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# Agassiz Medical Centre announces major renos

By Lorne Stelmach

A major renovation that will expand the Agassiz Medical Centre in Morden will be getting underway soon.

Agassiz Medical Centre Community Board representatives announced last week the \$1.2 million project will finally utilize undeveloped space in the former Morden hospital building.

The work will add another 2,500 square feet of space to bring the clinic to about 18,000 sq. ft. in total.

It's a project the board has been working towards for many years.

"As we looked to the future, we knew that we need more providers, we need more physicians ... to meet the needs of the community," the board said in a statement last week.

The clinic currently has 20 physicians and two nurse practitioners among 40 staff overall.

However, they are managing just under 4,000 appointments per month, and they have over 15,000 people who identify Agassiz Medical Centre as their primary source of care.

On top of that, there is currently a waiting list of 1,600 people who need a family care provider.

"We feel if we could recruit 10 more physicians and add them to our team, that would meet the needs of the community," the board said.

Staffing aside, the renovation project will also address increasing workflow issues at the clinic.

"It's also to look at the functionality of our current space," the board said. "As we've grown and changed, some of the space within our current space isn't as functional as it used to be, so we're looking at having a redesign of some current space as well."

That includes improving the nurse station and redesigning the current reception area to better handle the increased clinic capacity.

Many of these recommendations for improving the functionality of the clinic arose from an efficiency study done at the facility.

To cover the costs of renovations, the community board has a funding agreement in place with the City of Morden, RM of Stanley, and the Agassiz Physicians Medical Corporation.

"The community board has committed to raising a substantial amount of money through a fundraising drive," the board said, noting their target is



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The Agassiz Medical Centre in Morden will be undergoing a major renovation/expansion project over the next year.

to raise at least \$500,000. "We have a huge project ahead of us ... that's what we've committed to raise prior to construction starting.

"The more money we can raise, the better it will be."

It's hoped work could begin almost immediately and be completed in

about a year's time.

The clinic will remain fully operational during construction.

"There will be some shifts ... and some challenges that we're going to have to work through, but we're very excited to get going," the board said.



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# Budding cartoonist shows off his skills at Gateway art show

By Ashleigh Viveiros

What's one of the coolest things about being an artist? Sharing your unique view of the world *with* the world.

This from Garrison Doell, whose paintings and cartoon strips were on display at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre this month as part of the annual Gateway Resources art show.

To say the energetic 21-year-old—who works in Gateway's woodshop and is involved with its life enrichment program—was psyched to have a venue to showcase his work might be an understatement.

"I'm just trying to get as much of my

work out there as I can," he said last week as the exhibition wrapped up.

Alongside Doell's art were pieces from nearly two dozen fellow Gateway clients, ranging from paintings to cardboard sculptures to refinished furniture.

It's a great way to shine a spotlight on the talents behind the men and women who consider Gateway their home away from home, said staffer Jessi Ingalls.

Doell's enthusiasm and skill certainly stood out, though.

"He's been painting since he was seven. Sketching, cartoons, everything," Ingalls said. "I've been completely blown away. It's fantastic stuff."

"I do a lot of nature, landscapes,"

"I'M JUST TRYING TO GET AS MUCH OF MY WORK OUT THERE AS I CAN."



Garrison Doell with a few panels of his Planet Garry comic.

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Doell said, explaining his technique of choice is wet-on-wet oils, which blend the colours in just the way he likes.

His interest in art started out with the odd doodle or sketch and then blossomed into a full-fledged passion right around the time his grand-

parents introduced him to the iconic *The Joy of Painting* television program hosted by Bob Ross.

"That's when I really got into it. He just made it look so easy and so much fun."

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# GVC students take part in WE Are Silent campaign

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy students were a quiet bunch last Friday morning.

As part of the national WE Are Silent campaign, the Winkler teens took a vow of silence to show their support for and raise awareness of a variety of issues.

In class and in the halls, the group uttered not a peep, holding up a sign with the cause they wanted to get the word out about whenever anyone tried to speak to them.

It was a way to show solidarity with those who go unheard, said YIP member Allison Klassen, speaking to the *Voice* the day before.

“The hope is to raise awareness and just make people

Garden Valley Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy students took part in the WE Are Silent campaign on Friday, refusing to speak for the morning to raise awareness of and show support for a variety of causes.

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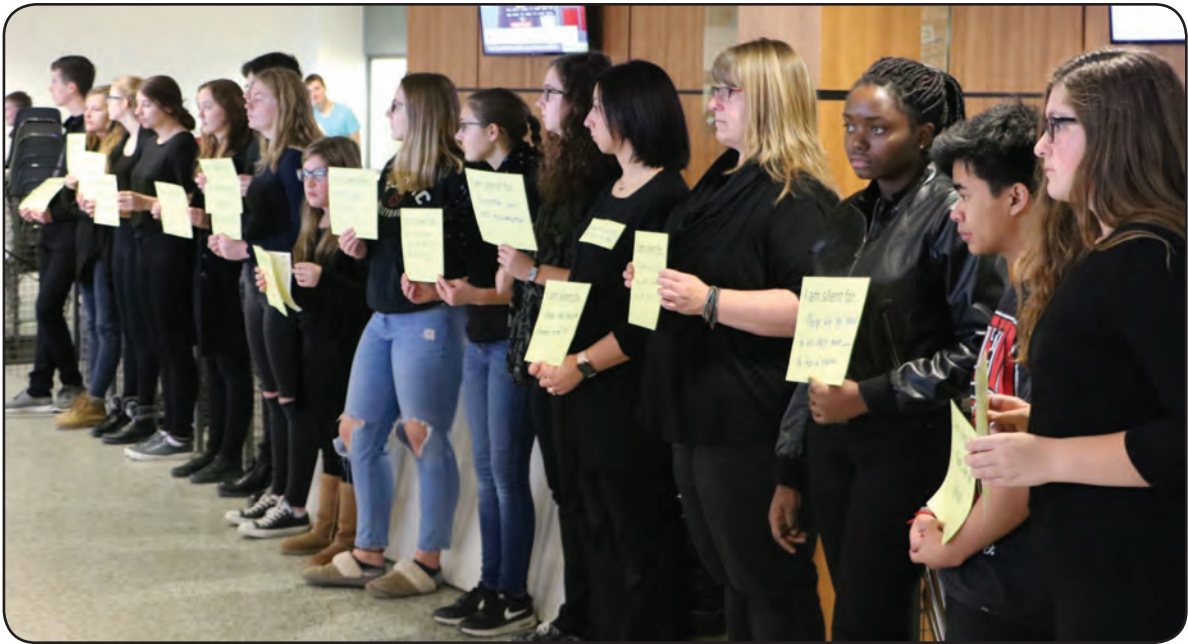
aware that this is happening more often than they think,” she said, adding it’s a personal challenge to remain silent for so long, but one she and her peers were eager to tackle. “It’s hard, but it reflects on how hard it is for people to speak out about their situation.”

That includes people living in poverty and abusive situations, those who have to travel miles for clean water, and girls in developing countries who aren’t allowed to attend school, to name a few of the causes highlighted by the youth.

The WE Are Silent campaign is just one of many events GVCYIP has organized so far this year, either to raise awareness or to collect donations towards the grants the group will distribute to community groups and projects next spring.

“It’s been a pretty busy year already,” Klassen said, noting they’ve attended the WE Day festivities in Winnipeg last month, offered raking and shoveling services, organized food drives,

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From left: WE Are Silent participants Esther Heinrichs, Michael Klassen, and Jessica Goertzen with the signs they held up whenever someone asked them to speak last Friday morning.

## > WE ARE SILENT, FROM PG. 4

and, just this past Monday, hosted a fundraising Yoga Night.

Fellow YIP member Esther Heinrichs noted students get involved in the group to give back.

"I've always loved volunteering and

raising money for people in need," she said.

"I enjoy people, I enjoy working with people," added member Mike Klassen. "If it's for a good cause, I'm all in."

# Local leaders weighing in at AMM conference

By Lorne Stelmach

Infrastructure was one of the main topics up for discussion this week as municipal leaders gathered in Winnipeg.

The annual meeting of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities brought together upwards of 900 delegates from municipalities throughout the province.

They discussed and debated 41 resolutions that ran the gamut from cannabis taxation, disaster assistance, and other grant programs to policing costs, rural transportation, and recycling issues.

Working through the AMM provides municipalities with

a means to present a united front to the provincial government on issues such as infrastructure, which Winkler Mayor Martin Harder sees as a priority to address.

"Infrastructure spending is certainly one that is high on the list," Harder had said last week in advance of the conference.

A goal that has been promoted by the AMM is to get the provincial

and federal governments to commit to 40 per cent shares of funding for projects, leaving 20 per cent for local municipalities, rather than one third portions for each level of government.

One-third shares of projects can be a burden at the municipal level, especially for bigger undertakings, noted Harder.

"We've said that for a year or more already, and I'm sure that topic will come up again."

One major resolution on the table this week was to have AMM lobby the province to fully restore funding for the municipal road and bridge program.

That program previously provided 50/50 cost sharing for municipal projects, but provincial support was

significantly reduced this past year.

"Last year it was cut in half and the majority of the municipalities never got any," said Harder, noting Winkler was fortunate to receive \$200,000, down from \$400,000 previously.

What they want above all else is a consistent commitment on this kind of funding, he stressed.

"THAT COMMON VOICE IS ALWAYS STRONGER THAN A SINGLE ONE."

