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There was no question about the star attraction at Morden's tree lighting festivities at the civic centre Friday, as families were lined up for free photos with Santa. For more photos of the celebration, check out Pg. 16.

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Local officers honoured with provincial awards

Excellence in Law Enforcement awards presented to Winkler, Morden constables

By Lorne Stelmach

Two local officers have been honoured for their dedication and service to policing in Manitoba.

Cst. Jonathan Goertzen of Morden and Cst. Arnold Klassen of Winkler were among 16 recipients of Excellence in Law Enforcement Awards presented Nov. 16 in Winnipeg at a gathering of the Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police.

The honour cited Klassen particularly for spearheading the creation of a canine unit in Winkler, while Goertzen was recognized for being part of the regional support tactical team.

Goertzen started his policing career in 2007 and has been a member of the

Morden Police Service for the past six years. He couldn't be reached for comment as of press time, but police Chief Brad Neduzak in a statement praised Goertzen for his role in the regional support tactical team.

"His hard work and dedication to law enforcement has enhanced the service provided to the citizens in the entire Pembina Valley region," he said.

Neduzak noted the tactical team is one of the very first long-term regional efforts between the Morden, Winkler, and Altona police services and it has been a positive addition.

"Police are called upon to sort out sometimes dangerous situations in a safe and professional manner," he said. "This is when a well-trained

PHOTOS BY BOB HOLLIDAY/MANITOBA POLICE ASSOCIATION

Justice Minister Heather Stefanson presented Winkler Cst. Arnold Klassen (centre in photo at left, with Chief Rick Hiebert) and Morden Cst. Jonathan Goertzen (centre above, with Chief Brad Neduzak) with Excellence in Law Enforcement Awards.

team is not only a nice-to-have but a need-to-have."

A 17 year veteran with the Winkler Police Service, Klassen said the award is a great honour, though he's quick to point out that others are equally deserving of it.

"I felt, in one sense, why am I being singled out for this award? There are a lot of other people in our service deserving of recognition as well," he said. "There's a lot of other people in our police service who put in a lot of effort and do a lot of great work."

Klassen said it was rewarding for him to be involved in establishing the city's first canine unit.

"I took a lot of pride in the work that I did," he said. "A lot of it took time after hours, especially in the beginning, to establish the unit ... a lot of time was put in after hours for training."

He feels now that it is making an ongoing positive impact in the community.

"I think the department recognizes

the benefit and the importance of it," Klassen said. "It felt good that other people recognize it as a worthwhile venture for us and something that benefits the service and the community."

The Excellence in Law Enforcement Award recipients are selected by a committee representing the Brandon Police Service, RCMP, Winnipeg Police Service, and Manitoba Justice.

More than 130 police officers have received this award in recognition of outstanding contributions to their communities, their police service, or the betterment of law enforcement in Manitoba.

"It is truly an honour to recognize these officers and their dedication to public safety in the communities where they live and work," Manitoba Justice Minister Heather Stefanson said in a statement. "We all benefit from their leadership, commitment and desire to make our province a better place."

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Holly Jolly Breakfast raises \$10K

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board served up nearly 300 pancake breakfasts at its annual Holly Jolly Breakfast on Saturday.

The event brought in just over \$5,000 in donations, which was matched by breakfast sponsor Scotiabank to bring the grand total to a little over \$10,000.

That will take a big bite out of the Cheer Board's bills for this year's care hampers, which go out to families in need on Dec. 6. "It makes it a lot easier," says Cheer Board chair Francis Fehr. "We're seeing a lot of other fundraisers coming together, too, which is exciting."

You can drop off monetary donations and non-perishable food items at City Hall from now until the first week of December. Winkler Co-op has also launched its Cheer Board campaign, accepting monetary donations at the till.

The Cheer Board expects to deliver over 330 hampers this year. They'll be packed full of food and gifts for the kids to ensure everyone has a merry Christmas, says Fehr.

Volunteers will be needed to help pack up the hampers Dec. 4-6 and to deliver them the evening of the 6th.

If you'd like to help out, call the Cheer Board at 204-362-3946.



Top photo: Cheer Board volunteers served up 280 pancake breakfasts on Saturday. Right: The fundraiser included music from local artists, including a choir from J.R. Walkof Elementary School.

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Police called to apartment complex twice in one day

Winkler police were called to the same apartment block twice in one day for separate assaults.

Officers first went to the Navigator Apartments Nov. 12 around 3 p.m. in response to a report that a 17-year-old youth had assaulted his father and his father's girlfriend, punched a hole in the wall, and threw items around the apartment.

The suspect had left the scene prior to the police arriving but then returned while officers were still there. He now faces charges of assault and mischief over \$5,000.

Officers were called back to the building around 4:30 p.m. about a fight between a couple.

Police say a woman holding a small baby was in a hallway kicking an apartment door and then, after the man opened the door, she began hitting, scratching, and kicking him.

A 20-year-old Winkler woman has been charged with assault. Child and Family Services were also notified of the incident.

Other items of note in the weekly

police report includes:

- Winkler police were called Nov. 9 at 11:30 p.m. about a man who was stumbling all over the road along Peters Ave. wearing a shirt and shorts but no jacket.

Police found the 16-year-old on Park St., but he would not talk to officers and appeared to be under the influence of drugs.

The youth was taken to the Boundary Trails Health Centre, where he was yelling and combative with police and hospital staff.

Blood test results showed he had alcohol, marijuana, and shatter in his system. Police suspect he may have taken ecstasy as well.

Officers were able to leave the hospital after the teen calmed down.

- Police received a complaint Nov. 9 from an employee of McDonald's in Winkler that a co-worker on two occasions threatened him and his family.

A 17-year-old Manitou man was ar-

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Community foundations rise to the challenge

By Lorne Stelmach

Local community foundations got a huge financial boost Saturday through the annual Endow Manitoba 24-Hour Giving Challenge.

Every donation made to rural foundations that day were matched by the Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba at \$1 for each \$5 raised up to a maximum of \$2,000. The Access Credit Union also came on board to match that amount for Winkler and Morden.

As a result, the Morden Area Foundation collected \$18,345, far surpassing the \$10,268 raised last year.

It means the foundation will be receiving the maximum \$6,000 in challenge monies, bringing the 2017 total to \$24,345.

"This challenge is fun and is a great way build awareness and support for the foundation," said executive director Lynda MacLean.

"This year was exciting because I had so many more people comment-

"BY GROWING THE COMMUNITY FUND, WE ARE ABLE TO GRANT MORE MONEY BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY EACH YEAR."

ing on the program and talking about the program and ultimately coming in with a cheque," she said. "I received a variety of cheques this year from \$20 all the way up to \$5,000."

Winkler Community Foundation board members set up shop at the Winkler Co-op to accept donations. The foundation got additional funding support from the City of Winkler, Winkler Auto Dealers, and BDO.

"Our goal for the 2017 Giving Challenge was \$20,000, which we were



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From left: The Winkler Community Foundation's Myra Peters, Tash Olfert, and James Elias set up shop at Winkler Co-op for the 24 Hour Giving Challenge on Saturday, raising over \$37,000 for local grants.

able to surpass, getting us closer to our five year goal of raising \$100,000 for the community fund," said executive director Myra Peters, noting they ended up with a grand total of \$37,326, including all matching donations.

"By growing the community fund, we are able to grant more money back into the community each year," said Peters, who estimated "the funds raised during the 24-Hour Giving Challenge will grant out an additional \$1,300+ annually at the same time earning interest and growing to have

an even greater impact."

The Plum Coulee Foundation, meanwhile, hosted a special by-donation soup and pie supper Saturday to bolster its challenge efforts.

The agency's Moira Porte said they raised \$5,390, which came to \$7,546 after matching donations.

"We are very happy. That's a couple thousand more than we had last year," said Porte. "We were very thankful and appreciative of all our donors. That adds quite a bit to our endowment fund."

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Central Stn. launches Community Care Program

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Central Station has launched a new program designed to help struggling individuals and families find their footing in our community.

The Community Care Program (C.C.P.), funded by and operating under the Safe Communities Initiative, is a partnership of a number of social service agencies who, working together, hope to help participating clients create and work through a plan for a better life.

It's aimed at those families who find themselves involved with at least three social service agencies, explained coordinator Lori Penner.

"For example, any three of police, or if you're on probation; issues with not attending school; mental health or developmental concerns; family issues, including family violence or poverty; public health issues; and addictions," she said. "It is presenting issues for your family that prevent you from moving forward and moving forward in a healthy manner."

The program's community partners right now include Garden Valley School Division, the Winkler Police Service, Eden Mental Health, Southern Health's Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Genesis House, Child and Family Services, and the City of Winkler. Additional agencies could be added in the future.

Though families can be referred to

C.C.P. by any of these organizations or even friends or neighbours, it's ultimately up to them whether they want to go through the program or not.

"It's client-driven, voluntary," Penner stressed. "The intention is that families will be able to move forward when they're stuck, when they're in trouble ... they'll be able to say, 'These are the supports that I need.'"

"It is person-centered, person-driven, and so therefore the families can decide what their needs are together with some of the tools that we have so that they can move forward and live healthier lives."

Once approved, clients sit down with Penner to talk about what they hope to achieve and put together a support team that will help them work toward accomplishing it.

These support teams, which can be made up of both natural and paid supporters (for example, a team could include a social worker, a pastor, or a police officer, but also friends and relatives), are the backbone of the program.

"This is where the most work is going to be done," Penner said. "Individuals and families are the soul of the Community Care Program and [with] the teams we're going to bring in people that will support them, we will get them to bring in the people to support them, and bring them all to the table."

Lori Penner (left) and Bev Wiebe of Central Station are eager to get the word out about the new Community Care Program.

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Central Station isn't reinventing the wheel with this project, which takes the lead from the success of similar initiatives elsewhere in Manitoba, including right next door in Altona.

Penner said the need is just as high in the Winkler area. She anticipates they could have as many as 10 families in the program in its first year, and likely many more after that once they get the kinks worked out.

The program is open to citizens of Winkler and the surrounding area, specifically anyone living within the GVSD catchment area.

Penner said there's a great deal of excitement from the participating agencies about this partnership and what it might mean for the families they serve.

"Our agencies all want to work to-

gether," she said. "Moving families forward is what all the agencies are looking for."

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder told those in attendance at the program's launch last week that it's a great step forward for the community.

