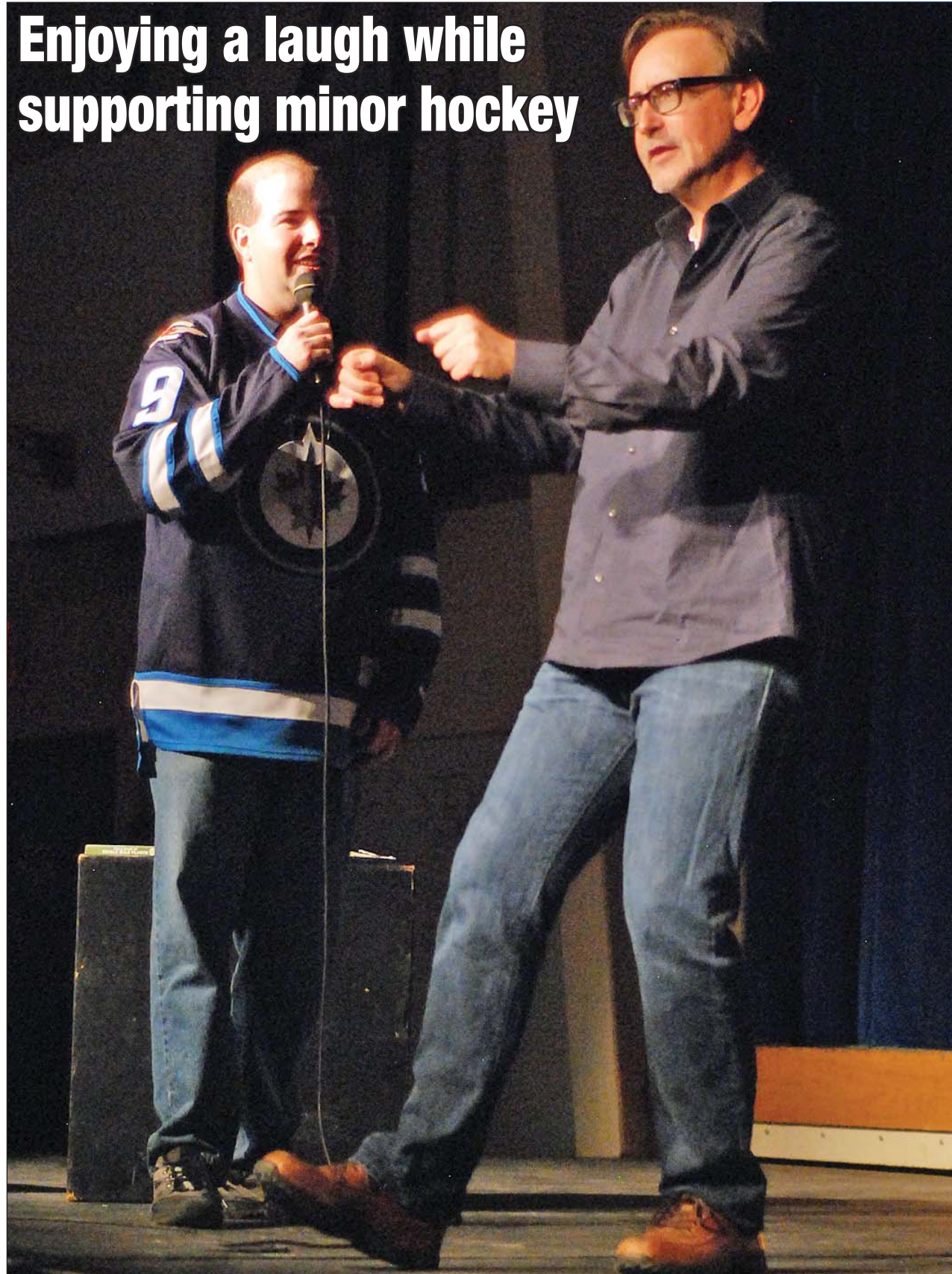


Enjoying a laugh while supporting minor hockey



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The Puck 'n' Funny standup comedy show, which is geared towards helping raise funds for community hockey clubs, returned to Vulcan Friday night at the Cultural-Recreational Centre. Here, local resident Sean Currie volunteered to get on stage during the final performance by Calgary's Brian Stollery, who asked Currie to make sound effects for a skit. In this image, Currie did his best to make the sounds of a car starting up as Stollery acted out the scene. The event was organized by the Vulcan Minor Hockey Association, which brought the show to town for the first time last year. About 120 people attended the event, up a little from last year's attendance, said organizer Crystal Grant. See next week's paper and our website, www.vulcanadvocate.com, for more coverage.



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Funny fundraiser supports minor hockey

➤ Puck 'n' Funny comes back to Vulcan for second year in a row, could become annual show

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Though not overwhelming, the success of the second Puck 'n' Funny standup comedy fundraiser for minor hockey could mean the event will become an annual one.

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“Next year, we'll work on getting the word out a little better,” said Ben Carnduff, vice-president of the Vulcan Minor Hockey Association.

“The turnout could have been a little better,” he said about the Nov. 15 event, which was held at the Cultural-Recreational Centre.



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Mike Simmonds, the driving force behind Puck 'n' Funny, was among three comics to take to the stage the night of Nov. 15 at the Vulcan Cultural-Recreational Centre.

“The show was really good, the meal's good,” said Carnduff, who also acted as emcee for the evening. There's nowhere else

in town to get a meal and a standup comedy show for \$40, he said.

When the *Advocate* spoke with Carnduff on Friday, the minor hockey association had not yet held a meeting to discuss the fundraiser and how much it raised. He said the association would be meeting tonight (Wednesday).

“I'm happy if they want to do it again next year,” Mike Simmonds, the driving force behind Puck 'n' Funny, told the *Advocate*.

There was some growth in attendance over last year's show, which was brought in by the Vulcan Minor Hockey Association to raise funds.

“If they can build on that for next year, fantastic,” said Simmonds.

Wanting to keep things from getting repetitive, he said he would not be among a new lineup of comedians.

“I'd send fresh laughter,” said Simmonds, who lives in Saskatoon.

Having not made the inaugural show last year, he said he was looking forward to coming to Vulcan to laugh long and prosper.

“It went really well,” he said about the show.

“Everybody was very helpful in organizing it all. It was very well run,” said Simmonds.

A silent auction featuring locally donated items and some hockey paraphernalia from Puck 'n' Funny also did well, he said.

Overall, Simmonds said he was happy with the show and to see it worked out so well.

“There was a lot of people doing work in the background,” he said, pointing out to the volunteers who ran the bar, prepared the stage, food, handled ticket sales and the overall setup.