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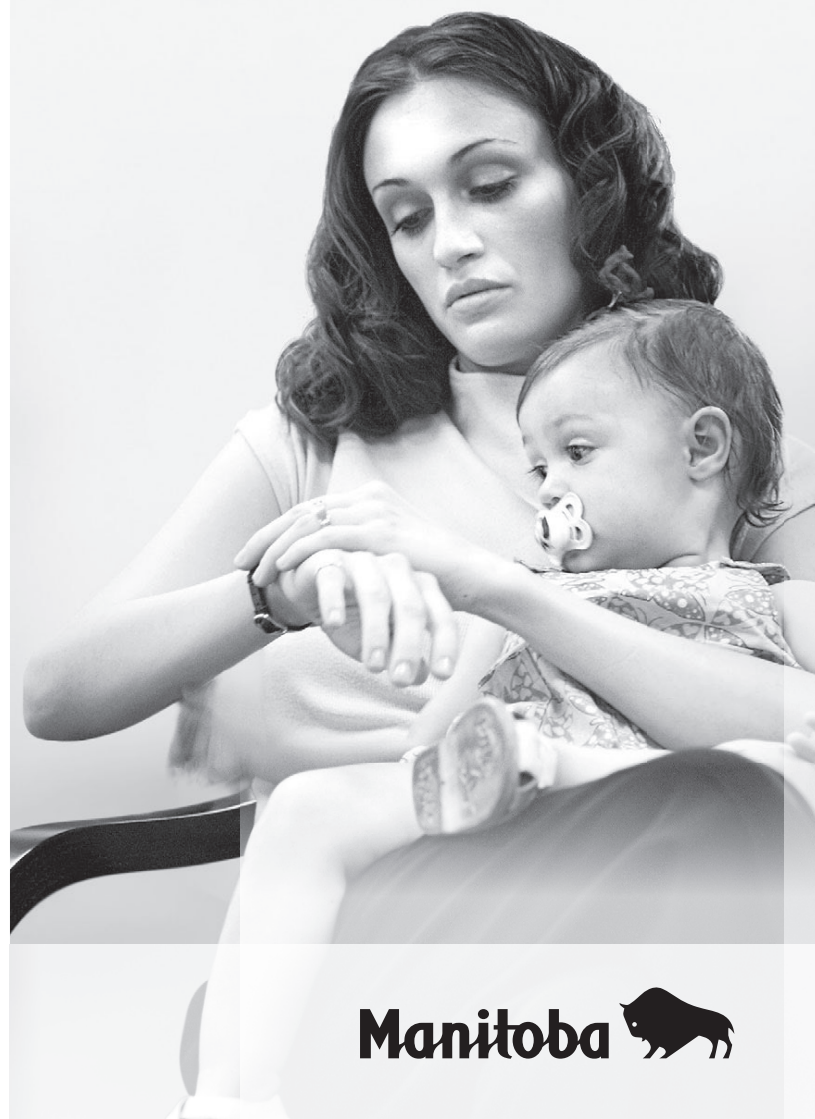
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## "OK Google, write this column"

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"Stupid technology," said

while expending enormous amount of energy reaching six inches up and to the left to shut off lamp.

This is where we are at now in the world: a place where we can complain about the fact that our cell phone does not respond properly to our voice request to remotely turn off our internet-enabled light.



**By Peter Cantelon**

It is a very strange place to be. Simultaneously unhappy with technological performance while at the same time living during a time when we simply have to vocalize a request and it happens.

It's quite the thing really to be living in such a technologically advanced society that we can become unhappy when our miracles do not happen or happen irregularly.

For instance, to be upset when your self-driving car stops seeing the lines on the road and requires you to, GASP, put your hands on the steering wheel.

Frankly, it does not take humans long to get used to new things and then begin to take those things for granted.

I imagine that after the printing press was invented around 1439 there was about 24 hours of amazed euphoria followed by constant complaints by Gutenberg on how the press kept dropping letters and "Maybe I should just hand print all these posters because this stupid thing is useless ..."

Yes, the human capacity to be discontent never ceases to amaze me, but it doesn't start and end with humans.

We bought our cats remote control mice recently. The mice don't move until the cats touch them and then they race around a bit and stop until attacked again.

The cats expressed a token level of interest. They would initially walk up to the mice, pat them, and then look at us as if to say, "This is quaint but I can't eat it, so what's the point?" and then they go back to playing in the grocery bag that was left on the floor.

As avid a fan as I am of technologi-

cal advancement, I actually took a step backward recently at work. We have transitioned hourly staff from time sheets to punch cards in order to simplify payroll a little. Initially I was bombarded with all kinds of wonderful new time keeping software and technology—everything from RFID and Bluetooth-enabled passes that clock you in and out as you enter and leave the facility to web-based applications and more.

In the end I found an old-fashioned punch clock with a 30-day backup battery. Why? Sometimes too much technology means too many opportunities for things to fail. Sometimes analog is better than digital.

Sure, I can now order a weed-pulling robot for my garden, but it will likely just get attacked by a hawk or a neighbour's new security robot, so why bother?

In the end, I'm sure the vast well-spring of human dissatisfaction somehow contributes to the continued development of new technologies to supersede that which just came out 24 hours ago. It's what keeps us releasing new cell phones every three months.

"OK Google, end column."

"Google?"

"GOOGLE?!?"

## > AMM CONFERENCE, FROM PG. 5

RM of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson shared Harder's concerns about maintaining initiatives like the municipal road and bridge program.

"That's probably the major push of the whole convention," he said last week. "It was working, and now we've got to find more cash, or you've made more red tape."

"Let's keep it even ... return that so it's the same as it was before ... [where] we knew what we were going to get every year," Olafson continued. "It was working, it was stable. Now you're putting us in an unstable position."

Beyond these issues, Harder said the AMM event offers a great opportunity to network and connect with other municipal leaders.

There will be many new faces, he added, as the municipal election last

month saw a 45 per cent turnover rate across the province.

"You get those numbers, you know there's a lot of 'greenhorns' who are going to be there, and so there's going to be lots of questions and hopefully there's going to be some answers," Harder said.

Harder also particularly appreciates the opportunity for the caucus of Manitoba cities to meet in conjunction with the conference.

"It's a chance for us to deal with specific issues related to cities," he said. "All of the cities in Manitoba are usually represented there."

Morden brought forward two resolutions at the conference. One addressed provincial regulations related to subdivisions to better enable municipal governments to coordinate services. A second resolution

calls on the province to set a levy on the sale of mattresses to help to defray environmental costs.

Mayor Brandon Burley is attending his first AMM in his new role but has been to the conference in the past as a presenter. He's looking forward to the opportunity to be part of it from the other side.

"I know the value for us in terms of being able to reach people ... and the opportunity to network with other municipal leaders is very valuable," he suggested. "The province is eager to keep the AMM informed of what they're doing and vice versa, so I think there's a very good working relationship there."

"It's a chance to collaborate and work together for a common outcome ... that common voice is always stronger than a single one."



# Winkler, Stanley ink deal on wastewater plant

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler and RM of Stanley are officially ready to go on their wastewater treatment project, and now they wait for the other levels of government to sign on the dotted line.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder and Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson formally signed the agreement Friday.

"We understand what the scope is, we understand what the cost is, we understand what the operational costs are going to be ... that's all the information we needed in order to come to an agreement," said Harder.

"We have been encouraged to do things regionally. We, as a community, have seen the value of doing things regionally, and this is another step towards a regional project that actually enhances the lives of the community as a whole."

The wastewater treatment plant will be a \$46 million project. The provincial and federal governments are each being asked to each pick up a \$15.5 million portion of the cost. Winkler will contribute 79 per cent of the municipal portion while Stanley chips in 21 per cent.

Aside from the treatment plant itself, the RM of Stanley will separately have the cost of connecting villages such as Reinfeld and Schanzenfeld to the system.

It is all part of a larger regional initiative that has the City of Morden also looking at building a decentralized facility to meet its needs.

The project has become a necessity

for Winkler, which had the province put a halt on further subdivision expansion as a result of the community not having the capacity to handle the effluent.

"Winkler's been behind the eight ball for a while already in regards to sewage disposal ... and so the urgency has certainly been there for a number of years," said Harder.

"We know that we need to expand ... we know that the surrounding areas that are around us in the RM of Stanley have a huge population base," he added. "We believe it's important to have a mutual agreement."

"It was a need for us as well," said Olafson. "We have one small lagoon, which is outdated ... we needed it for what we are already dumping into the Winkler system. Winkler needed a new system ... we have to help with that."

"We're looking at the future growth of this whole area," he continued, adding he is certain in the future it will prove to have been a sound investment. "You have to make a leap of faith and say it's going to be the best thing in the long run. ... It would be a whole lot more if we don't do it now."

Olafson stressed, though, that it clearly cannot happen without the other levels of government coming on board.

"Without that cooperation of the feds and the province ... this is not going to happen," he said. "For us to foot a 100 per cent of this bill, not even maybe ... there's just no hope that would ever happen."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Signing the formal agreement last week to work together on a regional wastewater treatment plant were RM of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson and Winkler Mayor Martin Harder while looking on were Stanley and Winkler deputy reeves Peter Froese (left) and Henry Siemens and Winkler city manager Barb Dyck.

"The majority of the requirements that we need to meet are a result of environmental issues and which is being downloaded on to municipalities from the federal and provincial governments," noted Harder. "So we have always said that the greater

responsibility now falls on the feds and the province ... that's the message that we've been sending to them."



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## United Way hosting Donation Days

### Winkler United Way launches modified campaign

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler and District United Way is hosting a modified version of its annual fundraising campaign this year.

After losing nearly its entire board of directors to retirement after the 2017-2018 campaign, the agency had initially planned to take a year off to regroup, recruit new board members, and rework how it will raise funds in future years.