"I'm absolutely excited to see how you captured the vision of the Safe Communities Initiative ... it's evolving and it has evolved into something beautiful," he said of the initiative launched earlier this year to tackle the root causes of crime in our community. "I'm extremely proud of our community for how this has come along."

If you'd like to learn more about the Community Care Program, contact Central Station at 204-325-0257 or info@winklercentralstation.ca.

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rested and faces two charges for uttering threats.

- Winkler police received a report Nov. 15 about an assault that took place at a Southview Drive home three days earlier.

The female complainant said her boyfriend was jealous that she was speaking with another male on the phone and so proceeded to hit her in the stomach.

Police arrested the 22 year-old-male, a resident of Winkler, for assault. He was later released on a Promise to Appear with conditions.

- Winkler police learned Nov. 16 of a fraud that took place two days earlier where someone who claimed to be from Publishers Clearing House told the victim she had won \$2.6 million and needed to transfer funds at two separate locations in Winkler

amounting to \$1,674. The victim proceeded to transfer the money.

Police continue to investigate.

- A resident of Park Street had his truck stolen from his driveway Nov. 17. It had been left unlocked with the keys inside. RCMP located the truck, which has sustained damage, in Rosenort the next day.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Winkler Police Service at 204-325-9990. Callers can remain anonymous.

- Winkler police received a complaint Nov. 19 from a resident of Victoria St. about a remote controlled drone flying near his home.

Officers spoke with the 15-year-old owner of the drone and asked he not fly the machine near the neighbour's property. The young man apologized for his actions.



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Everything that creeps on the earth

For almost a year now I have not eaten any meat.

I know, right? Crazy! It started out innocently enough. My wife mentioned she was going to give vegetarianism a go and before I realized what I was saying I suggested I join her.

To be honest, I thought there would be much weeping and gnashing of teeth as we cast ourselves into the outer darkness of a meat-free diet.

I truly thought I would immediately dive into a deep depression out of which only crispy bacon and cheeseburgers could possibly lift me. Basically, I previously ate pretty much anything that walked on land, flew in the air, swam or creepeth'd along the bottom of the sea.

Now, don't get me wrong—I am not so noble that "I did this just for her." I was actually intrigued by the idea. Meat consumption has been reducing in my household for some time and, frankly, I know how difficult it can be for a person who chooses to

make a dietary change in a household where no one else joins them. In other words, there is strength in teamwork.

Being a researcher by nature, a lot of reading and documentary watching happened, which presented us with the many points of view on the subject.

It is interesting to watch people's reactions when they learn of this choice.

Most people find it "curious" and simply move on. Some people are puzzled and others can be outright hostile, as if we had just informed them that we'd added puppies and kittens to our diet.

We're not militant about it. If you don't know us reasonably well you'd never know, really.

So, after a year, what has changed? Well, I have not lost any weight, but that was never a motivating factor anyhow. In some ways the meat gap gets filled with additional starches and carbs.

The creativity that goes into planning meals has had to go up significantly. This is a good thing because we both enjoy being in the kitchen, and so it broadens the culinary experience.

One thing we have both noticed is the limitations of restaurant menus when it comes to choosing non-meat items. That means no fish, either.

We're not vegan—we still eat dairy and eggs—just no meat of any sort.

If we want to eat an abundance of salads, deep fried things, and poutine, then the sky's the limit when it comes to restaurants ... but truly creative vegetarian dishes are difficult to find. In some ways this is good because it limits our restaurant outings and saves money.

Speaking of saving money, we never noticed how crazy expensive meat was until we stopped eating it. We still buy meat for the kids, but since frequency of purchase is now way down, picking up that package of steaks often comes with newfound sticker shock: "That's like a whole month's Internet!"

It goes without saying that the savings have been great.

Has it been difficult? Speaking as a BBQ, steak, bacon, pork chop, turkey, chicken, fish, and all around cooked flesh lover, I have to say no, not even a little.

I thought there would be at least a little transition but as soon as we stopped eating it I stopped thinking about it.

Now, almost a year later, I cannot imagine going back. We're not judgy or pushy at all the way some are ... but then I'm only a level four vegetarian—give it time.



By Peter Cantelon

• **GUEST COMMENTARY**

Province focused on protecting Manitobans

Like it or not, the federal government is insisting that cannabis will be legal in Canada by July 2018. The Manitoba government has been clear that, while this process is rushed, we have to get ready.

We take the view that, first and foremost, government must put the focus on the health and safety of its citizens.

We are being pragmatic, proactive and proceeding step-by-step.

Our first response was to introduce Bill 25, The Cannabis Harm Prevention Act, amending the Manitoba Highway Traffic Act to restrict transportation and prohibit consumption of cannabis in motorized vehicles. The legislation sends a clear message that driving under the influence

of cannabis will be punished.

Additionally, we are introducing safety measures that will educate the public on cannabis usage, the implications for mental health and healthy living, and other enforcement requirements needed for legalized cannabis.

This past July, we issued an expression of interest to determine market place interest and capability to provide, full or in part, services for the production, distribution and retail of cannabis to meet the needs and stan-



Cameron Friesen, MLA

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Antibiotic resistance the focus of BTHC sessions

By Lorne Stelmach

The region's health care providers are aiming to be better stewards in the ongoing struggle with antibiotic resistance.

Steps taken locally to deal with the growing problem meant this was the only region of the province to earn related accreditation in the past year, and the efforts continued last week with a continuing education session that focused on this issue.

"It is a huge problem, so we need to reduce the inappropriate use of antibiotics," said Dr. Ganesan Abbu, the lead physician for the Southern Health Antimicrobial Stewardship.

He was among four speakers who presented last Thursday at Boundary Trails Health Centre before a range of health care professionals, including some tuning in remotely through the Telehealth system.

Also making presentations were Dr. Richard Rusk, medical officer of health in Winnipeg; Dr. Sergio Fanela, a pediatric infectious disease specialist; and Jim Slater of Choosing Wisely Canada, a national campaign to help clinicians and patients engage in conversations about unnecessary tests and treatments.

The timing coincided with World Antibiotic Awareness Week Nov. 13-19.

Abbu explained that the local stewardship program was initiated in 2014.

"We thought it was important for our communities to have a proper stewardship program in place," he said. "We knew that antimicrobial resistance was on the rise, and we thought that we needed structures and tools that would help physicians

"WE NEED TO REDUCE THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS."

better prescribe antibiotics.

"That was our primary motive, but we also wanted to do a little bit of public education to try to get patients on board as well."

It's important to realize that antibiotic resistance is a natural process, Abbu said, but one that is worsened by our misuse and abuse of them.

"By using high volumes of antibiotics, we accelerate this process," he explained. "Another important aspect is the use of antibiotics in farm animals. By eating the meat and drinking the milk and eating fruits and vegetables that have antibiotics in them, we are exposed to those antibiotics and the organisms in our guts become resistant even before we have the need to use that antibiotic."

"Also, a lot of our antibiotics are used for viral infections, and it does not help the flu, it does not make you get better any sooner," said Abbu. "So we need to educate the public on that as well so there will be less pressure on physicians to prescribe antibiotics."

To that end, local doctors have been looking at a number of education initiatives, such as providing information to patients to explain why they may not need antibiotics and what else they can do to get better.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Dr. Ganesan Abbu (right) was among those speaking at a continuing education session for local medical professionals held at BTHC last week.



Another is the Southern Manitoba Antimicrobial Resistance Terminus (SMART) website at smartabx.ca, which serves as a resource of related information for health care professionals.

"I don't think it's perfect, but it's a start. I think it's something for us to build on," said Abbu.

"It's locally relevant ... that's the important thing," added Dr. Kevin Earl, noting the site was created and funded with the support of the Winkler and Morden clinics. "The great thing about this is the initiative came from physicians in our region."

Earl saw last week's session as an important part of their ongoing efforts for continuing physician education, which sees them try to do something monthly.

He said they want physicians to "have tools to use when they see their

patients and discuss treatment ... tools that will allow them to make the right decisions ... and resources that will help them dialogue with their patients and help their patients understand the rationale for the treatment that is recommended.

"What we were hoping physicians would get out of the day is practical tips and ways that they can better prescribe antibiotics," Earl stressed.

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Sandy Hildebrand (left) and Gwen Repeta helped open Winkler's Ten Thousand Villages store in the Southland Mall last week. The store will be open from now until Christmas, offering handcrafted fair-trade goods from around the world (left).

Ten Thousand Villages open for the season in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Ten Thousand Villages has returned to Winkler for another season of holiday shopping.

Mennonite Central Committee's non-profit fair trade store opened its doors in the former Dominion Outdoors space in the Southland Mall last Thursday.

Since the closure of the year-round store in Winkler several years ago, this holiday store has given people the chance to shop for ethically-sourced gifts each Christmas, says Gwen Repeta, manager of one of the Winnipeg stores. Repeta was in town last week to help the Winkler shop get started.

"It brings Ten Thousand Villages back into the community," she said. "It's a community where fair trade, I think, is important. People may not always grasp the impact that it has, but they know that fair trade is something that they need to be aware of. Just like shopping local or green, it's a choice we have to make."

Ten Thousand Villages offers products handcrafted by artisans from over 30 developing countries around the world.

"A lot of our bead work and metal work comes from India," Repeta pointed out. "We have coiled paper products from Philippines and Laos. Handmade paper products from Nepal. Recycled sari fabric items from

Bangladesh."

The agency prides itself on paying its suppliers a fair wage for their work.

"Our artisans are paid in full before the product even gets here," Repeta said, explaining fair prices are reached by looking at the cost of living in a given area. "How much does milk cost? How much does it cost to go to the doctor? To go to school? All of that comes in play.

"And how much time does it take to make something? People's time is worth something."

In addition, dealing directly with artisans whenever possible cuts out the middle man and makes sure its the creators themselves who are reaping the rewards from their work.

The resulting business relationships

change lives.

"When you work through a fair trade business model you can plan for your future," Repeta said of the artists. "Working through fair trades means they know when they're going to get paid and get paid on time. They have security and can plan for the future. It makes a difference."

Just about every product in the store comes with a story.

"When you're giving the gift you're also giving that story, and our artisans want their stories to be told," Repeta said. "When I go back to Pakistan, for

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dards of the cannabis industry in Manitoba.

Weeks ago, in order to meet the July 2018 deadline mandated by the federal government, the Manitoba government unveiled a hybrid retail and distribution model that allows the public and private sectors to each do what they do best. This approach is designed to meet our objectives of eliminating the black market and keeping cannabis out of the hands of youth.

