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Kids check out the gingerbread creations at the Winkler tree lighting festivities at the library Nov. 24. For more photos, see Pg. 2.

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Clockwise from above:
The holiday displays in
Bethel Heritage Park were
lit up last week just in
time for the city's Christ-
mas celebration; the
evening included free hot
cocoa and cookies; Kathy
Krahn's gingerbread train
won the People's Choice
Award; Katelyn Bueckert,
Teemu Peters, and Jason
Guenther were in charge
of the scavenger hunt.



Gingerbread house competition a hit at city's holiday celebration

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler celebrated the start of the holiday season last week with a celebration at the Winkler Li-

brary and Bethel Heritage Park.
Hot chocolate and cookies were on tap inside the library, while outside families strolled through the park to check out the Christmas light displays and hunt for items in a scavenger hunt.
The evening also included the unveiling of what organizers hope will be the first annual gingerbread house competition.
Nine local artists, dignitaries, and celebrities were given one of three different gingerbread kits and urged to get creative, says city events coordinator Deb Penner.
"I encouraged creativity. That was the only rule," she said. "And every single one of them, in my mind, went above and beyond."
Several participants took the kits they were given and transformed them into something

else entirely.
"The Color, for example, had a train kit but they went ahead and turned it into a tour bus and a trailer," Penner said, also pointing to artist Sue Denison's piece, which took the village kit and placed the houses in a metal tree to create a multi-level bird house.
Winning the People's Choice nod was Winkler Arts and Culture's Kathy Krahn for her Kit Kat Bridge display.
A close second was Mayor Martin Harder and his wife Valerie's gingerbread city, which included Winkler landmarks like the water tower and the Bethel Heritage Park fountain.
All of the gingerbread houses will be on display at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre until next month.



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Police make arrest in sexual assault

A 21-year-old Carman man is facing charges of sexual assault after an incident in Winkler last week.
On Nov. 19 just after 7 p.m., Winkler police and

paramedics responded to a report of a female who had been assaulted at a residence on 4th St.
Police found a 20-year-old woman suffering

CFDC exhibit on display at Morden middle school

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre welcomes many field trips, but this time it is one of its displays that is going to local schools.

An exhibit developed to mark the 45th anniversary of the former Morden museum will be at École Morden Middle School until the end of the school year.

Field and collection manager Victoria Markstrom said they see this as another way to make connections to the community and draw people to the centre.

"We decided to take it out into the community and make it sort of an outreach," said Markstrom, noting they are particularly interested in stirring up more interest among the youth. "Hopefully that will get them interested and get them into the CFDC to see the rest of our exhibits."

The display, which was set up at the school last week, features a timeline

of the museum's development, including some significant events and discoveries.

It is accompanied by a small exhibit of key fossil specimens, including pieces of their most famous plesiosaurs and mosasaurs.

"I tried to show representative samples of what we have," Markstrom said.

She sees it possibly building on what is already a strong interest in fossils for many youth.

"We're trying to foster that ... trying to really ignite the passion in young children," she said. "We hope that it will garner enough attention that other schools might want it in their libraries."

The CFDC's Victoria Markstrom with the exhibit now on display at École Morden Middle School.

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from serious injuries to her upper body. The victim was transported to hospital by ambulance where she was treated for her injuries and has since been released.

The investigation revealed that the victim had been associating with some friends at the residence when a 21-year-old male, who was known to her, asked the victim to have sex with him.

Police say that when she refused, the male violently sexually assaulted her until shortly before officers arrived, at which time the man fled the residence.

The next day, officers located and

arrested the man at a residence in Carman.

Austin William Swark has been charged with aggravated sexual assault, uttering threats, break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence, forcible confinement, attempt to overcome resistance by choking, theft under \$5,000, obstructing justice by bribery, two counts of breach of undertaking, and two counts of breach of probation.

Swark was remanded in custody to await his first appearance in court in Portage la Prairie this week.



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Documentary shines a light on the CO experience

By Ashleigh Viveiros

"I wasn't about to go to war ... I didn't want to kill anybody."

This from 91-year-old Isaac Peters, who registered as a conscientious objector in the Second World War and spent two years working as a farm labourer as a form of alternative service.

Peters was one of about 200 people who came out to the Winkler Senior Centre last week for a screening of *The Last Objectors*, a documentary about the experiences of Canada's COs.

More than 11,000 men, many of them Mennonite, refused to take up arms during the war on the grounds of their faith. Instead, they spent the war years working in forestry camps, farms, hospitals, and asylums. Some eventually served on the frontline as unarmed medics.

Filmmaker Andrew Wall interviewed more than 15 COs from across Canada, including a few from the Winkler area, for the documentary, which has aired twice on national television since its release this summer.

At the screening last week, Mennonite Heritage Centre archivist Conrad Stoesz, who worked with Wall on the project, stressed the importance of preserving these stories.

"This is an underrepresented story in Canada," he says. "Canada's had provisions for conscientious objectors since 1793. It's part of who we are as a country, part of our identity."

The heritage centre has been collecting documents of the CO experience for decades, but the film allowed them to hear the stories of service from the men themselves and share those experiences with a much wider audience.

"If we want to move the country towards, move the world towards a more peaceful existence, we need to have peace examples, peace heroes," Stoesz says. "And this is one example of people who stood for peace."

To get the film made, Stoesz and Wall submitted a grant application to Heritage Canada's World Wars Commemoration Fund.

After over a year of paperwork, they finally secured the funding they needed to make the documentary a reality.

But time wasn't on their side.

"The clock was ticking," Stoesz says. "They're in their nineties now and

"THIS IS AN UNDER-REPRESENTED STORY IN CANADA ... IT'S PART OF WHO WE ARE AS A COUNTRY."

there's not a whole many of them left that can articulately tell their story."

"Time is growing short when these men will still be with us, so we're very pleased to get them on film."

'THEY BUILT SUCH BONDS'

Judy Hildebrand travelled from Crystal City to watch the documentary last week and to see if she could catch a glimpse of her father, Dietrich Zacharias, who spent his CO years working as a labourer at Riding Mountain National Park.

"I saw my dad three times," she says. "It's pretty exciting to see those photos. It's interesting that in the photos they're always smiling. There was so much camaraderie, they built such bonds."

Her father, who had grown up on a farm south of Morden, used to tell her stories about his time working at the national park.

"He had some good memories, but I think, overall, it was a very hard time," says Hildebrand. "They were needed



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Mennonite Heritage Centre archivist Conrad Stoesz (centre) chats with audience members after a showing of the documentary *The Last Objectors* at the Winkler Senior Centre last week.

at home."

That certainly echoes Peters' own memories of the war years.

The Osterwick native was a teenager when he was sent to work on a farm near Morris from 1944-1945.

"I was 18 and I thought by the time I was back, because the war could last a long time, by the time I was back I thought all the nice girls were going to be married," he laughs. "You wondered what was going to happen and when we would ever be able to go back home to normal social life."

Peters says the work was hard and often lonely, but he felt he was serving his country in a way that aligned with his Mennonite faith.

Documentaries like *The Last Objectors* ensure future generations know

the struggles their forebears went through, he says.

"So that the younger people will know what it was like," Peters says, adding that "some people have had bad experiences with soldiers and other people treating them like dirt."

Peters has happy memories as well, though, such as they day the war ended.

"I ran to the Model-T and I blew the horn," he says. "We didn't know when we'd get home, but we knew it was a lot closer than it had been."

If you'd like to arrange a screening of *The Last Objectors*, contact the Mennonite Heritage Centre.

You can also learn more about Canada's conscientious objectors online at alternativeservice.ca.

RBC gives back to Morden senior centre

Sandra Lawrence, left, and Rosanne Reichert, right, supported the Morden 55 Plus Activity Centre recently with two \$500 grants through the RBC employee grant program that supports volunteer efforts of Royal Bank employees. They made the presentation to board member Pat Bonner. "It's a great place to be for seniors ... great for your health ... good for your well being," said Lawrence, while Reichert added "I love the centre. It's a second home."