But overwhelming support from the many local businesses and individuals who still wanted to give inspired the newly-formed board to host two United Way drop-off days and set up donation boxes throughout the city.

"Even though we weren't canvassing for do-

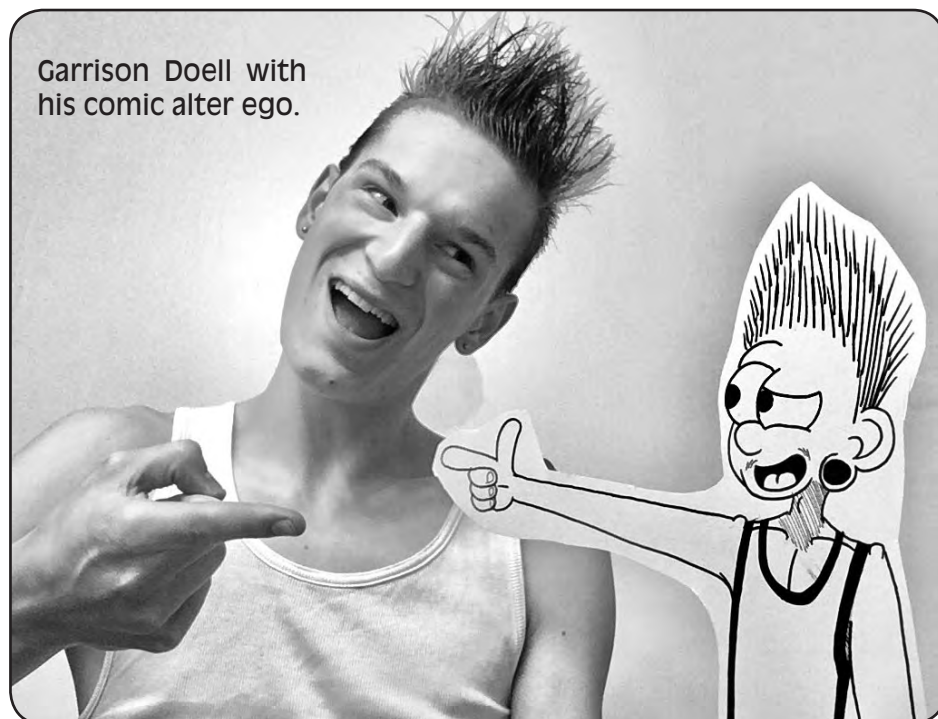
nations like usual this fall, we've been hearing from a number of supporters who still wanted to know how they could donate," said board president Kim Nelson.

"It's really exciting for all of us. Being part of the United Way helps so many organizations in our community, so it's great to see that there is a renewed interest and that it will continue," she added. "It's been amazing to see the community so eager to continue to support our campaign, even during this time of transition. We're excited to be able to offer these alternative ways to give."

United Way volunteers will set up a donation table at the Winkler Co-op grocery store Fri., Dec. 7 and Fri., Dec. 14 from 1-9 p.m. both days.

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Garrison Doell with his comic alter ego.

## > PLANET GARRY, FROM PG. 3

Though he's still a prolific painter, Doell's interests of late have turned to cartooning.

Inspired by such greats as Bill Watterson of *Calvin & Hobbes* fame, Doell has created his own strip dubbed *Planet Garry*.

"I was bored one day and I just did this doodle of me and a friend of mine ... I have this weird thing where I'll look up at the light and try to make myself sneeze and my friends would look at me all weird, like, what's he doing? What started out as a little doodle just turned into a whole bunch of comic strips."

Making funny observations about the world around him has become Doell's bread and butter when creating *Planet Garry*.

"Some of it's based on fiction, funny ideas I have, but a lot of it's based on reality," he said, admitting cartoon versions of his real-life family and friends make more than a few appearances in the panels. "I just want people to be happy whenever they see these. I hope they relate to the humour as well."

He has high hopes for the strip.

"This is what I would like to do professionally. If I get them published then maybe I can make a few books, make a movie or two," he said, chuckling. "That's way in the future, though."

In the more immediate future, check out the *Voice* in the months ahead for some of Doell's comics (including Pg. 21 this week).

# "We cannot go back to the old ways of just raising taxes"

## Pallister outlines his plans for new Legislative session in Nov. 20 throne speech

By Lorne Stelmach

The provincial government set out a range of priorities as it kicked off the next session of the Manitoba Legislature.

The Nov. 20 throne speech touched on everything from putting a hold on further expansion of gaming to reducing wait times for some surgeries as well as putting legislation in place for referendums on major tax hikes.

Premier Brian Pallister said the Conservative government remains committed to fixing the province's finances, repairing services, and rebuilding the economy, and he suggested they continue making progress toward returning to balanced budgets while also providing tax relief.

"You can't just continue trying to spend your way or borrow your way to solutions," Pallister said during a conference call with rural media.

"We cannot go back to the old ways of just simply raising taxes or running larger deferred tax deficits and expect that was going to make us stronger in the long term. That's a recipe for failure."

"We have embarked on an ambitious plan to make Manitoba the most improved province in Canada," Pallister said.

"Though we have made good progress over the past two years, much work remains to be done. We will continue to confront our challenges and face them together, united by the unshakable belief that better days are ahead—that a brighter, more prosperous future awaits our beautiful province."

Morden-Winkler MLA and Health Minister Cameron Friesen highlighted a few priorities outlined in the throne speech which he sees as being particularly key to the riding.

That includes a commitment to 1,200 more personal care home beds in Manitoba by 2025.

"Our area is growing significantly ... we know we have a significant part of our demographic that is of that retirement and aging cohort ... having adequate access to personal care home capacity is important to us," Friesen said.

He also touched on implementing a plan to reduce wait times for procedures such as joint replacement, cataracts, and diagnostic imaging.

"These wait times are very real because of years and years of the inability of Manitoba to catch up with other jurisdictions," said Friesen.

He suggested they are getting results through better coordination of services and finding efficiencies, which can then allow reinvestment of savings back into the system.

"It's why we're changing our health system ... because our current health care system is not sustainable in its current way."

Friesen also acknowledged support for infrastructure as a priority for the region as it looks for provincial support for projects like regional waste-

water treatment.

"It has the full attention and co-operation of this government," he said, noting the province has so far committed one third funding for the design work, but he stopped short of any further promises while suggesting that "this area is at the top of the list ... we know that a lot of work has been done to get this project ready. We know this project is essential to ensure the longer growth of our communities."

He also offered no firm promise on a new school for Western School Division, while noting the government is already building seven new schools across the province, with more to come.

"This is just the start," Friesen said. "As Morden grows, the rationale for a new school will become more and more compelling ... and we're going to use the evidence to guide us."

Pallister also maintained the province remains committed to priority infrastructure with what he called the largest commitment to infrastructure spending in the history of Manitoba, but it did come with a somewhat cautionary note.

"It's overall been a problem for years," he said. "What has all too often happened is that governments don't invest in infrastructure until the year before an election ... the problem with that strategy is obvious: it leaves catch-up work to be done all the time."

The throne speech touched on a range of other priorities that Pallister said shows his government is committed to making communities safer, protecting vulnerable Manitobans, and continuing to improve health

care, education, and social services.

"Manitoba's road to recovery is a long one, requiring both courage and care," he said. "We will continue the work we've begun. We remain committed to improving Manitoba and the lives of all Manitobans."

A few highlights include:

- Bringing forward a new Referendum Act for Manitobans to vote on major tax increases and provide a framework for calling and conducting a referendum.

- Launching the Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 education and conducting the first in-depth review of Manitoba's child education system in decades.

- Implementing a comprehensive plan to address mental health and addictions services.

- Enhancing supports for victims of domestic violence with two new pilot programs and introducing legislation to pilot a first-in-Canada family resolution service.

- Helping keep children and families together and bringing forward legislative changes to the Child and Family Services Act and The Child and Family Services Authorities Act.

- Making new investments in capital modernization and training to assist the agri-food sector in capitalizing on global market opportunities.

- Enhancing resiliency of the province's natural infrastructure to climate-change challenges such as flooding, storms and wildfires.

- Bringing forward regulations to better plan the use of water resources and enhance drainage, conserve wetlands and store water within local watershed districts.



# Experience the Christmas story this weekend

## Living nativity in Winkler Park Friday through Sunday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Christmas story comes to life in Winkler Park this weekend.

The Winkler EMM Church and the Bethel Church are teaming up to present the 12th annual From Everywhere to Bethlehem living nativity Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 5-9 p.m.

Organizer Lois Hildebrand said they're thrilled the performance has become a Christmas tradition for so many local families, not to mention the cast and crew.

"The story never grows old and it's the basis for all of our Christmas celebrations," she said. "It's the best way to start the season."

"What's interesting is there still are some who have never been, some who have never heard of it," Hildebrand added. "There are people every year who have always meant to come but never have. So it's neat to reach new people every year."

The show takes visitors through a Bethlehem abuzz with rumours about the birth of the Christ child. The story unfolds as you chat with Roman soldiers, prophets, kings, shepherds, and other villagers, culminating in a visit to a small manger where a special family receives a trio of visitors from the east.

Afterwards you can warm up in the bake and craft sale tent, where all proceeds go to MCC Christmas Giving.

Admission to the show is a non-perishable food item for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

Last year's performances attracted 3,100 people and collected 2,700 pounds of food for the food cupboard and \$3,000 for MCC.



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Angels sing in last year's From Everywhere to Bethlehem performance. The living nativity, now in its 12th year, returns to Winkler Park this weekend.

# Province commits \$5.3M to cut surgery wait times

By Lorne Stelmach

More hip and knee surgeries will be done at Boundary Trails Health Centre as part of a province-wide initiative announced last Thursday.