We have ensured that the sale of cannabis will not co-locate with the sale of alcohol, and private sector supports this decision. By going

with a hybrid model, we are providing consumers choice. Also, our approach eliminates the need for immediate public investment in new storefronts and related costs.

The Manitoba approach gives municipalities control to make the final decision on allowing retail cannabis stores to operate in their communities. This allows municipal government to reflect the views of their community by providing to them authority similar to existing zoning bylaws for the restriction of Sunday shopping. It is part of our Fair Say commitment to municipalities.

We understand that the provincial

government will bear the majority of the cannabis-related costs, whether related to public education, education of school-aged youth, justice and court costs, health and mental health, or policing. Yet even now federal elected officials seem unduly focused on the anticipated tax revenues that recreational use of cannabis will generate. It is, at a minimum, an unhelpful starting point for a national conversation on a major public policy shift that comes with massive social implications.

Everyone has an opinion on the legalization of marijuana. It is important for us all to hear those differ-

ences of opinion as we go forward. But Prime Minister Trudeau and the federal Liberal government are not blinking on what is clearly an unfair and arbitrarily imposed deadline for implementation, and our duty is to be ready for legalization just seven months from now.

We are working hard to get ready, and we will keep our focus on health and safety.

Cameron Friesen is the MLA for Morden-Winkler and the provincial Finance Minister

Regional packs over 5,100 OCC shoeboxes

By Lorne Stelmach

The regional co-ordinator of Operation Christmas Child hopes to have to fulfill a promise one of these years.

"I said quite a few years ago if we hit 8,000 I would have the shoebox logo etched in my hair," Gerry Unger noted as the packing days arrived last week for the annual gift campaign.

"It's getting close ... last year we did just over 7,000 shoeboxes out of this area. That's the highest we have ever been."

As of press time, the 2017 shoebox tally had hit 5,100 and counting.

Started in 1990 and adopted in 1993 by Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child to date has collected and distributed over 135 million shoebox gifts worldwide.

In 2016, Canadians alone donated 664,525 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children in developing countries around the world.

Each shoebox is filled with everything from small toys to school supplies to personal hygiene items, and they are distributed to kids in need regardless of gender, race, or religion.

When culturally appropriate, cop-

ies of Christian religious material are also offered to children after the shoeboxes have been distributed.

Unger has been involved with our area's collection campaign for 18 years now, including the last 15 as the regional co-ordinator, and he doesn't see himself stepping away from it any time soon.

"We're supposed to help our wherever we can ... that's what it says in the

Bible ... so that's what I'm doing," he said. "There's a lot of need out in the world, and these are going to really needy kids."

Unger has had the opportunity twice now to see the joy the shoeboxes bring firsthand, taking part in a distribution trip to Uruguay in 2008 and to Senegal just this past summer.

His experiences during those two weeks in July put the impact of the

program into perspective for Unger, who recalled one distribution session that turned out to be in a prison.

"We handed out shoeboxes to the children of the inmates," he said.

"My wife had packed a shoebox for a girl and I was able to hand that one out ... it was quite an emotional day to see this girl, such a sad face, and then after she opened up her shoebox her

"IT'S AMAZING TO SEE THOSE KIDS RECEIVE THOSE BOXES ... IT IMPACTS THE ENTIRE FAMILY."



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Gerry Unger, regional co-ordinator for the Operation Christmas Child program, with one of over 5,100 shoebox gifts packed in the south central region this fall. The shoeboxes were collected and packed up for shipment last week.

eyes were just lit right up," Unger recalled.

"It's amazing to see those kids receive those boxes ... and it's not only the children, it impacts the entire family," he added. "I would say if you ever have a chance, apply to go on a shoebox distribution ... you won't forget it."

Helping pack up some of the shoeboxes for shipping last Thursday evening were youth from the Morden Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church.

Youth pastor Riley Toews said they were motivated to get involved after hearing Unger speak in their church about the impact that the distribution trip had on him and the opportunity the program provides to share the Gospel.

"We've really emphasized this year the importance and the centrality, in everything in our lives, about the Gospel," he said. "So this ministry and the opportunity it offered to provide those kinds of conversations and con-

nections ... it was really significant."

It also offered a good chance for them to get involved in a hands-on way, he added, and to put it into practice.

"We wanted to be able to help others to be able to bring the message to the world. This is a good practical way to bring the Gospel to bear on all of our lives."

Unger said he is appreciative of the involvement and support that comes each year from across the region.

"I'm just very grateful for every shoebox that we do get," he said, adding, though, that there is potential for them to be able to do much more, considering his region stretches all the way from Hwy. 75 to Crystal City and from the U.S. border up north to Elm Creek.

"That's a fairly big area ... and 7,000 boxes is not even the population of Winkler," he said. "So I know we can do better ... and I know that we have a lot of people in need."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Local teens lent a hand at the Operation Christmas Child drop-off centre in Morden last week. Our region packed over 5,000 shoeboxes for children in developing countries around the world this year.

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example, and I tell them somebody bought this rug, heard their story ... they're just beaming."

The store has a small army of volunteers prepared to man the cash register from now until Christmas, but there's always room for more, says local coordinator Sandy Hildebrand.

"If somebody wants to do a shift here or a shift there, they're more than welcome to," she said, noting inexperienced volunteers will be paired with veterans to learn the ropes.

In addition to its fair trade goods, the store is also the place to go to purchase gifts (via cash or cheque) through the MCC Christmas Giving program (formerly the Living Gift program).

These sustainable gifts range in price and include everything from the gift of seeds for farmers in need to donations that go toward securing safe drinking water in the developing world.

You can learn more about Ten Thousand Villages online at www.tenthousandvillages.ca.



Tim Hortons supports Big Bros.

Winkler and Morden Tim Hortons owners Jeff and Linda Doerksen were joined by Morden restaurant manager Sarah Friesen last week in presenting Michael Penner of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler with the proceeds of this year's Smile Cookie campaign. Cookie sales Sept. 11-17 raised \$9,127 for the mentoring agency, bringing the fundraising tally over the past decade to more than \$68,000. The funds will help Big Bros. support its growing mentorship program, which currently has a waiting list of 35 kids. Tim Hortons' ongoing support of the agency is "incredibly valuable," Penner said. "They support us in so many different ways. Financially, their support is invaluable. We can't do what we do without it."

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New Winkler compost bins available soon

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler continues to consider ways to reduce waste and improve its collection in the city.

An update at the Nov. 14 council meeting noted the new 32 gallon compost carts are expected to be available for residents to purchase for a \$20 fee later this month.

Meanwhile, the city is also looking to extend compost collection year-round, which they see as reducing waste enough to allow for a change from garbage cans to bags for pickup in the new year.

"We want to give ample time," said Mayor Martin Harder, noting there has also been discussion about a reduction of the garbage bag limit from two to one by 2019.

"Once we get the compost rolled out properly, the amount of product that is being put into the compost is making a huge difference ... and the recycling is making a huge difference in the amount going into the garbage."

City council also got some good news last week from the province with funding of \$37,713 from the Community Places program for its aquatic centre improvements.

"It's not an awful lot of money ... but it's very helpful," said Harder, noting it will help cover some items in the \$650,000 project, including a disabled lift and a snack shack.

Work on the pool project was over 80 per cent complete by summer's end, Harder noted. The new pool liner and spray park flooring improvements were fully completed while the new climbing wall and the snack shack still needs to be installed.

"It'll be totally different ... lots of

new things for the kids to do," Harder said.

Council also heard a request from the Winkler Family Resource Centre for \$10,000 in operational funding.

Directors addressed the meeting on their search for a new location and need for support from the city as other grants do not support rental costs.

"The numbers show we are growing," said director Cathy Savage, who noted there were over 2,600 children under the age of five in the community and over 2,000 more aged five to nine.

"That's a lot of children in our com-

munity," she said, adding that they have a waiting list for some programs.

The centre draws families from a large area and so they are growing out of their current space in Central Station. Savage said a larger space could provide a real boost for their programming.

"We could make it a great community hub," she suggested.

After the meeting, Harder sounded favourable towards the request.

"It's a very, very worthwhile organization, fits in so well with our community safety program," he said. "It's something we need."

Council also dealt with a number of development matters last week:

- An Albert St. property is being rezoned from residential two family use for commercial development.

- A property at the corner of Southview Drive and Third St. South is being subdivided into three residential lots.

- A property off Norland Drive is being subdivided for a new five unit commercial development.

- A conditional use order will allow for a new 12 unit commercial development in an industrial zone on Roblin Blvd East.

Council okays business tax break

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden will be offering a tax break to help boost business growth here.

A bylaw setting out a tax incentive plan for commercial and industrial development received council's approval on Monday.

The tax break applies to development including new construction or expansion and renovation and would be based on the resulting increase in tax assessment on a property.

For example, based on an increase in assessment of \$600,000 in year one, there would be a tax credit of just over \$5,100. The incentive would eventually decrease to just over \$1,500, with the total tax credit over four years coming in at \$14,700.

"It's a five year plan ... it diminishes over that five year period to the point

where you end up paying the whole tax bill," said Mayor Ken Wiebe. "It's an additional incentive ... the idea is to help the city to grow and encourage existing business to expand and grow as well."

Also at Monday's meeting, council approved a bylaw governing waste that builds on its efforts to reduce what is going to landfill.

The idea is to get the entire community on board with the three stream waste reduction system, requiring homeowners to have lidded containers rather than bags and bins by January 1, 2018. The plan calls for apartment complexes to do the same by next summer and for the commercial and industrial users follow suit in 2019.

"What we're trying to get away from is unnecessary garbage in the landfill and trying to get people all involved

in the program that we have in the community," said Wiebe. "We have reduced our landfill hugely ... but we still have a ways to go. Our goal is to continue to reduce landfill because just about everything can be recycled or reused."

Council also gave final approval to a rezoning that clears the way for new residential development on the west end of Morden.

The strip of land west of Buhler Drive and north of the second hole of the Minnewasta golf course will be rezoned for residential single family with the potential for over two dozen lots.

In addition, one lot on the east side of Colert Road is being rezoned for residential multiple family use, and a strip along the north of the new single family housing will be zoned parks and recreation.