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Breaking the silence

By Lorne Stelmach

One of Canada's newest senators came to Morden stressing the need for dialogue on issues of violence and women's rights.

Making a presentation entitled *When Wrongs Trump Rights: Rape as a Weapon of War*, Marilou McPhedran stressed at the heart of these issues is a silence that comes in many shapes and forms.

Silencing occurs on many levels, she noted, including self-silencing as well as at the community, family, congregational, and organizational levels.

She addressed "how silence contributes to a perpetuation of various forms of violence ... where people don't even raise their voice."

McPhedran encouraged communities to create alliances and build on the existing resources to help better address these issues.

"We need to build on what is happening in our community where violence is being addressed in a number of ways ... and we need to build out the alliances from there," she said in her address Saturday that was part of the local Diversitas speaker series.

"We need to create the systems, the mechanisms and the environ-

ments where people have a place to go where they know there is going to be a response of concern, of respectful listening.

"All the children in our community are deserving of being able to live their lives free of violence and free of the threat of violence."

McPhedran touched on being part of the Institute for International Women's Rights of Manitoba, which she described as a grassroots organization that aims to bring together groups and individuals who are concerned about women's rights issues.

A current 16 day action campaign ending Dec. 10 also marks the Dec. 6 anniversary of the shooting of 14 female engineering students in Montreal—for whom McPhedran had 14 roses with her as she gave her presentation.

As well, she emphasized the need for this dialogue to continue to focus on issues like the murdered and missing aboriginal women and the truth and reconciliation process in Canada.

"I've been paying a lot of attention to what are the dynamics of truth and reconciliation," said McPhedran.

She stressed the importance of the truth and reconciliation process and to recognize the abuse and the damage done through our legacy of the

"ALL THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE DESERVING OF BEING ABLE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES FREE OF VIOLENCE."

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Mordenite charged in St. Adolphe drug bust

A Morden man is facing drug charges in connection with a grow op bust in St. Adolphe earlier this fall.

On Oct. 22, St. Pierre-Jolys RCMP seized 300 marijuana plants in various stages of growth from a residence in St. Adolphe.

Jason Reimer, 41, of Morden, has

since been charged with production of a controlled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of a controlled substance under the Controlled Drug and Substances Act.

He made his first court appearance last week.



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Marilou McPhedran presented *When Wrongs Trump Rights* Saturday in Morden as part of the Diversitas speaker series. Behind her are 14 roses in memory of the 14 female engineering students killed in Montreal on Dec. 6, 1989.

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Finding healing as a society

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residential schools in Canada.

"We are far, far away from being able to heal on an individual community and country basis from that legacy of racism and violence," said McPhedran.

"We are by no means the first country to undergo this," she noted, adding though "in many of the other countries ... truth and reconciliation commissions came after a period of outright civil war."

We need to understand, however, that this issue is still a form of war.

"This was also, in my opinion as a human rights expert, a genocide ... much more in the way of a cultural genocide," she stressed.

Questioned on where and how forgiveness comes into play on these issues, McPhedran said sometimes it is just a matter of acceptance in order to move forward.

"Forgiveness is an individualized, very personal journey," she said. "For some, forgiveness is a release and is liberating and for others is simply not attainable because it doesn't ring true."

McPhedran does feel though that a shift has been taking place that has "raised a level of awareness in our country that hasn't been seen before."

She also reflected on her recent appointment to the Canadian Senate, where she suggested significant reform is taking place with appointments of members as independents without allegiance to a particular party.

It's not to say they may not have or had affiliations with a particular party, but "it does mean we are not going into the Senate under the discipline of one particular party."

McPhedran also had observations to offer on the recent U.S. election and compared it the direction taken in

"WE ARE BY NO MEANS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO UNDERGO THIS."

Canada.

"The big shift in Canada in changing the government was because the millennials did vote ... millions voted who had never voted before. Number were higher in that demographic than anything we had seen," she said.

"Exactly the opposite happened in the United States. The millennials did not vote ... and many of the people who did vote voted from a dark place ... from that place of wanting to believe in a bully as a strong leader ... a bully who can return to some kind of dominant society where only certain people have privileges and rights."

Mayor meets with potential future Winklerites

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's mayor says his recent trip to Vienna as an immigration ambassador for the city will bear fruit, though it will take a few years to see it.

Mayor Martin Harder spent a week in Austria last month as part of a Province of Manitoba delegation interviewing potential immigrants.

He talked with upwards of 75 individuals and families from all over Europe and Russia, about 50-60 of whom are seriously considering Winkler as their future home.

"My target was simply to interview people who had the opportunity to both invest in Winkler and also be able to provide support for businesses to grow," Harder said, stressing that while some local sectors are experiencing layoffs right now, this trip was not about bringing in more people to vie for scarce jobs, but, rather, likely create new ones.

"The way I looked at it is the opportunity was there actually not to take away from existing employment but to create alternative employment, to create even more opportunities," he said. "That in a nutshell is what my mission was and what I believe will be the end result."

The people Harder interviewed represented a wide swath of industries and professions, everything from pastry chefs to health care workers to engineers. Many were entrepreneurs

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eager to one day start their own businesses.

"All of them were prepared to come to work and to develop opportunities here," Harder said, adding one of the things he was looking for are people interested in putting down roots in Winkler. "I think the biggest thing for me was integration into the community. Who's interested in integrating into the community and who just wants to come to Canada?"

"I'm not there just to provide a gateway for them to come to Canada and then go somewhere else," he said, stressing his recommendations to the province will take that into account. "We were there to support our community."

Harder said many of the applicants he spoke with already knew a great deal about Winkler, either through family and friends already settled here or simply through positive word of mouth about the city.

"It just absolutely blew me away as to how eager people were to come to Winkler," he said. "Winkler has a very

good name out in Europe and obviously some of it goes back to previous immigrants that have come here, made homes, created their own businesses here.

"I think most of the people that I interviewed, they view Winkler as a land of opportunity for the future of their children. That was very, very clear."

Next steps for Harder include reaching out to the local business community to see which applicants best fit with the city's needs now and in the future.

"My efforts through the chamber is to connect with businesses who are looking for these types of skills," he said.

From there, Harder will make his recommendations to the provincial government to start the long immigration process.

"They're not all going to be eligible to come," he noted, adding, as well, that those that are approved will still take "a year or two to get here."



Morden youth earn fire safety citations

By Lorne Stelmach

A provincial program is giving youth an active role in learning about and promoting fire safety.

For Fire Prevention Week held each October, the program through the Office of the Fire Commissioner in Manitoba works with fire departments to speak in their local schools about fire safety and prevention.

It also gives those students who participate a chance to get their names in a contest with a prize package that includes a Nintendo 3DS handheld video game system.

This year, two local students were fortunate enough to get their names drawn.

The prize packages were delivered recently to Ocean Fehr at Maple Leaf

School as the Gr. 2 winner and to Chloe Dyck at Minnewasta School as the Gr. 1 winner.