The commitment of more than \$5.3 million to significantly increase the number of hip and knee replacements and cataract surgeries in Manitoba is aimed at addressing long wait times in the province, said Health Minister and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen.

"Lives are significantly impacted while they wait," said Friesen, who noted BTHC is playing a key role as an important regional hospital in southern Manitoba.

"Orthopedics is not something that every hospital has," he said. "It means our communities are able to get these surgery procedures closer to home."

"Boundary Trails Health Centre was able to respond to our call and say yes, we can assist, we will open up additional spaces, we will make sure that we have anesthetic services and surgery time set aside."

The additional procedures are to address the delays which, as of this fall, saw the median wait time in Winnipeg for a knee replacement hit 30 weeks. In Brandon, it was 45 weeks, while at BTHC it was 73 weeks, according to Manitoba Health.

For hip replacement surgery, the

median wait in Winnipeg and Brandon was 28 weeks, while at Boundary Trails it was 50 weeks.

In addition to BTHC, more hip and knee surgeries will also be done at Concordia Hospital, Grace Hospital, and Health Sciences Centre. Additional cataract surgeries will take place at Misericordia Health Centre.

More than 4,100 hip and knee replacements and 12,900 cataract surgeries were performed in Manitoba in 2017-18.

The new investment will ensure at least 1,000 more hip and knee replacement surgeries are performed in 2019—a nearly 25 per cent increase. The new investment will also fund at least 2,000 additional cataract surgeries next year, which is a 16 per cent increase.

"Many, many more people from our region will be able to get this sur-

gery sooner," Friesen said. "We have people in a wide region who travel to Boundary Trails because they know they can get those procedures."

"Boundary Trails is an important part of our overall Manitoba capacity when it comes to hips and knees. That program is growing, and that program is increasingly getting recognition across the province."

Increasing the number of hip and knee replacement surgeries and cataract surgeries was previously recommended by the Wait Times Reduction Task Force.

"The reality is that we are seeing an increased and sustained demand for these procedures as our population ages," said Dr. Jack McPherson, co-

chair of the task force's priority procedure wait times reduction committee. "We believe it will significantly augment the progress we have made

to date in completing more procedures and ultimately reducing the amount of time patients currently wait."

"Our current system is overly expensive and overly complex compared to other systems in Canada," noted Friesen. "As we streamline our system, as we find ways

for doctors and nurses to collaborate better ... we're able to take those saved amounts and reinvest them in areas of priority."

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You can also drop off your 2018-2019 United Way donations at the Winkler Co-op grocery store, gas bar and truck stop as well as at the Winkler Senior Centre, Gateway Resources and the City of Winkler offices from now until the end of February.

Online donations are also welcome

at [unitedwaywinkler.com](http://unitedwaywinkler.com).

The funds will be distributed next spring. In the meantime, the United Way's new directors will be fine-tuning plans for the 2019 campaign.

"We've started to think strategically as to what we can do next year," Nelson said, explaining the challenge will be finding new ways to

engage the community now that the door-to-door canvass—a staple of the organization for 50 years but one that has increasingly struggled to attract volunteers—is gone.

"Hopefully we'll do a couple more events and have more of a presence in the community."





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Above: Kitchen staff and volunteers at the Winkler Senior Centre in the Buhler Active Living Centre prepare the Meals on Wheels lunches for delivery last week. Left: Volunteer driver Harry Schmidt loads up his cart. Below: Recipients like Jean-Guy and Betty Fillion are grateful the option of a hot, affordable lunch delivered to their doorstep exists.

# Meals on Wheels serving up hot eats to seniors

## Volunteer delivery drivers needed

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Meals on Wheels program has settled in nicely to its new home at the Winkler Senior Centre.

The meal delivery service has been on the move much more than usual in recent years, transitioning in 2017 to Autumnwood Manor after two decades at Salem Home.

On Oct. 1, the program moved once again to what organizers hope will be its permanent home at the downtown senior centre.

Space issues necessitated this most recent move, explained WSC resource coordinator Cathleen Bergen.

"She approached us and asked if we wanted to take it over," she said of former organizer Marge Banman, who was struggling to meet the demand from the Autumnwood's common kitchen.

Welcoming Meals on Wheels to the senior centre was a no-brainer, Bergen said.

"It's in line with what we're here for. We know that if someone can get at least one good meal a day, it can make a huge difference between them staying out of the hospital and in their own homes."

The change has gone pretty smoothly thus far. Community donations allowed the senior centre to add a new stove to its kitchens to accommodate the increasing number of people chowing down there each week, both through Meals on Wheels and its booming congregate meal program (both of which charge \$7.50 per plate).

One thing they do need is more volunteer delivery drivers.

"The drivers who were doing it before, they all came along to here, which was great because we didn't have to find a whole bunch of people just to get it running," Bergen said.

"I have seven drivers right now and it would sure be nice to have at least two or three more," she added, explaining the more drivers, obviously, the longer the shift rotations. The

Meals on Wheels orders go out Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with two drivers working each day to split the 14 or so orders between them.

Drivers need to have access to a vehicle, pass criminal record and abuse registry checks, and be willing to spend a few hours delivering meals around Winkler.

"Timewise, it's about half an hour to an hour each day at lunchtime," Bergen said. "They pick up at 11:30 and by 12 o'clock, quarter after, they're done."

For driver Harry Schmidt, those hours every couple of weeks are just one of the ways he's committed to giving back during his retirement years.

"I started back when it was at Salem a number of years ago," he said, explaining he first heard about Meals

on Wheels from a fellow volunteer at the MCC Thrift Shop. "They needed another driver and I said, okay, I could see myself doing that."

"I just see it as a service for God and my fellow man."

It's a service recipients like Jean-Guy and Betty Fillion certainly appreciate.

Just before enjoying a tasty lunch of sausage and rice last Wednesday, the Fillions shared that they first began ordering

regular meals to their doorstep when Betty fell ill a few months ago.

"I wasn't well and I was finding it hard to make meals," she said. "It's been a great help."

The variety (it's rare the same dish is served up more than once a month) and convenience has been a blessing, said Jean-Guy.

"We appreciate them, we eat them ... and we also very much appreciate the volunteers that bring the meals to us."

If you'd like to get involved with Meals on Wheels, contact Bergen at 204-325-8964 or via email to c.bergen.wsc@gmail.com.

A few more volunteer drivers would also be welcome for the senior centre's Crocus Village meal delivery service on Tuesdays. Contact Bergen for those details.

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Supporters of the Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity helped fill the CFDC with decorated Christmas trees on Saturday at the Christmas at the Museum fundraiser. Above: The day included performances from the Ukrainian United School in Morden.

## \$3K raised for Habitat for Humanity

By Lorne Stelmach

An event last weekend both celebrated the holiday season and supported a worthwhile local organization.

The Winkler-Morden Chapter of Habitat for Humanity hosted its first Christmas at the Museum event at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden on Saturday.

Admission to the museum that day was by donation to Habitat, which raised additional funds by inviting supporters to donate to be able to decorate one of the Christmas trees on display throughout the museum.

"We're always trying to find something new and something different, something that we can call our own," said event organizer Sue Nelson.

The day raised a welcome \$3,000.

"We're really excited with who all came on board," Nelson said, noting organizations represented with trees ranged from 4H and Girl Guides to the Morden Christmas Cheer Board and students from Morden Collegiate. "And there are a bunch of businesses: Coffee Culture was gung ho and on board right away, the Olive Tree was really enthusiastic, Home Hardware has donated a beautiful tree ... and Country Cycle from Winkler is here."

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The event also served to raise awareness about the local chapter as it works towards building its first homes for families in need in Morden and Winkler.

"We're very close to finding out who are families are," Nelson said. "Once the families have been picked, then we can start figuring things out."

"We're looking at about \$180,000. That's sort of the ballpark figure to build the house. By January we should kind of have some more plans and how close we are to building."

"Just getting out and talking about it has increased the visibility of the chapter," Nelson said. "We really want it to be something that the community really takes to heart and becomes part of it."

"It will take everyone in the community to make our first builds a reality."

## Fawn & Cub Market this weekend

The Fawn and Cub Market returns this weekend with its Christmas show and sale Sunday in Morden.

The market runs from 3-8 p.m. at the Access Event Centre and will feature over 85 artisans from all over Manitoba.

"The VIP tickets ... 205 of them ... sold out almost immediately," said organizer Ashley Funk. "We are expecting an even bigger attendance than our fall market. We are projecting about

2,500 people to attend, if not more."

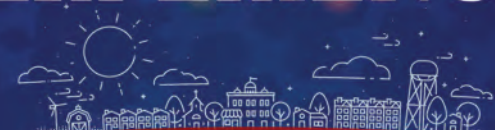
Fawn and Cub held its first market in September at Morden Park with two tents that featured about 100 vendors. Plans are already in the works for more markets in 2019.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at The Olive Tree and at the door.

You can find more information on the Fawn and Cub Facebook and Instagram pages.

Check out the Voice online at [www.winklermordenvoice.ca](http://www.winklermordenvoice.ca)

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# Curl for Critters raises \$1,600 for PVHS

By Lorne Stelmach

The numbers were down a bit this year for the Giant Tiger Curl for Critters in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

The fifth annual fundraiser Saturday attracted seven teams who brought in over \$1,600 for the non-profit organization—a drop from the 11 teams who raised over \$2,300 in 2017.

Organizers nevertheless were very happy to have the support from the community.

“Every little bit helps,” said Megan Rodgers, public re-

lations chairperson for the animal shelter. “We really rely on the success of these fundraisers to care for our animals.”

