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**A visit from St. Nick**

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Kids got the chance to chat with St. Nick at the Morden tree lighting activities Nov. 20. The evening also included bonfires, hot chocolate, fireworks, and more. See Pg. 16 for more photos.

**Islamic leader addresses fears, misconceptions**

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In a world where fear and misinformation often run rampant, a speaker in Morden last Saturday sought to represent his community in a more informed and positive light.

Dr. Idris Elbakri, president of the Manitoba Islamic Association, spoke in detail about his faith before a packed room at the Access Event Centre, wrapping up his presentation by spending nearly an hour answering questions from the 160 or so people in attendance.

Organizer Peter Cantelon said he hopes the event will help fill in the gaps that exist in many people's understanding and perception of Islam in the world today.

"I kept seeing a lot of non-Muslim people fighting with other non-Muslims about Muslims," he said. "I just thought, 'This is silly.' No one is as informed about a particular culture or faith than a person that's in it. So if we're going to argue, let's at least bring someone down who can speak for that group."

"Personally, I hope people become a little

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more tolerant," he added. "But, really, all I hope is that whatever perspective they hold, it's a more informed perspective now."

Elbakri, a Winnipegger who emigrated from Jerusalem as a young adult, began his presentation by explaining the core beliefs of Islam.

"The meaning of the word [Islam] is submission to the will of God," he said. "If you are going to leave with one theological idea today about what Muslims believe in, they believe in uncompromising monotheism. That God is one. Nothing is like Him. Nothing compares to Him."

Elbakri went on to outline the pillars of the faith, which include testimony (stating a personal belief that God is supreme and Muhammad was His servant and messenger), fasting during Ramadan ("That sharpens one's sense of spiritual awareness and one's sense of feeling for those who are hungry not by choice," he said.), being charitable, undertaking a pilgrimage to Mecca, and praying five times a day.

"My kids and I like to keep track of the funny places where we've prayed—in the snow, at the mall, the public library, at school, work, and so on," Elbakri said, noting the oddest place he has had to pause for prayer was while attending a rodeo in Denver, Colorado.

Beyond these pillars, Muslims are called to live lives of "moderation and balance," Elbakri said, touching, as well, on the importance practising

Muslims place on values such as integrity, justice, morality, and purpose.

### CONTEXT IS KEY

Context is key

Cultural and historical context is key when looking both at how Islam is practised around the world and at some of the most often misunderstood passages in the Qur'an, Elbakri said.

The faith does call for modest dress for both men and women, but how that manifests itself depends a great deal on which country you're looking at.

In Western parts of the world, women may choose to simply wear a head scarf that covers only their hair, while other cultures expect women to cover the entire face or body.

These are cultural differences, Elbakri stressed, noting he, for one, certainly does not feel it is his place to tell his wife what to wear.

Similarly, the treatment of Islamic woman the world over is also very culturally dependent.

"Are Islamic women oppressed?" was a question asked in various ways by several audience members.

In response, Elbakri pointed out that patriarchy is not an Islamic problem so much as a human one.

"We as human beings have a problem in that we have for the longest time interpreted the way God made us as male and female to say that male has power over female," he said. "This is not Muslim specific, this is

**"[TERRORISTS] DO THINGS THAT MUSLIMS DON'T DO ... IT'S AS PERPLEXING TO US AS IT IS TO YOU."**



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Dr. Idris Elbakri was in Morden Saturday to help dispell some of the misconceptions surrounding the Islamic faith and its followers.

everybody."

Female Muslims in Canada are as likely to be leaders and active members in their communities as anybody else, he said.

"There's nothing that forbids you from doing that if you're a Muslim female, within the parameters of remaining modest and true to your values," Elbakri said in response to whether a Muslim girl could, for example, play hockey. "When [oppression] exists—and it does exist—it's a cultural practice. They may say, 'Oh, God says this or God said that' but if you look at what the Qur'an says and at the Prophet's example, we don't find justification for it."

Similarly, Elbakri said there are some passages in the Qur'an—such as the often misrepresented idea that Muslims believe it takes two women to equal one man—that must be read with an understanding of the time period in which they were written.

That particular verse—which specifically is referring to allowing women to be witnesses in a business contract—was written in a patriarchal society in which women were rarely involved in commerce.

"There are things in any religious text that one can find and can read and it's, 'What are they saying?' But once you read the context it makes more sense," Elbakri said, adding that such legal guidelines of the faith have changed with the times as society has progressed.

"It's important even for Muslims [to understand this] because why are people reaching these misunderstandings? Because they don't understand historical context," he said. "They read something abstract and they don't do any research or they don't ask those who know better ... it's

very important to have context."

Elbakri wrapped up his speech by condemning terrorism, which he said is not compatible with the true tenants of Islam.

"Our position on this is morally and spiritually clear: we stand against this," he said, explicitly stating that the Islamic State is a "deformation of Islam. To us, their theology is flawed, their practice is flawed, and their justifications for what they do is flawed."

"I don't like to say that Islam is a religion of peace, because that's a cliché, but I will say that Islam is a faith which sanctifies life and the Qur'an says, 'Whoever kills one soul, it's as if they've killed all humanity; whoever saves one soul, it's as if they've saved all of humanity,'" Elbakri said. "I really don't know which Qur'an these guys read over there in ISIL because it's not the one I read."

Elbakri said the problems in the Middle East today—which are spilling over into the Western world in the form of terrorist attacks—go far beyond religion.

"The roots of what's happening in the Middle East go back to the past century where [the residents] have seen nothing but brutal dictatorships one after the other," he said. "People have been subjected to this brutality over and over again and I think some of them have lost their humanity, quite honestly."

Elbakri stressed again that these people killing in the name of a distorted understanding of Islam do not reflect the majority of Muslims in the world.

"These guys do things that Muslims don't do ... it's as perplexing to us as it is to you."

After his presentation, Elbakri said

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# Hands-on training benefits students, CCI

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Students from Northlands Parkway Collegiate's electrical technology program were in Altona last week to help put the finishing touches on a home being built in support of Children's Camps International.

The students joined their Red River Technical Vocational Area (RRTVA) peers at the carpentry program at W.C. Miller Collegiate to wire a 1,200 square foot ready-to-move house the Altona students have spent the last three months building.

"You want to learn how to build a house, you've got to build a house, right?" says carpentry teacher Richard Rempel, who has 20 students in his program this semester.

The house—which is built to the drywall stage by the students and then either sold as-is or finished off by other trades volunteers—will be sold through Children's Camps International's Build It For Kids program, which has had contractors and developers throughout southern Manitoba build houses in support of the Christian ministry.

Funds from each home's sale goes to help fund CCI's children's day camps in developing countries all over the world.

Rempel says W.C. Miller Collegiate was building houses for a few years before finally teaming up with CCI.

"But it was always a hassle to find clients, because it's a pretty big commitment," he says. The CCI partnership proved the perfect solution.

"It's actually a win-win-win situation," Rempel says. "We win because we get to actually build a house.

That's the best experience that these young students could get. Children's Camps wins because they get this house built. And then some kids in Asia, India, wherever their mission work is done, also benefit.

"Not only do the kids get to learn about the actual building project, but they also know that they are giving something back to the community, which is even maybe a more valuable lesson."

In the last six years the students have averaged a house or two a year for CCI.

This fall marked the first time the schedule worked to allow NPC's electrical students (eight in all this fall) to lend a hand, says instructor Trent Krahn.

"A house is kind of where you start with electrical. You build your knowledge base from residential and then you build it up," he says. "When they get to see all the pieces fit together like this, they learn a lot."

"It's invaluable for the students," Krahn adds. "There's only so much you can do in the classroom and say, 'This is what it's really like in

the real world.' This here is real-world experience."

That real-world experience is exactly what Winkler's Alex Harder was looking for when he signed-up to start his electrical training at NPC.

"It gives us a chance to feel what it's real like out there," he says. "Not like the classroom—the classroom's really limited, but this is real."

"[I'm] learning a lot from the hands-on part," agrees fellow Winkler student Tristan Loewen. "You get out of the class and actually get out on a real job site. It's good."

Loewen is also pleased the students'



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

RRTVA students are hard at work at W.C. Miller Collegiate in Altona putting the finishing touches on this house, which will be sold in support of CCI. Altona's carpentry students (above) have spent the last few months building the house, while NPC's electrical technology students (at right) were on hand last week to do the wiring.



work is going to have an impact in the world in a very tangible way.

"I know somebody who was sponsored by [CCI] in Mexico ... they've been doing great things out there," he says. "So I think this is a great idea for a great cause."

CCI's Marvin Letkeman says the Build It For Kids program is one of the ministry's biggest fundraisers, and they're grateful the RRTVA students have been able to be such a big part of it.

"It's a neat connection that we can get the schools involved," he says. "The students are definitely making an impact around the world because

of what they did here with this project."

A fully-finished home raises enough money, at \$5 a child, to send between 15,000-20,000 kids to camp. An unfinished house like the ones the students build sponsors about 5,000 children.

CCI currently has camps in seven different countries with plans to expand further.

"We're probably close to 200,000 to 250,000 kids a year through the ministry itself," Letkeman says.

If you'd like to learn more about Children's Camps International or the Build It For Kids Program, check them out online at [ccicamps.com](http://ccicamps.com).



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# Murder suspect arrested in Morden

RCMP have laid first-degree murder charges in the March killing of a 14-year-old boy.

The youth was found dead outside of the Ginew School in the Roseau River First Nation on March 1. An autopsy led police to treat the death as a homicide, though the cause of death has not yet been released and no arrests were made until last week.

On Nov. 17, RCMP arrested an 18-year-old male in Morden in connection with the murder.

As the accused was 17 at the time of the offence, he cannot be named in accordance with the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The accused was remanded into custody last week pending court dates.

# A time for dialogue

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he was thrilled for the opportunity to start a dialogue with the residents of the Morden-Winkler area.

"We are always very happy when there's interest and when there's an opportunity to reach out," he said. "I like that people felt they could ask whatever was on their minds and that the discussion was respectful.

"I think people came with some fear, I think they came with some confusion ... and hopefully in the end everyone left, including myself, a little more informed about things."

Elbakri said if he can get one message out to southern Manitobans, it's this: "Let's talk."

"Let's just talk to each other. If you want to learn more, if you've got something you would like to say, we are more than happy to engage with you," he said. "Basically, I will go through whatever door opens up that enables people to have a conversation."

Being willing to have these conversations is what makes Canada the amazing cultural mosaic that it is, Elbakri said.

"It's okay to be different. I think we have to celebrate our differences ... the question is can we co-exist? I think in Canada, luckily, fortunately, we can, and we have to keep it that way."

## MORE SPEAKERS TO COME

Cantelon hopes that this event will be the first of many in what he's dubbed the Diversitas Series, each shining a spotlight on an underrepresented or misunderstood facet of society.

"There are a diversity of perspectives and opinions out there and we live in a region that hasn't had the opportunity to necessarily experience that diversity," he said.

Future speakers may include those from the First Nations and LGBTQ communities, as well as those discussing topics such as women in Islam, bullying, poverty/homelessness, and mental illness.

"They'll all present on their experiences and then field some questions," Cantelon said.

If you would like to learn more about upcoming events in this series, find Diversitas online at facebook.com/diversitas or contact Cantelon via email at cantelon@gmail.com or by calling 204-823-0598.



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# Candy cane forest in support of Eden

By Lorne Stelmach

Eden Foundation is raising some Christmas spirit as well as funds for the Eden Mental Health Centre.

The shiny metallic candy cane forest that sprung up in the Bethel Heritage Park last week is in support of renovations for the mental health facility in Winkler.

Earl Reimer, director of development for Eden Foundation, said they were thankful the City of Winkler embraced the idea, which he said not only helps enhance the park and the city but will also make some long needed renovations possible at Eden.

"We will be doing a refurbishment of the area that's used as a chapel and the common dining area ... and then there may be some other additional refurbishments as well," he said. "But this particular area ... really hasn't had any serious work done for about 50 years since the place was started.