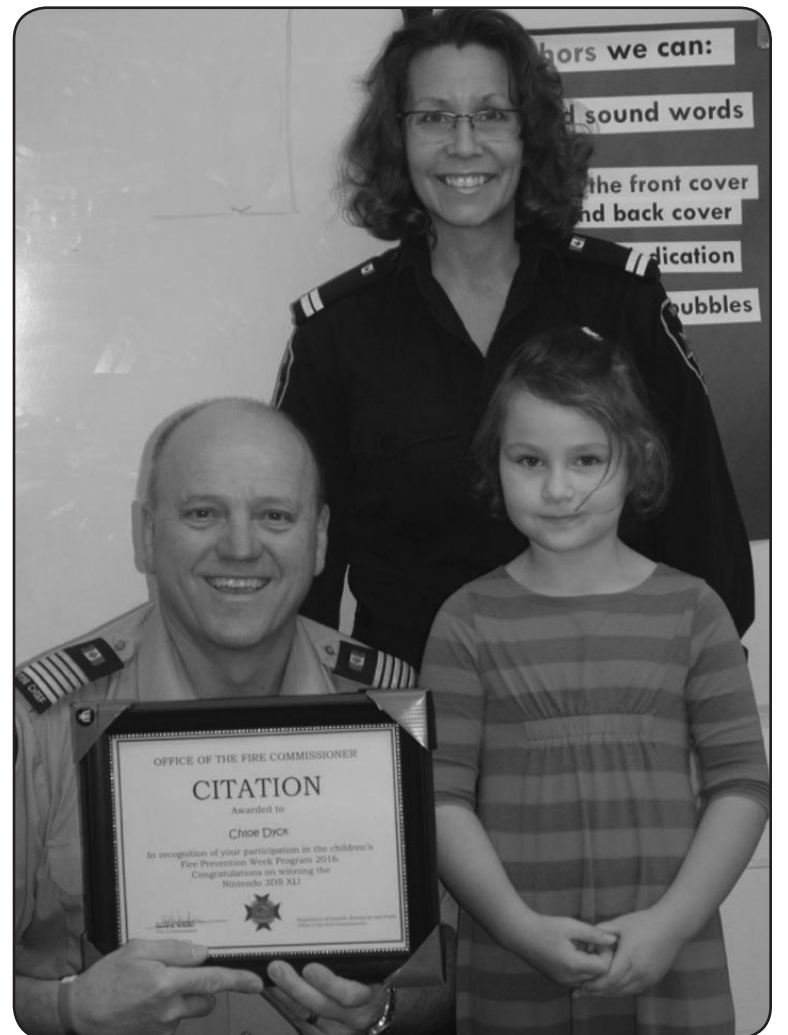
The students earned their chance at winning by completing a number of tasks, including mapping and testing out an escape plan from their homes as well as getting their parents to test their home's smoke alarms.

"We send all this information home with the kids to teach their parents and plan a fire drill," said Morden fire chief Andy Thiessen. "So we think it's a great program."

Leanne Erlendson of the Office of the Fire Commissioner said the initiative involves distributing around 83,000 informational brochures about fire safety through local fire departments, and she sees it as a great way to educate kids by actively engaging

Fire chief Andy Thies- sen and Leanne Erlendson from the Office of the Fire Commis- sioner presented Ocean Fehr, Gr. 2, and Chloe Dyck, Gr. 1, with the awards they won from a provincial Fire Pre- ventions Week com- petition this fall.

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them.

"It's making more kids aware of fire safety and taking that message

home," she said. "It's a great program, and I hope it continues to grow each year."

Morden Koats for Kids open for two more weeks

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Koats for Kids program of the Morden and District United Way is underway.

The collection depot that opened earlier this fall collected a good variety of new and gently used winter clothing that is now available to anyone who needs it.

It had actually opened for business

earlier in November but did not have many people come for clothing, so they still have lots available, said organizer Terry Gibson.

"Rather than move it all out, we decided to give it a go again," he said.

The depot located in the garage behind the Morden fire hall will be open for two additional weeks, Dec. 1 and

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Junior high students get hands-on with trades

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers would like to see a program that introduces middle years students to vocational trades expand in the south central region.

They see the trades camp program being a good fit especially for the Garden Valley and Western school divisions.

"My hope is that this will grow," said Andy Reimer, a co-ordinator with the program that currently involves students in the Borderland and Red River Valley school divisions to the east.

"I envision that this would work really well in the Winkler and Morden area. The broader goal here is to eventually include as many students as possible."

The trades camp initiative became possible with provincial funding support through the Building For A New Tomorrow program that targets middle years students to get some exposure to various trades.

Working with the Red River Technical Vocational Area, a series of four trades camp days were held Saturdays through November involving eight different vocational offerings available in the area.

It concluded this past weekend with a day at GVC TEC in Winkler where students got to experience the horticulture landscaping program as well as heavy duty diesel.

The program began with the Borderland division three years ago and expanded this year to include Red River Valley students with the aim "to give them some hands-on trades ex-

perience," said Reimer.

"We want to get students interested, excited and familiar with the trades ... also give some exposure to the vocational schools that are in our area."

It's been an interesting and varied journey for the students over the past month.

At W.C. Miller Collegiate in Altona, they experienced the culinary arts program, where they made lasagna, salads and breadsticks, then they got to work with a wide array of tools and equipment related to building construction.

The second week at Morris introduced them to welding and had them build ornamental owls, and the auto-body program saw the students making and then fixing some dents.

For the third week back in Altona, the focus was on sustainable energy and learning about designing windmills as well as on the electrical program, where they were able to wire in a light switch and light bulb.

Gr. 8 student Julia Dyck appreciated that the program was showing her "what options there are for high school."

"My favorite would be the carpentry," she added. "It's just been fun. It's a lot of hands-on stuff."

Fellow Gr. 8 student Jack Dixon particularly liked the culinary arts offerings.

"I enjoyed the different things we got to cook and the hands-on," he said.

"It's been really fun, and I definitely looked forward to it each and every single Saturday that we've been do-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Students taking part in the trades camp day Saturday at GVC TEC got to plant seeds as part of experiencing the horticulture program.

ing it," Dixon added. "It's helped me consider what I might want to do with my future and what I want to do for high school."

Brenda Giesbrecht, director of the RRTVA, sees this as a fun way to give these students a taste of programs they may want to pursue down the road.

"We're hoping that they enjoy themselves and later on register for these trade programs," she said. "It's a chance to see some of the skills they will be learning if they were to register for these programs in the future."

"At an early age ... they can be looking at some possible career opportunities ... and how all this training how it transfers into a future career," said Giesbrecht.

"They're the future employers as well as future employees in the community," she added. "It's a good opportunity for them to see what high school can look like and some of the

skills they can learn in high school."

Reimer sees this as a good way for these students to try things out and get a comfort level.

"It's also about seeing how it feels to be a student in that context as well," he said.

"A lot of the students are motivated sometimes even by the smells in the program," he added. "You get to have a very visceral kind of experience."

Reimer noted they have already seen the initiative has had an impact since its inception just a few years ago.

"We now have some of those original students from three years ago entering some of these programs ... nine of the 16 students," Reimer said.

"That's the thing that intrigued me the most ... you see the joy ... it was like the light came on ... and you could see the learning was fun and interesting. It's pretty powerful when you see that as a teacher."

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Dec. 8, from 4-6 p.m.

"We make them available to anyone who needs and wants them," said Gibson.

"People are really good about donating this clothing," he added, noting families often donate surplus coats that don't fit or are not used anymore, and they are put to good use for families that need them.

"We've got ladies who knit for us as well ... lots of toques and mittens."

He said it is heartwarming each year to see not only how appreciative the recipients are but also how gladly people support the campaign. He cited the example of one couple in the past that instead of buying each other

Christmas presents purchased hundreds of dollars worth of new winter clothes to donate.

"It's a really good program ... and every year, we have some real feel-good moments where people come in and they are just so thankful."

SKATE WITH SANTA

Meanwhile, another one of the United Way's annual events is also on this weekend.

Skate with Santa is planned for this Sunday afternoon at the Access Event Centre.

The free public skating with St. Nick will also include refreshments.



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The United Way's Terry Gibson with some of the items available at the Koats for Kids depot in Morden, which remains open for two extra weeks this and next week Thursday.

Winkler Cheer hampers go out next week

Delivery volunteers make it a family tradition

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After over a month of collecting food and funds, the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board's annual campaign reaches the finish line next week.

Volunteers will be hard at work Monday through Wednesday packing over 300 food and gift hampers for families in need.