The funds raised at the bonspiel go towards veterinary expenses, Rodgers explained. The shelter faces significant costs related to ensuring animals are spayed and neutered, up to date on vaccinations, and tattooed before being ad-

opted.

“We encourage people to make a donation or even sign up to be a monthly donor,” she said.

You can learn more about how you can help by heading to [www.pvhsociety.ca](http://www.pvhsociety.ca).

As for the curling, the Hay Day Gamers won the Critter Cup, while the Coons and Buffoons were lauded for the best team costume.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Beverly Hills Chihuahua team of Karen Dow, Russ Rach, Harold Mayert and Nancy Rach were joined in their fifth Curl for Critters bonspiel Saturday by mascot Chico.

## New principal for Border Valley School

Donovan Giesbrecht has been appointed to the term principal position at Border Valley School, Garden Valley School Division announced last week.

Giesbrecht, who currently teaches Gr. 9-12 at Garden Valley Collegiate, will step into his new role Feb. 4. The appointment is effective until

the end of the school year.

Giesbrecht graduated with a bachelor of education degree in 2007 and completed his master's degree in philosophy from the University of Ottawa in 2015. He has taught English, social studies, math, Mennonite Studies, and guidance/resource during his 11 years in GVSD.

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Wrapping rectangular boxes can be a snap, but what about something that's round or full of angles? Think about placing oddly-shaped items inside another item to make the shape more uniform. Shoe boxes, coffee cans and even paper towel rolls can hold items. Then place the wrapping on these containers.

To enable easy exchanges or returns, do not cut off the price tags of gifts. Instead, place a festive sticker over the dollar amount, but leave the scan bar visible. This way the gift recipient can return the gift with ease if necessary.

Devote a bin or bins to wrapping supplies and tools. Having scissors, paper, tape, ribbon, and more in a designated spot will cut down on having to hunt and peck when it comes time to wrap.

Martha Stewart suggests getting a rotary cutter to cut long straight or decorative edges on wrapping paper. Rotary cutters may be easier to use than scissors, especially when paired with a ruler.

Devote a table or counter to wrapping gifts. This will keep the paper taut and neat and make it easier to cut and position. You risk tearing the paper or puncturing it when working on carpeting or bedding.

It's easy to visualize who gets what gift when each recipient has his or her own special wrapping paper. This is also a handy idea when wrapping gifts from Santa, as it will differentiate the Santa gifts from the ones being given by Mom and Dad.

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## African Swine Fever spread remains top of mind

By Harry Siemens

The spread of African Swine Fever remains high on the North American radar.

Tyler Fulton, the director of risk management with h@ms Marketing Services, said that while the impact on the market is somewhat subdued right now, the issue remains the largest source of uncertainty as producers monitor the spread of the illness in China and Europe.

"I think that, regarding the deferred months, the spring and summer prices

for 2019 are probably being supported by the idea that in the longer term we expect more information and the implications might be positive for North American producers," Fulton said. "But there's still a great deal of uncertainty."

"The latest news suggests that the spread of the disease is far greater than what the Chinese officials are reporting," he added.

The official outbreak count is at 50, but news broke recently of infected sausage found in travellers' luggage or on travelling routes to both Japan

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and Taiwan, which "suggests that the disease is already well into the production systems and spread possibly further," Fulton said.

Given the uncertainty in China, there is potential for significant improvements on forward prices.

"I suggest pricing in incremental targets, possibly in the neighbourhood of an additional 10 to 20 per cent of production, \$10 per CKG improvement in price," Fulton said.

Swine fever concerns aside, the successful conclusion of the United States-Mexico-Canada trade negotiations and Canada's ratification of the CPTPP is good news for Canadian pork producers.

"We seem to have reached the tipping

point a little bit concerning positive trade news, in particular with the signing of the USMCA agreement. That still hasn't factored into markets yet," Fulton noted. "The hope is that we will get a resolution to the steel and aluminum tariffs which would see the Mexicans lift their tariff on U.S. pork, which has [made] a material difference to market prices in the last five months or so."

Fulton adds he thinks things are still a long ways off from getting any trade resolution with China. It seems as though there's a pretty big gap, even though it's encouraging the U.S. and Chinese governments continue to talk.

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## Volatility is short-term planning long-term

By Harry Siemens

We're entering the season of farm meetings, planning sessions, and looking back to 2018 as it pertains to going forward into 2019.

The meetings and conferences are so much larger, more intense, and more forward-looking that I sometimes wonder whether we move away from reality.

The report by Farm Credit Canada suggesting that over the long term the fundamentals of supply and demand tend to be the primary factor

that will influence profitability on the farm tweaked my attention.

This FCC trade report—which looked at the impact of price volatility over the past 30 years on soybeans, wheat, canola pork and beef—bears watching.

It said due to an evolving and uncertain international trade environment, Canadian agricultural producers are experiencing commodity price volatility, but that shouldn't significantly impact Canada's long-term export growth potential.

Craig Klemmer, a principle agricultural economist with FCC, said producers are doing an excellent job of managing volatility.

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# Your FARM



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The signing of the CPTPP agreement, meanwhile, bodes very well for Canadian producers, in particular into Japan. "That will cement a matching of the advantage that the EU producers had signed in a bilateral agreement with Japan and will be a significant advantage over U.S. producers regarding their percentage of an applied tariff," Fulton said.

If nothing changes, Canadian producers will have an advantage in that market, but he suspects that it may be short-lived.

With that in mind, hog commentator Jim Long said the European swine industry is in general not currently profitable.

Depending on which country, profits are on either side of just breaking even. The feed grain price has increased in Europe partially due to lower crop yields.

"We get little sense that there is much if any European expansion in the swine sector," Long said.

It amazed Long when attending the EuroTier Trade Show in Hanover, Germany recently how many swine equipment manufacturers were there. The options for buyers

are numerous.

"There was a sense of back to the future with numerous equipment options for what some would call animal welfare," he said. "Farrowing pens, numerous options for loose sow housing, straw spreading machines, lots of different toys for pig pens etc. Rules on housing, space allocation, castration, tail docking are just some of the factors that continue to drive up the European cost of production."

Long said talking to the Chinese visitors with many of the largest swine production companies he got a real sense that the effect of ASF

long-term on China is undetermined.

While at EuroTier, Sichuan—the last large hog producing Chinese province (60 million head a year)—had its first ASF case.

"The question is with all pig producing provinces in China confirming ASF in their pigs, how will that affect interprovincial trade extremely restricted the last few weeks," Long said. "This restriction has created market differences of over \$100 U.S. per head between provinces mostly depending on hog supply relative to packer capacity within a province."

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"Volatility is not new, as we can see from our report, and producers realize that's one of the many challenges they face when they're creating their marketing plans and making decisions about planting intentions or their mix of livestock and crops," he said. "It's something they know is part of their operation and something that they've got to manage their risks for."

Klemmer said volatility usually comes and goes.

"If we think about the long-term side of commodity prices, it's going to be driven by those supply-demand fundamentals, and looking at where we are for overall inventories of crops and inventory levels of livestock out there relative to the demand," he said.

"When we look at these volatilities and these disruptions in the market, those are generally shorter term, one or two years. But when we think about longer term, five to ten years, it trends back to those market fundamentals of supply and demand that drive commodity markets as they have in the past as well."

Klemmer said it's all about building a solid marketing plan, watching the markets, and locking in profits to execute on those plans when there's an opportunity.

I believe that the current crop of younger and many of the older farmers as well are doing those things, especially since the demise of the Canadian Wheat Board and the effect that monopoly had on the thinking of many farmers.

Some farmers only had to retire or let their sons and daughters take over, while others adapted to the new normal, something that still keeps evolving.

Farmers in southern Manitoba have access to many new inland terminals. And with what I saw in my special tour of the Port of Vancouver last Wednesday (I'll have much more to say about that next time), Western Canadian farmers should be happy to know their grain handling and marketing system keeps evolving and getting attention from the world, especially Asia.

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• YEAR OF THE BIRD

# Winter blues

By Paul Goossen, Discovery  
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A flash of blue, a raucous call, a scatter of birds and you know the Blue Jay has arrived at your feeder.

Swinging its bill back and forth, the jay sends sunflower seeds flying out of the feeder and down to the ground. Next, it spies the peanuts and after a few trips these nourishing treats have been transported to secret caches.

The Blue Jay, a striking bird with its bright blue plumage and mobile crest, is a member of the Corvid family which includes crows, ravens and other jays. A rather social and intelligent bird, the Blue Jay has a reputation for being bossy and noisy. They have a variety of calls, sometimes even imitating hawk calls to serve as a warning to other jays or perhaps as a ruse to scare other birds away.

The Blue Jay is less frequently seen and heard in spring and summer. These monogamous jays tend to be quieter during these seasons as they focus on raising their families. In fall,

however, the noise factor jumps as jays wander about together looking for food and communicating with each other.

Speaking of food, this jay is definitely an omnivore. Seeds, insects, nuts, fruit, bird eggs, small animals and even carrion are part of its diet.

Food storage is important for the Blue Jay to ensure availability throughout the long winter. In fall, Blue Jays cache thousands of nuts. The jays are very efficient at transporting these nuts. They can carry up to five acorns during a single trip: 2-3 in their throat and esophagus, one in the mouth, and one in the bill. Then it's off to hide them for future consumption. Some stored nuts are never found, so inadvertently the jays become tree planters, contributing to environmental sustainability.

One of the fascinating aspects of the Blue Jay's plumage is that its blue feathers are not blue but brown. Light hitting the jay's feathers scatters because of the feather structure. Most colours are absorbed and what we see



PHOTO BY PAUL GOOSSEN

is an eye-catching cobalt blue.

