foundations in Winkler, Morden, Plum Coulee, and beyond will be stretched.

For every \$5 given to your foundation of choice, The Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba will each provide an additional \$1 up to a maximum \$2,000 per foundation. That means a gift of \$5 becomes \$7.

A number of area businesses are also getting in on the donation stretching this weekend.

Access Credit Union is further

matching funds up to \$2,000 for \$10,000 raised, while the Winkler Co-op is donating \$1 for every cup of coffee sold that day at all their gas bars.

"Stretching funds is always good. People like giving money when they know their funds are matched," said Heather Unger of the Plum Coulee Foundation, which is hosting a soup and pie fundraiser at the community hall Saturday from 5-7 p.m. to give people a chance to donate.

Unger is confident the community will step up, as they have in past years.

"In our small way, being a small town ... I think we were over \$6,000 last year generated on that day," she noted.

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A frisky column

People are like cats (sorry, dog people).

It's true. Take some time to consider the average domestic household god (a.k.a. *Felis catus*) and you will see that the comparison is uncanny, especially as we get older.

The average cat spends most of its life pursuing three primary things: sleep, food, and, well, we'll leave the third for another column.

Sound familiar? Honestly, if I could portion my life into a pie chart sleep and food would take up at least three quarters of it. Sure, there are some people whose portions are different, but on average I'd wager most of us are pretty similar to our fur-bearing friends.

While I cannot speak for others, I also tend to enjoy hiding around corners in order to pounce on unsuspecting passersby. I find this a fun way to hone my reflexes.

Let's see, what else? Moan and groan incessantly until fed? Check. Harbor a deep hatred for cold and wet? Check. Constant grooming? Yep. Can be socially awkward and weird? Check. Tend to go to the bathroom in the same place everyday? Check?



By Peter Cantelon

Hide in a corner after getting injured. Mmm hmm. Very similar.

People are like cats ... some more than others. One way people are most like cats is our love for boxes. If you put out a box of any size or shape a cat will attempt to cram itself into it, no matter how small or ill-suited it might be.

Similarly, it is amazing to watch the gymnastics humans will go through to contort themselves into whatever box comes along. Sometimes (often) several boxes at once like Russian nesting dolls.

Of course, you know we are talking about metaphorical boxes now (although I do enjoy a good box fort to climb into).

Humans, like cats, cannot resist a box. But while cats often look cute and humorous in their attempts to occupy cube space, humans, on the other hand, can tend toward the pathetic and sometimes violent in their own.

How many boxes do we occupy? Well, let's see, there's gender, religion, ethnic origin, sexuality, political stripe, Star Trek or Star Wars (Star Trek, obviously), etc. ad infinitum, ad nauseam.

Notice something about these boxes? They are also things humans tend to fight over. Cats also fight over boxes sometimes, but more often than not they simply wait for a box to become unoccupied and move in.

Why are we so keen to define ourselves? Why are we so keen to restrict ourselves by such clean-cut param-

eters? Boxes are limiting. Sometimes, however, boxes can be convenient escapes for us.

I remember once having lunch at my grandparents' when someone knocked at the door. Grandpa opened the door to a pair of well-meaning religious solicitors who started talking about their box. My grandfather cut them off mid-sentence by climbing into his own box and simply stating "Sorry. I'm RC (Roman Catholic)" and then shutting the door on them.

Grandpa climbed into his religion box to escape a conversation. We do it all the time. We climb into our boxes of convenience and stick our paws through the holes to swipe at people passing by.

Another handy aspect of our box mentality is it saves us from thinking. When confronted with life's complex and diverse issues and concerns we simply go to our box shelf to see where we hide out.

You see this, of course, with politics. "I own the [insert political party] box and so therefore this is what I think ... (quickly spout party policies)." No thinking required, somebody else did it for us.

I can appreciate much of our similarity to cats but our fondness for boxes is where that appreciation ends. I wish we were not so tribal. I wish we were not so limited and fearful that we are constantly hiding in boxes.

If we're not careful these boxes will become our coffins and we will become buried alive in them.

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tion is also keen to take part. Volunteers will be setting up donation tables at Canadian Tire and Winkler Co-op from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We're always pretty pumped for the opportunity," said executive director Myra Peters. "It's really our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it's great chance for us to be out in the community and talk about what we're doing."

"You never want to be too confident

... but we have had great support in the community."

The Morden Area Foundation's Lynda Lambert will be at their Stephen St. office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

"Morden always does a really good job of supporting this," she said.

"I think people are catching on to it, so that's really, really good. Already, I had been getting e-mails ... is that on again, are you doing it, when is it?

People are preparing for it, so it's in their minds already that they want to do it."

If you can't make it to donate in person, you can still support your local community foundation by giving online at endowMB.org or by calling The Winnipeg Foundation toll-free at 1-877-974-3631 on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Sharing a story of forgiveness and healing

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A survivor of the Rwandan genocide shared his story of forgiveness and healing last week.

Author Eric Irvuzumugabe was at the Winkler Emmanuel Church Friday evening to reflect on the 25th anniversary of the 100 days in 1994 when over one million people were murdered in his country.

Irvuzumugabe was just a teenager when the killing started. He survived by hiding for weeks in the tops of cypress trees.

In the wake of the massacre, he found he had lost nearly 100 members of his family.

Irvuzumugabe said he spent a number of years trying to make sense of the tragedy. What finally brought him peace was becoming a born-again Christian and, ultimately, learning to forgive.

Irvuzumugabe recalled being drawn one day to the music coming out of a small church. He went inside to listen, though he had no intention of letting God into his life.

He nonetheless felt called to return.

"I had dreams and in my dreams I heard a voice that spoke to me ... God spoke to me and told me, 'Eric, you have to go back to this church because this is where your heart will be healed and this is where your life will be changed.'"

Irvuzumugabe said he found solace in the Christian faith that helped him heal.

"God answered my questions," he said. "[He said], 'Eric, I existed before the genocide, during the genocide, after the genocide.'"

Irvuzumugabe said he came to realize the people who had murdered his friends and family did so because they could not hear or feel God in their lives.

He said God told him, "That's why you have to forgive them. If you don't forgive them there is no difference between you and your enemies ... forgive, even if it doesn't

make sense.'

"It was a long process ... but I decided to forgive," Irvuzumugabe said. "What I learned in the forgiveness experience is ... we have to forgive those who have offended us ... we have to forgive for our future."

In the years since, Irvuzumugabe has founded Humura Ministries to promote education and health in Rwanda, especially for the widows and orphans of the genocide.

He's also written two books on his experiences. One, *My Father, Maker of the Trees*, outlines his path to forgiveness. His second book, written in his native language, is a parenting guide for the survivors of the genocide.

"The genocide left so many orphans. Thousands and thousands of orphans," Irvuzumugabe said. "And all these orphans, they are living with trauma."

"Today they grow up, they have their own families ... God was showing me how they were struggling to parent when they were not parented by their own parents."

Irvuzumugabe, who has made presentations across North America, hopes people take inspiration from his story of reconciliation, hope, and resilience.

"Which I think all the world needs," he said, "because you can find so many different challenges all around the world. ... division, hate."

"All the world needs hope," Irvuzumugabe stressed. "Forgiveness and reconciliation is needed everywhere."



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Eric Irvuzumugabe, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, was in Winkler last week to share his story.

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Winkler chamber's Elf on the Shelf returns

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce's Elf on the Shelf program is back for another Christmas shopping season.

The program promotes local businesses while also giving shoppers a crack at winning a prize pack valued at \$700.

"It's just a great way to support local over the holiday season," said chamber executive director Tanya Chateauf. "We really want to encourage people to keep their money in Winkler as they're shopping for their loved ones."

"We are learning that it's a great way to create partnerships with the business community from our standpoint," she added, "but also just a really fantastic way for our businesses and our members to connect with their customers as well."

Now in its fifth year, Elf on the Shelf 2019 features 14 participating Winkler businesses, including at least four

new ones.

"This will be, I think, a really fun way to hopefully increase awareness for the new businesses," Chateauf said, noting they had a lot of businesses interested in taking part, but participation was on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A small Elf on the Shelf doll will be hidden for two days at each of the locations.

"The elf will hide around the store and you can come in and search for him," Chateauf explained. "Once you find him, you point it out to one of the people working there and you can get your name into a draw for the grand prize."

Customers can earn a second draw ballot by making a purchase at the business. Additional ballots can be earned by finding the elf at the other stores throughout the campaign.

"Some people go to each business every single day," Chateauf noted.

The schedule for the elf is: Co-op at Home Nov. 15-16, Other Brother



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Winkler chamber executive director Tanya Chateauf with the Elf on the Shelf doll that 14 businesses will be hiding for customers to find over the next several weeks.