But the packing days are just one piece of the puzzle. The campaign wouldn't be possible if not for the volunteer drivers who step up each year to deliver the hampers all across Winkler and the surrounding area, says organizer Marilyn Dyck.

"We've never had to schedule volunteers [for deliveries] because people have just come and they just want to help out," she says.

"What's happened in the past is if there is a small number of drivers that have shown up, they just keep coming back," Dyck adds. "They go out and deliver and then they're back for another because they know it needs to get done."

Anyone can deliver a hamper—all you need is a vehicle and a willingness to do some good.

"Last year we had a car full of teenagers who kept coming back for hampers," Dyck says. "So it's any and all."

Drivers are needed starting at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

If you can't make it until a little later in the evening, that's just fine, Dyck says. Deliveries will continue until every last hamper is gone, which last year took until a little after 6 p.m.

If you've never delivered a hamper before, it's a pretty easy process.

Simply enter the Winkler MB Church's north side door and sign-in at the desk in the gym.

Volunteers will ask you how big your vehicle is and how many hampers you'd like to deliver, as well as whether you'd prefer to stay in town or are willing to tackle a rural delivery.

The size of your vehicle doesn't really matter, Dyck says.

"If you have smaller vehicle, you can do a small hamper," she says. The hampers range from about three boxes all the way up to six boxes, depend-

ing on the size of the receiving family.

Dyck also points out that they have volunteers on hand (usually members of the Winkler Flyers or the Winkler Royals hockey teams) to help load up the boxes into your car.

And should you run into any problems on a delivery—trouble finding an address, say—Cheer Board volunteers are reachable by phone to provide direction.

Many of the delivery drivers are old hands at it, having come back year after year.

"I think they feel really blessed because of what happens when they meet these families," Dyck says.

That's certainly been the experience of the Trinke family, for whom helping out on Cheer Board delivery night has become a holiday tradition.

Derek and Shanna Trinke and their sons John, 13, and Luke, 11, have been delivering hampers for about seven years now.

"It's been as long as I can remember," says John, who was just six the first year they lined up on delivery night.

He says that it's given him perspective on the struggles faced by some of the families in our community.

"You just never really know who might need a hamper," says John. "I always like when you deliver these hampers ... just to see how happy these people are and to see how thankful they are and that you can bring this to them during Christmas, just bring them a little happiness."

Shanna Trinke says the experience is an opportunity for her family to get more hands-on for a great cause.

"I want my kids to grow up being grateful for what they have. I want them to recognize that not everybody has the same advantages that we have. And I wanted to kind of put some generosity in action, so it's not just about writing a cheque or something, but it's actually about doing something practical."

"Some of the conversations that just spontaneously arise when you're doing these kinds of deliveries can be really valuable teaching moments, too," she adds.

"Talking about how do people get into these situations? Maybe somebody has some kind of illness, whether it's a physical illness or a mental illness, that prevents them from being able to work. Maybe they are newcomers to the country and they are in



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Shanna Trinke and sons John (left) and Luke are among the army of volunteers who help the Winkler Christmas Cheer Board deliver its hampers each year. This year's delivery night is Wednesday, Dec. 7.

the process of trying to figure things out. And that could very easily be us. It could be any of us.

"There's no difference between the people who need the hampers and those who don't, apart from life circumstances and things that might be beyond our control," Trinke says.

The family also injects a bit of

friendly competition into their deliveries, competing with their grandparents to see who can deliver the most hampers each year.

"I don't know what our record has been, but we've done maybe 30 before in five trips," says John, adding,

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THANK YOU TO OUR CARING SUPPORTERS

Expo showcases local biz big and small

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce filled the Southland Mall with vendors and activities for their first annual Discover Local Business Expo last weekend.

"We're super pleased," said executive director Tanya Chateaufeuf as the two-day expo got underway Friday afternoon. "We've met our expectation for what we were looking to have for the number of businesses involved and we're very pleased with the diversity as well."

"We have everything from new entrepreneurs to really established businesses," she said, adding she hoped to see some business mentorships get their start over the weekend.

The event offered businesses—both home-based entrepreneurs and small to medium-sized companies—a unique opportunity to showcase their products and services.

Helena Friesen of the Skirt Rack was thrilled at the response at her booth.

"I think it's amazing," she said of the expo. "It really brings awareness out."

Friesen noted the show gave her a

great chance to reach out to new and existing customers alike.

"We've been really, really busy so far," she said. "I hope they do this again next year."

A little further down the mall, Nicole Dyck, a representative with Discovery Toys, was excited to introduce the company and its line of educational toys to the community.

"Just being able to get out there that Discovery Toys is around. They've been around for over 30 years, but I had never heard of them myself," she said, noting she started with the company earlier this year.

Taking part in the expo allowed people to put a face to the name and to learn more about how the company operates, Dyck said.

In addition to the vendor displays, the weekend also included family activities like Tim Hortons TimBit decorating, arts and crafts organized by the Winkler Family Resource Centre, a visit from Santa Claus, buskers from the Douglas Kuhl School of Music, and appearances by Mike the Knight.

Chateaufeuf says they hope to make the expo an annual event.



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ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/
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Vendors like Helena Friesen of the Skirt Rack (above) and Nicole Dyck of Discovery Toys (below) relished the chance to showcase their wares at the first annual Discover Local Business Expo last weekend. The event also included performances from musicians like Jaxson Friesen (right), a visit from St. Nick and family craft activities.





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however, that with hundreds of hamperers that need to go out each year, more volunteers are always needed.

"Always more help is good," he says. "It's a really helpful experience

for all the people that are receiving this and it can sort of feel nice when you're doing this, too, that you're helping out in our community."

Grandeur Housing receives four MHAPP awards

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Grandeur Housing returned home from the Modular Housing Association Prairie Provinces awards last month with an armful of accolades.

The modular building company picked up first place awards of excellence for best commercial/industrial project for a Manitoba Hydro generating station staff house in northern Manitoba, best multi-family project for their Urban Villas apartment complex, and best community development project for their work on the Katie's Cottage respite home. They also took home a second place nod for best single family building for a local residence.

"It's based on quality and design, functionality and footprint. There's many, many pieces going into these awards," said Jeff Enns, Grandeur's

sales and marketing manager.

The kudos for Katie's Cottage, especially, hit close to home for the company, who worked with Katie Cares to get the non-profit facility up and running beside the Boundary Trails Health Centre this summer.

"We accepted that award with a very humble pride because, being a community project, everyone at Grandeur and in the community that had any involvement on that job, won this award," Enns stressed. "Anybody who had anything to do with the funding or the design or the building of this, it's their award too. It really is."

Enns sends thanks out to the hundreds of Grandeur employees who work hard to ensure the company is rolling only quality products off the line.

"We're grateful to all of our staff," he said. "This is recognition for hard work spent, and that hard work spent

"WE'RE GRATEFUL TO ALL OF OUR STAFF ... IT TAKES THE ENTIRE COMPANY."



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From left: Grandeur Housing's Derek Hiebert, John Froese, and Jeff Enns with the four awards the Winkler company won from the Modular Housing Association Prairie Provinces last month.

was not by any one person at all. It takes the entire company."

Winning in each of the MHAPP's four award categories is a nod to the quality work Grandeur does across all sectors.

"For me, personally, there's some satisfaction in that ... we are not a one trick pony," Enns said, noting that these four awards follow up the two

the company won last year in the commercial/industrial and multi-family categories.

"These awards, in a way, do legitimize what we do," he said of modular, factory building. "This is not just an acceptable way of construction, this is an incredible way to construct a building that you're looking for."

From Everywhere to Bethlehem on this weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For the 10th year, the Winkler Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church will transform Winkler Park into Bethlehem this weekend.

A cast and crew of nearly 250 volunteers will put on the church's annual living nativity play *From Everywhere to Bethlehem* at the park this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings.