**"WE WILL BE DOING A REFURBISHMENT OF THE AREA THAT'S USED AS A CHAPEL AND THE COMMON DINING AREA."**

So we kind of thought it was time."

Each of the candy cane trees in the downtown park have been sponsored by local businesses, who will be recognized on each display.

Reimer said they got a really good response from the business community for what he hopes will be a three year campaign to support the centre.

"At this particular point, we've got about \$45,000 that we're looking to commit to this effort," he said.

The candy canes are also Eden's way of thanking the community for its ongoing support.

"One way that we can do something to say thank you is

to do something public like this," said Reimer. "So in as much it is something to enhance the park, and in as much it is something that does help us, it is also something very public to say we hope that you find this appealing and an enhancement to the city."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Eden workers set up a forest of candy cane decorations in Bethel Heritage Park recently. Each one is sponsored by a local business, with funds going towards renovations at the mental health centre.

# Guenther elected as GVSD Ward 2 trustee

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A familiar face will be filling the vacant seat on the Garden Valley School Division board of trustees.

Edwin Guenther won the GVSD school board by-election by a landslide on Nov. 18, beating out Linda Neufeld 55 votes to five.

Guenther had previously served as the Ward 2 trustee from 2010-2014 before taking a break as the rural representative this past year.

With the resignation of Plum Coulee's June Letkeman in the role, Guenther decided to throw his name into the running once again.



Edwin Guenther

Now that he's elected, he says he's looking forward to getting back to work.

"I look forward to serving as a trustee. Facilitating education is one of the more important things we do in building society," Guenther said.

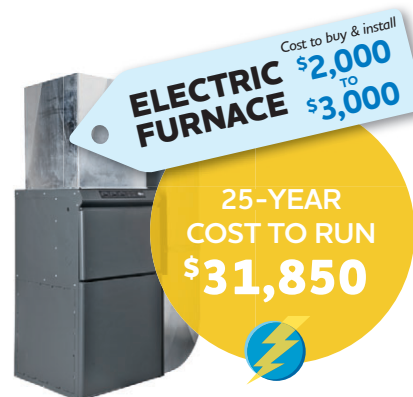
Guenther also offered his thanks to Neufeld for running and ensuring the democratic process was allowed to play out.

"I thank Linda for being willing to serve as a trustee," he said. "It is positive to have an election."

Guenther now faces sessions this week to help get him up to speed on the board before jumping into the upcoming finance and regular board meetings.

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## Wasting away in confusion

**S**omething stinks to high heaven lately and it has to do with garbage.

More specifically, it has to do with the issue of the new waste collection agreement the City of Morden has signed and the new service levels it has committed to, both of which take effect in 2016.

There's been some grumbling lately as a result of these two things and to the best of my ability I think I have been able to sort through the mess to determine what the primary concerns seem to be:

1. Some people are not happy that the new contract did not go to a local company.
2. Some people are not happy about

the prospective new service levels.

3. Some people are blending and confusing these two separate but related things.

Let's start with concern number one. We should always strive to shop local whenever possible. This makes sense. However, good governance requires a process that ensures our tax dollars are spent responsibly. This process is called a Request for Proposal (RFP).

What happens with an RFP is a business or government creates a call for companies to bid on a product or service need.

In this instance, the City of Morden requested that companies consider submitting proposals with detailed costs for performing waste collection in Morden—a contract worth hundreds of thousands of your dollars.

The RFP is a GOOD thing. Sadly, this process has not always required requests for proposals and that, quite frankly, was irresponsible of the city given the amount of money involved. Similarly, the current Manitoba NDP government has come under fire for

purchasing \$9 million in flood protection equipment without calling for proposals. There have also been accusations that the company that won those contracts had inappropriately close personal connections with the minister responsible. The RFP process helps deal with these kinds of problems.

In Morden, a number of companies entered bids and the contract ultimately went to Souris company MWM rather than the local Pembina Valley Containers, which had held the contract for a number of years.

This sparked some outrage about not buying local. Some people very close to the process called it "unfair" and "not equitable" while others said the city should ALWAYS buy local, no matter the cost.

The city is limited in its ability to respond to these criticisms because the entire proposal process is completely private. They are not allowed to reveal details of the submitted proposals, in-

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**By Peter Cantelon**

## Letters

### COUNCIL SHOULD RETHINK WASTE CONTRACT

To the residents of Morden:  
I find it interesting that Morden council, while proclaiming their desire for and support of business and industry, would drop a local industry.

I guess actions speak louder than words when it comes to our garbage and recycling services. Pembina Valley Containers has and, by all indications, continues to provide an excellent service to our community.

I wonder what council's response will be when the only providers of

this service are the "Big Boys" from out-of-town. It will then be these same providers who will then dictate what the price will be, while "towns" like Morden will no longer have an option.

Clinton Pentland,  
Morden

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• POLICE BLOTTER

# Morden man arrested in stolen goods bust

By Lorne Stelmach

A two year investigation tracking stolen goods across southern Manitoba finally came to a conclusion last week with the arrest of a Morden resident.

The investigation finally came to a head with the execution of a search warrant by the Morden Police Service along with the assistance of the RCMP, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Regional Support Tactical Team.

They jointly descended on a rural residence in the RM of Stanley on Nov. 16. There, police found a multitude of stolen items, including large quantities of wood and building supplies, construction materials, quads, riding lawn mowers, farm tractors, boats, and a variety of power tools.

The search helped lead officers to additional information which then resulted in a second search at the same location two days later that turned up more property identified as having been stolen.

In the end, about \$60,000 worth of stolen property was recovered.

Now facing multiple criminal charges is 24-year-old Karl Friedrich Kloss of Morden.

Kloss faces 11 counts of possession

of stolen goods and three charges for tampering with vehicle identification numbers. Police said on Monday that more charges are pending.

Kloss was released on conditions and will make a first appearance in Morden Court Dec. 15.

Other notable items in the most recent reports from the Winkler and Morden police departments include:

- A 34-year-old Morden resident is facing several charges after police were called to a local home Nov. 21 by a woman who told officers she was scared and hiding in her bedroom after having being punched in the face twice by her common law partner.

Officers arrived at the home and spoke to the woman, who had injuries to her mouth. Police also saw blood on the kitchen floor.

Police say the accused was in the living room, visibly intoxicated, swaying on his feet with a strong odor of liquor about him. He had one hand in his pocket and was told to remove it, but refused. He was then physically restrained and arrested, but continued to resist while taken into custody.

Police say he has been kept in custody because of an extensive criminal record that includes failing to attend court, to comply with undertakings and probation orders, as well as ut-

tering threats and assaulting a police officer.

The man was taken to the Winnipeg Remand Centre where he awaits a court appearance in December.

- Winkler Police are investigating a complaint from a female youth who said she was goaded into sending

exposed images of herself to an unknown person on the internet. The demands for more images progressed with the threat of internet exposure if she didn't comply.

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cluding the costs. If the companies involved wanted to do this they are perfectly able to, but the city cannot.

This leaves the average taxpayer caught in the middle with a choice: either trust that the people we elected and the city employees know what they are doing or not.

As I said before, buying local is a good thing, but it must be balanced. Imagine if every city everywhere had a Buy Local Only policy. What do you think would happen to our largest manufacturing employers whose primary revenue is made from selling into other markets? They would be forced to downsize or close, losing hundreds of jobs.

Now, a brief word about the new service levels proposed. The city is implementing a three-stream recycle, compost, and waste system in 2016. This will involve new standardized containers and a new schedule for waste collection.

None of these things is as a result of the new waste collection com-

pany. These new services were determined by the city and are what the many competing companies bid on to offer. No matter who won the contract, these new service levels would still be introduced.

So what can you do about this whole situation? Inform yourself. The city is hosting information nights on Nov. 27, Dec. 17, and Jan. 18. You can go and listen, learn, provide feedback, and ask questions.

Secondly, understand that these sessions are only about the service levels. You can go and yell all you want about the contract, but the fact is it has been awarded and this will not change.

If you or I do not like decisions of our elected officials we do have recourse: change our vote in the next election. Until then council will make the decisions they were elected to make ... some we will like and some we won't, because governing by popular opinion is never a good idea.



# Pallister shares Tories' vision for Manitoba's future

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitoba Conservative leader Brian Pallister toured southern Manitoba last week.

While in Morden on Friday, he made his pitch to be the new premier when Manitobans go to the polls in April.

"Good government should demonstrate the values of the people governed," Pallister said in an almost hour-long address at the Access Event Centre that went through what he saw as the core values needed in government.

Stressing the need for more honesty in our leadership, he said the Tories' first act in power will be an open government act.

"What that act will do is make Manitoba the most open, accountable, ethical and honest government in Canada," said Pallister, citing concerns that the NDP have repeatedly blocked the flow of information. "We need to have a government that is accountable to us, not hiding from us ... accountable to us for its conduct."

A second value he cited is compassion, which he said is evident when you look at Statistics Canada figures that show how much Manitobans volunteer and give. That

same spirit we show as individuals is needed in our government, Pallister said.

"How are we doing at showing we care?" he asked. "Who waits longest in Canada for health care? Who pays the most? Who has the lowest quality education in Canada? Who pays the most? Who has the most social problems in Canada? Who pays the most?"

"You notice a little trend here? Real compassion isn't talking about it, it's delivering results."

Pallister said they would establish programs to attract and keep more doctors, noting the NDP have failed to the extent there are over 20 health care facilities that are closing emergency rooms.

He related a story of his own mother being in hospital when he overheard a nurse from behind him make a comment, "There's another 'bed blocker' for you."

"Our seniors do not deserve to be called bed blockers," he said. "We are going to invest in personal care homes. We're going to build them. We're tenth of 10 provinces over the last 16 years on investing in personal care facilities.

"We will find physicians. We will get results," he said. "We should not be paying more and getting less."

Pallister then talked about common sense as another important value, citing as an example of its absence now in what he sees as the NDP's mishandling of Manitoba Hydro and the Bi-pole 3 line.

"What we are seeing under the present government is the Americanization of our Manitoba Hydro," he said, pointing out that Manitobans are paying higher rates for hydro while the province is selling it at a discount south of the border.

"We're shipping hydro at deep, deep discount to people in Wisconsin and Minnesota ... so we can then bid against them for jobs, and they have the advantage of low cost hydro while we pay higher rates. What sense does that make?"

"We need a power utility in our province that is focussed on all energy options, that is less politicized, and that is managed sustainably for our future."

Pallister went on to address inclusion as another important value for Manitobans.

"I don't like seeing people left out," he said. "I think we believe that nobody should get left behind. But people are getting left behind in our province right now. And a big group of those are indigenous children."

The province leads the country in



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Conservative leader Brian Pallister stopped in Morden last week during his tour of southern Manitoba, speaking for over an hour on the core values of the Tory campaign.

percentage of the population that are aboriginal youth, Pallister noted.

"When this province ... fully embraces the challenge of including those young people in the potential that exists here, then we will begin to succeed."

He would pursue more initiatives such as reading labs and aim for stronger partnerships with the federal government in this area.

"I want to work with the federal government to get the funding in place quickly so we can improve the quality of education on reserves," he said. "An ambitious strategy working partnership with the federal government is really critical here because it's the same people we are having to help, and a good education is the key."

Pallister said he was hopeful that the approach of the new federal government will make it possible to have strong partnerships.

"Building those partnerships is hard because there's a lot of distrust there. There's been distrust over many generations, and overcoming that distrust is a challenge. But we have to work at it."

Pallister also spoke on the value of teamwork, something which he said is really well exhibited in this area of the province.

He prioritized getting Manitoba in

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# SCCR reports on another busy year

By Lorne Stelmach

South Central Cancer Resource had reason to celebrate as it held its annual meeting last Thursday.

The past year could be judged as a success for the organization in terms of the services provided and keeping the agency financially sustainable.

"The support from the community and the support that we have for our fundraisers is totally amazing," said board president June Letkeman. "We've always managed to keep above board and get enough finances to provide for our programs."