Roasters Nov. 18-19, One Stop Party Shop Nov. 20-21, Kasual Joe Men's Apparel Nov. 22-23, Country Cycle & Ski Nov. 25-26, Pure Anada Nov. 27-28, Staples Nov. 29-30, Winkler Fabrics & Plus Dec. 2-3, Time Out Sports

Dec. 4-5, Quarks Dec. 6-7, Dilis Boutique Dec. 9-10, Bloom Petals & Gifts Dec. 11-12, Janzen's Paint & Decorating Dec. 13-14, and Constellation Computers Dec. 16-17.

Shelters speak out in wake of toddler's death

Manitoba's women's shelters are speaking out in the wake of the death

of Hunter Straight-Smith in Winnipeg earlier this month.

The three-year-old died Nov. 2 of injuries allegedly inflicted by his mother's ex-boyfriend.

While Smith was in hospital on life-support after being stabbed in the neck while he slept, Daniel Jensen, 33, was charged with aggravated assault and attempted murder. The charge has since been upgraded to second-degree murder.

Last week, the Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters Inc. (MAWS)

urged Manitobans to see this attack for what it was.

"We ask you to make the connection between violence against women and the murder of this little boy," the agency said in a statement.

"He was murdered only to cause pain to his mother in retaliation for her standing up to her ex-boyfriend. This is the sort of violence that shelters, domestic violence agencies, and organizations all over Manitoba and Canada fight to bring awareness of because it's still happening at an alarming rate and it may not be recognized for what it is: domestic violence."

November is, in fact, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, making this attack all the more tragic, MAWS noted.

"The abuse that threatens women is inescapable. If the abuser can't hurt the women physically then they will hurt her in some other manner. This time the anger was taken out on an innocent child," said Ang Braun, executive director of the Winkler-based Genesis House shelter. "It's important to remind people that this is domestic violence at its worst."

Each year, shelters in Manitoba assist thousands of women, men, and children. During 2018-2019, MAWS shelters assisted with 16,792 crisis line calls and provided 49,031 bed nights to victims of family violence.

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Above, from left: Helen Wall of Fringe Salon and Spa and Allan Jones of Horizon Earthworks received Business of the Year Awards while Merle Block, shown with wife Susan, was honoured with the Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the Morden chamber's annual awards gala last week. Below: The Morden Community Thrift Shop was named the Non-Profit of the Year.

Morden chamber honours best in biz

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce celebrated business excellence at its annual awards gala last Thursday.

The evening saw Fringe Salon and Spa receive the honour of Business of the Year for companies with seven plus employees, while Horizon Earthworks was named Business of the Year for companies with fewer than seven employees.

Previously announced awards included Merle Block of Checker Signs as Entrepreneur of the Year and the Morden Community Thrift Shop as the Non-Profit of the Year.

"I am still a little bit shocked, but I am very honoured," said Helen Wall of Fringe Salon and Spa, which was selected over fellow nominees George's Kitchen & Ice Cream and Pharmasave.

Wall said she attributes all of their success to her staff, which has grown from two employees to 12 with another six people also renting space in their downtown location.

"I have an amazing team behind me. Without them, I'm nothing. We have amazing clients in our community and our surrounding community ... my team and my family."

She also emphasized how much she values being part of a tremendous business community.

"It's just a really big privilege to be part of a community that supports each other and just encourages each other to excel," said Wall.

"I've always enjoyed working in the Morden community with Morden businesses. I've always felt support from surrounding businesses, and I always feel like I can depend on the other businesses in town for support, and I give them support as well.

"I've always lived in Morden, so I'm very, very proud to be part of the Morden business community," she continued, noting how much she has always felt like they belong here.

"I was born and raised in Morden. My parents taught us community spirit. It was very important to my parents that we be part of the community," she said. "My parents were immigrants, came to Morden with 20 bucks, and people helped them. They told us from day one you will one day pay this back, and we do, all of us do."

"There's been some stressful times, but for the most part ... I have always really enjoyed a challenge, I guess," she said. "Every day, I face new challenges.

"We're going to get up every day, and we're going to beautify the town of Morden and surrounding area."

Allan Jones of Horizon Earthworks said that he was speechless



when he even just learned of the nomination.

"It's hard to believe actually ... it's just seven years in business, and to achieve an award like this is a true honour, and I owe it all to the local community for supporting us so well. I'm not really one to stand in front of a group of people for recognition, but it's definitely an honour," said Jones, who saw his business selected over fellow nominees Morden Discount Centre and Party On Rentals.

He reflected on what all helped get him to where he is at in business now.

"Growing up, my dad was always a hard worker, so I took on those traits and just worked hard my whole life and worked my way up," said Jones.

"I've had the opportunity to work with some very amazing people that have encouraged me to take this step into starting a business, and it's just grown from there," he continued.

"I just love heavy equipment ... digging in the earth, and I just like working with my hands and the outdoors," said Jones, adding his goal is always that "basically, we just want to improve productivity, just keeping a safe work environment for my staff, making sure everybody goes home safe at the end of the day, and just keep doing a quality job for our customers.

"It means the community is behind me in what we're doing," he said in reflecting on what the award means to him. "Without your support as a community, we wouldn't be able to build what we have here today. We've had amazing staff along the way who have helped grow the business."

"I'VE VERY, VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF THE MORDEN BUSINESS COMMUNITY."

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Heritage Soc. banquet spotlights Winkler's medical history

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Heritage Society looked back on the history of medicine in our community at its annual banquet Nov. 5.

Dr. Don Klassen, who has been practising in Winkler since 1978, provided an overview stretching back to the town's earliest days.

"Believe it or not, in the pre-C.W. Wiebe years, there were physicians," he joked, referring to the legendary Dr. C.W. Wiebe, who, in his 53 years of service to the community, delivered over 6,000 babies.

Before Wiebe came on the scene, though, the region was served well by doctors such as Dr. Hugh McGavin in Plum Coulee, who also delivered thousands of babies in his 56 year career and helped the community weather the 1918 flu pandemic.

Dr. Wiebe, meanwhile, began his storied career in 1925. The population of Winkler at the time was just 970.

"He had a small clinic. He did house calls, he did village calls," Klassen said. "He did deliveries at many of those locations, none of which included a hospital at that time."

The early years were characterized by high infant and maternal mortality rates due to infection as well as high incidences of infectious diseases such

as tuberculosis and diphtheria.

"Winkler didn't have a hospital and Dr. Wiebe thought we needed one," Klassen said. "In 1935, they started one on the upper floor of a home."

"They rapidly began planning a new hospital, a first hospital for Winkler," he continued, noting the 2,000 square foot facility cost just \$10,000 to build. Planning and fundraising was completed within months.

"Boundary Trails took 25 years and cost \$43 million," Klassen quipped.

The community's first dedicated hospital helped significantly improve obstetrics care and also provided a space for common surgeries.

Doctors like Wiebe and Dr. A.P. Warkentin were kept quite busy at the new facility, Klassen said, noting that in 1948 there were 179 outpatients (ER visits) and 509 surgical operations conducted.

In 1952, the community was struck by a polio outbreak. Out of a population of 1,642 people, 225 came down with the disease, many of them young children. Eighty-six people died and nearly 200 suffered significant paralysis.

In 1965, the Bethel Hospital on Main St., the current site of the Bethel Heritage Park, was built. It would remain in service until BTHC opened 36 years later, undergoing numerous ex-

Dr. Don Klassen (left) and Winkler Heritage Society chair Randy Rietze at the society's annual heritage banquet last week, which this year focused on the history of medicine in Winkler.

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pansions through the years.

In the mid-1970s, local doctors had led the charge to create the Winkler Clinic at 500 Main St., which is now the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre down the street.

In the early years, the clinic had 11 staff members, Klassen recalled. Today, it has 83.

A core group of doctors catered to the community's medical needs through the '80s and '90s, including Klassen, Dr. V.C. Jacob, Dr. Marilyn Day, Dr. Murray Reimer, Dr. Eric Lane, and Dr. Cornie Woelk, among others.

"We had a lot of fun and we did a lot of hard work in those years," Klassen said. "It was a little hard to imagine ... how we all managed."

The Winkler team was a talented group of medical professionals, he said.

"It really was a young medical and nursing staff ... we grew up together, we worked hard, we collaborated and worked well together."

As the community continued to grow, so too did the need for more doctors.

"In the late '90s we kind of hit what I call a watershed moment," Klassen said. "We had five physicians at the time and didn't quite know how we were going to manage the load. The community had grown, the demands of the practice had grown ... everything was getting bigger, except our

medical staff."

This led to a successful recruitment drive that brought many international physicians to the area. Most of them continue to call Winkler home over 20 years later.

Today, the community is well served by BTHC and the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre, both of which opened in 2001. There are currently over 40 family physicians in Winkler and more than 10 surgical and other speciality doctors in the area.

The hospital, Klassen emphasized, is truly a regional centre.

"We made it our hospital. Not Winkler's hospital, not Morden's hospital—our hospital," he said.

Looking to the future, Klassen said both the clinic and the hospital are planning expansions to be able to continue to meet the needs of our growing community.