"That's almost half our congregation," says organizer Lois Hildebrand. "It's kind of neat that way, because there's so many different ways you can get involved."

After a decade of performances, Hildebrand says they still see newcomers to the show each year, as well as many families who have made the show a part of their holiday traditions.

"It's an annual family event for many people," she says. "But every year there's stories of people who have come for the first time ... and they're just amazed and in awe of this."

"It's an awesome way to tell the story. It's a story that needs to be told. At Christmastime you need a reminder that this is exactly why we have

Christmas."

From Everywhere to Bethlehem begins its story at the gates of Bethlehem (the Winkler campground entrance by the pool) where visitors are greeted by Roman townspeople or soldiers who will guide them on their trip through the city.

The journey includes visits with census-takers, prophets, shepherds, and even King Herod himself, all of whom share rumours of the birth of a special child.

It all wraps up before a small stable, where a trio of wise men bow before the Christ child.

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

There will also be a craft and bake sale in the tent at the end of the show, with funds raised going to MCC's Christmas Giving project.

Last year saw over 3,400 people take in the show, raising 2,500 pounds of food for the food bank and \$3,700 for MCC.

"It's almost like it's getting more

popular as time goes on," Hildebrand says.

Performances run this Friday, Dec. 2 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 5-9 p.m.

Hildebrand urges Bethlehem pil-

grims to dress warmly for their time standing in line at the gates.

"With so many people coming the line-up can be kind of long, so please dress for the weather," she says.

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Wiebe got his start in the flooring business back in the '80s. The company's original four employees are all still there, alongside a staff that has grown to nine, including four crews of installers.

While Wiebe may now be working towards turning the business over to the family—his son, daughter, and brother—he doesn't really see retirement in the cards for him just yet, and he believes it matters to the community to be able to deal with people they know.

"It's definitely a plus," he stresses. "I think it's a good thing."

As for the business itself, Wiebe notes they aim to work with suppliers that they themselves can rely on.

"We have to streamline ourselves ... get the major suppliers. It's important that we deal with good people, good companies."

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GVC Christmas food drive brings in 1,200 items

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy group is back in a big way this year.

After a few years break, the student-led charitable group has returned to the Winkler high school. Just last week, YIP wrapped up a school-wide food drive in support of the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board.

"This is the first time we've done this in a few years and so we really didn't know what to expect," said club advisor Amy Warms. "We were really very pleasantly surprised at how some of the classes got into it."

With a pizza party on the line for the class who brought in the most non-perishable food items, the donations slowly came in over the two-week campaign. Despite the slow start, the final tally was a whopping 1,200 items.

"I was honestly blown away," said YIP member Jennifer Halloran, Gr. 12. "I expected us to get maybe a few hundred items ... but when I went to go help organize all the food, the boxes just kept coming in."

Two classes ended up winning pizza parties, Warms said, explaining that while one larger class brought in the most items (about 250), a second, smaller class had a higher ratio of items per student.

"I think a lot of people know people who need help, so it kind of hits close to home," reflected Kezra Gerbrandt, Gr. 11, on the campaign's success.

Gerbrandt noted that YIP members had the chance to spend time this fall volunteering at the Winkler and District Food Cupboard, which put the importance of food donations into sharp focus.

"I never realized how much food they actually went through and how much they actually help out in the community," she said.

A BUSY SEMESTER

Warms said the students have been very busy so far this semester helping out in the community and raising funds for their grant fund.

"We've also had a barbecue fundraiser at Wal-Mart ... collected donations to help in the Hurricane Matthew disaster in Haiti," she said, adding the kids also put together Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

This week the students hosted a fundraising bake sale at Winkler Co-op on Wednesday and at the school on Thursday.

"One of our goals is to raise money so that then we can give back to the community," Warms explained.

For sisters Viola and Celine Kraemer, it's that chance to do some good that drew them to the club.

"I just think why shouldn't you?" said Celine, Gr. 12. "We're so rich and so privileged and even here in Winkler there's people who don't have stuff and there should not be a reason you wouldn't want to help them."

"It's not just helping out, but it's also a lot of fun," added Viola, Gr. 9.

Halloran said she's looking forward to an equally busy second semester of volunteering and fundraising.

"We've already done so many small things, but so many big things, too," she said. "We still have so much planned, and it's only November."

Funds raised by the GVCYIP will be matched by the Winkler Community Foundation next spring. The students will then have to make some deci-



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GVC Youth in Philanthropy members Diana Fast, Raina Adrian, and Jennifer Halloran and teacher Susana Hawryshko pack up the 1,200 items their food drive for the Winkler Cheer Board brought in.

sions about which community groups to support with grants.

"I think we're going to definitely be educating ourselves about different organizations in the area to see where

we want to put that money," said Halloran. "There's so many wonderful foundations in the area that can use that money, so it's going to be exciting to make those decisions."

New signs go up to point the way for visitors

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler is taking steps to follow-up on some of the suggestions that came out of last year's First Impressions Community Exchange program.

In August 2015, Winkler swapped teams of residents with the City of Selkirk, with each touring the other

and then reporting back on the community's strengths and weaknesses.

One of the criticisms the Selkirk visitors had for our city was its lack of clear signage to some of our biggest tourist destinations.

Last month, several blue signs went

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Thunder, Guns & Hoses to square off Dec. 18

High school hockey team raising funds for Morden Christmas Cheer Board

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Collegiate hockey team is taking to the ice again in support of a good cause.

The Thunder will face off against the Guns 'n Hoses team made up of Morden firefighters and police officers Dec. 18 in support of the Morden Christmas Cheer Board.

Organizers are hoping the funds raised from the event will continue their upward trend—the first game two years ago raised around \$5,000 and last year's event hit \$6,000.

"Any time you can use your organization to help others less fortunate, it's a good thing to do," said Mark Sawatzky, one of the parent volunteer organizers.

"I think it's always a good opportunity for these young people, for the hockey team to give back," he said. "They can get a taste of doing something good for other people. It gives them a taste of being involved. It also gets them to see that they can appreciate what they have, because not everybody is always as fortunate as you are."

Sawatzky added another benefit is

that it can involve family and friends and others in the community as well with the other activities happening game day, including face painting for the kids

"You bring all kinds of different people into this event ... it's a good community atmosphere," he said.

Bragging rights are on the line each year, but the game is really all in good fun, Sawatzky said.

"You try hard, but then you also have a good time and good laugh," he said.

Thunder coach Tyler Sloan said the teens are eager to take to the ice.

"They definitely get excited about it, and it's always fun to play against the Guns 'n Hoses ... they're great guys, always helping out in the community."

Morden fire chief Andy Thiessen noted the police and firefighters like to get together occasionally just to play around on the ice for fun, so they welcome the chance for a little competition.

"It's turned out to be an event that we really look forward to because it's a lot of fun," he said. "We horse around with them a bit, but we still try to use our hockey skills and give



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Gun 'n Hoses players take a Morden Thunder player hostage at last year's Christmas Cheer game. This year the two teams face off on Sunday, Dec. 18.

them a good game."

He added they also like to not only support a good cause but the initiative being shown by the youth.

"The idea came from them. That just kind of makes it that much more spe-

cial when you know these young kids are thinking about their community as well," said Thiessen. "If we can be a part of that, then that's a blessing to

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City following up on exchange program suggestions

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up around town, pointing visitors to places like city hall, the concert hall, the pool, and the golf course.

Mayor Martin Harder noted the lack of signage in Winkler had also been identified as an issue when the city swapped undercover visitors with Portage la Prairie in 2009.

"It was from the Portage trip from a few years ago and then again from the Selkirk trip," he said.

"We wanted to [fix it] but it was just one of those things that just never got done" Harder said, noting Winkler tourism coordinator Deb Penner recently took the lead on finally getting the signs designed and installed.