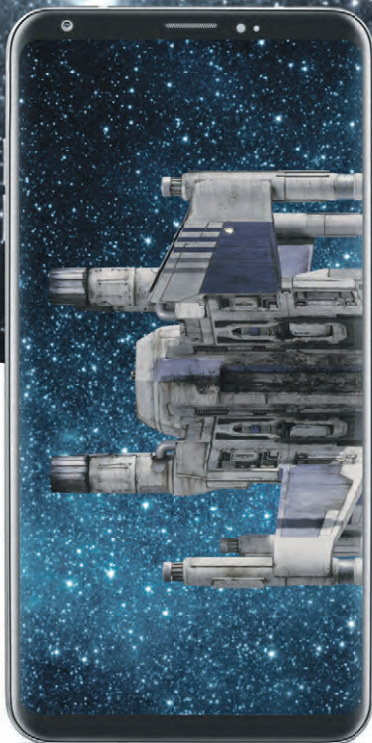
Danceworks brings Neverland to life

Young dance and drama students joined forces last weekend for the annual fall family classic performance of DanceWorks in Morden. Peter and the Lost Boys offered an adaptation of the classic tale of Peter Pan, weaving together the adventures of a young boy across Neverland. Three performances were held Friday and Saturday at the Kenmor Theatre, with proceeds supporting continued improvements at the historic venue in downtown Morden.

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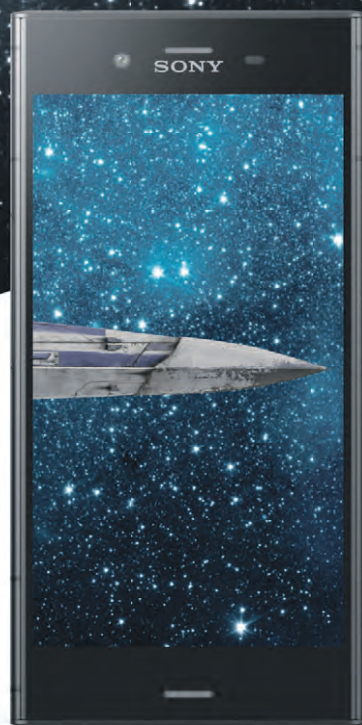
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Free family movie in support of Big Bros.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Shaw Direct Satellite TV and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler invite you to a free showing of Jim Carrey's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* next week.

Shaw Direct has bought out one of the theatres at Landmark Cinemas in Winkler on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. for this family movie screening. Donations will be accepted on site for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"It's a great opportunity for kids, families to come out for a free movie," said Shaw's Scott Thompson, who noted a similar event in Yorkton, Saskatchewan was very well-received and they're hoping the same will hold true in Winkler. "We found it was very successful in the community and got great response from the charity and also people who wanted to support the charity."

They opted to support Big Bros. because of the great work the agency does in helping volunteers mentor local children, Thompson said.

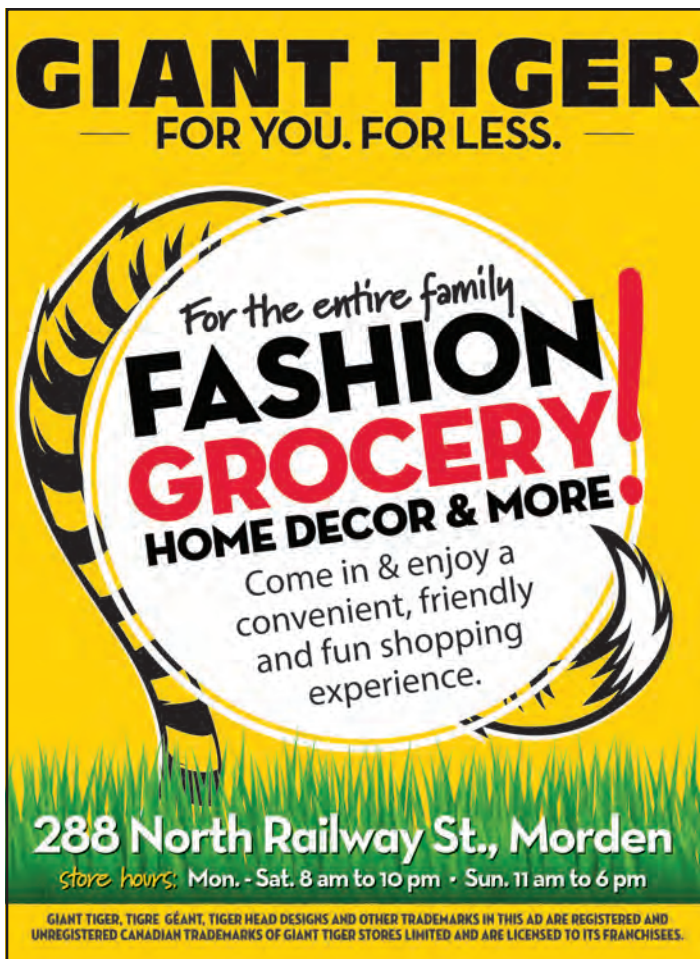
"Whenever Shaw Direct looks at doing charitable type things we always look at charities that involve kids," he said.

Big Bros. executive director Michael Penner is grateful for that support.

"It's a great opportunity," he said. "I think it's a fantastic idea of just giving back to the community, having a free and fun family Christmas movie."

The doors open at 9 a.m. to give people a chance to score some discounted snacks before the movie begins. Snack packs (which include a snack-size popcorn, small drink, and a candy) will be available for \$6.50 and a medium combo (a medium popcorn and a medium drink) for \$9.

Tickets are limited and are available by calling Big Bros. at 204-325-9707 or contacting them on Facebook. You can also stop by their office at 254 Main St. for tickets.



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NPC drama students bound for 'Wonderland'

Alice in Wonderland plays at P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Nov. 30 to Dec. 2

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate drama students fall down the rabbit hole next week with their performance of *Alice in Wonderland*.

The show runs at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall nightly at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 1, and Dec. 2.

Like the Lewis Carroll novel it's based on, the play is a fantastical adventure, say the cast.

"It was captivating to know that we could get away from the reality of school and escape to Wonderland," said Jenny Neufeld, Gr. 10, who plays The Caterpillar.

The sets and costumes help to cre-

ate that other world, she added, and the cast have been working hard to breathe life into the beloved story.

"We have to sing, act, dance all at the same time, often," Neufeld said.

The story of young Alice falling down a rabbit hole into the fantastical world of Wonderland has elements of humour, sadness, and more than a touch of the nonsensical, noted Madeline Harder, Gr. 10, who plays the first of five Alices in the show, each of whom represent a different part of the character's journey.

"It's like a mix of all of them ... and it's all the more reason to come," she said, calling the show "wonderful and whimsical."

"It's going to be an amazing and magical performance," added Alexis Fehr, who does double duty as both the Dodo Bird and the March Hare. "I think it's going to be done really well by everybody involved. It's just going to be captivating."

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at winklerconcerthall.ca.



SUPPLIED PHOTO

NPC students perform Alice in Wonderland Nov. 30, Dec. 1, and Dec. 2.

Winkler lights up for the season Nov. 30

The City of Winkler invites you to help light up the season at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre next week.

Winkler's free holiday lighting festivities will run from 5-8 p.m. at the Park St. gallery on Thursday, Nov. 30.

The evening will include s'mores

with Santa, hot chocolate, a bonfire, kids crafts, a photo booth, and caroling courtesy of GVC students.

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With six weeks to go before Christmas arrives, you should:

- Determine a holiday budget for gifts, outfits, meals, outings, etc.
- Make a list of people you

want to spoil, brainstorm gift ideas, and start shopping

- Choose a theme for your holiday party, if applicable, and send out invitations
- Make all necessary reservations (restaurant, hall, caterer, entertainment staff, etc.)
- Book your nail and hair appointments
- Decorate the outside of your home (before it gets too cold!)



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With four weeks to go before Christmas arrives, you should:

- Shop for your holiday outfits
- Help your kids write and mail their letters to Santa
- Buy (or make) your Christmas cards, write a personal note in each, and send them out
- Decorate the inside of your

home and set up your Christmas tree (if artificial)

- Gather toys, clothes, etc. that your children no longer use and donate them to a local charity
- Consider which menu items you can freeze and start your holiday cooking accordingly



ONLY **3** WEEKS till Christmas!

With three weeks to go before Christmas arrives, you should:

- Decide on a table setting and ensure you have enough seating room for all of your guests (rent chairs or ask your invitees to bring their own, if needed)
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- Buy and decorate your Christmas tree (if natural)
- Wrap all of your gifts and hide them until Santa makes his rounds
- Buy everything you'll need for your holiday buffet (paper plates, napkins, cups, etc.)
- Pick up the turkey and all other last-minute menu items

ONLY **1** WEEK till Christmas!

With one week to go before Christmas arrives, you should:

- Clean every room in your house
- Jot down the number for a designated driver service in your area, and keep it close at hand
- Buy last-minute necessities (fresh produce, soda, chips, etc.)
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The holiday season comes to Morden



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The tree lighting evening Friday in downtown Morden offered people a chance to drop off their donations for the Christmas Cheer (above) and Operation Christmas Child campaigns, enjoy s'mores at the outdoor fires (left, bottom), and chat with St. Nick (left, top). The evening also included entertainment and fireworks.

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 November has been established as Radon Action Month in Canada.

How do I reduce Radon concentrations in my home?

Radon-reduction methods include:

Sealing major entry routes for Radon such as open sumps, floor drains, floor wall joints, exposed soil, voids in concrete block walls and foundation wall and floor cracks.

- Sealing cracks and other openings in the foundation is a basic part of Radon reduction and can help increase their effectiveness. Proper preparation of the surface area to be sealed is very important to create an effective and long-lasting seal.

- Costs of sealing entry routes can range from a few hundred dollars to \$2000 or more.

- Material costs are low but it is very labour-intensive and as the house ages and settles, the seals can deteriorate and new cracks or entry routes can appear.

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- The effectiveness of ventilation for Radon reduction is limited and only appropriate for situations where only modest reductions are needed.

- Increased ventilation will be most successful in houses that are more airtight and have low natural ventilation rates.

- An HRV might reduce Radon concentrations by 25-50%.

Active soil depressurization (or sub-slab depressurization)

- A pipe with a fan attached, is installed through the foundation floor and connected to the outside through an exterior wall or up through the roof. This system draws the radon from below the house to the outside to stop it from entering the home.

- This is the most common method of Radon reduction when large reductions are necessary.