While revenue decreased by about \$10,000 from 2014, expenditures were also down by almost \$15,000.

Donations declined by \$19,000, but they were able to make up most of that through a \$15,000 income increase through their fashion show, which, as their biggest annual fundraising initiative, pulled in a profit of about \$23,000. The annual Fore The Cure golf tournament raised another \$8,000.

In the end, it meant the SCCR turned a profit of just over \$46,000 in 2015, with almost \$150,000 on hand in term deposits.

Both Letkeman and administrative co-ordinator Deb Thiessen said it continues to be the strong support from

the communities across the region that makes it possible for SCCR to keep providing its services and resources to those living with the realities of cancer.

"I think a lot of it is because we are so local. We are helping the people in our own communities," said Thiessen. "Having the board out there in every community, I think that's helped a lot. When people are doing special donations, we send the board members out there so that people see the faces of the people that are representing them in their own community."

"Donations have come in from the very young ... doing lemonade stands," she added. "It's neat to see those little kids come in and realize ... because they had an aunt maybe who was touched

by it or somebody in their family and they wanted to help."

The transportation program that assists with getting clients to appointments and treatments continued to be a large part of the services provided by the SCCR over the past year.

Relying on a team of volunteer co-ordinators and drivers across the region, the program cost over \$74,000 this year.

It involved about 760 rides and 136 nights of accommodation, noted clinical resource co-ordinator Norma Hildebrand.

SCCR also assisted six other clients with emergency funding needs totalling over \$6,000.

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on the New West Partnership with the western provinces.

"This is another reason I would like us in the New West Partnership, so we can sit around the table ... and deal with issues of shared concerns and learn from one another and develop better practices."

As he had been touring southern Manitoba, Pallister said he was hearing similar key concerns everywhere, with health care, education, and infrastructure being at the top of most lists.

"I think also a lot of people are concerned generally about the fiscal situation in the province," he said. "They know that with all the promises that the government is making ... and especially now in the run up to an election ... what is concerning to people is who is going to pay for that? Our taxes are already really high. I think that's the common sense of people realizing, 'Look, you can't have everything.'"

Pallister also addressed those who question the financial viability of the Conservative plan and where the money can come from if they are going to maintain and expand services while also cutting taxes.

"I've already done it. I took over a company which had lost money for four years in a row ... but turned it around, turned it to profitability, created a dozen jobs," said Pallister. "I'm the only leader of any political in Manitoba that ever met payroll, that ever really created a job."

"I've been part of governments that have accepted this challenge. I've been part of governments that have reduced taxes.

"Waste will create higher taxes. What I know for sure is this ... if the NDP get back in, you will be paying nine per cent PST," he concluded.

"Nelson Mandela said everything is impossible until it is done. That's why I say the election will be about trust. We must do this. We have to get our finances back on track."

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## Students find inspiration at We Day

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Dozens of Winkler-Morden high school and middle school students got a dose of inspiration at last week's We Day in Winnipeg.

The Nov. 16 event brought together thousands of young activists from across Manitoba to the MTS Centre to hear from an impressive line-up of motivational speakers, all of whom encouraged the students to continue doing what they can to leave a positive mark on the world.

Among the local schools sending students was Northlands Parkway Collegiate, which had about 30 kids representing the school's student council, Peer Helpers program, and Youth in Philanthropy group.

YiP member Hailey Ens says she

found the presentations from deaf actress Marlee Matlin and wounded U.S. Army veteran JR Martinez especially inspiring, as both have had to overcome challenges in their lives.

The main message she took away from We Day, she says, is that you can rise above any challenge.

"Age doesn't really matter and you can help people no matter how old you are, no matter what disability you have," says Ens.

Fellow YiP member Jemma Penner agrees, stressing that hearing about people like Spencer West—who lost both of his legs as a child but still went on to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise awareness for the drought in Kenya—put things in perspective.

"I thought it was inspirational ... getting to hear those stories and what they've gone through and how, despite what they've gone through, they still want to help others," she says.

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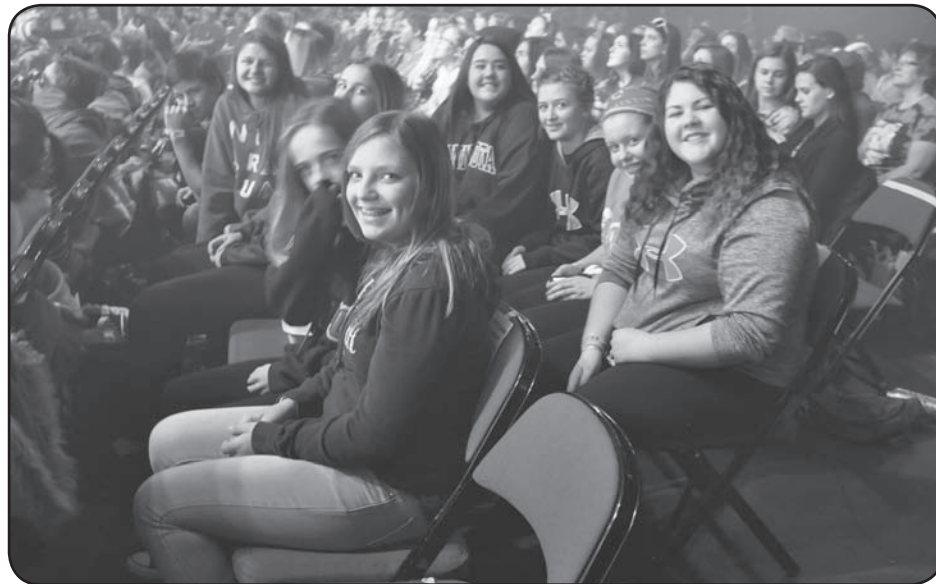


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Students from Northlands Parkway Collegiate earned floor seats at the We Day celebration in Winnipeg last week. The day featured a line-up of inspirational speakers who encouraged kids to make a difference in the world.

The NPC contingent were seated on the floor of the arena in recognition of the philanthropic work the school did last year.

YiP plans to continue fundraising

for a variety of causes this year, notes Penner.

"[We want to] give back to the people around us," she says.

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"We know that cancer is not cheap, and it does not discriminate," Hildebrand noted. "It should not mean that if you are not wealthy that you do not deserve the same medical treatment, but clients who are strapped for cash find it very difficult to attend appointments and treatments if they cannot afford to get to them or even put groceries on the table for their family or pay hydro."

Given the importance and urgency of the kind of assistance they provide, Letkeman suggested it was a good step for them this past year to establish a committee to specifically address their fundraising needs.

"I think it's great to have the fundraising committee because then we have a group of people focussed totally on fundraising. This committee can focus on fundraisers for our

organization better than the whole board."

Looking ahead, Letkeman said they were happy to be looking at the addition of two new programs this year.

One will be to provide support to home radon test kits to the area.

"It's an education process that we'll have to go through and educate people ... that they will know we will pay for these kits if they need them."

Another initiative will be to provide assistance to people with lymphedema, which is a swelling that generally occurs in arms or legs and is most commonly caused by the removal of or damage to your lymph nodes as a part of cancer treatment. There's no cure, but it can be managed with early diagnosis and care.

"We've realized it is very costly

to go to Winnipeg for these massage treatments, said Letkeman. "The stockings they have to wear ... the compression stockings ... are extremely expensive. There are a lot of

patients who just cannot afford it.

"So we feel that since we have done so well with fundraising that we can afford to provide some help in this area."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

South Central Cancer Resource board members and staff reported on a solid year of growth for the agency at its AGM last week.



# Coulee mulls over active living centre

By Lorne Stelmach

A packed senior centre spoke volumes to the committee aiming to have an active living centre built in Plum Coulee.

Residents turned out to a public meeting Nov. 17 to hear about the preliminary plans and offer their feedback on the proposed facility.

"I think we're pretty excited about our turnout tonight," said Heather Unger, one of the members of the Plum Coulee Age Friendly Committee spearheading the planning process. "I think it's very realistic that Plum Coulee is going to have a new active living centre."

Unger and other committee members outlined their thoughts for the new facility, which they see replacing the aging building where they were holding the public meeting.

The centre would include things like the current coffee shop, but could also include a variety of other activities—be it a pool hall, art and crafts, cooking, dance, and fitness classes, or even a community library as well as an outdoor patio area.

"It could house gatherings like we're used to here, but it could do way more than that, too," Unger said. "The sky is the limit. We're open to ideas."

"Probably the biggest thing is it's a social space for us all, a place where we can get together and enjoy each other's company," she added. "We're a great community, full of great people, and we have lots of great skills we could share with each other."

Noting that Plum Coulee has an average age of about 26, the committee suggested any such facility should be one that could interest and involve people who are still more active.

"I guess we see our community being young. We have large number of young seniors. So the facility has to address what our young seniors might like and the quality they might like," said Unger.

The committee is mulling over a few location options, including building it on the site of the current senior centre, building new behind the town office, or possibly renovating the town

office itself. Thanks to the town's merger with the RM of Rhineland, the civic offices are available. If that option was chosen, there could possibly be an addition built to beef up the available space.

Two possible plans presented offered facilities that would be either in the range of 1,300 or 3,800 square feet, with the possible costs ranging from about \$130,000 to \$380,000 based on \$100 per square foot, although one resident suggested that would be on the low end.

It was suggested by those in attendance that possible funding would be better put towards building new than renovating an existing building.

"So they did not recommend that we apply for a grant for that," noted Unger. "It depends on the interest and how you want to tackle it. We would be applying for grants on a new facility."

"We'll need help to tackle the big project," she added. "If this group is gung-ho to go all the way then we'll be asking for help ... because we'll need help to generate

those kinds of funds.

"This is just an idea," she stressed, "and we want to know we have the community support before we go with it."

In response to questions, the committee noted they would likely be looking at membership fees to help make the ongoing operation of the centre sustainable.

Another comment suggested the larger facility was needed to help keep people in the community as they age, especially with the increasing draw of nearby Winkler and Morden.

Committee members also noted they saw the active living centre playing a different role than the existing community centre.

"We don't want to be in competition with it at all. We don't see it as a rental facility like the community hall," stressed Unger.

Further to fundraising, Unger noted they believe there would be good potential for some private donations.

"People give to objects. They'll buy us things. So when we tackle these projects, the furnishings and things like that we know we can easily get support for," she said. "We'll obvious-

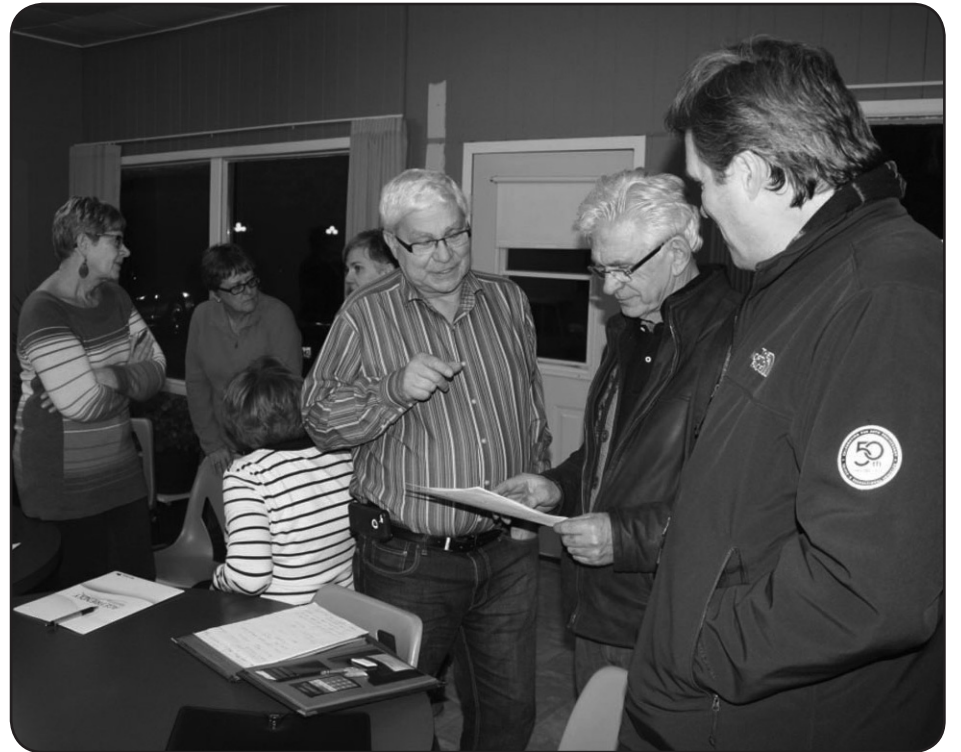


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Plum Coulee residents discussed the proposal for a new active living centre in the community at a public consultation meeting last week.

ly go after something larger ... we'll be going after larger scale grants."