The signs are a great first step,

Harder said, but now that they're up, it's clear they need to be a little bigger.

"We'll use this appropriately where they need to be, but they need to be more visible. So we will continue to work on that."

Of the various suggestions the city's involvement with FICE generated, this was one of the "most critical" from a tourism standpoint, Harder said.

"When people come into town they need to know where specific things are. You're coming into town for a concert, where is the concert hall? Where is the golf course? These signs will help."

The FICE report also noted that visitors found it unclear exactly where Winkler's downtown busi-

ness district began.

"We had lots of comments about, 'Okay, what is your downtown?'" Harder said. "As council we have actually been working on having a designated area downtown that will be highlighted ... to help support the downtown."

Those plans are still in the works, but the mayor hopes they will be rolled out in the near future.

Even as city council continues to mull over these and other FICE suggestions, Harder is eager to take part in the program again in a few years.

It's an incredibly valuable glimpse at how outsiders view our community, he said.

"I love the program. I think it's a great thing to do," said Harder, adding that visitors can always provide a

unique perspective on new challenges. "Whenever we do these things, there may be other things that come up."



One of the new signs installed around Winkler to help make navigation easier for visitors.

Agassiz clinic opens new procedure room

By Lorne Stelmach

Patients in Morden may not need to go to Boundary Trails Health Centre now for certain kinds of treatments.

The Agassiz Medical Centre has introduced a room that will allow some minor procedures to be done at the clinic instead of the hospital.

"It really started to come about because of the lack of space at Boundary Trails ... space is quite at a premium," said clinic manager Karen Chezick. "We have talked about having a procedure room for years now just because this would allow us to do procedures right at the clinic."

The term minor procedures could potentially cover a lot of things but basically might include "anything that doesn't require sedation ... we call them 'lumps and bumps' clinics," said Chezick.

Many things will still be more appropriate for Boundary Trails, but this provides a convenient alternative for many other treatments.

"It doesn't have to mean a trip out to the hospital for a minor procedure," Chezick said, adding it will

also save the doctors extra trips out to the hospital.

"They could do a procedure before they start at the clinic in the morning ... not necessarily having to go out to Boundary Trails to do it," she said.

It could also mean a faster turnaround, Chezick said, such as in instances where patients come in for a routine visit and something that needs treatment is identified.

"If there's nobody in the procedure room right then and the physician has time, they could do it right then and there," she said. "It might mean not booking another additional appointment to go and have something done."

"It also allows for any of our physicians who have chosen to not have privileges at Boundary Trails to be able to do their own procedures because they can do them right here at the clinic," added Chezick, noting that would apply to three physicians and a nurse practitioner at the clinic.

The majority of the funding for this



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Agassiz Medical Centre manager Karen Chezick in the new procedure room that opened there last month. The space allows doctors to perform minor procedures right in the clinic, instead of at BTHC.

came through the medical centre community board, but the project also received grants from Morden Game and Fish to replace the carpeting in the room with flooring.

"Everything that we have purchased for the room is portable," Chezick

added, noting the room likely will not stay in this location long-term. "We didn't put anything permanently into that space because in time, if we re-develop clinic space, we will be moving it."

Players hauling groceries Sat.

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us too."

The puck drops at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18. There will be some pre-game activities starting around 6 p.m., including a lemonade stand and face painting, as well as a silent auction and 50/50 draw. Intermissions will include various games such as chuck a puck, senior team shoot out, and a novice players scrimmage.

You can support the Cheer Board at the game with monetary donations or donations of toys or non-perishable food items.

There will also be some fundraising done by the teens in advance of the game.

Thunder players were at the Giant Tiger and Co-op stores on Wednesday and will be there again this Saturday to collect donations in return for helping people with their grocery bags.

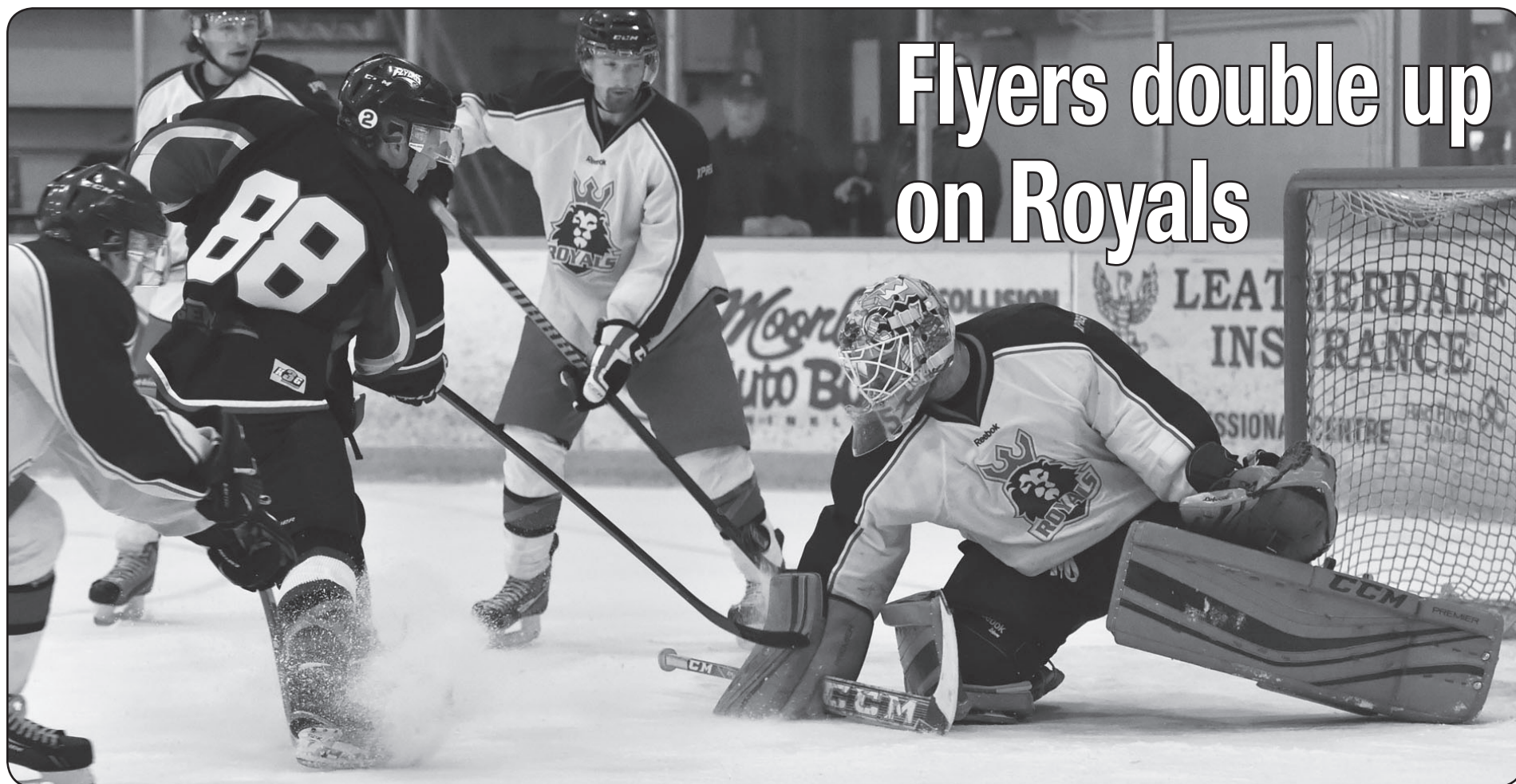


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Kids enjoyed some drop-in play time last week Wednesday with Lego at the Library in Morden. The library started offering this after the Lego building activities proved popular when students were there for the summer reading program. This time around it was offered as an option for kids on an early school closing day.