Does a Blue Jay get the blues? I don't know, but you can tell its mood by the position of its crest. A flat crest means it is at ease, an erect crest means it is aggressive, excited or surprised, and a bristling crest means it is frightened.

So, if you are getting the winter blues, keep an eye out for the fashionably attired Blue Jay and its con-

fident bravado—its antics may even put a smile on your face.

*Conservation organizations around the world are marking 2018 as the Year of the Bird in recognition of the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Check out this column each month for a snapshot of the diversity of our local feathered friends.*

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# Candlewick's 'Get Schmart' selling out shows

By Lorne Stelmach

The Candlewick Players are offering a twist on a classic television comedy for their annual Christmas dinner theatre production.

They are hitting the stage over the next few weekends with the spoof *Get Schmart*, which is inspired by the 1960s series that satirized the secret agent genre.

Director Richard Klassen is pleased with the strong response that has seen the performances almost fully booked starting with the three shows last weekend in Morden.

There were a few tickets remaining for this Friday's show at the Manitou Opera House at press time, but Dec. 1-2 shows in Winkler were also booked solid.

*Get Schmart* offers both scripted scenes and lots of comedy improvisation around the tale of professor Dr. Elias and his assistant, who have just completed an invention which will change humanity as we know it ... or

at least humanity in southern Manitoba.

But terror will reign across the world if their invention falls into the hands of KAOS, especially when they set their sights on the tiny kingdom of Reinfeld.

Not to worry, though, as the agents of Kontrol are already on the scene to thwart KAOS.

The show not only involves local actors and offers plenty of laughs, but a tasty meal as well.

"With a full course meal prepared by local restaurants and caterers, the entertainment is provided not only during the three act drama but also around the tables, as actors come and join the audience during the meal for some clean fun," explained Klassen.

If you miss *Get Schmart* you can enjoy Candlewick's next production in just a few weeks.

The theatre troupe is joining forces with DanceWorks in presenting *A Christmas Story* with local high school students.



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Candlewick Players is presenting *Get Schmart* to sold-out audiences in Morden and Winkler. A few tickets to Friday's show in Manitou were still available at press time.

The play, based on the classic holiday movie and book by Jean Shepherd, takes place Dec. 15-16 at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden.

For more information, e-mail richard@candlewick.ca, call 204-825-8406, or head online to www.candlewick.ca.

# PHAC hosting cocktails, open mic night

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Hills Arts Council will celebrate the Christmas season with a few special events in the month ahead.

In addition to a Christmas cocktails evening Dec. 7, the Morden gallery will also host an open mic night Thursday, Dec. 20 starting at 7 p.m.

"We're always looking for ways to serve our community," said program and outreach co-ordinator Tricia Dyck of the varied events coming up. "As an arts council, it's not only about visual art, but it's also important to incorporate all the different art forms. So we're trying to be more diverse in what we offer in our programs."

The open mic night is being organized in partnership with the Morden library. It seems like an ideal collaboration for PHAC, Dyck suggested.

"I think a lot of our vision is the same," she said. "There's a whole demographic of people who are writers and poets who perhaps aren't coming forward unless there's an event like this."

The evening is wide open to everyone, she stressed.

"We're looking for anyone who wants to recite spoken word, offer their writings or poetry, storytelling, music, singing," Dyck said, add-

ing holiday themes are welcome but not required. "It's ... a good chance to practice and gain confidence."

The success of the poetry slam night held in September is what led to the open mic idea.

"There were requests for more nights like that ... but we felt that we wanted to incorporate musical arts

and literary arts ... any kind of spoken word or music," Dyck said.

Closer at hand, the cocktails evening will get underway at 7:30 p.m. next Friday night.

A product ambassador from Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries will demonstrate how to make five different Christmas cocktails. The evening will

include drink samples and appetizers. Tickets are \$45 per person.

In addition to these events, the gallery will be open for late-night shopping from noon to 8 p.m. Thursdays in December and Fri., Dec. 21 before it closes for the holidays Dec. 22 to Jan. 2.

# Morden arts festival forms available Dec. 7

The Morden Festival of the Arts is preparing for its 44th season in 2019.

The festival provides a venue for student performance, instruction, and adjudication in the areas of band, strings, sacred, piano, vocal/choral, and French and English speech arts.

The tentative schedule for the festival is band Feb. 13, strings March 10-12, sacred evening March 17, piano March 17-20, vocal/choral April 9-10, and speech arts April 15-17. The highlights concert will wrap things up on April 28.

The Morden Festival of the Arts uses the provincial syllabus 2015 edition

for all class names and numbers. A copy of the syllabus can be found at all Morden school libraries as well as the Morden library. Copies of speech arts selections are also available at each of the school libraries.

Dates to keep in mind:

- Dec. 7: Entry forms will be available at all school offices, the Morden library, and online at [www.mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org](http://www.mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org).

- Jan. 25: Post-marked deadline for submission of entry forms by mail.

- Volunteers will collect entries from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Maple Leaf School on Jan. 30 and from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. at École Morden Middle School on Jan. 31. Morden Collegiate students can hand their entries in at ÉMMS. Entry forms can also be handed in at the Minnewasta School office Jan. 30-31.

- Jan. 31: Final deadline for all 2019 festival entries.

Anyone interested in assisting in individual sessions can call volunteer co-ordinator Marlene Britton at 204-822-5794.

For more festival information, check the website listed above or contact Erika Dyck at 204-822-6825.

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DanceWorks brought together their young dancers and actors to collaborate on a journey to Middle Earth with their presentation of *A Hobbit's Tale* Nov. 16-17. The production at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden offered a mix of theatre and dance and involved over 140 students from throughout the region.

## A Hobbit's Tale



## Cowboy Valley Collective hosting concert Dec. 8

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Cowboy hats and boots are optional at the Cowboy Christmas concert taking place at the Morden Alliance Church next weekend.

Everyone is welcome as the Cowboy Valley Collective hosts its third annual holiday show on Saturday, Dec. 8, says organizer and ministry pastor Blair Bates.

"You can be a cowboy or a cowboy at heart," he said. "It's a family-orientated event. Children are welcome."

*The Joy of Christmas* features the musical stylings of Eli Barsi and her husband John Cunningham.

The duo offer Christmas carols and other favourites in styles ranging from Western roots to folk, bluegrass to country.

"Eli and John are professional musicians and just absolutely entertaining," Bates said. "It's just pure entertainment."

Originally a Saskatchewan farm girl, Barsi's career as a professional musician and entertainer has taken her

around the world over the past three decades.

Her accolades include Saskatchewan Roots Artist and Roots Album of the Year awards and the USA Wrangler Award for Best Composition for her latest album, *Portrait of a Cowgirl*.

Bates himself will take the stage as the evening's opening act.

The Kelowna, B.C. native has been sharing his music for over 25 years, performing from the west coast to the Prairies.

His inspiration as a singer-songwriter, Bates said, come from his days on his grandfather's farm in Alberta, his faith in God, and the cowboy way of life he lives today.

The show starts at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Donations to help cover concert costs will be gratefully accepted following the performance.

More details about the Cowboy Valley Collective are available on their Facebook page.



Eli Barsi joins husband John Cunningham and opening act Blair Bates on stage for *The Joy of Christmas* in Morden next week.

## Tickets on sale for Opera House Christmas

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming Christmas celebration will serve as another fundraiser for the Manitou Opera House.

*An Opera House Christmas* on Fri., Dec. 14 will feature a number of musical acts with the proceeds going towards bringing the opera house foundation even closer to erasing its debt from the major expansion and renovations at the historic property.

"We're making really good progress," Jennifer Dobson said of their fundraising, which had surpassed \$1.3 million as of 2017 and may be just a handful of events away from having the project entirely paid off.

"We're hoping to have it paid off in 2019," she noted. "We're whittling down that debt ... it is exciting. I think

we're going to have to plan a celebration once we get there."

The accessibility project consisted of a 2,175 square foot addition on the southeast side of the original building and included wheelchair access to the main floor, accessible washrooms, and a meeting room and kitchen area situated off a central foyer space.

The addition of an 800 sq. ft. space to the east end of the building provided storage for the grand piano during theatre productions, access to the main stage for large groups, and room for a backstage loading ramp and loading doors.

The opera house will be dressed up in style to ring with the sounds of Christmas old and new for the Dec. 14 show, which gets underway at 8 p.m.

The concert will include music rang-

ing from the traditional to the modern, sacred to secular. The lineup includes The Friesen Family, Manitou Community Band, Landon Booker, On the Edge, Tina Morgan, Lindy and Laurie and also welcomes back community favourite Wing and a Prayer.

Dobson said concertgoers can expect song and narrative intertwined to evoke a festive mood that will heighten the spirit of the season.

"It is intended to be a fundraiser, but it's also to be a nice Christmas community event for everybody," she said. "It will be all Christmas music, and it's all local talent ... all people from around the area."

Tickets are \$15 (free for students) and are available at Sam's Foods in Manitou, from Manitou Coffee House Musicians, or by calling 204-242-2794.



# Penner Waste lends Habitat a helping hand

Penner Waste supported the Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity with a \$1,000 donation last Friday. "We just appreciate what Habitat for Humanity does ... I think everybody should have a home at some point of time that they can call their own," said owner Jake Penner, here making the presentation with wife Barb to Duane Falk, chairperson of the local chapter. Falk expressed appreciation for having a local business believe in their mission. "It just gets us that one step closer to building our first home in our local area," he said.

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## Thieves bust into local gun shop

Thieves made away with a number of guns after ramming their truck into a local gun shop early Tuesday morning.

Winkler police responded to an alarm at Dominion Outdoors on 1st St. just after 3:30 a.m. on Nov. 27. Upon arriving at the scene, officers found a large hole in the front of the store.