TWENTY YEARS OF PRESERVING HISTORY

The banquet also served as the society's 20th anniversary celebration.

Formed in 1999 by a group of history buffs eager to preserve Winkler's heritage, today the society oversees the Winkler Heritage Museum, an extensive archives room at the library, and the Stones and Stories project, which is working to record the stories of ev-



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On display at the banquet were several tables full of artifacts and photographs from the local medical community, some stretching back over a century.

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Prayer Walk for Peace



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Around two dozen people gathered Sunday in Morden for the 7th annual Prayer Walk for Peace. The group started at Confederation Park and then walked to locations including the Morden Civic Centre, École Morden Middle School, and the courthouse, pausing at each to reflect on and pray about issues of peace and justice.

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Receiving the top entrepreneur honour, Merle Block passed on much of the credit to his wife and business partner as well as his staff.

"Both current and former employees have contributed by providing a diverse set of skills and abilities," said Block.

"In the last 34 years of working with the public and business community, it has made me appreciate the diverse range of customer needs in the sign graphics and more recently the memorial business," he added.

Speaking for the Thrift Shop, Jean Hildebrand touched on the ongoing success of the organization and the opportunity to benefit the community.

"It is today possibly the only business in town with customers lined up at the door waiting to get in at 10 o'clock," she said.

"We recognize that we the volunteers are just one link in a chain of blessings that include all the generous donations from the community and the loyal customers who through their purchases have enabled us to distribute funds to local organizations."

> HERITAGE BANQUET, FROM PG. 10

ery person laid to rest in local cemeteries.

The society operates with a budget of about \$30,000 a year, supported through fundraising events, private and corporate donations, and membership fees.

"We are a non-profit and the majority of our money comes from grants and people that donate to us," said board chair Randy Rietze. "We'd like to thank them all. We can't work without them."

Rietze said the board is currently in talks with the owners of the Southland Mall to secure more space in the building for the museum.

"There is a chance that we'll get more room," he said. "We have stuff stored in another location that we can't display. We just don't have the room."

A larger space could also potentially mean bringing the museum and the archives under one roof, Rietze said, making it easier for people to access both.

If you'd like to support the heritage society in its efforts, they have a new endowment fund with the Winkler Community Foundation. All donations made to the fund until March 2021 will be matched by the Manitoba Heritage Trust Program.

"We want to keep the heritage of Winkler alive as long as we can," Rietze said.

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Shelley attended the University of Manitoba's Northern Social Work Program and received her Bachelor of Social Work in 2004 and then went on to obtain her Juris Doctor in 2010. Upon completing law school, she articulated in Morden with a local law firm and practiced briefly on her own, accumulating many wonderful clients along the way. In her spare time, Shelley can be found volunteering around the community of Morden and participating in local events.

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Brody Hamilton (left) and Garrison Doell (above) with some of their artwork on display at Gateway Resources' annual art show last week Thursday.

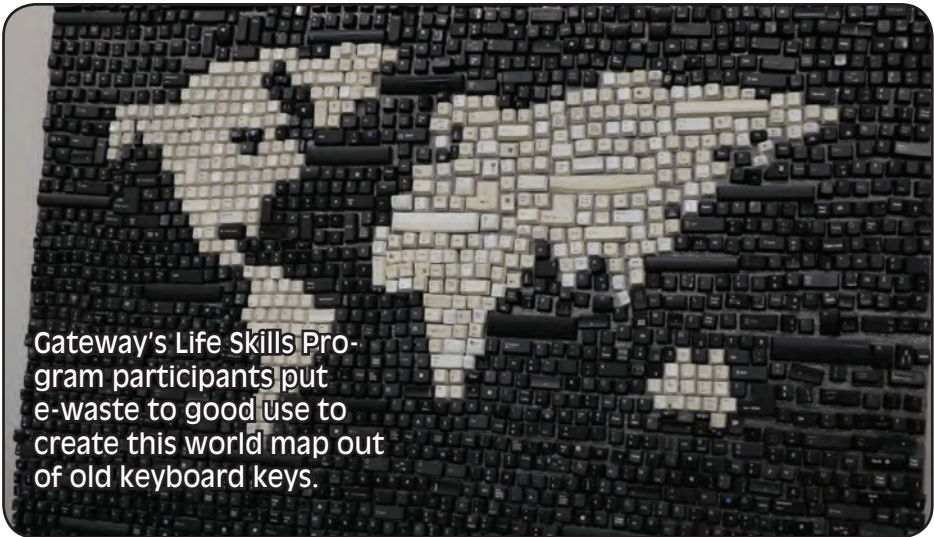
Gateway participants show their creativity

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Gateway Resources in Winkler shone a spotlight on the creativity of its participants last week. On Nov. 7, the Winkler agency, which provides programming and employment for people living with intellectual disabilities, hosted its an-

nual art show. "This year we have about 70 different artists who have participated, so it's a pretty big turnout," said community learning manager Allison Wiebe, who noted the artists ranged from young adults all the way up to partici-

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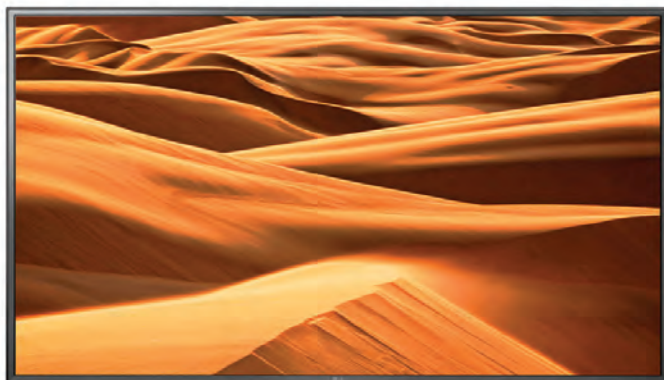
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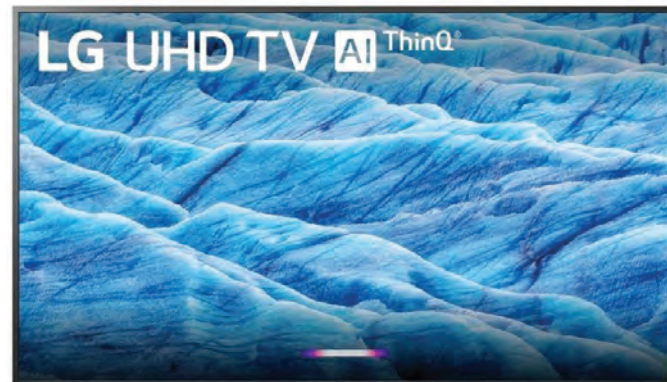
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Sherlock Holmes on the case in Winkler



Sherlock Holmes learned the true meaning of Christmas in the Flatlands Theatre Company's production of *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol*. The show, which ran Nov. 7-10 at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler, featured Conor Adrian (right) in the titular role. Coming up in the new year, FTC will present its student production *The Battle of the Bards* in March and then round out its season with Jane Austen's *Emma* April 30 to May 3.

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PHAC exhibition features "Manitoba Moments"

By Lorne Stelmach

The current exhibit at the Pembina Hills Gallery is not only another chance for the group of artists to display their work, but also to educate more people

about what they do, say organizers.

Promoting their medium of choice is important to members of the Textile and Fibre Artists of Manitoba, whose exhibit *Manitoba Moments* is featured in Morden until month's end.

"When I meet someone and I tell them that I'm a fibre artist, I'll get kind of a blank stare," president

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Hundreds of players, coaches, and fans were in Winkler and Morden last week for the 2019 National Women's Under-18 Championship, which pitted the best young female players from across the nation against each other for the title and potentially a spot on Team Canada. Clockwise from above, left: Team Manitoba lost to Ontario Blue 5-1 in their first game of the tournament; Team Ontario Red celebrates after their gold medal win Saturday against Saskatchewan 3-1; hundreds of local volunteers stepped up to make the week a success; fans cheer on Team 'Toba which, despite giving it their all, failed to post a win and so finished in eighth and last place; the Hockey Canada mascot takes a shot at the Saturday afternoon tailgate party; dropping the puck on the tournament in game one Tuesday afternoon.



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Ontario Red are tops in the nation

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Ontario Red emerged as the victors at the 2019 National Women's Under-18 Championships last weekend.

After five days of competition at the rinks in Morden and Winkler, Ontario downed Team Saskatchewan 3-1 in the gold medal match at the Winkler Centennial Arena Saturday afternoon.

Grace Nelles and Olivia Wallin scored pivotal goals in the second period while Sarah Campbell contributed a late empty-net marker to secure Ontario Red's fifth U18 championship win in a row.

Regina's Neena Brick got Saskatchewan's lone goal early in the third period.

In net, Kayle Osborne got the win for Ontario, turning away 17 of the 18 shots she faced. Across the rink, Arden Kliewer was battered with 34 shots but gave up just two before being pulled for the extra man advantage late in the game.