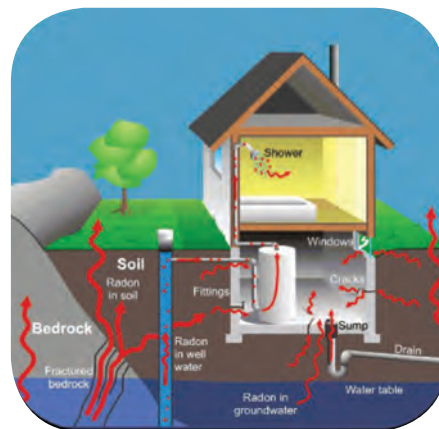
- Can reduce the Radon concentrations in a home by over 90%.

- Costs range from about \$2000 - \$3000 including material and labour. There is also a small operating cost for electricity for the fan (approx. \$50-\$75 per year depending on the size of fan and energy rates)

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Coffee Breaks raise funds for Alzheimer Soc.

By Lorne Stelmach

Alzheimer's disease and other dementia impact enough families that there's little trouble for Kathy Fehr to get the interest and support of people for the cause.

The south central regional co-ordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba saw that once again this fall with the annual Coffee Break campaign.

The concept of gathering co-workers, friends, and family for coffee and making a donation in return is simple enough, but such get-togethers have a huge impact.

"People have been really good with putting on a coffee break ... there's been a lot of support," said Fehr, noting that they did not yet have a final tally for this year's campaign, but Coffee Break events raise over \$1 million nationwide and about 40 coffee breaks in the region last year brought in just over \$8,000. She expects similar numbers this year.

"We've had a lot of people that have been doing it in their businesses or in their homes or in their little communities," said Fehr. "There's been a lot of assisted living places that have done it in their common rooms. They have a couple of leaders who take this on."

"I go out to quite a few of them and do little presentations, and they're able to ask questions, so that's really good too. The educational part of it is important," Fehr added. "I find a lot of people feel they know a lot about the disease, and I think we all do, but when it's in your family, you start to ask different questions."

The funds raised here stay here to support programs and services for local families.

"There are so many families who are dealing with this in one form or another," Fehr said, noting over 22,000 Manitobans are currently living with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other dementias.

To help patients and caregivers cope, the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba offers a variety of ongoing programs like the Telehealth family education series that links people from across the province via video technology for workshops.

Regular sessions are held at locations including Boundary Trails Health Centre. Last week the session was *Understanding the Person* and it featured Alzheimer Society dementia education co-ordinator Joyce Klassen.

"You have an opportunity to ask

questions at the end, so it can be quite informative for people," said

Fehr, who added that people can find more information about upcoming

programs and sessions online at alzheimer.mb.ca.

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Jaret Hoepfner Law celebrates new home

Mayor Martin Harder (right) presented lawyers Jaret Hoepfner (centre) and Ed Sloane with a plaque in recognition of the grand opening of Jaret Hoepfner Law Office's new space in Winkler, for which they cut the ribbon on Nov. 14. The practice was started in Winkler by Hoepfner in 2013. Since then, it has grown to include offices in Morden and Deloraine. They moved into their new location at 5-820 Triple E Blvd. this summer. Their areas of practice include real estate law, corporate and commercial law, wills and estate law, as well as some family law, explains Hoepfner.

Take a spin around the rink with Santa Dec. 3

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District United Way is again holding its annual celebration of the season.

The organization hosts Skate with Santa from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

The United Way sponsors public skating a number of times throughout the year, but this time it obviously is extra special.

"We know someone who knows someone who knows ... we have the old guy himself," said United Way president Alex Fedorchuk.

The event is a way for the organization to give something back to the community in appreciation for the support provided to their annual fundraising campaign, which continues to year's end with a goal of \$90,000 in support of over two dozen charitable agencies in the Morden area.

"It's something we would like to think that the kids look forward to ...

we usually get 150 to 200 kids," said Fedorchuk.

"We also have face painters, music, and goodie bags for the kids," he added. "And we always have a few of those leftover, so we take them to Genesis House in Winkler ... the goodie bags maybe help the kids there feel a little better."

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The Morden and District United Way's annual Skate with Santa takes place at the Access Event Centre Dec. 3 from 1-3 p.m.

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Hawks zap Lightning

By Lorne Stelmach

The last place Interlake Lightning were good for what ailed the female Pembina Valley Hawks.

The winless Lightning dropped a pair in Morden last weekend as the Hawks snapped a five game losing skid.

"It was four very important points ... it was nice to be back in the win column," coach Dana Bell said after the Hawks followed up a 6-1 win Saturday with a 4-0 shutout victory Sunday.

Pembina Valley stormed out to a 3-0 first period lead Saturday and then expanded it to 5-1 after two periods.

Tessa Odell had a pair of goals and a three point night, while Cora Fijala chipped in three assists. The other goals came from Makenzie McCallum, Kerrington Meikle, Breanna Millions, and Hannah Petrie.

Halle Oswald made 20 saves to pick up the win in net. She then earned the shutout Sunday with a 21 save performance.

That game saw a pair of goals coming from Karsty Nicolajsen and singles from Sage McElroy-Scott and McCallum.

The victories lifted the Hawks' record to .500 at 5-5-0-1 for 11 points, which puts them in reach of Yellowhead at 13 points and the Central Plains Capitals and Winnipeg Avros, both at 14 points. Leading the way are the Westman Wildcats at 17 and the Eastman Selects at 15 points.

That sets up a good test for the Hawks this weekend as they face the Capitals in Portage Saturday and the Selects in Mitchell Sunday.

The Hawks and Selects split their first two games earlier this season, Pembina Valley winning the first 3-0 but then falling 2-0 in the second.

Bell said they have a lot of work to do before the weekend.

"The competition will definitely be stronger," he said. "We need to focus on being a 60 minute team and keep our feet moving. When we play aggressive and apply full pressure, that's when we win hockey games."



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Interlake's Brenna Barylski gets in tight with Pembina Valley goalie Halle Oswald, who was a wall in net on Sunday en route to a 4-0 Hawks victory.

Mixed week for male Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

There can be a narrow margin between winning and losing, as evidenced by the results for the Pembina Valley Hawks this weekend.

A pair of shorthanded goals by Ethan Carels made the difference Saturday as the Hawks edged the Central Plains Capitals 5-4, but Pembina Valley then gave up the winning goal with 47 seconds remaining Sunday as they fell 3-2 to the Winnipeg Bruins.

"It was nice to get the win against our rivals from Central Plains," said coach Rylan Price while lamenting the lost opportunity against the Bruins the next night.

"We had a great effort against the Bruins ... a complete team game ... but we just fell short in the last cou-

ple minutes. It was unfortunate not to get a point against them."

After a scoreless opening frame, the Bruins scored two quick goals in the second period before Travis Penner got one back, then Kolton Shindle connected on a third period powerplay to even it up.

Shots on goal were 40-24 for the Hawks, with Brock Moroz making 21 saves in net for Pembina Valley.

The Hawks had period leads of 2-1 and 4-3 Saturday with Carels netting the winner at 6:23 of the third with his second on a Capitals powerplay.

Also scoring for the Hawks were Wyatt Cobb, Tyson Allison and Shindle on a powerplay, while Martin Gagnon made 30 saves as the Hawks outshot the Capitals 36-34.

Earlier in the week, the Hawks had their five game winning streak halt-

ed Nov. 15 in falling 5-3 to the Winnipeg Thrashers.

Pembina Valley couldn't come back after falling behind 3-1 after one period in what became a penalty-filled affair with the Thrashers capitalizing on two of 14 powerplays.

The Hawks, meanwhile, went 0 for 6 with the man advantage, although Shindle and Tristan Day both connected for shorthanded goals. The other Hawks goal came from Carels. Gagnon took the loss in net, making 24 saves.

The Hawks hold down fifth place at 10-6-0-1-1 for 22 points, which is seven back of Eastman and one up on the Winnipeg Thrashers.

Pembina Valley is on the road this weekend facing the Brandon Wheat Kings Saturday and the Yellowhead Chiefs on Sunday.

Curling Across the Nation makes a stop in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Rob Swan has made it his mission in life to curl in as many rinks as possible to raise awareness about the sport he loves.

The New Brunswick native's Curling Across the Nation campaign has taken him to over 280 curling facilities in 10 countries over the past three years, including a stop at the Winkler Curling Club last Wednesday.

"If I can get curling into the press when it might not otherwise be, I've done my job," Swan said in the lead-up to his game that night subbing in the weekly men's league.

Winkler Curling Club president Brent Haney said they were thrilled to have him.

"It's amazing that a man from Harvey Station, NB, that works in Alberta, chooses Winkler, Manitoba to come to play," he said. "We're blown away, and that's the truth of it."

Swan, whose job working two weeks on and two weeks off gives him the flexibility to spend the winter travelling to new curling rinks, also spent last week throwing rocks on ice in Winnipeg, Grand Forks, Fort Francis, and Keewatin.

His love of curling started young. "I think my parents put me on the rock and slide me down," Swan said.

But he'd actually given up the sport a few years ago because he'd let his competitiveness get the better of him.

"I just got to a point where the competitiveness was overpowering and I didn't want that in me. So I quit and threw my gear out."

He was beckoned back when he heard his hometown club in Harvey Station was looking for ways to raise funds for some much needed renovations.

"I thought, rather than just give them some money, how are we going to raise some money?" Swan recalled. "So I thought, okay, if I curl every curling facility in New Brunswick—and there's only 31, 32—and find a company that would sponsor me so



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler Curling Club's Brent Haney (left) was thrilled to welcome Rob Swan to Winkler for a game last Wednesday. Swan has spent the last few years travelling to curling rinks around the world to raise awareness of the sport.

much per game, then I could raise some money."

A co-worker urged him to set his sights a fair bit higher, and the idea for Curling Across the Nation was born.

The campaign hit a stumbling block early on, though, when Swan was diagnosed with cancer. But he didn't let it slow him down for too long.

"Four and a half months later I was on the ice at the St. Vital Curling Club starting this incredible journey," Swan said. "I would not replace it for anything in the world. I have met so many great people, fascinating people."

Last year Swan set a Guinness World Record curling one game in 10 different countries in 11 days.

Record-breaking aside, he averages an impressive 110 or so curling clubs each season and he has no intention of stopping this adventure any time soon.

"I'll keep at it as long as there's still

blood going through these veins," Swan said, gesturing to his arm, which, fittingly, has a curling tattoo emblazoned on it. "People have asked me if this is my bucket list. For me, having had cancer, I refuse to have a bucket list because that admits that you're going to die ... I am not setting an end date on this. No way."