The preliminary investigation has determined that a stolen truck was backed through the front wall of the store. A large number of handguns and long guns were stolen from the business.

The truck and suspects then fled the scene.

The stolen truck was later recovered outside of Winkler.

Winkler police continue to investigate.

Police are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact them at 204-325-0829 or Manitoba Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## Winkler arena back up and running Friday

The Winkler Centennial Arena is slated to re-open this weekend after a four-week shut-down.

"We are thrilled to share that all of the changes, updates, retro-fits, etc. have gone well over the last few weeks and, barring any unforeseen circumstances, we will once again have ice ready for use on Friday, Nov. 30, just in time for a Pee Wee hockey tournament," Winkler recreation director Deb Penner said last Thursday.

The rink's ice machine unexpectedly broke down late last month, requiring the city to order in new equipment from Ontario and shut down until it could be installed.

Local user groups have been holding practices and playing home games in the surrounding communities ever since.

Now, arena staff expect to make ice this Friday in time for minor hockey games that evening.

"After that, we will resume the original schedule that was in place for Dec. 1," Penner said.

"We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this process, including the users, staff, and CIMCO who helped make this happen as quickly and efficiently as possible."

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Morden's Karl Fey blows around Winkler's Cole Smith en route to an 11-1 victory for the Redskins on Sunday. The win bolstered Morden's record to 4-2-0-1 for third place. Winkler is at 2-6.

## Hawks fall to Avros, Wildcats

### Ladies drop to sixth place in close midget league standings

By Lorne Stelmach

The road hasn't been kind for the female Pembina Valley Hawks so far this season.

The Hawks lost 4-1 last Wednesday to the third place Winnipeg Avros in their first meeting of the season and then were edged 3-1 Sunday in Hartney by the first place Westman Wildcats.

It was the third consecutive road loss for the Hawks, who have dropped three of their last four games after having rattled off four straight wins.

Kaila Powell scored the lone Pembina Valley goal in the second period

against Westman, while Kadynce Romijn stopped 26 of the 29 shots she faced in goal for the Hawks, who managed 28 shots themselves.

After a scoreless first period last Wednesday, the Hawks trailed 2-1 after 40 minutes against Winnipeg. The Wild put it away with two more in the third period, including an empty netter.

Breanna Millions scored the lone Pembina Valley goal, while Romijn kept the Hawks in the game in stopping 36 of 39 shots overall. The Hawks could only muster 20 shots on net.

The team's record slipped to 6-5-1 for 13 points, but in the tight stand-

ings that meant they dropped down to sixth place. They are just one back of the Eastman Selects at 14, two behind the Central Plains Capitals at 15, three back of the Avros at 16, and four behind the Yellowhead Chiefs at 17. Westman is on top at 10-2-1 for 21 points.

The lone league game for the Hawks this weekend is a rematch against Westman Saturday in Morden.

They also play a pair of exhibition games starting Friday in Winnipeg against Balmoral Hall and then Sunday in Morden against the Pilot Mound Hockey Academy.

## Redskins crush Royals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins soundly trounced the Winkler Royals Sunday night at the Access Event Centre.

The 11-1 Morden victory was a four-goal night for Redskin Mike Rey. Also contributing for the home team were Jordan Valentino with two and Jay Fehr, Michael Wirth, Tyler Grove, David Victor, and Tommy Wieler with singles.

Scoring Winkler's lone goal amidst the Redskins' onslaught was Michael Moore.

Morgan Wall manned Morden's net, making 40 saves. Across the rink, Trevor Hiebert made 45 saves for the Royals.

The Redskins had a similarly high-scoring game against the Altona Maroons a few nights earlier.

Morden won that one 9-2, with Rey scoring five goals. Other Redskins who found the back of the net were Karl Fey, Dallas Holenski, Jay Fehr, and Grove.

Reed Peters was between the posts this night, making 36 saves.

The Royals, meanwhile, didn't fare much better against the Notre Dame Hawks Nov. 21.

They lost that game 8-2, despite a heroic effort from goalie Devon Wiebe, who made 53 saves. Marlin Froese and Brett Harder scored for Winkler.

The SEMHL standings at press time had Morden in third place with a 4-2-0-1 season thus far for nine points. They trail Portage in first (11 points) and Carman in second (10 points).

Winkler, with just one win and six losses, are at the bottom of the standings alongside Notre Dame with two points.

Coming up this weekend, Morden travels to play Carman Saturday and Winkler hosts Portage on Sunday.



# Winkler Flyers drop three in a row to Natives, Blizzard

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers are looking to right the ship this week after dropping three games straight.

The trouble started in the Nov. 20 game against Neepawa, which went the Natives' way 5-1.

Despite Winkler outshooting their opponents 37-32, only Colton Friesen found the mark with his shot 4:44 into the first period, tying the game at 1-1.

The Natives added two goals each in the remaining two periods on the way to victory. Riley Morgan took the loss in net for the Flyers, making 27 saves, while across the ice Neepawa's Kolby Thornton stood tall with 36 saves.

Friday night's match against the Blizzard in OCN was a much closer affair, but still didn't go Winkler's way.

Brody Moffatt scored for Winkler 10 minutes into the second frame, tying the game at 1-1.

Jayden McCarthy pulled the Flyers into the lead 2-1 in the final period's first five minutes, but OCN got two quick goals in the 13th minute for a 3-2 win.

Winkler's Collin Caulfield and Jayden McCarthy tangle with Neepawa's Mackenzie Belinski behind goalie Riley Morgan in the Nov. 20 5-1 Flyers loss.

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Britt League was in net this game for Winkler, making 35 saves as the Blizzard took the lead on shots 38-30.

The Flyers got another crack at OCN the very next night, but failed to score at all, giving the game to the Blizzard 4-0.

OCN got all its goals past League in the second period, where 13 of the 23 shots overall on net came his way. The Flyers, meanwhile, had 25 shots on goal.

With that, Winkler is in ninth place in the standings with a 12-12-2 record

for 26 points, up three points over OCN and seven ahead of Neepawa.

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

The Flyers kick off December by hosting Steinbach next Tuesday.

# Male Hawks split pair against Kenora Thistles

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks split a pair of home games with the Kenora Thistles this past weekend.

It cost the AAA male Hawks a chance to move up a notch in the standings as the 5-2 win Saturday followed by the 6-3 loss Sunday left the two teams tied in eighth place at 20 points, though Kenora is one win up on Pembina Valley to make them even with the Winnipeg Bruins.

The Hawks controlled the game Saturday as they fired 41 shots Kenora's way while limiting the Thistles to just 19. Dylan Meilun got the win in net.

Riley Goertzen, Zander Carels, Andrew Boucher, Cameron Brunn and Roux Bazin all scored goals, while Campbell Enns chipped in with a pair of assists.

Kenora picked up their game Sunday, though they needed a four goal outburst in the third period to break open a game that was tied 1-1 and 2-2 at the intermissions.

Scoring for the Hawks was Michael Hlady (with two) and Tyson Allison. Meilun made 21 saves but took the loss as his teammates outshot the Thistles 30-27.

Earlier last week, the Hawks fell 5-1

to the first place Winnipeg Wild, who have so far only lost one of their 19 games to lead the league at 36 points.

The Hawks trailed the Wild 2-0 and 3-1 at the intermissions as Winnipeg connected on two of their three powerplay opportunities that game. Derek Wiebe scored the lone Pem-

bina Valley goal one minute into the second period.

Brock Moroz started in goal for the Hawks and stopped 15 of 18 shots before being relieved after the third Wild goal 25 seconds into the second period. Meilun then stopped 26 of 28 shots the rest of the way.

The Hawks have an opportunity to gain a bit of ground this weekend as they welcome the cellar dwelling Norman Northstars to Morden for a doubleheader Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

# Twisters extend streak to seven

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters extended their winning streak to seven games and set up a first place showdown this week.

A 7-6 shootout win Saturday over the Stonewall Jets drew the Twisters even with the top-ranked Raiders, who then paid a visit to Morris Tuesday. The result of that match was not

available at press time.

Pembina Valley had trailed 2-1 and 4-3 at the intermissions before drawing even in the third period and forcing overtime against the Jets.

The extra time settled nothing, so it then went to the shootout. There, T.J. Matuszewski and Travis Penner connected for the Twisters to win it. Goalie Travis Klassen stopped two of the three Stonewall shooters.

The victory improved the Twisters to 12-2-2 for 26 points, while the Raiders were at 13-3-0 going into Tuesday's game.

Pembina Valley concludes a three game homestand Friday when they welcome the seventh place Transcona Railer Express. They then head to Winnipeg Sunday to take on the River East Royal Knights.

# GVC Zodiacs best Thunder, Cougars

The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs had a winning weekend in Zone 4 high school hockey.

GVC downed Morden 9-3 last Friday night and then bested Carman 3-2 on Saturday.

The Thunder, meanwhile, also lost to

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# Morden Thunder hosting Christmas Cheer game Mon.

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Thunder are once again doing their part to help spread some joy this holiday season.

The high school boys hockey game next Monday against the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks will also serve as the team's annual Christmas Cheer game. Puck drops at the Access Event Centre at 7:30 p.m.

In past years, the Thunder have taken on the Guns 'N Hoses team made up of local police and firefighters, but scheduling conflicts necessitated

a change.

Though their opponents may be different this year, what's not is the fact that team will be collecting donations of money, non-perishable food items, and new toys at the game for donation to the Morden Christmas Cheer Board.

The evening will also include a Chuck a Puck game, with proceeds

going to the hamper campaign.

Thunder players are also planning to lend a helping hand in the community by stopping by Giant Tiger this Friday to help customers with their groceries in exchange for donations.