The win capped off a flawless week for Ontario Red, who were 3-0 in their pool, which also included Saskatchewan, who split their games 1-1-1.

Meanwhile, Team Manitoba had a rocky week, losing all three of their round robin games (falling 5-1 to Ontario Blue and British Columbia and then 4-1 to Quebec) and then losing the seventh-place match to Team Atlantic 1-0 Friday afternoon.

In Saturday's other medal match, Quebec won the bronze medal by beating Ontario Blue 2-1.

MORDEN-WINKLER SHINES

The tournament's host organizing committee is thrilled with how the event went, co-chair Jordan Driedger



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

In Saturday's gold medal game, Ontario Red, who had been unbeaten throughout the week, won one more time against Saskatchewan 3-1 to earn their fifth National Women's Under-18 title in a row.

said once the festivities were over.

"We had good crowds and there was lots of hype in the community," he said. "Everyone seemed very excited to host this event and we had lots of positive feedback from spectators and parents, players and coaches."

The tournament brought hundreds of people from across the nation to Morden-Winkler for the week, and they left impressed.

"They just felt so welcomed to our community. The hospitality was top-notch," Driedger said. "We kept hearing how excited they were to be here, how much they loved being here, and how we took such good care of them. That's always good to hear after putting in all that work to plan it all."

Helping the week run smoothly was a team of volunteers more than 250 people strong.

"The community was very willing to step up and help out," Driedger said, noting it wasn't a challenge at all to find people wanting to get involved. "Before we did a whole lot of advertising and recruitment we already had the number of volunteers that we needed."

The more major sporting competitions like this the region hosts, the more smoothly everything runs, he added.

"One thing that happens is the volunteers that you have for each event, they learn what it takes to put on a tournament of this calibre," said Driedger, pointing out that many of Morden's volunteers had helped out

"WE HAD LOTS OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM SPECTATORS AND PARENTS, PLAYERS AND COACHES."

two years ago with the Esso Cup championship.

"You could see it throughout the week how some of the Morden volunteers were kind of showing the Winkler volunteers, or the ones who had never done a hockey event like this before, showing them the ropes," he said.

"Now next time we host an event like this we have that many more volunteers who have done something like this before and know how to do it again."

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Flyers win three in a row

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers shook off a loss to Selkirk and bounced back with wins against Dauphin, OCN, and Steinbach this past week in the MJHL.

On Nov. 5, the Steelers handed the Orange and Black a 3-0 loss, scoring in each of the game's three periods while Selkirk goalie Levi Mitchell turned away every single one of Winkler's 35 shots. Across the rink, Dorin Luding took the loss for Winkler, making 28 saves off 31 shots.

Friday night's game against the Kings in Dauphin was a much closer affair, requiring an extra period to decide things.

After the Kings pulled ahead 2-0 in the seventh minute, Winkler fired back with three goals in the last 10 minutes of the opening frame courtesy of Jayden McCarthy, Alex Cattani, and Griffin Leonard.

A trio of goals followed Dauphin's third goal in the second, with Cattani and McCarthy each contributing their

second of the game and Garrett Szeremley getting in on the fun as well.

The Kings laid down the law in the final period, scoring three unanswered goals to tie things at 6-6.

In overtime, McCarthy got his third goal of the night 27 seconds in to win it for Winkler.

Luding had a 30-save night in net as the Flyers outshot Dauphin 41-36.

The boys' northern road trip continued Saturday as they faced the OCN Blizzard.

Despite the home team taking the lead in shots 34-29, it was Winkler who made good on their chances, with Leonard getting the Flyers on the board in the first period, McCarthy making it a 2-2 game in the second, and Carson Pawlenchuk and Sullivan Shortreed putting the win away 4-1 in the third.

Dylan Meilun was between the posts for Winkler this match, making 33 saves.

On Monday the Flyers headed to Steinbach to face the Pistons, return-



PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL/VOICE

The Winkler Flyers fell to the Steelers in Selkirk 3-0 Nov. 5. The boys bounced back with wins over Dauphin, OCN, and Steinbach.

ing home with a 6-3 victory to add to their record.

Luding made 33 saves off 36 shots (Steinbach outshot Winkler by one) while Nathan Poolman scored twice and Jackson Arpin, Pawlenchuk, Shortreed, and McCarthy also contributed.

With that, Winkler's record is 13-6-0-1 for 27 points, putting them in fourth place in the league, just four

points behind the Portage Terriers in first.

This week, the Flyers were slated to head into Winnipeg to face the Blues on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, the team hosts two games against Swan Valley Friday and Saturday and then has rematch against the Steelers here in Winkler next Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Redskins come out ahead against Royals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins defeated the Winkler Royals 5-4 on Monday.

Morden got on the board first with a goal from Jared Leiding six minutes in. Winkler caught up and took the lead with goals from Remi Laurencelle and Marcus Neufeld.

The Redskins scored four unanswered goals in the second frame. Mike Rey scored twice while Karl Fey and Matt Sibbald each scored once.

In the final period, Winkler managed two more, one shy of tying, from Michael St. Croix and Mark Hildebrand.

Reed Peters was between the posts for Morden and made 29 saves. Devon Wiebe made 31 saves for the Royals. Shots on goal were 43-36 in Winkler's favour.

The loss was Winkler's second in the past week, having also fallen to the Portage Islanders Friday night.

Portage was up 4-0 before Marlin Froese got the Royals on the board. The team finally came to life in the third when Michael St. Croix, Mark Hildebrand, and Phil Letkeman all scored, but it wasn't enough to catch the Islanders, who took the game 6-4. Devon Wiebe was in net for the loss and made 25 saves as Winkler outshot Portage 40-31.

Morden also posted a loss last week,

bowing to the Notre Dame Hawks 2-1 on Wednesday.

Jessi Freund scored first five minutes in, but the Hawks got that back and one more besides before the first

period was up. Neither team managed to find the back of the net again.

Reed Peters made 31 saves in the loss. His teammates sent 16 the other way.

Female Hawks fall in exhibition

By Lorne Stelmach

Wins have been hard to come by recently for the female Pembina Valley Hawks, but coach Shanley Siemens takes some positives from each game.

That's the case again after the Hawks came away from an exhibition game Sunday that ended as a 3-0 loss to The Rink Hockey Academy out of Winnipeg.

"We had a pretty good effort. We stuck with them the whole game ... for us, our biggest thing is our consis-

tency," said Siemens.

"Although it was still a close game, and we've kind of gone back and forth with them so far in our exhibition games that we have played them, our effort was there, but it's just for us a matter of executing, executing our systems.

"That's definitely a learning process for the girls, and I think we're still early on with that. We take each game and we take something from it ... how do we move forward and take the positives and learn from the things

we feel that we can work on."

The Hawks return to league play this weekend, having struggled of late in losing their last three games. They are at 2-6-0 so far this season.

Pembina Valley will hope to break their recent slump with a pair of games this weekend against the always tough Winnipeg teams. They host the Ice in Morden Friday night and then head to Seven Oaks to take on the Avros Saturday afternoon.

• HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

- The Morden Thunder boys and girls varsity volleyball teams are in the Zone 4 playoffs this week.

Both teams, who each finished up the regular season with losses to the W.C. Miller Aces Nov. 7, were scheduled to face the Aces in Tuesday night. Results were not available at press

time.

- In the SCAC AAA action, the Northland Parkway Collegiate varsity girls suffered a five-set playoff loss Nov. 7 to Léo-Rémillard CSLR.

NPC's boys, meanwhile, won their playoff match against the Nelson McIntyre Wolverines in three sets to

advance to face the Louis-Riel Voyageurs in the semi-finals Wednesday night.

- In Zone 4 hockey this past week, the Nighthawks lost to the Aces 9-1, Morden fell to Morris 6-3, and the Zodiacs were defeated by the Pembina Tigers 2-1 and then 4-1..

Morden Triathlon gives back

By Lorne Stelmach

The revival of the Morden Triathlon this past summer is paying dividends for the community.

The triathlon last Friday donated proceeds from the July race weekend back to a number of community organizations.

A total of \$6,000 was presented to five agencies, with \$2,000 going to Many Hands Resource Centre and \$1,000 each to The Hub Community Centre, Kidsport, Cycling Without Age, and South Central Cancer Resource.

"The triathlon is a not-for-profit race. We put it on to help the athletes have a venue to come and compete, but it's also fun to be able to make some proceeds from the race and give it out to other community organizations," said co-chair Heather Francis.

"A lot of these people helped us out also by volunteering at the race ... we know they do great work in the community for lots of other causes, so it's our pleasure to give back."

The organizations were selected for a few different reasons, Francis noted.

"Most of them historically have received money from us in the past, and we like to keep on with the same

vein," she said.

"Many Hands Resource Centre really helped us out a lot this year," Francis said. "They did all the food prep for us for the athletes and the volunteers at our race, so they got a bit bigger chunk of the proceeds."