Curling, Swan insists, is the perfect sport.

"How many people in hockey do you see that are 89 years old playing? How many people in figure skating do you see at 40? This is the only sport that allows so much of Canadian society to take part," he said. "It keeps people active. Not just in sport, but in life."

"For me, that is the uniqueness of this sport and the governments, municipal and provincial, just don't get it."

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Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
OCN Blizzard	23	16	5	2	34	89	72
Winkler Flyers	24	17	7	0	34	90	56
Steinbach Pistons	23	16	6	1	33	116	63
Portage Terriers	23	15	6	1	32	90	55
Virdeon Oil Capitals	20	14	6	0	28	98	58
Neepawa Natives	25	13	10	2	28	98	89
Selkirk Steelers	23	12	8	2	27	87	83
Winnipeg Blues	24	11	10	3	25	82	86
Swan Valley Stampede	20	7	10	3	17	52	72
Dauphin Kings	24	4	18	1	10	52	114
Waywayseacappo Wolverines	25	2	22	0	5	50	156

MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	19	16	1	2	34	78	36
Charleswood Hawks	18	11	4	3	25	43	32
Stonewall Jets	18	12	6	0	24	59	46
Transcona Railer Express	19	11	6	2	24	69	55
St. Vital Victorias	18	10	8	0	20	62	67
St. James Canucks	19	9	9	1	19	57	53
Pembina Valley Twisters	18	9	9	0	18	73	70
Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins	18	7	11	0	14	52	53
St. Boniface Riels	18	6	11	1	13	53	65
River East Royal Knights	19	1	17	1	3	28	97

SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Altona	4	4	0	0	8	22	13
Winkler	4	2	2	0	4	18	20
Morden	3	2	1	0	4	13	7
Carman	4	2	2	0	4	16	15
Warren	4	2	2	0	4	20	14
Notre Dame	4	1	2	1	3	12	19
Portage	5	1	4	0	2	11	24

MANITOBA AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Wild	18	16	2	0	32	98	36
Brandon	18	16	2	0	32	100	43
Bruins	18	14	3	1	29	77	55
Eastman	19	14	4	1	29	83	59
Pembina Valley	18	10	6	1	22	60	58

THRASHERS							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Parkland	18	8	8	0	18	62	70
Yellowhead	18	8	10	0	16	60	62
Southwest	18	7	10	1	15	56	65
Kenora	18	6	10	0	14	51	63
Central Plains	18	5	10	1	13	52	67
Interlake	17	5	12	0	10	46	85
Norman	19	0	18	0	1	48	113

MANITOBA AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Cougars	15	12	2	0	25	96	38
Rangers	13	8	4	1	17	61	53
Chiefs	15	7	7	0	15	48	51
Hawks	15	7	8	0	14	56	69
Wheat Kings	13	3	10	0	6	33	55
Capitals	14	1	12	0	3	26	104
Wolves	14	1	13	0	2	39	120

MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE									
GP	Reg W	Reg L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts			
Westman Wildcats	11	6	2	-	1	2	16		
Eastman Selects	13	7	5	-	-	1	15		
Winnipeg Avros	10	4	3	-	3	-	14		
Yellowhead Chiefs	9	6	2	-	-	1	13		
Central Plains	10	5	4	-	1	-	12		
PV Hawks	11	5	5	-	-	1	11		
Interlake Lightning	12	-	12	-	-	-	-		

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	9	7	2	0	14	55	19
Cartwright/Nellie McClung/Pilot Mound Tigers	9	6	3	0	12	34	34
Morden Thunder	8	5	3	0	10	37	27
Morris Mavericks	5	4	1	0	8	25	18
Prairie Mountain Mustangs	7	3	3	0	7	38	33
Northlands Parkway Collegiate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nighthawks (Winkler)	6	3	3	0	6	26	19
Carman Cougars	8	2	4	2	6	24	33
Garden Valley Collegiate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zodiacs (Winkler)	8	2	5	1	5	24	48
Portage Collegiate Institute	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trojans	8	2	6	0	4	20	52

STATS AS OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

High school sports round-up

- In Zone 4 high school hockey, the NPC Nighthawks kicked off last week with a 6-3 loss to the Mountain Mustangs but then bounced back to beat the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs 9-0. The Morden Thunder, meanwhile, fell to the Miller Aces 5-1 Nov. 15 and the Pembina Tigers 6-3 on Nov. 17.
- In Zone 4 varsity volleyball, the Zodiacs boys and girls teams both

saw their seasons come to an end in the playoffs with 3-0 losses to the Vikings Nov. 16. Morden's boys lost their playoff match as well against the Aces 3-1 Nov. 15, while the Thunder girls bowed to Sanford 3-1 Nov. 14. At the junior variety level, the NPC girls and boys volleyball teams both brought home the Zone 4 banners last week.

Break out the brooms in support of PVHS

By Lorne Stelmach

The Critter Cup will again be up for grabs when the Pembina Valley Humane Society holds the fourth annual Giant Tiger Curl for the Critters Saturday, Dec. 2.

The annual fundraiser at the Morden curling club is a family friendly 'funspiel' that is open to curlers of all ages and skill levels.

"There's absolutely no skill required. It's not a hugely competitive event. We just want people to come out and have fun for a good cause," said Megan Rodgers, public relations chair for the humane society.

Registration is \$120 and includes three games, lunch, and a partial tax receipt. There will be prizes for the best team costume, closest to the button, auction table raffles, a 50/50 draw, and a cash bar.

"Generally, we make about \$2,000 on this event," said Rodgers. "We had 15 teams last year, so we would love to hit 16 this year.

"It's one of our more casual, low key events. People can just come out and enjoy the day, and we are lucky enough to make some money," she continued.

"People come out and seem to have a lot of fun. We saw a lot of costumes last year, so we hope that continues ... it adds another fun layer.

"This year, we've added a new way to support it. People can sponsor a sheet this year for \$100 if they would like to contribute that way."

Rodgers also expressed appreciation for the support of Giant Tiger, which also assists the organization each year through the Hot Dogs for Hot Dogs BBQ.

"We are so appreciative of having



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Curlers of all skill levels are invited to take part in the Pembina Valley Humane Society's "funspiel" at the Morden Curling Club on Dec. 2.

that kind of support," she said.

Events like this are integral to the shelter's sustainability. Funds raised from this event will be go towards veterinary expenses.

"We have a lot of cats in our care

right now," Rodgers said. "That means more spays, neuters, tattoos and vaccinations that need to happen."

You can find more information and register for the event online at pvh-society.ca.

Flyers down Pistons twice, fall to Oil Capitals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In Manitoba Junior Hockey League action last week, the Winkler Flyers handed the Steinbach Pistons a pair of losses before faltering against the Oil Capitals.

The Nov. 14 game in Steinbach needed overtime to decide things, as regulation minutes ended with the score tied at 2-2.

Winkler's Nolan McGuire gave his team the lead in the second period and then Matt Christian tied things up near the end of the third to force overtime.

There, 1:41 into it, Christian scored the game winner.

The 3-2 victory saw Troy Martyniuk go the distance in net, making 35 saves as Steinbach outshot Winkler 37-24.

Friday night's victory was much more decisive, as Winkler, back on home ice, doubled up on Steinbach 6-3.

Coltyn Bates tied the game at 1-1 near the end of the first. Garrett Kulkica, McGuire, and Brady Pupp extended the gap to 4-1 in the second.

Period three saw Steinbach manage a couple of goals, but Winkler scored two more of their own courtesy of Christian and Michael Redmon to cement the win.

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Martyniuk made 35 saves as Winkler was outshot once again 38-30.

The Flyers found themselves on the other side of the win-loss equation Saturday when they hosted Virden.

Though the two teams were evenly matched in shots on goal in the first period—15-14 in Virden's favour—it was the Oil Capitals who managed to make the most of it, scoring four goals to Winkler's two (scored by Matt Krawiec and Will Blake).

Brett Opperman made it 4-3 mid-

way through the second, only to have Virden get that one back with one second to go to head into the final period up 5-3.

There, Mitchell Dyck added one more to Winkler's tally, but Virden added two to make it a 7-4 victory.

Net duties were split between Martyniuk and Aaron Brun, the latter making 19 saves out of 21 shots during nearly 43 minutes in net, while Brun stopped seven of the 11 shots he faced in 13:30.

With that, Winkler is tied with OCN

in points at 34 to take the top two spots in the league. The team's record so far this season stands at 17-7. The Blizzard have a game in hand over them. Steinbach rounds out the top three with 33 points.

This week Winkler hosted Portage on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Over the weekend they hit the road to play in Neepawa Friday, Dauphin Saturday, and Swan Valley on Sunday.

Royals, Redskins post first victories

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Both Morden and Winkler's teams in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League posted wins over the weekend.

The Morden Redskins downed the Notre Dame Hawks 6-2 on Saturday. Goal scorers included doubles from Cole Penner and Graham Leiding and singles from Kyle Rous, Derek Holenski, and Jared Leiding. Reed Peters made 28 saves in net for the win.

The Winkler Royals, meanwhile, managed not just one but two wins.

On Saturday they headed to Carman to face the Beavers, coming home with a 5-4 victory. Scoring for Winkler were Cody Friesen in the first, Brett Harder in the second, and Jon Gaudet, Scott Toews, and Marlin Froese in the third. Matt Krahn got the win in net, stopping 41 shots.

Then, on Sunday, the Royals bested the Warren Mercs 6-4. Harder had a three goal night, with other Winkler goals coming from Mark Hildebrand, Reid MacLeod, and Cody Friesen.

Krahn stopped 54 shots on goal.

At press time the Altona Maroons had a firm hold on the first place spot in the league with eight points. There's a five-way tie for the next spot, with Winkler, Morden, Carman, and Warren all having four points, though Morden had a game in hand.

Coming up, Winkler and Morden face off this Thursday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. in Morden. The Redskins also play in Portage on Saturday, while the Royals host Altona Saturday evening.

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Agriculture

Hog prices continue to yo-yo

By Harry Siemens

Hog prices keep going up and down almost like a yo-yo or a roller coaster gone mad.

Therefore when the live hog prices slipped over the past couple of weeks, the industry is looking at an attractive dynamic right now.

Hams Marketing Services director of risk management Tyler Fulton said the U.S. regionally negotiated prices in the cash markets are starting to trail off a little bit.