"This program has had a long tradition of participating in this for Christmas Cheer, and we obviously wanted to continue with it," said Thunder

coach Doug Schellenberg.

"Hopefully, the skills that they can learn while doing this kind of thing will transfer to other areas of life," he said. "Every year, there's always a good response from parents who say that, for the kids, how doing this kind of thing really impacted them."

## > ZODIACS, FROM PG. 23

the Morris Mavericks 7-0 on Nov. 21.

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate

Nighthawks lost 10-5 to the W.C. Mill-

er Aces on Friday and then beat the

Cougars 5-3 Monday night.

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> GAMES

### SUDOKU

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Sudoku Answer

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Doctor's clothes
- 7. NYC ballplayer
- 10. Flying vessels
- 12. Created
- 13. Convert
- 14. WWII battle
- 15. A cravat with wide square ends
- 16. Month in the Jewish calendar
- 17. Value
- 18. Brews
- 19. Child's eating accessory
- 21. Arrived extinct
- 22. Of the sea
- 27. Potato state
- 28. Leading man
- 33. Blood type
- 34. Oppressed
- 36. "Much \_\_\_ about nothing"
- 37. World's longest river
- 38. deGrom and Sale are two
- 39. Crafty
- 40. At all times
- 41. Twins great Hunter
- 44. Volcanic craters
- 45. Outpouring
- 48. Where a baby sleeps
- 49. Dancing a Brazilian dance
- 50. Unhealthy
- 51. Manufacturers

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Prevents harm to young
- 2. The Muse of history
- 3. Fascinated by
- 4. Unnilhexium
- 5. Honey maker

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- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 7. They hang out with papas
- 8. German river
- 9. Domain name
- 10. Type of chair
- 11. Fill someone with an urge
- 12. Sorceress
- 14. Unpleasant smell
- 17. Leg (slang)
- 18. Farewell
- 20. A life summary
- 23. Merchants
- 24. Southeastern Nigerians
- 25. Of I
- 26. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Atomic #3 (abbr.)

- 30. A type of sister
- 31. Omission of a sound
- 32. Screaming
- 35. Ottoman title
- 36. Sour
- 38. Take advantage of
- 40. Nobleman
- 41. Cathode ray was one
- 42. Long, winding ridge
- 43. Muckraking journalist
- 44. Defunct phone company
- 45. Military telecommunications term (abbr.)
- 46. Supervises flying
- 47. Firearms manufacturer



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## CAREERS



## Field Trial Agronomist

DL Seeds is currently seeking a mature individual to fill a Field Trial Agronomist position within the Canola Breeding program. There are two positions available: 1 Term - April - October, and 1 full-time permanent, both positions will be based out of Morden, Manitoba

Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- o Research and field activities for DL Seeds Canola Breeding program including: seedbed preparation, seed setup, seed treating, plot seeding, field staking, cultivating, spraying, data collection, harvesting and post-harvest activities.
- o Collect agronomic data and submit in a timely fashion.
- o Review and amend standard operation procedures (SOPs) and safe work procedures (SWPs) as required on a regular basis.
- o Operate small plot research equipment including tractor, seeder, sprayer and combine.
- o Maintenance of Small plot equipment
- o Provide technical support for DL Seeds commercial distributors.

To be considered for this position, you should:

- o Have a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and/or equivalent knowledge and experience in agronomy.
- o Several years with research plot experience would be an asset
- o Have strong working knowledge of canola crop production in Western Canada.
- o Possess good interpersonal, teamwork, and communication skills
- o Possess, or be able to obtain Class 3 driver's license. Comfortable with hauling equipment on trailers.
- o Excellent organizational, time management skills and team interactive skills
- o Work with minimum supervision and as part of a team.

**Salary will be competitive, based on experience.**

**Closing Date: December 7, 2018**

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Please forward applications by email to: [dlshr@dlseeds.ca](mailto:dlshr@dlseeds.ca)

## CAREERS



## Agronomy – General Laborer

DL Seeds is currently seeking a mature individual to fill an **Agronomy – General Laborer** position within the Canola Breeding program. The position is full-time permanent and based out of Morden, Manitoba Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- o Lead maintenance of all small plot equipment –including, but not limited to: tractors, sprayers, and combines
- o Facility and yard maintenance
- o Fleet Maintenance
- o Support research and field activities for the DL Seeds Canola Breeding program including: seedbed preparation, seed setup, seed treating, plot seeding, field staking, cultivating, spraying, data collection, harvesting and post-harvest activities.
- o Operate small plot research equipment.

To be considered for this position, you should:

- o Post-secondary education in Agriculture or equivalent knowledge and experience in Agriculture.
- o Experience in equipment maintenance and repair would be an asset
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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF MORDEN 2019 FINANCIAL PLAN

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act, the Council of the City of Morden invite all ratepayers of the City of Morden to a Public Hearing in respect to the 2019 Financial Plan (Budget) for the City of Morden. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested persons to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan.

A presentation of the Financial Plan will be made at the Morden Civic Centre, 100-195 Stephen St, Morden, Manitoba on **Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** Copies of the Financial Plan will be available on December 12, 2018.

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To the attention of Christopher G. Doell

## NOTICE OF HEARING

### UNDER THE HIGHWAYS PROTECTION ACT

### THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Highway Traffic Board will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 204-301 Weston Street, Winnipeg MB R3E 3H4 Phone: (204) 945-8912.

#### PERMITS - PART I -

#### SECTION 9 H.P.A. AND PART III -

#### SECTION 17 H.P.A.

#### 2/032/161/AC/18 -

#### WILLIE REMPEL

Application to Legalize and Change the Use of Access Driveway to Joint Use (Agricultural) onto P.T.H. No. 32, Lots 1 & 2, Block 4, SP Plan 2016, N.E. ¼ 28-1-4W, R.M. of Stanley (Hochfeld).

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

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#### Qualifications:

- Minimum Grade XII academic achievement
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#### Other related skills:

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Submit resumes, including references, by email to [dmartens@cityofwinkler.ca](mailto:dmartens@cityofwinkler.ca) no later than November 30, 2018.

The City of Winkler wishes to thank all prospective applicants; however only those candidates selected for consideration will be contacted.



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### CITY OF WINKLER - PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL NO. 43 - BY-LAW NO. 2221-18 FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 11th day of December, 2018 at 7 p.m. to the present the following special service proposal:

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL SERVICES PLAN NO. 43

Council is proposing to replace Special Service By-Law No. 2083-12, dated January 22, 2013, to modify the properties that are subject to the special service tax for police and fire protection services to more equitably reflect those properties receiving and paying for the services. The proposed special service levy will not be a new tax, but will be a separate levy to transparently reflect the costs for police and fire protection services, and will be levied on all rateable property including otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler limits, at estimated costs as follows:

2019	Up to \$4,135,000	2022	Up to \$5,065,000
2020	Up to \$4,424,000	2023	Up to \$5,420,000
2021	Up to \$4,734,000	2024	Up to \$5,799,000

The method of taxation to be applied shall be based on the portioned value of assessable property. The assessed property is all rateable properties, including otherwise exempt properties, within the City of Winkler. The mill rate shall be determined by Council annually, based on the annual police protection and fire protection budgets set out in the City of Winkler's Financial Plan, to a maximum annual levy as per the estimated costs above. The actual assessed values of the properties will be supplied annually by the Department of Local Government (preliminary 2019 - \$810,677,320). Estimated budget for 2019: \$4,135,000.00 / (\$810,677,320 / 1000) = 5.10 mills. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$250,000 (portioned value of \$112,500) and based on 2019 estimated budget and assessment, a \$573.75 special service tax will be levied for police and fire protection services.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the Special Services Plan No. 43 are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at [www.cityofwinkler.ca](http://www.cityofwinkler.ca).

Dated at the City of Winkler this 14th day of November, 2018, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

Barb Dyck, City Manager  
City of Winkler 204-325-9524

## NOTICES



### CITY OF WINKLER - PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL NO. 42 - BY-LAW NO. 2220-18 FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, STREET LIGHTING AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 11th day of December, 2018 at 7 p.m. to the present the following special service proposal:

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL SERVICES PLAN NO. 42

Council is proposing to replace Special Service By-Law No. 2084-12, dated February 12, 2013, to provide for highway maintenance services, street lighting services, and snow removal services. The proposed special service levy will not be a new tax, but will be a separate levy to transparently reflect the costs of highway maintenance, street lighting, and snow removal, and will be levied on all rateable property including otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler limits, at estimated costs as follows:

2019	Up to \$1,254,000	2022	Up to \$1,467,000
2020	Up to \$1,321,000	2023	Up to \$1,545,000
2021	Up to \$1,392,000	2024	Up to \$1,628,000

The method of taxation to be applied shall be based on the portioned value of assessable property. The assessed property is all rateable properties, including otherwise exempt properties, within the City of Winkler. The mill rate shall be determined by Council annually, based on the annual highway maintenance services, street lighting services, and snow removal services budgets set out in the City of Winkler's Financial Plan, to a maximum annual levy as per the estimated costs above. The actual assessed values of the properties will be supplied annually by the Department of Local Government (preliminary 2019 - \$810,677,320). Estimated budget for 2019: \$1,254,000.00 / (\$810,677,320 / 1000) = 1.55 mills. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$250,000 (portioned value of \$112,500) and based on 2019 estimated budget and assessment, a \$174.38 special service tax will be levied.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the Special Services Plan No. 42 are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at [www.cityofwinkler.ca](http://www.cityofwinkler.ca).

Dated at the City of Winkler this 13th day of November, 2018, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

Barb Dyck, City Manager  
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