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Flyers double up on Royals

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The Stonewall Flyers' Brayden McDonald tries to add to his team's growing tally of goals on Sunday, but is stopped by Winkler goaltender Matt Krahn. Stonewall still got the win, though, 6-3.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Stonewall Flyers doubled up on the Winkler Royals in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action last weekend.

Things were looking pretty good for Winkler in the first 10 minutes of the Sunday afternoon game, with Cody Friesen scoring twice in three minutes to give the Royals the lead.

Stonewall started closing the gap, though, with a goal a few minutes later, then scored the only two goals in the second period to head into the final frame up by one.

Coltyn Reimer tied the game four minutes in. Stonewall then pulled ahead again at the 7:20 mark and Winkler pulled its goalie in the final minute in a bid to get that goal back and force an extra period. Instead, the Flyers scored twice on the empty net to take the game 6-3.

Matt Krahn made 46 saves for Winkler as the Flyers outshot the Royals 50-39.

While the Royals at least came close to victory, the Morden Redskins

weren't so lucky up against the top-ranked Portage Islanders Saturday night.

Nick Doyle got the home team on the board early, but that was followed by an avalanche of Portage goals, including two in the first and four more in the second. Graham Leiding scored for Morden, as well, early in the second, putting the Redskins down 6-2

heading into the final period.

There, aside from a lone Morden goal from Tyler Peers, all the rest of the scoring action was done by Portage, who added four more goals for a 10-3 victory.

Jesper Dyck took the loss in net for Morden, making a heroic effort with 50 saves while his teammates managed to send just 15 the other way.

The SEMHL standings right now have Portage, Notre Dame, and Carman in the top three spots, with the Redskins coming in fourth with their 3-2 record and Winkler in last place with 0-7.

This week, the Royals travel to play Warren on Friday and then host Notre Dame on Sunday, while Morden plays at Stonewall on Saturday.

Flyers move into second place

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers moved into second place in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League with their 10th straight win on home ice over the weekend.

Up against the Waywayseecappo Wolverines before a hometown crowd Saturday, Winkler got the ball rolling early on with a Nolan McGuire goal at the 1:16 mark.

The Wolverines matched it a few

minutes later, but Scott Gall and Braden Billaney pulled the Flyers back into the lead with some insurance besides before 13 minutes had been played.

Gino Lucia made it 4-1 midway through the second period before the Wolverines scored what ended up being their final goal of the night on a powerplay at 10:35.

While Waywayseecappo was done scoring, Winkler most certainly was not. Matt Christian got started on

what ended up being a hat trick, scoring two in the second period and one more six minutes into the third for a 7-2 Winkler victory.

Doing his part in net was Cole Weaver, who made 27 saves as Winkler outshot the Wolverines 55-28.

The weekend victory followed up the team's eighth loss of the season a few nights earlier to the Portage Terriers.

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Morden Thunder down Zodiacs, Tigers

In Zone 4 boys high school hockey action last week, the Morden Thunder were flying high on wins over the Zodiacs and the Tigers.

The Thunder hosted the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs on Nov. 24, and sent them home with a 9-1 loss. The lengthy list of scorers for Morden included Finley Wheeler, Josh Sawatzky, and Rylan McCallum with two each and singles from Evan Wuersch, Brayden Jonasson, and Keegan Fraser. Scoring for Winkler as TJ Matuszewski.

Morden followed that up with a 4-3 victory over the Tigers in Pilot Mound Friday night. Wheeler, Jordan

Blatz, Keane Boucher, and McCallum scored for the Thunder.

The Zodiacs, meanwhile, also fell to the Portage Trojans 2-0 on Nov. 22. GVC goaltender Nick Toews gave up goals in the first and third periods, making 31 saves otherwise.

Fellow Winkler team the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks fared much better against Morris, crushing them 12-2 on Friday.

Sam Voth had a four goal night in the rout, with Lucas Dyck, Dawson Friesen (with three), Brett Fehr (with two), Braden Dyck, and Tommy Fehr also contributing to the tally. In net, Griffin Dyck slapped away 30 shots.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Morden's Finley Wheeler gets the puck past the outstretched glove of Zodiacs goaltender Nick Toews just one minute into the first period on Nov. 24. The Thunder got the win 9-1.

Pembina Valley Hawks 1-1 once again

By Lorne Stelmach

The trend that has seen the male Pembina Valley Hawks only put together a couple brief winning streaks this season continued last weekend.

They followed up a 3-1 loss to the Winnipeg Thrashers Saturday with a 5-2 win Sunday over the Southwest Cougars.

The effort was there against the Thrashers but just not for the full 60 minutes, said coach Rylan Price, suggesting they could have had a different result were it not for a rough start.

"I was really impressed with how we finished the game," he said. "For 40 minutes, we played some really good hockey, but it ended up the bounces didn't go our way."

Goaltender Martin Gagnon gave his team a chance to win it with a 44 save performance, allowing only two goals before being pulled for the extra man late in the third.

Logan Rose scored the lone Pembina Valley goal at 8:46 of the third to tie it at one, but Winnipeg scored the winner on an empty net with just under six minutes left. The Hawks were outshot 47-40.

Pembina Valley came out stronger Saturday, taking a 2-1 first period lead on goals by Everett Bestland and Kolton Shindle after giving up an early goal just over a minute into the period.

They extended the lead to 4-1 after 40 minutes on goals by Jayden McCarthy on a powerplay and Elijah

Carels with his league-leading 18th of the season. Caleb Unrau sealed the deal with an empty netter with just over a minute left.

Aaron Brunn had a lighter workload with 22 saves for the Hawks, who outshot the Cougars 28-22 in a game where Price saw his team address a couple of their nagging issues.

"We've noticed that consistently we have a tough start to games, so

we dedicated the first 10 minutes to setting the tone ... that was playing physically and just making sure that we got pucks in deep, and we got our forecheck going," said Price.

"We're also trying to eliminate some of the unwanted penalties ... I feel our boys have been more disciplined over the last four games."

The Hawks remain in the middle of the 12 team pack in sixth place on an

11-9-0 record for 22 points. It leaves them five back of the Central Plains Capitals and just two ahead of Southwest and four up on Eastman and Kenora.

That made this week's games key for the Hawks as they hosted Central Plains in Morden Wednesday before heading east for a weekend double-header in Kenora with the Thistles.

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The Nov. 23 game saw Portage run roughshod over Winkler's defense, scoring three in the first period alone and one more in the second. The Flyers, meanwhile, managed a lone goal at the end of the third courtesy of Mitch Dyck in the 4-1 loss.

Weaver made 18 saves as Winkler was outshot 37-22, adding a rare loss

to his 12-3-0 record.

The Flyers are at 19-8 for the season, giving them 38 points. They trail the Steinbach Pistons in first by five points and lead the OCN Blizzard in third by a lone point.

This week, Winkler hosted Selkirk on Tuesday (results were not available at press time) and they hit the road to

play Dauphin, Waywayseecappo, and Virden over the weekend.

In other news, the Flyers bid farewell to goalie Josh Williams last week. Winkler traded Williams ('97) to the AJHL's Fort McMurray Oil Barons in exchange for future considerations.

The Calgary native recorded a 3-3 record with Winkler this season.

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Curling for Critters raises \$2,400

All skill levels and all ages were enjoying some fun competition Saturday at the annual Curl for Critters fundraiser in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society. The event, held at the Morden curling rink, collected about \$2,400, which was an increase of around \$400 over last year. Funds go to help the regional animal shelter continue its work. The Shooting Blanks team won the Critter Cup, while The Buck Stops Here won best costume.

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Female Hawks work to pull away from the pack

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks grabbed a share of first place with a 3-1 victory Friday over the Winnipeg Avros.

Makenzie McCallum scored a pair of goals to pace Pembina Valley, as the Hawks improved their record to 10-2 for 20 points.

Despite that stellar standing, the Hawks remain in crowded company at the top with the Avros and Yellow-head Chiefs also at 20 points, though the Hawks have a game in hand on

the 10-3 Avros and three on the 10-5 Yellowhead Chiefs.