In the end, the consensus clearly seemed to be for a larger facility.

"I guess time will tell over the next few weeks with what support actually comes together. But I think that's the strength of our little town, that we

come together really well," said Unger.

"At this point, it's putting ideas out there, assessing the community's needs, and then seeing what kind of support we get from the community, and then putting together a business plan and getting the ball rolling."

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# Journey through the Christmas story Dec. 4-6

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church is once again turning the Winkler Park into Bethlehem for its annual nativity play next weekend.

After a record-setting year last Christmas—when over 3,000 people came out to enjoy the show—the church is praying for a similar response to this year's performance of *From Everywhere to Bethlehem*.

Organizer Lois Hildebrand says they have nearly 200 volunteers helping to put on the interactive play this year, and they're all eager to share the Christmas story.

"It's just such a great story to tell this time of year," she says, noting the

production has become a holiday tradition for many families.

The journey begins at the Bethlehem gate—the Winkler campground entrance by the pool—where a Roman centurion will greet you and guide you on your trip through the city, which includes visits with various census-takers, prophets, priests, shepherds, and even a king, all of whom share rumours of the birth of a very special child.

The show culminates in front of a small stable, where wise men pay tribute to the Christ child.

Admission to the show is free, though you are asked to bring along a non-perishable food item for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard



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Wise men pay tribute to the Christ child in last year's *From Everywhere to Bethlehem* interactive nativity play, which takes over Winkler Park this year Dec. 4-6.

as an entrance "tax" left with the census-takers.

Sales from the show's craft/bake sale tent will go to MCC's Christmas

Giving project.

The show runs Friday, Dec. 4 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 5-9 p.m.

## Public meeting to address new waste system concerns

By Lorne Stelmach

Local leaders hope an information meeting this week will address questions and concerns about the new waste collection program in Morden.

The meeting that starts 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Morden Collegiate will provide more details about the new three tier curbside collection program that will be starting in the new year.

Mayor Ken Wiebe said council hopes the meeting will not only better inform residents about the system but also clear up misconceptions about it.

In advance of the meeting, Wiebe addressed some of the key concerns around the new program, including the decision to award the contract to an outside firm (Souris-based Municipal Waste Management) over Morden's Pembina Valley Containers.

He took issue with any suggestion that the city somehow didn't consider or treat PVC fairly in the process.

"Everybody bid on the same contract, everybody submitted to the same requirements. It was a level playing field," said Wiebe. "It wasn't that Pembina Valley Containers was treated unfairly. They were asked to submit on the same criteria as everyone else."

Wiebe has maintained council would have liked to have made it work with the local choice, but in the end had to make a decision that was in the best interests of Morden tax-

payers.

Though some residents say they would gladly pay more to support the local business, Wiebe countered that "council has to look at the big picture.

"It's a five year contract," he said, giving the example of one resident putting forward a hypothetical number of how much more they might be willing to pay to have a local company.

"So if you take \$50 and multiply it by 2,865 pickups ... that's roughly \$140,000 ... that's annually. You multiply that times five, that's over \$700,000.

"We're not just looking at the one pickup. We're looking at the total cost. That's over \$700,000. That's a lot of money," Wiebe stressed. "If council just threw away \$700,000, the taxpayers would be hugely upset, and rightfully so if we had just wasted it.

"I think that's what people elected us to do ... look at the big picture," he added. "If you take another \$50 from some people ... in addition to what they're already paying on taxes ...

maybe it doesn't sound like much to a lot of us ... but there are many families in this community ... it adds up very quickly. So we, as council, try to keep the number down.

"We make decisions for the betterment of the community ... sometimes the individual isn't considered because you have to look at the big picture."

### LEARNING THE NEW SYSTEM

Wiebe said they also want to help people become better informed about how the new system will work.

Starting the week of Jan. 1, residents will be asked to sort their waste into three colour-coded curbside bins.

A key factor is to know what is waste, what is recyclable, and what is compost, Wiebe said.

"A lot of things that people figure is garbage or recycling is actually compostable," he said. "Actual garbage that would be put in a landfill can be reduced hugely if people get on

"I THINK THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE ELECTED US TO DO ... LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE."

board with this program."

To those who are concerned that pickup every other week means their off-week garbage will pile up and stink, Wiebe points out that the new system addresses that.

"If it stinks, you're putting it in the wrong container," he said. "If it can stink, it's compost. It should go in the compost container. That's the biggest issue that we're pushing here."

If you can't make Friday's meeting, additional information nights will take place at the Access Event Centre on Dec. 17 and Jan. 18.

## Bergen named natural resources critic

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose announced her shadow cabinet members last Friday.

The Tories, who were reduced to 99 seats in Parliament after the Oct. 19 election, will have 32 shadow cabinet ministers in all.

Among them is Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen, who has been ap-

pointed as the opposition critic for natural resources.

Bergen brings to the role previous experience as the former parliamentary secretary to the minister of public safety and, more recently, as the minister of state for social development.

"I am looking forward to this new

challenge as I know how important our resource sector is to creating good paying jobs and the Canadian economy," Bergen said in a statement. "I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work meeting with the stakeholders while holding the new government to account."



# Students give back to Siloam Mission

By Lorne Stelmach

Gr. 3 students in Morden are doing their part to help the homeless.

More important than the gifts they are collecting for donation to Siloam Mission in Winnipeg, though, is the long-term impact their teachers hope the campaign will have on the students.

"We're also teaching empathy then, which is a life skill," said Marcie Robertson, one of the teachers at Minnewasta School spearheading the project.

The Grade 3 classes usually do a giving project of some sort that in the past has often involved helping kids overseas.

"This year we decided to keep it more local," said Robertson. "We heard about Siloam ... so we decided to focus our attention on something we could do to help adults."

They were spurred on when they had Siloam's J.J. Janzen come speak to the students.

"He managed to speak very much at their own level, so they understood basically what homelessness was and that there were many ways you could end up that way," said Renee Klassen.

"Also there was just the different ways that Siloam serves the community. He also did very well when they asked how do people come and help."

The way the Morden kids came upon to help was through collecting

travel size toiletry items to donate to the mission. The items are then put into pairs of socks for distribution.

"We would welcome monetary donations that we would put toward those items ... to be able to buy the things that people need," said Robertson, noting they are about a month into the initiative so far. "I already have a big bag in my classroom."

"Even though it's a Gr. 3 initiative, we are opening it up to the whole school to donate," she said, adding they also invited Maple Leaf School to participate.

"We've also even had public donations ... people who have heard about it from the community or the surrounding area," said fellow teacher Rhonda Thomson, who added part of the challenge for the students may be having to do fundraising projects on their own.

If they can work out the logistics and how to pay for it, Robertson said they would like to be able to take all the students to the mission in Winnipeg sometime next spring.

"We would like to be able to go to Siloam with all the children to give those socks to the people ... to make it even more meaningful."

Robertson said it has been a meaningful exercise to try to help the students understand and comprehend the issue of homelessness.

"I think it's good having those really frank conversations with our stu-



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Minnewasta School Gr. 3 students with some of the travel size toiletries they've been collecting for the Siloam Mission in Winnipeg.

dents ... like how do people end up needing that service and where have they come from and where are they going ... and that the mission has given those people hope ... somebody to believe in them," she said. "I think just having those deeper conversations, even though they are only eight years old, they get it still."

"Lots of the kids think about home-

lessness and poverty as on the other side of the world ... like that's not here, that's not us," added Thomson.

"When they realize this is Winnipeg, it was kind of a shocker to them. Then even realizing that there are even students in our own community that suffer ... don't have their basic needs met ... that was really eye opening for them as well."

# Bowen presents 'A Merry Little Christmas' in Winkler Dec. 10

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A local musician wants to wish you *A Merry Little Christmas*.

Bowen hosts the holiday concert at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

It will be a night of music featuring a line-up of area artists, including Jayme Giesbrecht, Elessar Thiesen, Ed Penner, Warren Friesen, Paul Bergman, Kenzie Jane, Lindsay Rae,

Patrick Simoens, and more.

"I've always liked the idea of putting on a Christmas show," says Bowen.

But rather than make it a solo show, Bowen says he wanted the evening to be a celebration of local talent.

"It's all about getting a lot of different local acts to come together for one night and celebrate the season," he says, noting each artist will get the chance to perform at least one

carol and one of their own songs.

"It's going to be a show that I think will be great for everybody," Bowen says.

Tickets are on sale now at the Winkler City Hall box office or online at [www.winklerconcerthall.ca](http://www.winklerconcerthall.ca).

Winkler musician Bowen will be joined on stage by several local artists at the 'A Merry Little Christmas' concert Dec. 10





# Your Christmas WISH LIST

## Make a child's first holiday special

A baby's life is filled with milestones. First smiles, first steps and first words are just a few of the moments parents will treasure.

A baby's first holiday season is another special time to cherish. Shoppers seeking gifts to make a baby's first holiday special have many clever, cute and functional items to choose from. Several of these gifts can become keepsakes to be tucked into memory boxes for growing kids to look at later in life.

· Christmas pajamas: What better way to await for the arrival of Christmas than in a pair of snugly pajamas? Send pajamas ahead of

Christmas Day so that new parents will have plenty of adorable photo opportunities as their baby boy or girl tears open the gifts. Stores stock several different fun and festive prints, or look into pajamas that can be personalized.

· Photo print package: Photography packages can involve the entire expanding family and will catalog special moments in time. Purchase studio or on-location time with a private photographer, or use one of the popular photography chains found in malls and department stores.

· Personalized framed print: Commemorate the first holiday season with your child by getting a print made with his or her name and age. Leave a space on the print so that the child's parents can customize it even further with their son or daughter's footprints. Include a matted frame and child-safe ink or paint to complete the gift.

· Keepsake ornament: Some families embrace the tradition of adding a new ornament to their Christmas trees each year. Purchase an ornament for the new baby with the year so he or she can join in the tradition.

· Crochet or knit blanket: Crafty individuals can make a blanket that the newest addition to the family can enjoy during the chilly days of winter. These blankets often become treasured keepsakes that may be passed down throughout

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- Piggy bank: Foster good saving habits by gifting a personalized piggy bank. Get kids off on the right foot by depositing a few dollars into the bank before giving the gift.

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# 'Tis the season

The weather outside wasn't too frightful, so a good sized crowd turned out for the annual tree lighting and kickoff to the Christmas season in downtown Morden Nov. 20. Families enjoyed s'mores by the bonfires, while Steve Hiebert of Personal Expressions Photography manned the camera in the civic centre for pictures with Santa. Mayor Ken Wiebe briefly addressed the crowd and then the city's tree was officially lit up, followed by a fireworks display.

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## Getting ready for winter with Koats for Kids

By Lorne Stelmach

An anonymous donor truly reflected the spirit behind the United Way of Morden and District's annual Koats

for Kids campaign.

United Way director Terry Gibson stopped in recently at the Morden fire hall, where a collection bin is set up for the initiative that collects winter

clothing for local families in need.

Most donations are gently used items but, in this case, Gibson found 18 sets of brand new coats and ski pants that had been dropped off by a woman from Crystal City.

"She and her husband had decided not to buy Christmas gifts for each other this year," Gibson said they later learned. "They had decided they would spent their Christmas money on Koats For Kids this year, and she had given some to the school already.