"The Hub has also helped us out with aid stations and providing volunteers ... and we know that they help to feed a lot of people in the community."

"South Central Cancer Resource just does fabulous work for so many people in our community that are affected by cancer," Francis noted. "One of our race team members had cancer and passed away unfortunately last year, so we wanted to also donate in recognition of him and in memory of him."

"We had a donation to Kidsport as well ... we thought that fit very well with athletics and what we're trying to do with the triathlon," she said, noting there was also an obvious connection with the new Cycling Without Age initiative.

Francis said it makes all of their hard work worthwhile to be able to give back as a result.

"It's all volunteers ... we're able to offer a great race to a lot of athletes.



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The Morden Triathlon last week presented representatives from Many Hands, The Hub, Kidsport, Cycling Without Age, and SCCR with the proceeds of last summer's race.

We had more than ever before, so we had a little bit extra even than other years to give back."

"We love giving it right back too," said Many Hands chairperson Natasha Doerksen, who said they were deeply appreciative of the support. "It was our pleasure to volunteer. It was our first time doing the food coordinating ... if we can do it again, I think we would."

"It goes right back to the community ... we're very grateful to have the

additional dollars," added Dianne Mestdagh, secretary of South Central Cancer Resource.

"When we have holes in our shelf, we'll fill it with groceries so that we can give back to the people who need," explained Elaine Giesbrecht, chairperson of The Hub.

The triathlon returned for a 35th year after a hiatus in 2018. The two days of racing attracted over 275 athletes.

Twisters extend win streak to nine games

By Lorne Stelmach

If there was any doubt that the Pembina Valley Twisters could be a force to be reckoned with this season, that has been laid to rest early on in the campaign.

They extended their current winning streak to nine games in a row and are on top of the standings this week with only one loss through their first 11 games.

After earning a 5-2 win over the Transcona Railer Express last Wednesday, Pembina Valley then took

down the first place St. Vital Victorias 6-4 Thursday and on Sunday took care of the Stonewall Jets 7-3.

Sitting at 10-1-0 for 20 points, the Twisters were tied with St. Vital but have a game in hand on the 9-1-2 Victorias.

The Twisters broke open what had been a 1-0 game against Transcona after one period with three more unanswered goals in the second.

Jeremie Goderis scored twice while Brayden Klippenstein, Sven Scheffer, and T.J. Matuszewski contributed singles. Shots on goal were 40-21 in

favour of Pembina Valley, and Luke Zacharias got the win in net on the strength of 19 saves.

Elijah Carels then notched a pair Thursday against St. Vital as the Twisters fired three goals in the third period to break open a game that had been tied at two and then at three at the intermissions.

Also scoring were Goderis, Travis Penner, Wyatt Sabourin, and Jordan Keck, while Martin Gagnon made 22 saves as the Twisters outshot their opponents 43-26.

Carels then boosted his total to nine

goals with a hat trick against the Jets while Nathan Ayotte added another two to the night's tally. Also scoring was Matuszewski and Caleb Unrau. Pembina Valley got 20 saves from Zacharias as the team once again led the in shots on net 46-23.

Coming up, Pembina Valley hosts the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins Friday and then visits the Raiders Sunday afternoon.

Hawks down Interlake Lightning

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks erased a two goal deficit Saturday on their way to a 7-4 victory over the Interlake Lightning.

It was a second straight win for the Hawks, who saw their record improve to 10-3-1-0 for 21 points, which keeps them in fourth place in the standings.

Daniel Isaak and Roux Bazin each scored a pair of goals for Pembina Valley, which took a 3-2 lead after 40 minutes and then put the game away with four more in the final frame.

Scoring as well for the Hawks were William Irvine, Justin Keck, and Trent Penner with an unassisted short-handed marker to close out scoring.

Shots were 38-28 for the Hawks.

Reid Dyck got the win in goal with 24 saves.

Pembina Valley faced the Winnipeg Wild here in Morden Wednesday. The result was not available at press time.

They are in Beausejour Saturday to take on the Eastman Selects and then return home to Morden for the Winnipeg Thrashers Sunday afternoon.

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Pilot Mound men bare it all for their community

By Lorne Stelmach

Pilot Mound men are baring it all once again for their community.

Posing topless and tastefully in scenes befitting their personal stories, a group of brave men posed for the second round of the calendar project that brought the town not only substantial funds but some fame as well three years ago.

Dubbed the Legends of Pilot Mound 2020 calendar, it is following in the footsteps of the earlier fundraiser that brought in around \$20,000 for the Pilot Mound Recreation Complex.

"We didn't have any trouble convincing them to do it," said Ginger Collins, chairperson of the fundraising committee.

"The last time we did it, in 2016, everybody was pretty 'well, I don't know about this' and then it just went so crazy because we had national media coverage," she said. "It just went so crazy that these guys were instant celebrities ... so we didn't have any trouble this time because, with the fellas before them, they kind of knew what to expect."

The project once again aims to provide vital support for the recreation complex, which also has quite a story behind it.

It all goes back to the community raising the money to purchase the arena from a northern Manitoba

community. It then took a few years before it was all in place and renovated and operational.

There's been ongoing fundraising since then to not only pay down the capital debt but also continue with the maintenance required to keep the building running.

"It's all volunteer based and volunteer built," noted Collins. "They still don't have any paid employees. All of our work is done by volunteers, so [operational expenses is] basically what we raise our money for."

Collins said they're hoping to recreate the success of the calendar once again this year.

"It was so good last time, and it was a fun project because it really got the guys involved ... it really spoke to the heart of the community, that these guys would do this," she said.

"We talked about the women doing it but decided that we didn't think that we could top the guys," Collins joked. "I think it's neat for the guys because it is something completely out of their comfort zone, and it just works—it works that they're not doing it for any personal accolades ... it's just fun."

The calendar features the work of photographer Greg Currie, who also graces the calendar's back page.

This year's subjects range in age from 55-90 and come from all walks of life.

"We have a really wide variety, anywhere from construction workers to farmers to business men," noted Collins.

"I think that we do it very tastefully and respectfully for each of them ... it becomes more about their story, what they've done and why they do it, to give back to the community," she said, noting it shows them in their environments whether it is work-related or something reflecting their personal interests.

"Mr. June" Robert Cavers, who is seen in his photo holding a guitar next to a golf bag, agreed that the project has taken him out of his comfort zone a fair bit. But he doesn't regret it for a moment.

"I guess I got inspired by the last guys—if they could do it, I guess I could do it, and it's such a good project," said Cavers, adding that Currie really helped put him at ease. "He kind of made me feel at home with it."

He's starting to get used to the very public reactions to the calendar.

"It's kind of embarrassing to see it on Facebook and on the news to see yourself, but it's for a good cause. If you meet someone around town, they kind of joke with you, but it's all in good fun."

"I think it's going to be the ladies' turns next time," he added.

Representing the month of April, David Manning was happy to pose because he has always been involved and active with various community projects.

"Initially I thought it was great because it's something that was a very good fundraiser ... I was kind of excited to be part of it," he said.

"When it came right down to the crunch, I got fairly nervous about it all," Manning admitted. "In the end, it turned out fantastic, and I think the pictures really turned out great."

Like Cavers, Manning is also adjusting to his newfound fame in the area.

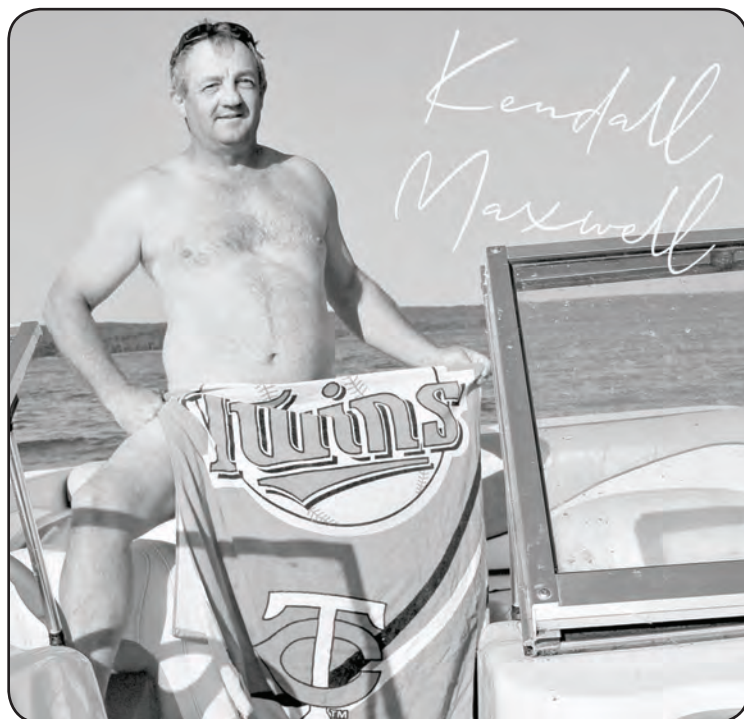
"People will kind of smile at you if you're in line waiting for a doctor's appointment or something ... they'll come over and say, 'I really enjoyed your

photo.'