"What I think is happening is there's just an overwhelming supply available despite two additional new packing plants coming on stream," he said. "Things are never perfectly smooth regarding ramp-ups, and we don't have good information on how these plants are performing.

"I think it's fair to say that they've had a very positive impact to the cash market trend over the course of the last two months since they've been running, but it's not linear. It's not a perfect relationship, and we see a little bit of weakness recently, possibly because of this ample supply."

Fulton said, as is so typical at this time of year, over the next month or so the industry ramps up hog slaughter and, as a function of that, pork production in the United States rise to their highest levels of the year.

"And this year is no different regarding that normal trend, but our starting point was roughly three to four percent higher," he noted. "So what we expect is to see some record high pork production and hog slaughter that comes in over the next month or two, and that's likely to put pressure on prices.

"The USDA pegged the U.S. hog slaughter at about a 3.9 per cent increase over last year's numbers based on their survey of hog producers done in September, and that has pretty much come out to be pretty consistent with what the recent hog slaughter compared to a year ago."

What the industry is seeing regarding available slaughter capacity remains to be seen. It's still pretty early days as to how it's going to impact the market, but no doubt it is positive. Three new plants are running, compared to at this time last year,

and so without them, the industry would be bumping up against hog slaughter capacity.

"So I think the biggest effects from these new plants coming on stream are likely to show up in 2018 when we start to see a tightening of hog supply into the spring and summer months and packers are forced to compete very fiercely for those limited supplies to fill their plants," Fulton said. "I think critically important is demand. On the domestic side, all evidence suggests that things are still going very well for U.S. pork consumption and more broadly in demand. The evidence suggests that consumers are paying more for pork and they're consuming more pork at those higher prices, so that's unequivocally a positive thing."

He thinks things on the export side are still struggling a little bit to match up with the numbers from a year ago. If the industry isn't clearing more product into the export markets that means that there's more for the domestic market to chew through, and that could put a little bit of pressure on prices over the next three months or so.

Producers should be paying close attention to and planning as they move throughout the rest of the fourth quarter and into the first quarter of next year, Fulton said.

"I think that current forward contract values are pretty good value for the December, January, maybe even February time frames," he said. "There's still a great deal of uncertainty with the heavy supply that we

expect, and sluggish exports, and so we can't necessarily rely on these new plants to have such a positive impact to overlook those, especially in that time frame. So I would say the current forward prices for the winter months are fair value or good value for producers that haven't hedged in that time frame."

Beyond that, in April through August of next year, there's great potential to see some even better prices.

"We've seen the futures climb about four to five percent over the course of the last week and a half, and I think that there's solid rationale that we could see some better opportunities for hedging," said Fulton. "I would set targets at \$12 to \$15 per 100 kg higher than current forward contract values in that spring/summer time frame."



By Harry Siemens

Canola is Canada's biggest cash crop

On Monday morning, a telephone conference call from China outlined the importance of what trading with other nations is all about.

While western Canada has a half a dozen or more canola crushing plants, we still export half of the canola we grow in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and northern B.C.

The canola industry is enormous for western Canadian farmers and rural communities that get the spin off effects of such a vibrant sector.

I just look down the road to the \$200 million dollar Bunge crushing plant in Altona. That was only the building costs, not to mention the jobs, community involvement, taxes, and, last but not least, such a good outlet for farmers selling their product.

There is another plant at Harrowby, MB, and at least three more at Yorkton, SK, so no wonder the canola industry is celebrating with this most recent trade mission to China.

"We welcome [Federal Ag] Minister Lawrence MacAulay's engage-

ment and leadership on this mission," said Jim Everson, president of the Canola Council of Canada (CCC). "China is an important and valued export market for canola, and stronger trade ties facilitated through Minister MacAulay's visit and events like the Canola Dialogue will help bring more stability to this growing market."

Here are some facts relating to trade with China: Canada was China's fourth-largest supplier of total agri-food and seafood products in 2016. Canada's agri-food and seafood exports to China topped at \$6.8 billion in 2016. Top exports included canola, soybeans, canola oil, dried peas, and frozen pork.

In 2016, Canada registered an agri-food and seafood trade surplus of \$5.3 billion with China.

China has become the world's largest e-commerce market with online retail sales exceeding \$980 billion in 2016—39.2 percent of the world total—and is expected to reach \$1.3 trillion by 2019.

Monday's first official Canola Dialogue in Beijing capped off a string

of successful events led by the Canola Council to grow and stabilize the Chinese market for canola. It brought together Chinese and Canadian industry and government officials for a focused discussion on stable, open canola trade.

During the Dialogue, MacAulay also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Canola Council of Canada and China Chamber of Commerce of Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce and Animal By-Products.

"This agreement signals the start of a new relationship with Chinese importers based on cooperation to support mutually beneficial trade," said Everson. "[It] includes provisions such as communicating on regulations affecting trade and working together to facilitate industry meetings and exchanges."

In addition to co-hosting the Canola Dialogue, the CCC conducted several events during the mission, including hosting a canola meal re-

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Infected pigs spread PED longer than previously thought

By Harry Siemens

Jenelle Hamblin, the Manager of Swine Health Programs with Manitoba Pork, told producers recently that the biggest lesson learned from the latest PED virus outbreak is the length of time animals continue to shed virus after they appear to be disease-free.

Hamblin said the risk to pigs of contracting PED from previously infected pigs remains high much longer than they previously thought.

The virus has infected 80 swine sites in Manitoba since April 2017. The outbreak peaked in June, with 35 new infections before trailing off with 17 cases in July, 14 in August, and two more in both September and October.

"We're currently working with the 80 infected premises towards elimination and eradication, and we currently have 40 premises in upgraded status to either, PED transitional or to presumptive negative," Hamblin said. "I think the biggest thing is the enhanced biosecurity and the awareness of the disease spread. Veterinarians, MPC, Manitoba Agriculture, have all been collaborating to teach about the importance of biosecurity and putting those practices into place and considering the risk factors that are available for the spread of the disease.

"Direct contact and indirect move-

ment are responsible for 50 of our current premises. So to protect against those types of infections, we have to ramp up our biosecurity."

Hamblin reiterated the most significant thing learned at this point is the timeline of shedding of the animals.

"What we thought was a safe zone for moving the animals ... we were looking at around 49 days post-infection, we would move them, and then those premises would break with PED from shedding animals. So, what we're learning here is that these animals do shed the virus long after initial infection, upwards of 70 days. So, controlling those movements and monitoring our animals is probably our best bet at that point."

She said steps to take to reduce infection when moving hogs goes beyond the disease management side to looking at operation flows as a whole.

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search seminar and canola oil media event with MacAulay in Guangzhou.

The seminar brought together representatives from Chinese feed mills to learn about research completed on grower/finisher pigs, which demonstrated that canola meal-fed pigs grow as well as soybean meal-fed pigs.

Dr. Martin Nyachoti from the University of Manitoba was also there to share his large body of research

"Keeping tabs on animals and testing for shedding will give you a good idea. However, we had premises that remained negative from testing, premises that have animals move that have gone positive. So, I think that's more of an overall industry question than just for me."

The success of one program, the Manitoba Coordinated Disease Response communication portal developed in response to the outbreak, is very encouraging said Hamblin.

"Producers were signing information-sharing agreements, confidential information sharing agreements, with Manitoba Pork Council," she said. "To share information on their disease status, specifically at this point with PED and their location, their manure management operations, and manure spreading, to allow us to better communicate what's happening on the

ground.

"We're currently at about 70 per cent uptake in southeast Manitoba, and we're hoping to expand into the rest of the province in the coming months."

Looking ahead, Hamblin is optimistic about our chances of eliminating PED on Manitoba farms.

"If we maintain on the trajectory that we're currently on, I feel very strongly that we can continue to work towards the eradication of this disease," she said. "The key thing will be maintaining that strong biosecurity throughout the winter and into the spring of 2018. Spring is typically when we've seen new cases pop up. But if we keep in mind that this virus is here in Manitoba, [that] we need to protect ourselves from it, we have a good chance at keeping at bay."

unfit for human consumption causing strokes and heart attacks. Today in Europe they still use it as engine oil.

Dr. Keith Downey and University of Manitoba scientist Baldur Stefansson are the two men who were able to transform rapeseed into canola, Canada's largest cash crop.

Canola stands for Canadian oil.

The rest, as they say, is history. What a tremendous success story.

Twisters improve record with pair of wins

By Lorne Stelmach

A pair of wins this weekend helped the Pembina Valley Twisters inch up the standings.

Victories in four of their last five games have lifted the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League team up one notch into seventh place after edging the Charleswood Hawks 1-0 and routing the St. Boniface Riels 7-2.

Travis Klassen got the shutout Friday in stopping all 27 Hawks shots.

A third period goal by Jeremie Goderis with just over six minutes left was all the scoring that was needed for the Twisters, who had 41 shots on goal, including 17 in the final frame.

Alex Tetrault led the way Saturday with a hat trick and a five point night to pace Pembina Valley, which held period leads of 3-0 and 5-2 against St. Boniface.

Also scoring for the Twisters were Derek Wood, Brendan Keck, Elijah Carels and Fraser Mirrlees, while Griffin Dyck made 34 saves with Pembina Valley outshooting St. Boniface 42 to 36.

The Twisters improved their record to .500 at 9-9-0 for 18 points, which has them one back of the St. James Canucks and two back of the St. Vital Victorias and four up on the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins.

This weekend the Twisters play in St. James on Friday. On Tuesday the Twisters welcome the River East Royal Knights.

Mini-stick tourney in Winkler Dec. 1

The fourth annual Holiday Classic Mini-Stick Tournament takes over the Winkler Arena on Friday, Dec. 1.

Students in Gr. 3-6 are invited to register by Friday, Nov. 24. Kids can sign-up as individuals to be placed on teams the day-of.

The tournament runs from 1 p.m. to about 5 p.m. Cost to take part is \$12.

To register, contact the Parks & Rec. office at 204-325-8333 or register on-

line at cityofwinkler.ca.

BADMINTON UP AND RUNNING

Winkler's weekly Community Badminton program is up and running at J.R. Walkof School.

The program kicked off on Nov. 2 and will run every Thursday night from 7:45-10 p.m. until the end of

April. It's open to ages 10+, though anyone under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost is \$20 for the entire season. All skill levels are welcome.

There's still plenty of room to sign-up by contacting the recreation department or downloading the registration form from the City of Winkler website.