"I was quite impressed with that. And I don't even know who she was."

The United Way runs the Koats for Kids drive every fall with help from the Morden Fire Department.

There is a red box identified with a Koats for Kids sign outside the storage shed behind the Thornview St. fire hall where people can donate all manner of winter wear to those in

need.

Anyone who needs winter clothing is invited to one of the several collection evenings that take place throughout the month of November.

One of those distribution nights was last Thursday; the next is this Thursday, Nov. 26.

Gibson estimated they gave out around 400 pieces of clothing last year, and they figured to be at least close to that again this year.

"Any kind of winter wear ... and boots always go fast," he said, noting they were taking donations right up to the final evening.

He noted they were especially pleased to see that they were getting more donations that appear to be in new or almost new condition.

"We've just got such excellent quality of clothing this year. And we've gotten some from stores as well," he said.



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The Morden United Way was delighted to find a donation of 18 brand new winter jackets and pants recently for its Koats for Kids program.

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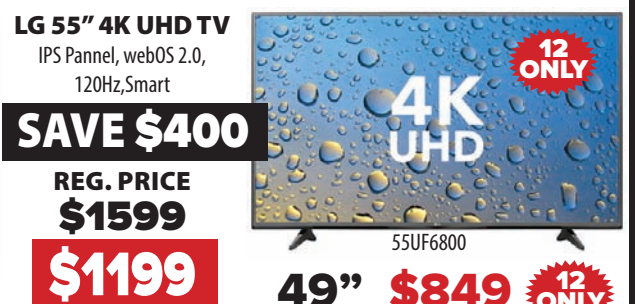
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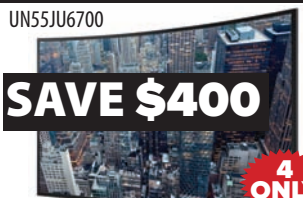
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# Holly Jolly Breakfast raises \$8K

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The second annual Scotiabank Holly Jolly Breakfast set up shop in the Southland Mall on Saturday, offering up free pancakes in support of the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board. Above, from left: Cheer Board volunteers Marilyn Dyck, Kim Ewert, and Dorothy Derksen served up hundreds of flapjacks in exchange for donations of non-perishable food items and monetary gifts to help the Cheer Board with its upcoming hamper campaign, which seeks to deliver over 300 care hampers to families in need on Dec. 9. Right: The morning also included a performance from local band Lakes and Pine, as well as the J.R. Walkof School choir. In all, the event raised over \$8,000 thanks to a matching donation from Scotiabank.



## New owners for Home Hardware in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

greeted customers at their first day at the store last week.

How does one end up going from missionary work in Bolivia to running the Home Hardware in Morden?

"Is every Monday morning this busy?" asked Elizabeth. "There's been lots of people ... it's great to see."

A number of connections and just having a few pieces fall into place at the right time made it happen for David and Elizabeth Janzen.

Originally from Alberta, the Janzens have been living in Bolivia for the last 17 years doing mission work.

They were quite pleased with their new surroundings as they

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**Attention Kids...**

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David and Elizabeth Janzen are the new owners of Home Hardware in Morden.





## A community Christmas

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Plum Coulee kicked off the holiday season with its tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 18. Clockwise from above: Schoolkids led their elders in several rounds of Christmas carols; St. Nick handed out treats; the community came through for Operation Christmas Child in a big way; a bonfire and the glow of the newly-lit Christmas tree downtown kept revelers warm.



# New owners have plans to 'beef up' store

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Their five children grew up there, but the Janzens said they felt it was time for a change.

"It was time ... we wanted to get ourselves established in Canada. So we moved back up to Canada and decided on southern Manitoba," said David.

And with a business background and experience in the lumber busi-

ness as well as the food industry, the opportunity to run a store like Home Hardware "seemed like a good fit," David said.

The move was also a welcome one for their children, added Elizabeth.

"When they came to Canada, they went to school here ... Providence and Red River. And so they felt at home here, and they liked it here," she said. "And since we were doing it for our boys, we wanted to help them get settled, we wanted to settle

where they felt at home."

The Janzens are also no strangers to Home Hardware.

"My brother owns a big Home Hardware store in northern Alberta," David noted. "So Home Hardware is not strange to me. And our boys have worked there during summer at some point in time."

As for their plans for Morden's store, the Janzens said it makes a big difference stepping into a well-established business, and they give

former owners Murray and Sue Braun credit for making it successful.

"Murray and Sue have done a super job for many years," said David. "The business almost runs itself. We just want to see if we can make it grow."

"We want to beef it up. We want to bring in some more product, see what we can expand on ... make the store look nice and give it a new flavour."

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# get informed

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## Coffee Breaks raise \$6K for Alzheimer's

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 20th annual Alzheimer Society Coffee Break campaign brought in \$6,000 for the local chapter of the organization this fall.

Regional coordinator Kathy Fehr says there were 35 coffee fundraisers hosted in honour of the society through September and October.

"They were held all across the south-central region—from Emerson in the east to Manitou in the west," she said. "They raised \$6,000, which I think is right on target."

This year marked the return of the

event to the area, as last fall the Alzheimer Society was without a local rep.

Even with the year off, though, people didn't forget the fundraiser, Fehr says, and they were eager to show their support of those living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

"The community always supports us," she says. "I think it's because so many people have been affected by dementia in one way or another. It's either yourself or it's your grandparents or your parents ... I think most families have been hit with it."

Many of the Coffee Breaks were hosted by businesses or community

**"SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY DEMENTIA IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER."**



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Alzheimer Society of Manitoba regional coordinator Kathy Fehr is pleased this year's Coffee Break campaign raised \$6,000 across 35 events this fall.

groups, but several were organized by individuals who simply had a few friends over for coffee, with all donations going to the Alzheimer Society.

Fehr says the funds will be used for

the society's many programs, which provide support and information to those diagnosed with the disease and to caregivers.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Wheatsong Bakery in Morden was on hand with its homemade bread and other baking as the Pembina Valley Buying Club got together Nov. 19 in Morden. The club extends the benefits of the seasonal farmers markets year-round, with members able to place orders online pick-ups every other week. Right: Young entrepreneurs were also on hand with their arts and crafts.

## Club connects consumers with local producers





# Planning is key to effective shelterbelts

Shelterbelts consist of trees and/or shrubs planted as a barrier to reduce wind speed and to protect crops, livestock, buildings, work areas and roads from wind and snow as well as enhance biodiversity.

Shelterbelts can be located around farmyards, adjacent to roadsides and waterways, on field boundaries, or within fields and around livestock facilities.

"Shelterbelts, and trees in general, have taken it on the chin over the last 15 years, mostly due to the large equipment that is needed for farming," said Pembina Valley Conservation District manager Cliff Greenfield. "Many producers are not appreciating the values that shelterbelts provide and more trees are being removed than are being planted in the area.

"This is a trend we are concerned about and hope to turnaround," he added. "On the Manitoba Escarpment, the PVCDC is targeting the remaining forested fringe and offer a paid or donated Conservation Agree-

ment for those landowners that are interested. This type of incentive protects natural areas on a voluntary basis for the long term."

Did you know shelterbelts create their own 'micro-climate' that conserves soil and moisture while minimizing the effects of wind and snow?

They also provide a habitat which allows species that control pests to grow and thrive and can also play a role in protecting physical structures such as driveways and roadways.

It has also been found that shelterbelts can help save up to 30 per cent in heating costs.

The aesthetic value of shelterbelts can even have an impact on land value. A well maintained shelterbelt holds a lot of appeal for buyers. These structures hold a strong potential to increase the value of farmland.

While high in potential value, shelterbelts can also take a lot of work. Trees and shelterbelt planting is a long-term investment that requires

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## Phantom of the Grand Ol' Opera



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Candlewick Productions' Christmas dinner theatre hits the stage starting this Thursday. This year's show, Phantom of the Grand Ol' Opera, is a mishmash of romance and comedy and includes both public and corporate bookings Nov. 26-29 in Winkler and Dec. 3-5 in Morden. The evening includes the three act play and a full-course meal served up by the actors. For tickets or reservation information, go to [www.candlewick.ca](http://www.candlewick.ca).



## Going blue

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Staff of the Pharmasave in Morden proudly display some of the blue circles that mark the Blue Circle campaign that helps send local kids to the Canadian Diabetes Association's D-camps in Manitoba. As part of diabetes month, the blue circles—the universal symbol for diabetes—are being sold for \$2 for the entire month of November in support of the cause.

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# Holiday Schedule

<b>December 17th</b>	<b>Christmas Greetings Edition</b>
<p><b>Greeting Deadline</b> – December 7th, 4 pm  <b>Regular Paper Deadline</b> – December 14th, 4 pm</p>	
<b>December 24th</b>	<b>Boxing Week Edition</b>
<p>Display Ads, Classified Ads or Announcements  <b>EARLY Deadline</b> – December 16th, 6 pm</p>	
<b>December 31st</b>	<b>First Edition of the Year</b>
<p>Display Ads, Classified Ads or Announcements  <b>EARLY Deadline</b> – December 18th, 5 pm</p>	

Happy Holidays!

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**Monday, January 4th**



# sports & recreation

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## Royals fall, Redskins win

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals had a rocky weekend, dropping a 7-0 decision to the visiting Altona Maroons on Sunday.

Things didn't look too bad after the opening period, which saw the Maroons up just 1-0.

But the wheels feel off the Royals' cart in period two, with Altona scoring four goals while Winkler's shooters just couldn't break through the wall that was Altona's Jayme Janzen in net.

The Maroons then added two more in the final five minutes of period three, which was another scoreless outing for Winkler.

Matt Krahn made 40 saves off of Altona's 47 shots on Winkler's net, while his teammates sent 28 unsuccessful shots the other way.

Though the loss is certainly not a high point for the team, Sunday's game came with one silver lining: the team successfully raised \$7,000 from gate and 50/50 revenues for the Portage Terriers' Braden Pittinger, who recently suffered a spinal injury on the ice.

Meanwhile, the Morden Redskins found themselves on the other side of the win-lose equation last week, crushing the Warren Mercs 7-2 on Nov. 20.

Kelby Friesen and Jay Fehr bookended a lone Warren goal in the first period to give Morden a 2-1 lead.

Friesen scored his second in the next frame, joining Graham Leiding and Clint Olson in making it a 5-2 game heading into the final period.

There, Keith Bially and Chris Reimer got in on the scoring action, while in net Reed Peters slapped away all comers for the win.

The Redskins also played Notre Dame on Wednesday, but results were not available at press time.

In the SEMHL standings as of Monday, Morden remains on top with a



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Winkler Royals goaltender Matt Krahn makes a pad save on this shot from the Altona Maroons' Dane Crowley Sunday afternoon. Altona were the only ones doing any scoring in the game, taking the win 7-0.

flawless 4-0 record and eight points. Rounding out the top three is Carman in the number two spot and

Notre Dame in third. At 1-2, Winkler is currently tied for fifth place with Altona.

Coming up this week, Winkler plays at Carman on Thursday and Morden hosts Warren on Saturday.

## Flyers stretch streak to seven

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers were on a roll last week, extending their winning streak to seven when going up against OCN, Portage, and Swan Valley.

Hosting the OCN Blizzard on Nov. 17, Clarke Fiegel got the victory in net, making 31 saves for a shutout as the Blizzard outshot the Flyers 31-29.

Doing scoring honours was Tristan Keck and Scott Gall in the first period and Lawson McDonald in the second.

It was a much closer affair on Nov.

18 facing off against the Portage Terriers, who are in first place in the MJHL standings—one up over the Flyers.

The Terriers looked poised to enforce that top standing, doing the only scoring of the first period and also drawing first blood seconds into the second.

But then Winkler's offensive line finally came to life and scored no less than five goals before the second intermission, with singles coming from Cam Whyte, Gall, and Nico Labossiere while Keck contributed two.

Portage managed one more goal—the only one of the period—in the final period, but it wasn't enough to catch up to Winkler, who took the win 5-2.