"At the moment, it's a little bit embarrassing, but in another sense, it's quite rewarding," he said. "It also gives people a little bit of insight as to where we came from and what we're doing and why we're doing it. It kind of gels the community too."

The calendar sells for \$25 each or five for \$100 and is available at a number of locations in Pilot Mound, including Home Hardware and Call-Inns Hotel. You can also email dougcoll@mymts.net to purchase one.

"IT REALLY SPOKE TO THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY, THAT THESE GUYS WOULD DO THIS."



David Manning and Kendall Maxwell are among the men who posed for the 2020 Legends of Pilot Mound calendar in support of the community's recreation complex.

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An unsung war hero

Mennonites who followed Menno Simons' teachings in Europe and, later, in North America were opposed to war.

Simons had lived through many conflicts in Europe and suffered its subsequent turmoil. He felt the only road to lasting peace was for individuals to refuse to bear arms against their fellowman.

The Canadian government allowed the Mennonites their promised exemptions during World War I. At that time, most Mennonites were still farmers and their sons were needed to help on the farm. These sons were also sheltered in their isolated villages and most were not prepared to rebel against their parents' wishes.



By Florence Dyck

After the war, politicians became concerned about the large groups of German-speaking people among them. What if Germany declared another war and these people would prove not to be loyal to Canada? Manitoba had a solution. Mennonite children would be required to attend public schools with English teachers and the young men could apply for conscientious objector's status (COs) if they chose not to enlist.

By 1939, not all Mennonites were farmers and not all sons were needed to help on farms. Some sons worked for other farmers, some found work in Winnipeg and others went to high school and university.

When World War II was declared on September 1, 1939, a few brave young Mennonite men defied their parents' and their churches' teachings and signed up to serve. Among these few was Peter Wiebe from the Burwalde area.

After completing Gr. 12, Peter had moved to Winnipeg and begun studying to be an aero engine mechanic.

When war against Germany was declared, he felt strongly about doing his duty. And so he enlisted in the air force before he was called.

He was sent to Brandon to begin his training as an airplane mechanic, which he completed in 1941 at the

MacDonald training site near Lake Manitoba.

Peter was sent overseas to England in March of 1942, and here is where his story takes an interesting turn.

Peter spoke High German at home and also studied it at school. After working on airplanes in England for awhile, he requested a position where he could help by using his knowledge of German.

Being able to speak German was, of course, a valuable asset in a war against Germany. He would be required to listen and transcribe messages he heard. To do this very important but monotonous job required a very special person and the selection process was tough. Peter was selected and immediately sent to train with the secret service.

Peter wore the regulation service revolver he was required to wear but he never had to fire it and he was never engaged in any battles, though that is not to say his life was never in danger.

In 1942, he was sent for training at Bletchley Circle (the same site Alan Turing created the Enigma machine to crack the German's coded messages). Upon completion of his training, Peter became part of the First Radio Spy Unit, a special unit formed to go into the war. He served in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France, and Greece.

Wherever they were sent, his unit climbed to the highest points in the area. There they set up camp and listened to radio transmissions from German pilots up above them. Peter translated these messages to the field offices or a superior officer. Peter, along with his unit, stopped 250 potentially disastrous actions from occurring.

Peter was especially proud of the day they saved the Italian city of Naples.

Upon hearing Germans flying overhead talking about cutting off supplies from coming into the Naples Port, Peter passed the information

> GATEWAY, FROM PG. 12

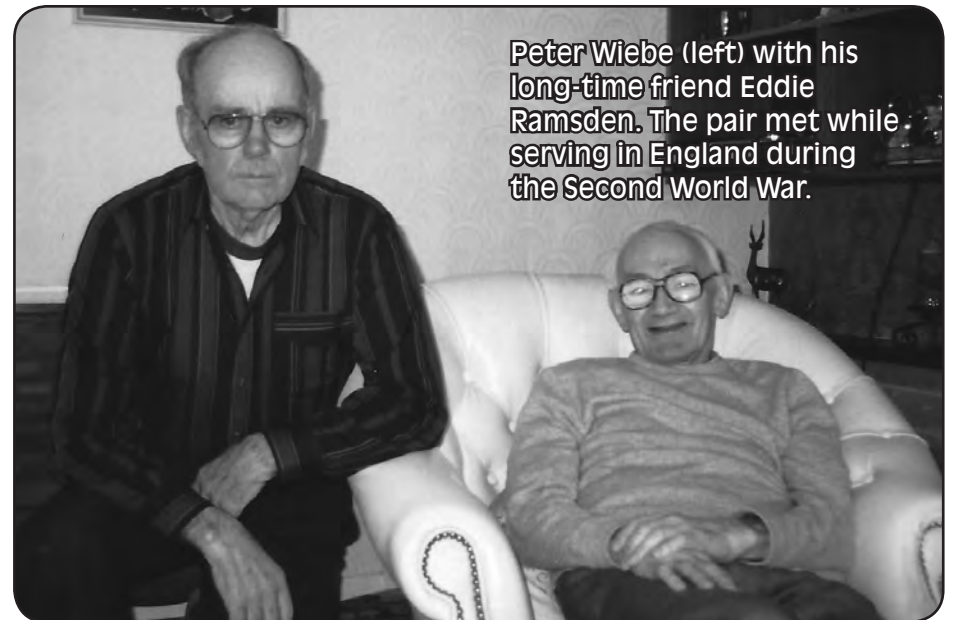
pants of Gateway's seniors program.

"It's crazy the amount of talent that's on display here," she said. "Every year they surprise me."

The artwork included everything from paintings and sculptures to Lego creations and pieces made out of recycled materials.

Many of the artists were sticking close to their work to gauge the reactions of visitors.

"They just want to show it off and see what people's reactions to their art is. They're so excited," Wiebe said.



Peter Wiebe (left) with his long-time friend Eddie Ramsden. The pair met while serving in England during the Second World War.

along so that Allied fighters could be dispatched to stop the bombers from reaching the city and its many historical artifacts and landmarks.

Peter's Christian faith set him apart from the other men but he was well-liked and respected in his unit. A lifelong friendship was formed with Eddie Ramsden and his family from Bradford, England.

The Ramsden family visited the Wiebes on their farm and the Wiebes flew to England to spend time with Eddie's family.

During a Manitoba thunderstorm, Eddie's wife fled to the basement in terror. She had lived through the Blitzkrieg in England.

Peter and his wife Justina were childhood sweethearts. They went to high school in Winkler together.

During the war, Peter continued to be attentive toward Justina by remembering her birthdays, Valentine's Day, and other special occasions. Though he was not allowed to give her any details about his assignments during the war, they were able to keep in touch through letters, photos, and poems.

The pair were married in Winkler on June 13, 1946, a little over a year after Peter returned home safely.

Like many other military men, Peter was modest about his wartime achievements. He came home, married Justina, and got on with his life.

He took pride in the musical abilities of his talented and wonderful wife. He also took pride in his two children, Don and Doris, and was a good father to them.

After his return, he struggled with a sleep disorder for years. Despite those struggles, he enjoyed his family, his farm, making objects with metal and wood, the outdoors, skiing, and golfing.

Peter died on July 14, 1999 at the age of 83.

He had gone overseas to help the Allies by keeping their planes flying, but he ended up fighting the war on an entirely different level. His was a tedious and demanding job, with long shifts spent crouched over hot radio receivers, straining to listen to the nonsense dots and dashes of encrypted messages and making sure they were copied accurately. But each time he helped save one city, one port, or one ship, he knew his job was worthwhile.

This month, please take a moment to remember all the young courageous men like Peter. They left behind family, friends, and loved ones to serve in foreign lands to preserve our freedom; a freedom we often take for granted.

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

I don't usually name them."

Nearby, Brody Hamilton's display was filled with colourful papier-mâché sculptures of Disney and Pixar characters.

"I still enjoy Disney," he said, noting his favourite character to bring to life is Tigger from Winnie the Pooh.

"Each model takes me maybe a few days to do," Hamilton said, adding he has an awful lot of fun making them and showing them off to visitors and potential customers.

"And we're always eager to open our doors and let the community see what we're all about here."

Garrison Doell had on display copies of his comic strip *Planet Garry* (which runs monthly here in the *Voice*), as well as several nature oil paintings, many with "sold" signs on them just half an hour into the show.

"I just kind of think about how to tell a story through nature," Doell said of his paintings. "And at the same time I kind of like to let the audience tell their own story about it, which is why

Agriculture

Cdn. pork and beef shipments to China will resume

By Harry Siemens

Great news for beef and pork producers and the entire meat industry as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tweeted Nov. 5: "Canadian pork and beef exports to China will resume. Thanks to Ambassador Barton and the Canadian meat industry for their work on re-opening this important market for our meat producers and their families."