St. Claude man survives plunge into icy water

On Nov. 17, 2017, at approximately 8:40 a.m., officers from the Morden and Carman RCMP responded to a single-vehicle collision on Road 18W, approximately three kilometres north of Hwy. 3 in the RM of Dufferin.

Investigators believe a southbound pickup truck being driven by a 73-year-old male from St. Claude lost control on and went over the side of the bridge.

The truck along with the trailer it

was pulling went through the ice into frigid water.

The man managed to remove himself from the vehicle and get to shore where a passing motorist offered his assistance by keeping the driver warm until emergency services arrived.

The driver was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Morden RCMP officers continue to investigate.



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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Sudoku Answer

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C	I	A	S	C	F	I	S	F	A	B

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Emaciation
- 6. Exchequer
- 10. Sacs where fungi develop
- 14. First letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 15. Unexplored waters
- 17. Berkeley athletes
- 19. Norse giantess
- 20. Crater on the moon
- 21. Resembles velvet
- 22. Pearl Jam's debut album
- 23. Hair-like structure
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Put in advance
- 29. First son of Lot
- 31. Native American language
- 32. Furry family member
- 34. Vedic God of fire
- 35. Genie
- 37. German city
- 38. Acquire
- 39. Cambodia currency
- 40. A person from a Balkan republic
- 41. More simple
- 43. Bleats
- 45. "The other white meat"
- 46. ___ student: learns healing
- 47. 04492, town in Maine
- 49. Paddle
- 50. Airline once owned by Howard Hughes
- 53. Big 10 athlete
- 57. Inflammation of the intestine
- 58. Key's comedic partner
- 59. Chamomile and black are two
- 60. Distress signal
- 61. Assn. for translators

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Measures engine speed (abbr.)
- 2. Wings
- 3. Founded a phone company
- 4. Upon
- 5. Superhigh frequency

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- 6. Colorless liquid
- 7. Hostelries
- 8. ___ fi (slang)
- 9. One who accompanies
- 10. Where rockers play
- 11. "___ the Man" Musial
- 12. Waxy cover on some birds' beaks
- 13. Software that monitors for malicious activity (abbr.)
- 16. Becomes less intense
- 18. Lyric poems
- 22. Touchdown
- 23. From end to end
- 24. ___ Claus
- 25. Jedi Master Kenobi
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Famed child psychiatrist
- 29. Gossip
- 30. S-shaped lining
- 31. '___ death do us part
- 33. Bar bill
- 35. Placed over a vowel to indicate sound
- 36. Steve Martin was one
- 37. Low paid educator (abbr.)
- 39. One who rampages
- 42. Backbones
- 43. "Friday Night Lights" director
- 44. Anno Domini
- 46. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
- 47. Fermented grape juice
- 48. Peruvian province
- 49. Former Braves outfielder Nixon
- 50. Entertainment award
- 51. Feeling good
- 52. Greek god of war
- 53. Famed NYC museum
- 54. Of the ears
- 55. Select
- 56. Friend to the carrot



Coulee lights up for the season



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Plum Coulee's tree lighting festivities Nov. 15 included stories from St. Nick (above, left), the official switching on of the community's holiday decorations (above), Christmas carols led by local school kids (left) as well as free cookies and hot chocolate and the collection of the community's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

'There's no excuse not to take up this sport'

From Pg. 20

While Swan lauded the City of Winkler for including the curling icon on its highway signs, he lamented the fact the curling club wasn't included alongside other landmarks like the concert hall or the golf course on the directional signs scattered throughout the community.

"I certainly noticed that ... I had to ask someone where the curling club was," he said, stressing the nearly 40-year-old facility is impressive, as is the passion local players have for the game as a way to build community and have a little fun.

"I just encourage people to get into this. Especially new people, either to the community, the province, to the country," Swan said.

"Try this, because if you go into a curling facility and leave not having met new friends, it's an issue with you and not with curling," he said, laughing. "You won't find that in other sports. Legally in the other sports you can fight it out. Here we don't—we go upstairs and we have a drink together.

"In this community of Winkler there's not one league that somebody cannot participate in," Swan said. "There's no excuse not to take up this sport."

Indeed, the Winkler Curling Club is currently looking to fill open spaces in the Thursday night mixed league. The club also has weekly men's, ladies, seniors, and youth leagues.

"Anybody that wants to give it a go, show up on a Thursday and we'll fit you in," said Haney, stressing that newcomers to the sport are most certainly welcome, as are those who might want to get their feet wet by occasionally subbing instead of officially joining a foursome each week.

Don't think of yourself as a curler?

You might be surprised, Haney said.

"Everybody says, well, 'I don't curl. I don't curl.' But, hey, I've been president for five years and I don't curl—I throw some rocks and sometimes they go where we want and sometimes they don't. It's all in fun ... we don't even keep score sometimes."

Get in touch with the Winkler Curling Club by calling 204-325-8701 or checking them out on Facebook.

You can follow Swan's journey online at curlingacrossthenation.com.

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CITY OF MORDEN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICES PROPOSAL- BY-LAW NO. 27-2017

To establish a rate for fire and police protection services and street lighting services within the City of Morden limits for the years 2018 to 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 318(1) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the City of Morden has scheduled a public hearing at the City of Morden Civic Centre on the 18th day of December 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Council will hear any person who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the following Special Services:

- The estimated cost of the Special Services plan for the next five years is as follows:

2018	\$2,600,000.00
2019	\$2,900,000.00
2020	\$3,150,000.00
2021	\$3,500,000.00
2022	\$3,850,000.00

Method and Rate of Calculating the Special Services Tax.
 The method of taxation to be applied shall be based on the portioned value of assessable property. The assessed property is all rateable properties, including otherwise exempt properties, within the City of Morden. The mill rate shall be determined by Council annually, based on the annual fire protection, police protection, and street lighting budgets set out in the City of Morden's Financial Plan to a maximum annual levy as per the estimated costs above. The actual assessed values of the properties will be supplied annually by the Department of Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs (\$443,096,120 in 2018). For 2018: \$2,600,000.00 / (\$443,096,120 / 1000) = 5.83 mills. All objections, by mail or in person, must be filed with the City Manager, at the City of Morden office at 100-195 Stephen Street by December 18th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. A notice of objection must contain the name and address of the person filing the objection, identify the property of which the objection is filed and state the grounds of the objection of the above noted Local Improvement. Copies of the special services proposal are available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) of the City of Morden at 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba.
 Dated at the City of Morden this 12th day of November, A.D. 2017 and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

Patrick Dueck, CPA CA
 Director, Finance & Technology
 City of Morden

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Public Notice Regarding Auditor's Report

Pursuant to Section 194 of The Municipal Act, notice is given that the financial statements and auditor's report for the City of Winkler for the year 2016 are available for inspection by any person at the City of Winkler office during regular office hours. Dated at the City of Winkler, this 15th day of November 2017.

David Martens
 Assistant Administrator

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COMING EVENT

Thousand Oaks Ministries Inc.

GOSPEL MUSIC NIGHT
Sat., Nov. 25, 2017
 7:30 pm at the
P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Winkler, MB
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COMING EVENT

Tabor Home Christmas Tea & Bake Sale
Saturday, November 25
2:00 – 3:30 pm
450 Loren Drive
 Silver Collection Tea Baking, Door Prize, Rainbow Auction
 Proceeds for Recreation Programs

NOTICES

CITY OF WINKLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

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 12th, 2017 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. 2193-17, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2193-17, is to zone the land described below, Namely: **Lot 1, Plan No. (Deposit 897/2017) MLTO in the SW 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: "RT" RESIDENTIAL TWO FAMILY ZONE
TO: "CL" COMMERCIAL LINEAR ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2193-17, 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.
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UNDER THE HIGHWAYS PROTECTION ACT THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Highway Traffic Board will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in Room B6, Brandon Provincial Building, 340 - 9th Street, Brandon, Manitoba.

PERMITS - PART I - SECTION 9 H.P.A. AND PART III - SECTION 17 H.P.A. 3/003/185/A/17 - DARRYL & DARLENE THIESSEN

Application to Widen Access Driveway (Residential) onto P.T.H. No. 3A, N.E. 1/4 15-2-12W, Municipality of Louise.

The Highway Traffic Board will be prepared to consider all submissions, written or oral, on the above applications by contacting the Secretary prior to or at the hearing.

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Michelle Slotin, A/Secretary
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OBITUARY

Howard James Leatherdale

February 14, 1933 – November 11, 2017

On Saturday, November 11, 2017, at the Carman Memorial Hospital, Howard James Leatherdale, aged 84, peacefully went to his eternal rest with family by his side.

Dad leaves to mourn his passing his three daughters: Sherry (Scott) Walters and children, Colton, Cordell and Camilynne; Judy Elliott and sons, Michael and Matthew; and Cathy Rouire and daughters, Melanie and Nicole. He is predeceased by his wife, Ruby; parents, James and Lillian; two brothers, Orville (Ruth) and Ross (Patricia); and son-in-law, Rheel.

Dad grew up in the Rosebank area and attended Agar school before pursuing his dream of farming. He married the love of his life, Ruby (Vigen) Leatherdale, on June 30, 1962, and resided on a farm west of Rosebank where they raised their three girls.

Dad was a dedicated farmer. Well-fed animals with shiny coats and straight-rowed crops were a sense of pride and accomplishment.

His love of horses became a family affair. He eagerly provided our riding prospects and introduced us to 4-H. Dad was a proud 4-H leader of the Graysville 4-H Light Horse and Pony Club for 18 years. He served on District, Regional and Provincial 4-H Councils as well as being involved with many other horse organizations. Dad loved to curl and was a Director of the Miami Agricultural Society for many years. He was also a faithful member of the United Church of Canada.

Dad and Mom retired to Carman in 2001 where they became involved with the Carman Active Living Centre enjoying various activities including shuffleboard. He loved playing cards with neighbours and friends and keeping active in the local men's curling league. Their yard flourished with lush lawns, flower beds and vegetable gardens. Dad was devoted to his wife and family. He had a generous nature, always willing to lend a helping hand.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Boyne Lodge and Carman Memorial hospital for his care.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Howard's memory to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, 10 - 120 Donald Street, Winnipeg MB R3C 4G2.

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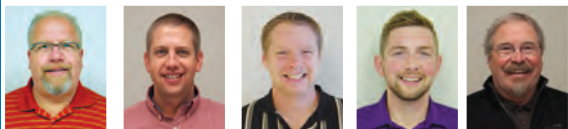
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