In all, the Terriers had 31 shots to the Flyers' 26, with Fiegel once again having a standout night in net.

The scoring onslaught continued for Winkler in the Nov. 20 home game against the Swan Valley Stampeders.

This time, Connor Harmonic got the Flyers on the board early in the

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# Thunder flawless in home tournament

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Thunder came out on top in their home hockey tournament last weekend.

The boys hosted teams from five regional schools Nov. 20-21 and emerged flawless from the round robin after downing the CNMPM Tigers 3-2 and the Sanford Sabres 7-0.

In the playoffs, Morden went on to decimate the Warren Wildcats 11-0 and then trounce the Sabres once again in the championship 5-1.

Winning the consolation final was the Tigers, who bested the Deloraine/Hartney Colts 3-1.

While the GVC Zodiacs were not at the local tournament, they were doing some winning of their own at a Virden event over the weekend.

The boys defeated Souris 1-0, tied Virden 2-2, and then bested Birtle 4-2 to take home the third-place trophy.

Meanwhile, in non-tournament Zone 4 boys high school hockey action, on Nov. 18 GVC fell to the Mavericks 7-2. Winkler's goals came from TJ Matuszewski and Tristan Peters.

Also on Nov. 18, the Thunder fell to the Mustangs 4-3 in overtime. Scoring for Morden was Brayden Jonasson, Eli Carels, and Joey Baker.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Thunder were undefeated in their home hockey tournament last weekend, wrapping things up with a 5-1 victory over the Sanford Sabres in the championship final Saturday.

# Chiefs snap Hawks' winning streak

By Lorne Stelmach

Two key match-ups against teams they are pursuing in the standings ended with mixed results for the female Pembina Valley Hawks.

A hard-fought 2-1 overtime win Friday against the Central Plains Capitals was followed by 1-0 loss Saturday to the Yellowhead Chiefs.

The Hawks capitalized on a powerplay opportunity in the four-on-four overtime session against Central Plains.

With 1:45 remaining, Chelsea Dearsley took the puck on the side boards and fed it to a wide open Mackenzie Hutchinson, who then slid it over to her blue line partner, Jenai Buchanan, who snapped a shot high for the winner.

It was the second of the game for Buchanan, who had opened scoring in the first period when she got a nice feed from Brooklyn Major and wired one that found its way through traffic.

It was a close contest all around, as the Hawks held a slight 31-30 edge in shots.

Halle Oswald was solid in net, restricting the Caps potent offense to only one powerplay goal while making 29 saves.

On Saturday, a trend continued for the Hawks in facing a foe that has certainly had their number this year.

Goals come scarce against a Yellowhead squad that plays a solid defensive game and has outstanding goaltending as well.

Taylor Reimer was equally strong in net for the Hawks, making 33 saves in the end, but she unfortunately couldn't corral one rebound on a Yellowhead powerplay in the third period that provided the lone goal of the contest.

# Hawks split games with North Stars

By Lorne Stelmach

Splitting a doubleheader was a missed opportunity for the Pembina Valley Hawks.

Gaining four points in the Manitoba Midget Hockey League standings could have been a welcome boost for the 11th place Hawks, who could have moved into a tie with 10th place Parkland had they swept the weekend games with the Norman North Stars.

Pembina Valley at least rebounded from the 6-1 loss Saturday with a 6-5 win Sunday in Thompson, leaving them at 4-13-0-1 for nine points and four up on Norman at the bottom of the pack and one back of the Rangers.

Powerplay goals on back-to-back Hawks penalties put Norman ahead

lowhead powerplay in the third period that provided the lone goal of the contest.

The loss snapped a seven game regular season winning streak for the Hawks, whose record now stands at 8-3 for 16 points.

They remain in a logjam at the top of the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League standings with Westman leading with 21 points followed

by Central Plains at 19 points. Pembina Valley is tied at 16 points with the Winnipeg Avros and Yellowhead, which also has games in hand.

Pembina Valley has a good chance to gain a bit of ground this Saturday when they host winless Interlake Saturday in Manitou. The Lightning have yet to win in 11 games, which include 11-1 and 8-2 Pembina Valley victories.

3-0 in the second period Saturday, and the Hawks couldn't get back in the game after that.

Caleb Unrau scored on a man advantage for Pembina Valley with goalie Matthew Thiessen taking the loss in stopping 36 shots as Norman outshot the Hawks 42-33 overall.

It didn't start off much better for the Hawks Sunday as they were again down 3-0 midway through the second.

A three goal outburst in the final minute of that frame got them back in the contest. Everett Bestland got them on the board at 19:09 and then Wyatt Sabourin connected at 19:22 and Unrau tied the game at 19:51.

Bestland with his second of the game and a marker by Samuel Krush-

el gave the Hawks 4-3 and 5-4 leads in the third before Troy Lehman scored what proved to be the winner at 7:16.

Aaron Brunn allowed one more goal but then held off Norman the rest of the way, ending the night with 32 saves as Pembina Valley was outshot 37-26. The Hawks shutdown Norman when it counted most, as they had a 13-7 edge in shots in the third.

Unrau added three assists for a four point night, while Sabourin also chipped in a pair of assists for a three point effort.

This weekend the Hawks kick off a three game homestand with games against Yellowhead Friday, Southwest Sunday, and the Winnipeg Thrashers next Wednesday.





# Local curlers shine

## Split week for Twisters

By Lorne Steilmach

Bouncing back well after a loss can be a hallmark of a good hockey team, and the Pembina Valley Twisters have mostly succeeded at that so far in this MMJHL season.

They have only lost back-to-back games once so far and kept that up this past weekend with a 4-3 win Sunday over the St. Boniface Riels after having been doubled up 6-3 Friday by the Charleswood Hawks.

Pembina Valley held period leads of 2-0 and 4-2 and then hung on in the third against the Riels to improve their second place record to 12-5-2 for 26 points.

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first period, only to have Swan Valley answer his goal with two of their own to take the lead heading into the second.

That was it for the Stampeders, while Winkler added three more from Gall, Whyte, and Jeff Michiels in the second and another two from Tyler Jubenvill and Keck in the third for the 6-2 win.

Connor Slipp manned the net this game, making 26 saves as Winkler outshot Swan Valley 45-28.

With these wins Winkler retains a firm hold on the league's number two spot in the standings with a 19-4-1 record and 39 points. They trail the first-place Terriers by five points and lead the third-place Steinbach Pistons by five.

This weekend, the Flyers travel to play the Neepawa Natives Friday and

The Twisters sit four back of the 14-3-2 Raiders at 30 points, while Charleswood and the St. James Canucks are three behind them at 23 points and the St. Vital Victorias and Stonewall Jets are another two back at 21 points.

Penalties did in the Twisters against the Hawks as Charleswood connected for three powerplay markers as they broke open a 2-2 game after one period to lead 4-2 after two frames.

Eric Lebrun got one back for the Twisters in the third after the Hawks had expanded their lead to 6-2. Paul Remillard and Fraser Mirrlees had scored in the first period for Pembina Valley, who had a 37-35 edge in shots on goal.

then host the Waywayseecappo Wolverines on Saturday. They then kick off December with a home game on Tuesday against the Steinbach Pistons.

In other Flyers news, the team has added a new name to its roster with the acquisition of forward Jason Cohan (1996) from the SJHL's Flin Flon Bombers.

In 17 games played with the Bombers this season, the North Vancouver native had three assists and 39 penalty minutes.

"Jason will provide valuable experience to our forward group," said head coach and general manager Ken Pearson. "He is a big, physical left winger who plays with a bit of sandpaper."

Winkler sent a player development fee to Flin Flon in exchange for Cohan.

It was a winning weekend for local curling teams. Below: Winkler's Team Hamm—from left, Reece Hamm, John Trinkke, Brennan Kezema, and Trevor Heide—won the U14 bonspiel in Winnipeg. The team were undefeated all weekend long. Also at the event were Team Renner and Team Heide, who competed in the U18 and U14 divisions, respectively. Left: Meanwhile, the Altona-based Team Zacharias—from left, Mackenzie Zacharias, Morgan Reimer, Emily Zacharias, Jennessa Rutter, and coach Sheldon Zacharias—earned a spot at the U21 provincials in January by downing Elmwood's Team Friesen 7-5 in the final match at the Curl Manitoba berth bonspiel in Boissevain.



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Gavin Klassen was pulled from the net after allowing the fifth Hawks goal early in the third, finishing with 21 saves. Morgan Wall faced eight shots the rest of the way through the third, allowing one goal.

Mirrlees added an assist for a two

point night that had expanded his team-leading total to 15 goals and nine assists for 24 points, which puts him third in the league.

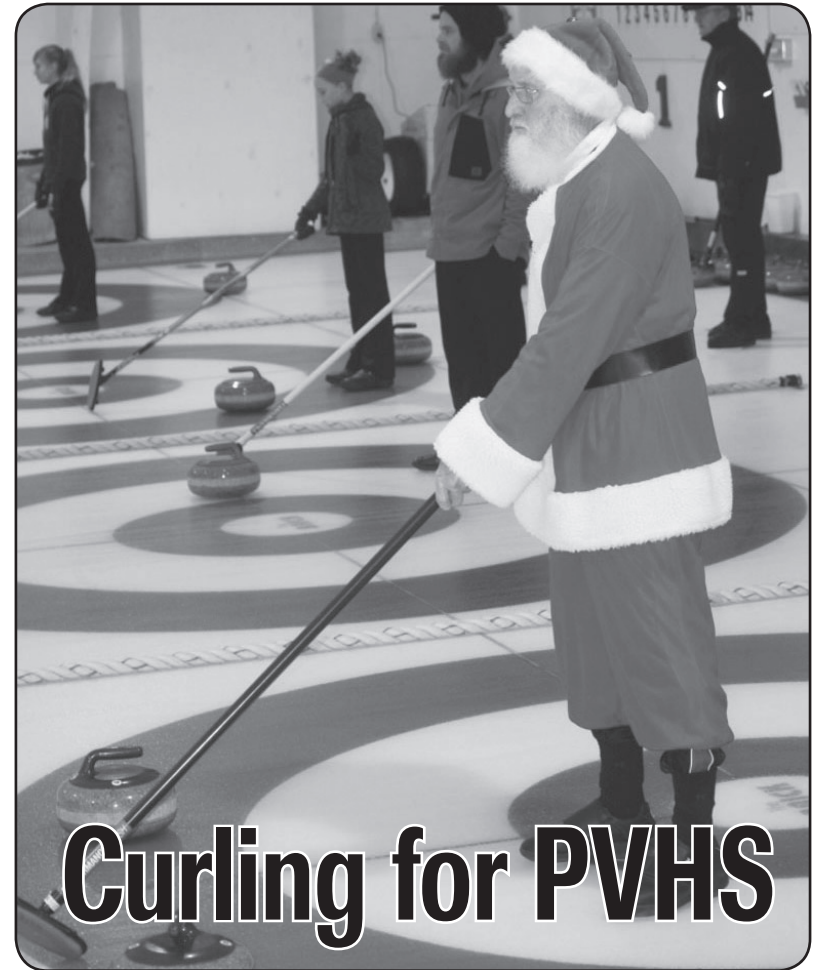
The Twisters face St. James in Winnipeg Friday and host the River East Royal Knights next Tuesday.

### Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Portage Terriers	25	22	3	0	44	104	50
Winkler Flyers	24	19	4	1	39	105	51
Steinbach Pistons	24	16	6	2	34	97	66
Winnipeg Blues	26	13	8	5	31	99	75
Virde Oil Capitals	23	14	9	0	28	83	55
OCN Blizzard	26	10	14	2	22	77	97
Swan Valley Stampeders	26	9	14	3	21	69	90
Dauphin Kings	21	9	11	1	19	74	83
Selkirk Steelers	23	9	13	1	19	82	104
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	22	5	14	3	13	57	91
Neepawa Natives	24	6	18	0	12	46	131
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	19	14	3	2	30	70	53
Pembina Valley Twisters	19	12	5	2	26	81	61
Charleswood Hawks	17	10	4	3	23	71	51
St. James Canucks	19	11	7	1	23	68	70
St. Vital Victorias	17	10	6	1	21	67	59
Stonewall Jets	18	10	7	1	21	69	52
Transcona Railer Express	18	9	8	1	19	61	65
River East Royal Knights	19	7	10	2	16	53	67
St. Boniface Riels	19	6	11	2	14	60	71
Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins	19	3	15	1	7	40	91
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Morden	4	4	0	0	8	15	4
Carman	4	3	1	0	6	25	19
Notre Dame	3	2	1	0	4	19	11
Warren	5	1	2	0	4	28	37
Altona	3	1	2	0	2	10	12
Winkler	3	1	2	0	2	7	14
Portage	4	1	3	0	2	19	26
AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Eastman	20	19	0	0	39	102	28
Wild	18	16	1	0	33	73	22
Yellowhead	18	12	3	0	27	58	40
Thrashers	17	11	5	1	23	78	39
Central Plains	17	9	6	0	20	59	51
Brandon	17	9	7	0	19	48	42
Kenora	17	8	8	1	17	53	60
Southwest	16	7	7	1	16	57	61
Interlake	18	6	12	0	12	40	77
Parkland	17	4	11	0	10	47	76
Pembina Valley	18	4	13	1	9	37	81
Norman	21	2	18	1	5	51	126
AAA CITY MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
No stats available at press time							
AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Brandon Wheat Kings	14	12	2	0	24	85	22
Pembina Valley PV Hawks	14	7	5	1	16	76	68
Central Plains Capitals	14	7	6	1	15	66	81
Yellowhead Chiefs	13	6	6	0	13	59	54
Southwest Cougars	16	6	9	1	13	50	55
Parkland Rangers	12	6	6	0	12	47	65
Norman Wolves	14	0	14	0	0	22	131
MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	T	OTW	OTL	PTS	
Westman Wildcats	14	9	2	-	-	3	21
Central Plains	12	7	2	-	2	1	19
Yellowhead Chiefs	8	7	-	-	1	-	16
PV Hawks	11	6	3	-	2	-	16
Winnipeg Avros	13	5	4	-	2	2	16
Eastman Selects	11	4	6	-	-	1	9
Norman Wild	14	2	12	-	-	-	4
Interlake Lightning	11	-	11	-	-	-	-
HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Morden Thunder	24	20	2	0	42	130	61
W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	24	17	4	1	37	122	74
Prairie Mountain Mustangs	24	16	7	1	33	139	87
Morris Mavericks	24	14	9	0	29	96	76
Northlands Parkway Collegiate							
Nighthawks (Winkler)	24	13	8	1	29	96	80
Portage Collegiate							
Institute Trojans	24	11	12	1	23	91	106
Carman Cougars	24	10	11	1	23	104	94
Cartwright/Nellie McClung/							
Pilot Mound Tigers	24	7	17	0	14	70	109
Garden Valley Collegiate							
Zodiacs (Winkler)	24	0	23	1	1	40	201

STATS AS OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26





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Harold Mayert (in photo at right) was in the spirit of the season as he dressed up as Santa for the second annual Giant Tiger Curl for the Critters Funspiel Nov 21. Mayert and his team of elves (above), including Karen Dow, Russ Rach, and Nancy Rach, took the Critter Cup, winning over Team Big Rock (Cathy, Dillan, Megan, and Mark Sandercock). The 11 teams raised about \$2,000 for the Pembina Valley Humane Society. "We were really pleased with how the day went and all of the feedback so far has been quite positive," said PVHS fundraising co-chairperson Janet Granda.

## Curling for PVHS

# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS

## Double Pork Party Sliders



**Ingredients**  
 4 New York pork chops, 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch thick  
 2 slices bacon  
 8 cocktail buns or 4 burger buns  
 2 tablespoons butter, softened  
 Salt and pepper  
 4 tablespoons steak sauce

**Preparation**  
 Slice burger buns in half horizontally. If desired, toast or warm through. Spread cut sides of buns with butter.

In large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat for 1 minute or until enough bacon fat to coat bottom of pan, stirring occasionally. Push bacon to side of skillet and add chops. Sprinkle chops with salt and pepper. Cook chops for 3 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned and cooked between 145°F (medium rare) to 160 degrees F (medium), turning once halfway through. Remove chops and bacon, draining bacon on paper towels and rest chops at least 3 minutes.

For cocktail buns, cut each chop in half for 8 pieces. Place chops in buns. Top chops with steak sauce and bacon strips.

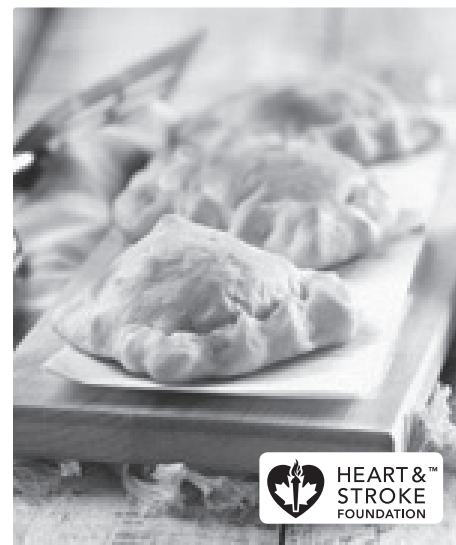
**Preparation Time** 5 minutes  
**Cook Time** 4 minutes  
**Serves Yield:**

8 appetizer sandwiches or 4 entrée sandwiches

**Serving suggestion:**

For gatherings, use smaller, cocktail-size buns available in the grocer's bakery. Offer coarse-grain mustard and halved dill pickles for sandwiches.

## Mini calzones



8 oz (250 g) lean ground beef  
 1/2 small yellow onion, diced  
 1 cup (250 mL) sliced mushrooms  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 4 tsp (20 mL) canola oil, divided  
 1/4 tsp (1 mL) dried Italian seasoning  
 1/4 tsp (1 mL) freshly ground black pepper

14 oz (400 g) prepared pizza dough  
 1/2 cup (125 mL) shredded reduced-fat mozzarella cheese

1 cup (250 mL) reduced-sodium marinara sauce, warmed

**Directions:**

In large non-stick skillet, brown beef over medium heat until beef crumbles; drain and set aside. In separate large skillet, sauté onion, mushrooms and garlic in 1 tbsp (15

mL) and 1 tsp (5 mL) canola oil over medium heat 3 minutes or until tender. Stir in Italian seasoning and pepper. Add to ground beef and set aside.

Preheat oven to 450 °F (230 °C).

Divide dough into eight pieces. Roll each dough piece into 3 inch (7.5 cm) diameter. Spoon beef mixture equally over half of each piece, leaving 1/2 inch (1 cm) border. Top equally with cheese.

Fold dough over filling until edges almost meet. Bring bottom edges over top edges and crimp dough with fingers to form rim. Prick tops of calzones with fork to allow steam to escape. Place on large baking sheet lightly greased and floured. Brush each calzone with canola oil, if desired.

Bake in preheated oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve with warm marinara sauce.

**Tip:** You can make these one day ahead and heat before serving the next day. Lightly brush calzones with canola oil before placing in the oven for a nice golden colour and crisp texture. These calzones will keep in the refrigerator as leftovers.



# Agriculture

## Tariffs may be the wake-up call U.S. Senate needs

By Harry Siemens

Dr. Steve Meyer, an ag economist in the U.S., says the higher the level of retaliatory tariffs the World Trade Organization approves in response to Mandatory Country of Origin Labelling, the better the chance the U.S. Senate will address the issue.

The WTO is expected to release its decision later this month on a Canadian and Mexican request for authorization to impose over \$3 billion in annual retaliatory tariffs on a range of products imported from the U.S. over the issue.

Meyer, the vice president for pork analysis with EMI Analytics, says the U.S. is 4-0 on this issue and clearly needs to fix the problem.

"Unfortunately we're running out of time in the Senate. Our House has already voted to repeal the mandatory portions for meat and poultry, but the Senate has not acted," he says. "They've been toying with the idea of making it a voluntary program. The problem is both the Canadians and the Mexicans say that's not sufficient. They want it repealed."

As far as Meyer can tell, the ball is in Canada's court to do what needs doing at this point.

"We're still hopeful that the Senate is going to act and repeal these portions and avoid these tariffs," he says. "If they go into place they will have some market impact in the U.S., especially the ones in Mexico. Since Mexico is not a surplus country for pork like Canada is, you'll have more market impact there."

Meyer says for over 12 years many in the industry have said M-COOL isn't working.

"I have to think that at the 11th hour when it looks like all the opportunities to do something different have been exhausted that we'll take action to avoid these tariffs, but I'm applying a degree of logic that sometimes does not apply to the Congress of the United States," he says.

Which is why high WTO-approved tariffs may be the only thing that gets the Senate's attention.

If Canada wins the M-COOL battle, Saskatchewan is ready to ramp up production to meet the growing need.

Sask Pork chair Florian Possberg

says western Canada is uniquely positioned to take advantage of underutilized pork processing capacity.

"What makes western Canada unique is it's one of the only places in North America that really does have excess slaughter capacity," he says. "If we look to eastern Canada, they're wondering where they're going to slaughter their existing produc-

tion, much less any increases, and it's much the same in large parts in the United States.

"We do have very good processing capacity in western Canada that we could really process a lot more hogs than we produce," says Possberg. "I think we have a provincial government that is much more enthusiastic about livestock production than par-

ticularly the province to the east of us, Manitoba."

"When you combine the slaughter capacity which nobody else in North America has with the space we have to produce safe high health animals, we have the potential for Saskatchewan's pork industry to become a growth industry again," says Possberg.

## Producers stepping up cleaning regimens

By Harry Siemens

Dave Van Wallegghem, the national biosecurity specialist with Vetoquinol Canada, says that in response to the trend toward reduced use of antibiotics, pork producers are stepping up their focus on cleaning and disinfecting facilities.

Van Wallegghem says every pathogen poses a risk and producers and veterinarians are relying more and more on stepped up biosecurity and an in-

creased focus on cleaning and disinfecting equipment to reduce that risk.

"I think that's why we really seeing an increase on that because of the decreased use of antibiotics," he says. "Because we are using less amounts of antibiotics, we have to control the diseases one way or another and by breaking the disease cycle by doing a proper cleaning and disinfecting, we're finding a lot more benefits of that allowing animals to express more of their genetic potential instead of

fighting off the disease."

Van Wallegghem says cleaning and disinfecting properly is a huge part of all of our biosecurity today. It's also a huge economic benefit.

"I'm finding a lot of people are understanding the proper use of disinfecting and not seeing it as a cost factor and more as an investment because it is saving them money in

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## Lots of things to share this week

> HARRY SIEMENS

**T**here are so many things happening, so many ideas, that I'll simply call my column this week: "Short Shots."

While walking to the Bethel Heritage Park one morning last week, a man walked past me on the sidewalk, slowed down, and we started talking.

He told me about his liver disease, which he's had since small, and how a local doctor had prescribed 18 pills a day. When that doctor moved away, his new doctor took all but 16 pills away.

While the outlook for a long, healthy life wasn't good, he turned his life over to the Lord, and started

losing weight to the tune of over 100 pounds, down from 336 pounds. He now walks with ease and, while he was told he'd never be able to work again, he is now looking for work.

I share that story because there is always hope. This man found the only source when all else fails.

Another short shot comes from my good friend and fellow farm journalist Jack Dawes out of Yorkton, SK., who says the iconic Port of Churchill is for sale along with the railway from The Pas to the port on Hudson Bay.

Sinclair Harrison, president of the Hudson Bay Route Association, says for now there's no way of knowing even a ballpark figure on what the transaction could be worth.

Churchill's biggest challenge is always grain procurement, but especially this year when they're well under 200,000 tonnes—far short of the realistic half a million goal.