Ag. Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau confirmed that after months of hard work and constructive dialogue, China will be re-opening its market for Canadian pork and beef.

"Thank you to many who played a role," she said on social media. "We will continue to work hard for our producers and processors."

The Manitoba Pork Council said producers welcome the announcement. Demand for high-quality pork by Chinese consumers is high, they

said, and Manitoba producers are eager to meet it.

Canadian Pork Council chair Rick Bergmann said they expect the movement of Canadian pork to China to eclipse the pace set before China's suspension of Canadian pork imports in June.

Prior to June 25, the Chinese demands for pork and different cuts of pork were changing and increasing due in part to the challenges faced by a country dealing with African Swine Fever.

"China is our third-largest market," Bergmann said. "In the first part of 2019, we saw some significant increase in volume and then that all ended June 25, so it's a critical market place for us."

"We sell them different cuts. We sell them products that we don't use here in Canada either, so it's very much a win-win customer for us," he added. "With such a large country, we look

forward to more opportunities to enhance and build on what we had in the past.

"The Canadian pork industry is working diligently to strengthen its relations with Chinese pork importers, and we look forward to significant trade moving forward," Bergmann said.

Producers like James Hofer of the Starlite Colony near Starbuck also greeted the news with enthusiasm.

"I am very thankful that our team of negotiating people negotiated a deal with China and came up with a deal so that we can keep our barn doors open," he said. "Manitoba is a net exporting province. Seven out of 10 pigs need to leave the country ... and the spin off effect is huge. Without being selfish, just thinking about pigs, if we can't feed the grain, the repercussions are endless."

As agriculture goes, so the economy goes, Hofer stressed.

"And people need to understand that if agriculture isn't going, if commerce isn't flowing from agriculture, it's devastating."

Another challenge for farmers, including the Starlite Colony, has had to do with the problems that Mother Nature has presented them of late, affecting the harvest and mainly the spreading of manure.

"Manure-spreading was a challenge this fall. It usually takes us three weeks to get it done; now, it took two months," Hofer said. "And the last part of it was a challenge where the conditions were wet and cold."

"But somehow the boys pulled it off, and they got it done," he said. "And the equipment, everything you could see taxed to the limit. The boys, the perseverance, they were getting stuck and all that stuff. It was a challenge."

"Yeah, it was a good crop. With the amount of rainfall we got when we got it, very thankful for what we got."

> FIBRE ART SHOW, FROM PG. 17

Krista Zeghers said in advance of the opening reception this past Saturday.

Zeghers tries to explain it really is no different than any other art form,

though the medium can have a different look and feel to it.

"I don't think it really expands their knowledge until they get to an exhibit

... so this does promote the art form," she said, noting how it can involve a variety of media and materials and is a more broad art form than may first meet the eye.

"Some people like to use more fibre than material, and anything really goes," Zeghers said. "I think as people get more and more into it, as an artist, and more people view it as well, it does seem to evolve, and more and more mixed media get involved into the creation process."

"It is kind of a new old art form ... it's a revival of an older art form ... so it's been a lot of fun ... and it's really growing right now."

The Textile and Fibre Artists of Manitoba was the brainchild of five fibre artists in 2017. It has since grown to over 50 members.

Manitoba Moments is their first exhibition and will tour the province well into 2020. Members recreated their favourite Manitoba moment or memory for the show.

"Which one will resonate with you?" asks Zeghers. "Because it is touring around Manitoba, I think they do resonate with most Manitobans. There's urban and rural, wilderness

landscapes."

The exhibit grew to include about 50 pieces from 20 artists.

"We had what you would call a studio workshop where we got together and we did some creative problem-solving, and everybody got some ideas and started working on their projects," Zeghers noted. "They could do any medium they wanted."

"It has gone really well," she said, pointing out that 17 pieces have been sold so far.

For Zeghers, who has always loved the tactile nature of fibre, she thinks the variety and range of the work is what draws both the artists and those who come to appreciate it.

As a fibre artist, she said, one can "paint" with fibres of all sorts to create varied effects.

It is good as well to have the connections with other artists, she added, not only to support but to inspire each other.

"I needed more inspiration ... more collegiality and just the hands-on, and other people can help get you going," Zeghers said. "We would love to get more members from other areas of the province."



Fall Ferns by Michelle Czuby-Slota is one of about 50 pieces that make up the Manitoba Moments fibre art display on now at the Pembina Hills Arts Council gallery in Morden.

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The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2244-19, of the City of Winkler. The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2244-19, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

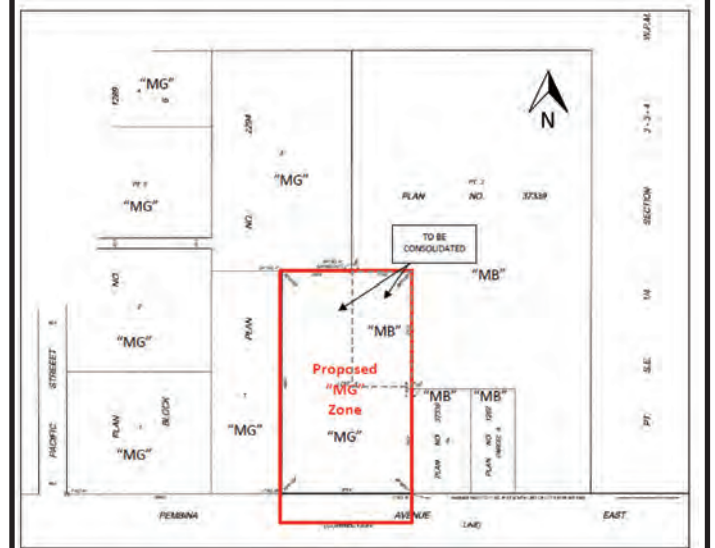
All of Lot 1, Plan No. (Dep. 1326/2019) MLTO in the SE ¼ 3-3-4 WPM as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned FROM: "MB" INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS ZONE AND "MG" INDUSTRIAL GENERAL ZONE TO: "MG" INDUSTRIAL GENERAL ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2244-19, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 21st day of October, 2019.

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City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A" To By-Law 2244-19

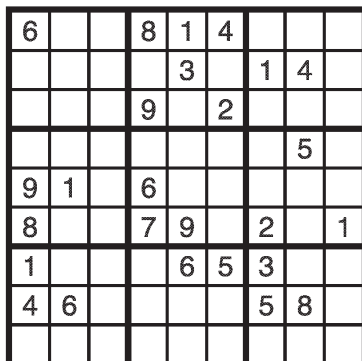


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8	5	6	2	1	8	9	4	7
2	6	3	5	9	4	7	1	8
1	9	2	8	6	7	4	3	5
3	7	4	8	5	9	2	1	6
5	8	9	1	4	2	7	6	3
9	3	8	2	7	1	9	5	4
6	1	4	9	3	5	8	7	2
7	2	5	6	1	4	8	9	3

Sudoku Answer

E	H	R	T	D	A	V	O	
S	K	O	V	H	T	N	B	E
S	N	O	V	O	I	F	V	B
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V	S	K	O	V	T	B	H	T
G	N	I	S	I	H	V	M	C
V	N	M	A	T	I	I	D	E
O	T	I	A	T	E	B	U	L
S	E	O	T	V	D	S	N	S
X	I	F	S	R	D	T	V	B
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Crossword Answer

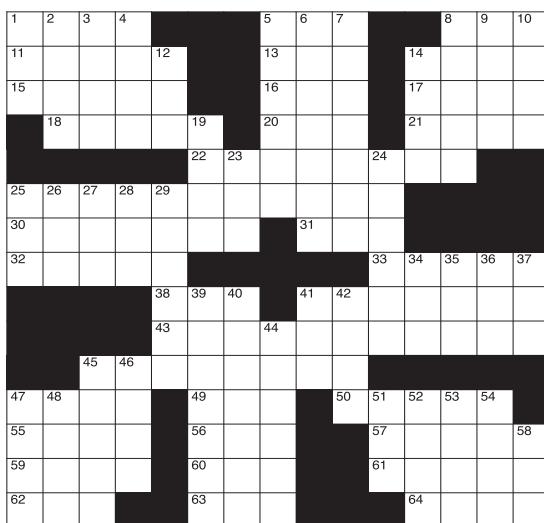
CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Shelter for pigeons
5. Popular lit genre __-fi
8. Used to harvest agave
11. Wintertime accessory
13. "Gandalf" actor McKellen
14. Taxis
15. Political plot
16. Public television
17. Nigerian ethnic group
18. Informal loan clubs
20. "Wheel of Fortune" host
21. C C C
22. North, South and Central make them up
25. In an early way
30. Lied down in rest
31. Female hip-hop trio
32. Improves
33. Genus of mackerel sharks
38. Electronic countermeasures
41. Emerging
43. Balkan body of water
45. A type of delivery
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Title given to a monk
50. Partner to "oohed"
55. "Luther" actor Idris
56. Supporting pin (nautical)
59. One point north of northeast
60. Unit of measurement
61. Where clothes hang
62. Opposite of night
63. A way to change color
64. Korean independence proponent Syngman

CLUES DOWN

1. Reciprocal of sine
2. Political organization



3. Defunct funk record label
4. Geological times
5. One who drinks slowly
6. Nightclub entertainment
7. Establish in one's mind
8. Restaurants
9. Off-Broadway theater award
10. Requests
12. You don't watch to catch it
14. Intestinal pouches
19. Satisfy
23. Wet dirt
24. Regularly repeated
25. Before
26. The color of Valentine's Day
27. Indicates near
28. Bon __: witty remark
29. One's holdings
34. Request
35. Prefix meaning "badly"
36. Midway between north and northeast
37. Ottoman military title
39. Teased
40. Happily
41. Pie __ mode
42. Mars crater
44. Sports TV personality
45. Taxi driver
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. The sick are sometimes on it
48. Relating to olives
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. A way to engrave
54. Where Coach K. works
58. Midway between south and southeast

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We sell the lathe, milling machine, welders good shop equipment, also the nice yard equipment the 24 hp massey ferguson compact tractor. Large shop and tool auction along with excellent yard equipment. PTO Drive 10 Kilowatt Gen set on trailer, Lathe metal cutting RM McDougall 7 ft bed, 22 in swing, single phase power with large amount of attachments, rest, followers, etc. Shop press 50 ton. Morcan RF-31 Milling machine. hand tight chuck and many attachments serial # 93299. Aceteylene oxgen cutting torch. Drill bits large assortments up to 1" and more. Iron Worker, with plenty dies, punch, angle, and flat notching. Numerous battery charges some with boost. Roll away tool chest, Hempertherm 85 plasma, cutter, cuts 2.5 in. Frides welding rod storage. Few retractable air house reels. 1" sq, socket set up to 21/4 in sockets. All other smaller sets, 3/4" 1/2" 3/8 etc. 10 in radial arm saw. 12 volt 13 gal per minute fuel pump with hoses. Hyd 2" pump. 12 volt 1500 lb winch unused. Job site portable small air compressor 3 hp. Miller 350 wire welder, 4in belt sander. Large bolt assortment sells with bin and contents. Bench model 1/2 in Drill press. 6in very heavy duty Bench vise. Few double end Grinders. Routier and Bits and other wood working equipment. Yard equipment. 2009 Massey Ferguson GC 2400, 60 in belly mower, with ol 180 loader bucket with shop forks, 3 pth, 540 and 1000 pto, Fwa power steering Joy stick only 366 one owner hrs. Cub Cudet Zero turn front mount 60 in mower 223 hrs. Honda F-501 Rear tine tiller with trans mission. Yard and spot sprayer 3 pth, with pto pump and folding boom. 3 wheel yard trailer. Kids merry go round. Picnic table. Yamaha 2012 Golf cart 48 volt very nice condition. Cast feed cooker, with good fire jacket. Lots of other misc shop items Booster cables, Unused 1500 watt power plant. Alternator tester, Large assortment of logging chains. Load binders, tow straps. Pallets of Hydraulic motors, cylinder and hoses. Electric motors, all working, Unused Radiator for MF 65. Gm 2 speed power glide trans mission, Many small organizers, of various fasteners, etc, This is a very short list of what will be on the auction floor, all items sell to the highest bidder, all sales will be final, any statement made auction day shall take precedence over any and all Previous advertising. Folks here is a large auction with a large variety of shop equipment. Please note Franks shop has been the home of many a Car / truck restoration. Or even a new creation, all done to perfection, this shop has also Built Manure spreader and fitted to operate on Giant mining truck. and many other projects never one too large. Frank can Built, create, manufacture, what ever the man puts his mind too You will do very well to spend auction day here with us. **Owners 204 325 5317**

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OBITUARY



Raymond John Hildebrand February 8, 1955 - November 1, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ray Hildebrand on Friday, November 1, 2019 at his home in Mowbray, MB.

He is survived by his father, Jake; siblings, Rita Hildebrand, Ron Hildebrand (Gerri), Brenda Gauthier, Orville Hildebrand (Anne), Calvin Hildebrand, Debbie Rae, Cindy Dawes (Richard), Denise Hildebrand and many nieces and nephews. He will also be fondly remembered by Elveira Hildebrand and her family.

Ray was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed wildlife. Donations may be made to the Manitoba Wildlife Federation.

Cremation has taken place and the immediate family will gather

for an ash interment at a later date.

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OBITUARY



Elmer Vernon Schroeder 1935 – 2019

Elmer Vernon Schroeder, of Morden, MB passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 2, 2019, holding Elda's hand, his beloved wife for over 61 years.

Elmer was born on May 15, 1935 in a small farming community near Rosenfeld, Manitoba and was the only child to Albert and Martha Schroeder. He was baptized, confirmed and married in the Rosenfeld Lutheran Church.

After graduating from Agriculture at the University of Manitoba, Elmer and Elda worked with his parents in the family road construction business. He later hit the road again, as a salesman for Swift Canadian and then, Cominco Fertilizer, before returning in 1972 until his retirement in 2000, to the generational business

of farming.

Elmer was a devoted and active lifetime member of the Morden Christ Lutheran Church. For many years, he volunteered his time to community work with the local Kinsmen, K40, and the Morden Seniors Friendship Center.

Elmer was kind, hardworking, super organized, and a considerate gentleman. He had a huge sense of fun, was quick to laugh, connected with people of all ages, and will be remembered for all his witty one-liners. Elmer had an easy-going nature and always showed his gratitude and appreciation for others. He liked to wear hats and will be remembered for his cool fedoras. He was a gifted musician who never learned to read a musical note, yet played organ, piano, and accordion by ear. Lively toe tapping music always brought a sparkle to his eyes and a big smile. Elmer was an excellent dancer. He and Elda enjoyed many dance parties that included old time music and square dancing. He took pleasure in curling, shuffle boarding, camping, fishing and a few rounds of golf on occasion. Driving was something that Elmer enjoyed, so he was the driver for many family vacations and trips all over Canada and the USA. This desire to explore, mixed with social visits with family and friends, truly enriched his life!

Elmer loved his family and friends, and in turn, will be missed without measure by his devoted wife, Elda; his three loving daughters, Kim (George Andrews), Laureen (Roger Echols), and Valerie (Shane Kuros) and his granddaughters, Celynn and Reese, Rebecca (Steve Liguori) and Avery (Sean Fitzgerald) and many friends and extended family.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the nurses and caregivers at Tabor Home during this last stage of his life.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Christ Lutheran Church, Morden with private interment prior to the service at the Rosenfeld Cemetery.

Donations in Elmer's memory to the Tabor Home or Christ Lutheran Church are appreciated.

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OBITUARY



Helen Wall (nee Dyck) 1930 – 2019

Our mother, Helen Wall, went to be with her Lord and Saviour at 2:50 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at the Salem Home after not feeling the greatest that morning.

She celebrated her 89th birthday on October 15th. Mom was the last of 10 children to be born to John and Anna Dyck in Blumenfeld. This is where she graduated after eight years of school. She was baptized on confession of faith on June 2, 1950 in the Sommerfelder Church. At the age of 15, her father passed away and eight months later her mother married Peter Bergen. That marriage lasted almost 13 years until her mother passed away. After her stepfather married Margaret Neufeld, mom appreciated these step parents as long as they lived as well as the step siblings. When she was about

18, she and her mother and stepfather moved to Friedensruh and then to Plum Coulee. While living in Friedensruh, she met the love of her life, David Wall. Mom and dad were married August 30, 1953. That union was blessed with one daughter, two sons and lasted 62 years and eight months. The first years were spent living and working at Kroeker Farms near Neuenberg. From there they made a move to Schanzenfeld and lived there for about 33 years. Mom and dad were kept busy with farming and the dairy barn. In 1992, they retired to Winkler. Here she did a little gardening and cooking for whenever someone might drop in and stay for some goodies. Mom was always the life of the party; this is how many would describe her. Her last joking comment was to one of the nurses the morning of her death. She was the go-to lady when they needed someone to make rishia at Salem. Mom took up residence at the care home on November 18, 2016, almost three years ago. We felt they appreciated her there and she them.

She is survived by three children, one daughter, Alfreda and Harold Thiessen; two sons, David and Joyce Wall, Ed and Teresa Wall; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by dad's brother, Henry and a sister-in-law, Agatha Wall. She was predeceased by her loving husband, David Wall in May 2016, her parents and all her siblings and their spouses.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at the Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support they have shown. A special thank you to the staff at Salem Home who were always there to help even when she wanted to take care of herself. Thank you to Jake Wiebe for officiating, Wiebe Funeral Home, ushers, pallbearers, serving ladies, song leaders and anyone else who assisted in some way. We do not mourn but rejoice that she was able to meet her Lord and Saviour. Until we meet again, we will carry your memory in our hearts. Thank you, the family.

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