The most recent support has been a \$9 per metric tonne federal government subsidy paid to grain exporters through Churchill. The Hudson Bay Route Association has lobbied for Churchill since the rail line to it was completed more than 50 years ago.

During those 50 years, I've always maintained the federal and provincial governments need to get involved in the port, together with private businesses, to adequately service the north and to use the port for shipping some grain. But I'm not holding my breath.

Next up, hog commentator Jim Long sent a Chinese-sourced news release about pigs my way.

The release says China has restored permission to import pork produced from 28 meatpacking plants and cold storage warehouses in Canada and the US, according to

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## > ANTIBIOTICS, FROM PG. 30

the long run," he says, noting money spent on proper cleaning leads to a payback in terms of faster shipping, less feed consumption, and overall healthier animals. "If you can spend a dollar at the front end and get \$13 in the back end, you're better off."

All that said, Dr. Shawn Davidson, a veterinarian with Davidson Swine Health Services, says that despite its growing popularity with consumers, demand for antibiotic-free pork is unlikely to overtake that of commod-

ity pork.

Despite the increase in large companies like Subway and A&W promising to provide antibiotic-free meat within the next few years, consumers are saying something different when they're doing their own shopping.

"We know from many studies that when consumers are surveyed about things like antibiotic free pork, a majority of them will say, 'Yes, we want

this,'" he says. "But then when you get them in the actual store and with the wallet in hand, they'll buy the commodity product because it's cheaper. So cost is a factor. Public perception is a factor."

Davidson says there's a lot of misconceptions surrounding antimicrobial resistance and the amount of antibiotics that producers actually feed to animals that is driving consumer

opinion.

"It's important, as an industry, that we do continue to get the facts out there about what is actually going on, but there's certainly always going to be a certain proportion of the consumers that are going to demand and prefer this type of product and I think the percentage of those consumers will continue to grow," he says.

## > SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 30

a posting by AQSIQ, China's quarantine authority.

Long says the permission to this many players is a direct reflection of the Chinese government's recognition for their country's need for pork imports.

China's current hog price is 16.34 rmb/kg liveweight or \$1.16 USD per

pound. Pork is an important part of China's population diet. At \$1.16 a pound, pork is an expensive proposition for the average Chinese person.

I remember all too vividly people saying a decade ago that a pork chop in every Chinese person's pot would make hog production boom.

Then one day a person who trav-

elled China often told me that has happened already and figured into what was then the going price.

Then China bought the biggest pig producer in the world, Smithfields, and felt this would most likely make them self-sufficient in pork production. It obviously didn't do that as now they're saying, 'Ship us more pork.'

"COST IS A FACTOR.  
PUBLIC PERCEPTION IS  
A FACTOR."

# take a break

> GAMES

## SUDOKU

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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!

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

Sudoku Answer

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

Crossword Answer

# X CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- Russian rulers (alt. sp.)
- Swedish krona
- Apothecaries' unit
- MN 55121
- Longer forearm bone
- Prosperous state of well-being
- Largest Czech city (alt. sp.)
- Moss genus larger than Bryum
- \_\_\_\_ Marie Presley
- White native of Cape Province
- Took the same position
- About Sun
- Respectful (abbr.)
- Southeast
- Rocket launching platform
- Stake
- Innermost parts
- Bowfin genus
- Past it's prime
- Valleys on moon
- Cheer
- Abrupt response
- Leave in disgrace
- Israeli politician Abba
- Of an ecological sere
- Former Kansas Sen. Dole
- Very fast airplane
- Blood group
- This moment
- Body cavity
- Patrician
- Exposing to ridicule
- Beowulf's people
- Gooseberry genus
- Ali \_\_\_\_ & the Forty Thieves
- A French abbot
- In a way, nailed
- His equation predicted antimatter
- Smaller quantity
- Danish krone
- Heartbeat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
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	41				42			43		44		
		45					46		47		48	
49	50		51			52			53			
54		55			56					57	58	59
60					61					62		
63					64				65			
66					67				68			

### CLUES DOWN

- Used for insect sterilization
- Arabian coffee cup
- Culture medium & a food gelling agent
- Finger millets
- Tin
- More guileful
- Tree gnarl
- Force into place
- Drawn
- Sudden attack
- Donkeys
- George Gordon \_\_\_\_
- Behaving in an artificial way
- Moundbird
- Orange-brown antelope
- Flocks of mallards
- Hall of Fame (abbr.)
- Golf score
- Friends (French)
- Pickling herbs
- In a way, dwelt
- Pierces forcefully
- Estranges
- Shooting marble
- Amounts of time
- Register formally
- Explosive
- Kanza people, \_\_\_\_ Nation
- Symbolize Shakti
- Burdock seed vessel
- Wild sheep of central Asia
- Am. naturalist Charles Wm.
- A fencing sword
- Romanian city straddling the Cibin River
- Small talks
- Not well
- Astronomer Sagan
- Overgarments
- Twist together
- Radioactivity unit
- Double play





# Wrapping up a Morden Christmas

Morden's Stephen St. was a pretty busy place the evening of Nov. 19 for the chamber's 'Wrapping up a Morden Christmas' shopping event. Seventeen downtown retailers took part, offering specials and giving customers a chance to win \$2,000 in prizes. Helping to add a bit of old-fashioned festive fun to the evening were volunteers from the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, who walked the streets decked out in costume to greet shoppers. Left, from left: Taking part were Howard and Judy Thiessen, Steve and Kim Striemer, Betty Warkentin, and Cheryllyn Babel. Below, left: The group checks out the vintage holiday display at Oldies and Goodies. Below: Thiessen hands out information about the museum and the City of Morden to a customer at Olympic Source for Sports.

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## > SHELTERBELTS, FROM PG. 25

careful planning and design.

You need to make certain strategic decisions from the outset. These include the kind of trees you're going to plant, their spacing and the number of rows you're going to use. Even the shape of the shelterbelt plays a crucial role.

You need to consider the amount of time and money you are willing to commit to managing shelterbelts.

For example, you may need to water the trees, so there's a question of how to get the water out to them.

Weed control is another issue. If you have a lot of problems with weeds, you will want to look at using plastic mulch, applying herbicide or cultivating the year before planting the shelterbelt.

An effective shelterbelt should contain a combination of shrubs, fast growing trees, and dense long lived trees.

The outside row of a shelterbelt should generally be a dense shrub that will act to reduce wind near

the ground and act as a snow trap.

The next row should consist of a fast growing tree species that will allow the shelterbelt to quickly gain height.

The third row should be made up of long lived trees that will allow the shelterbelt to remain effective for a long time.

The fourth and fifth rows closest to the yard should be made up of tall, dense crowned trees that retain their foliage throughout the year.

Should you have limited space, drop the third and fourth row and go with a three row shelterbelt.

The key thing is to diversify. Plant a variety of trees and shrubs on your property. Each species provides unique beauty and benefits as well as challenges.

Planning and design are probably the most crucial steps in the long journey of establishment of trees and shrubs on your property. It takes de-

tail and thought, but it can also be fun when the creativity and wisdom of your family creates something unique and joyful to be enjoyed for years to come.

For more information on Conservation Agreements or assistance with a shelterbelt, contact Pembina Valley Conservation District at 204-242-3267 or pvcd@mtsml.ca.

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131-8th St., Morden

**SOUP LUNCH**  
Fri. Nov. 27  
11:30 - 1 pm  
\$7.00 per person

Proceeds to:  
Xmas Cheer

## COMING EVENTS

**Thousand Oaks Ministries Inc.**  
**GOSPEL MUSIC NIGHT**  
Sat., Nov. 28, 2015  
7:30 pm at the  
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## NOTICES

God gives us something to do on His day. He calls us to worship, to prayer and times of meditation, in the family and in public. If we are to have proper views of the Lord's Day, we need to recognize that it is not merely what we think is right for that day. Malcolm Maccinnes www.clda.ca

## COMING EVENTS

Brandon Gun & Collectibles Show. Sat., Dec 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sun. Dec 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Keystone Centre. Buy, sell, trade. Call 204-725-4363.

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Sat., Nov. 28  
2:00-3:30 pm

Silver Collection Tea  
Baking, Rainbow Auction  
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## TENDER

### NOTICE OF TENDER

Sealed written tenders to be received until 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2015  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Stanley Ag Society Annual General MEETING**  
Monday  
**November 30, 2015**  
Reinfeld Community Centre  
**Coffee at 7:00 pm**  
**Business at 7:30 pm**

## PUBLIC NOTICE



## Morden Police Board Meeting

**Tues., Dec. 1, 2015**  
**7:00 pm**

Morden Civic Centre  
195 Stephen St.

All those wishing to be on the agenda and speak must register at the beginning of the meeting.

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  - Very process driven and detail oriented - accuracy is key in this role.
  - Strong communication skills; comfortable with communicating with customers, staff, vendors/suppliers and consultants.
  - 100% English communication skills: verbal and written.
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## PUBLIC NOTICE



### 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 8, 2015 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. 2144-15, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2144-15, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

**Legally described as East 1/2 of NE 1/4 Section 5, Township 3 Range 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: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE

TO: "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE

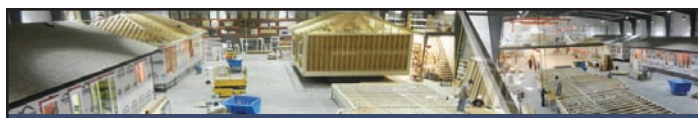
A copy of the above By-Law No. 2144-15, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

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**BIRTHDAY**



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**BIRTHDAY**



Happy Birthday Anne!  
It can't be—Threescore + 10?  
Happy 70th on December 3rd!  
A – Adored, auburn, amazing and ageless,  
N – Nice, nurturing and noble,  
N – Notable, neighborly and nifty,  
E – Educator, encouraging, and eloquent...  
Only a few words describing an extra-special person!

-Love,  
the family

**OBITUARY**

## Frank (Franklin) Janzen



Frank (Franklin) Janzen of St. Andrews, MB, beloved husband of Carolyn, eldest son of D.D. Janzen, passed away at age 71 on November 7, 2015 at Concordia Hospital in Winnipeg after a brief illness.

Besides his wife Carolyn he is survived by three children, Brenden, Jay and Keira. He will be sadly missed by his father Diedrich Janzen; brothers Dick (Carol) and Jake (Jennie); as well as sister-in-law Vel, step-brother Nelson (Sylvia), and step-sister Janet (Ken) and their families.

Frank was predeceased by his mother, Margaret Janzen; step-mother Annie; step-sister Barbara; Pete, his brother, and a stillborn sister.

A memorial service was held 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2015 at Kilcona Park Alliance, 1977 Norris Road. Having spent his life with the Winnipeg Police Force, a uniformed delegation attended the memorial service to honor his life and contribution.

**GRADUATION**



Donovan Mark Giesbrecht  
The family of  
Donovan Mark Giesbrecht  
are proud to announce his graduation  
from the University of Ottawa  
with a Master of Arts in Philosophy  
Donovan is continuing his teaching career at  
GVC in Winkler, MB.  
Congratulations Don!  
-Love, Jennifer, Beth, Kate, and David,  
the Giesbrechts and the Smiths

**IN MEMORIAM**



In loving memory of  
my dear wife, mother and grandma  
Elsie Klippenstein  
who was called to her eternal rest  
November 20, 2014

We did not know that morning,  
What sorrow the day would bring.  
The bitter grief and shock severe,  
To part with one we loved so dear.  
You bid no one a last farewell,  
No chance to say goodbye;  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
The day God called you home.  
Though your smile is gone forever,  
And your hand we cannot touch;  
We will never lose the memory,  
Of the one we loved so much.  
We need your Lord to hold us up,  
To help up when we grieve.  
Please give us strength and courage Lord,  
To bear what we must bear;  
And nudge us when our faith is weak,  
To remind us you are there.  
Give us hope for our tomorrows,  
Tell us life will still go on;  
Show us Lord that all this darkness,  
Will be followed by the dawn.  
You have led us through so many things,  
You've pulled us through before;  
Hold us up, Lord, till we're through this,  
And we are strong once more.

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