In the battle as well are the Westman Wildcats at 9-2-1 for 19 points, so it means the Hawks can't afford to take a night off.

"The league is very tight there. You can't take any team lightly," said coach Dana Bell.

"The biggest thing is stick to your game plan. Go out and play hard, move the puck, and that's what we've been doing," said Bell, who suggested that is what worked for them against the Avros after a bit of a slow start.

"The first five to seven minutes, they kind of had us hemmed in our own end. We made some changes in our defensive zone ... from there, the girls played hard, they worked hard. We moved the puck well," he said. "We stuck to our game plan the whole game."

McCallum opened scoring in the first when Katie Heppner passed the puck to Sage McElroy-Scott, who fed McCallum as she was racing into the zone.

After the Avros tied it, McCallum got her second and league-leading 16th of the season to give the Hawks

a 2-1 lead after one period.

The Hawks got their insurance goal on a second period powerplay when McElroy-Scott fed Kaila Powell, who then spotted Toni in the high slot.

Goaltender Halle Oswald backstopped the Hawks to the win with 25 saves.

The Hawks have a key rematch with the Avros this Sunday afternoon in Winnipeg, but before that they have a chance to separate themselves from the pack. A busy three game weekend has them head to Stonewall for a doubleheader with the winless Interlake Lightning Friday and Saturday.

Twisters crush Express

By Lorne Stelmach

A disastrous second period for Transcona gave the Pembina Valley Twisters a decisive 7-4 victory last Friday.

Five unanswered goals within an 11-minute span sparked a six goal second period for the Twisters in the win over the Railer Express.

The breakdown included a couple shorthanded goals by Matthew Hadley and Brendan Keck.

Other goal scorers for the Twisters were Mark Klassen, Bryce Dusik, Wyatt Sabourin and a pair from Corey Mazinke, giving him a team-leading 13 on the season.

Brady Klassen made 27 saves in net for Pembina Valley, which outshot Transcona 41 - 31.

The win keeps the Twisters in the thick of the battle at the top of the MMJHL standings. Their record of 12-3-2 for 26 points had them just one point back of the first place Charleswood Hawks, while Stonewall is two back at 24 followed by St. James at 23 and the Raiders at 21.

The Twisters have a good chance to solidify their position in the standings this week.

They visited the 10th and last place River East to face the Royal Knights Tuesday. Results not available at press time.

They are then home to meet the ninth place Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins Friday night before taking on the sixth place Victorias in St. Vital Sunday.

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Southwest	19	10	9	0	20	44	72
Steinbach Pistons	26	21	4	1	43	108	54	Eastman	21	9	12	0	18	72	72
Winkler Flyers	27	19	8	0	38	103	61	Kenora	22	7	11	0	18	64	97
OCN Blizzard	26	17	6	3	37	84	61	Parkland	21	7	14	0	14	63	104
Portage Terriers	24	18	6	0	36	105	77	Interlake	19	6	11	0	14	53	83
Virden Oil Capitals	27	15	7	5	35	75	72	Norman	23	4	18	0	9	56	158
Selkirk Steelers	24	15	8	1	31	84	72	AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Winnipeg Blues	28	13	12	3	29	95	88	Brandon Wheat Kings	14	10	2	2	22	67	38
Swan Valley Stampede	23	8	12	3	19	64	87	Yellowhead Chiefs	15	10	3	1	22	57	34
Dauphin Kings	25	5	16	4	14	59	98	Pembina Valley PV Hawks	15	10	4	0	21	102	33
Neepawa Natives	26	7	19	0	14	67	107	Southwest Cougars	14	7	4	1	17	65	46
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	26	3	21	2	8	65	132	Central Plains Capitals	14	7	7	0	14	56	70
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Parkland Rangers	12	1	11	0	2	23	87
Charleswood Hawks	18	12	3	3	27	65	46	Norman Wolves	19	1	18	0	2	20	168
Pembina Valley Twisters	17	12	3	2	26	81	55	MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA							
Stonewall Jets	16	12	4	0	24	83	50	HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	19	11	7	1	23	80	57	PV Hawks	12	9	2	-	1	-	20
St. James Canucks	19	11	7	1	23	71	65	Winnipeg Avros	13	7	3	-	3	-	20
St. Boniface Riels	20	8	8	4	20	63	75	Yellowhead Chiefs	15	9	5	-	1	-	20
St. Vital Victorias	19	8	8	3	19	75	85	Westman Wildcats	12	9	2	-	-	1	19
Transcona Railer Express	19	8	11	0	16	65	77	Eastman Selects	11	5	3	-	-	3	13
Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins	20	7	11	2	16	68	87	Central Plains	12	3	7	-	-	2	8
River East Royal Knights	19	4	15	0	8	46	100	Norman Wild	14	2	11	-	1	-	6
SEMHL	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Interlake Lightning	13	-	11	-	1	1	3
Portage	5	5	0	0	10	30	13	HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Notre Dame	5	4	0	1	9	22	12	Carman Cougars	10	9	1	0	18	58	18
Carman	5	4	1	0	8	32	17	Morden Thunder	8	8	0	0	16	43	16
Morden	5	3	2	0	6	18	24	Morris Mavericks	9	6	3	0	12	50	26
Altona	6	3	3	0	6	26	26	Northlands Parkway Collegiate							
Warren	5	2	3	0	4	23	23	Nighthawks (Winkler)	7	5	2	0	10	40	20
Stonewall	6	1	5	0	2	20	37	Portage Collegiate Institute							
Winkler	7	0	7	0	0	15	34	Trojans	11	5	6	0	10	28	32
MANITOBA AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Cartwright/Nellie McClung/							
Wild	22	17	3	0	36	122	42	Pilot Mount Tigers	10	3	6	1	7	42	49
Yellowhead	22	14	4	1	32	90	64	Prairie Mountain Mustangs	8	3	5	0	6	35	46
Thrashers	21	14	5	1	30	100	44	W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	9	3	6	0	6	40	45
Brandon	20	13	5	1	28	81	53	Garden Valley Collegiate							
Central Plains	22	13	8	1	27	90	79	Zodiacs (Winkler)	12	0	12	0	0	12	96

Agriculture

Balancing supply, demand, and processing capacity

By Harry Siemens

HyLife president Claude Vielfaure, owners of the hog processing plant in Neepawa, is confident the demand for pork and protein around the world will continue to grow, creating the opportunity for protein producers.

Vielfaure says a planned expansion of the company's Integrated Pork Production and Processing System will help meet a growing international demand for pork, especially in Japan and China.

These plans also include supporting production infrastructure including a new feed mill and new finishing barns to increase output.

HyLife markets pork products to over 23 countries, with its more prominent markets being China, Japan, Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

Vielfaure says HyLife will continue to bring added value to its products

like it is doing in Japan with its restaurant and branding.

It is one thing to spend millions on updating a processing plant, but a much bigger challenge to build the supporting barns and feed mills in a province where the previous government outlawed hog expansion in every shape and form.

Vielfaure says he's confident the new provincial government will make the necessary adjustments to that hog ban so they can build in communities that will welcome them to do so.

In Saskatchewan, things look a little different.

Florian Possberg, the chair of Sask Pork, says with the slowdown in the oil industry, the timing is right to encourage the building of new pork production facilities in the province.

The Saskatchewan Pork Development Board has launched an initiative aimed at renewing the province's swine production infrastructure

and is targeting the construction of 100,000 new finishing spaces by 2018.

Possberg says that despite the increased cost of construction, they picked that number because it's doable, and there is significant slaughter capacity in a number of processing plants in western Canada and those plants would really benefit by having those extra hogs.

He says the hog barn prices in 2005, for example, were around \$240 per pig space, while today that cost is more likely to be around \$400 or more.

"There's no question the costs went up, but what we are seeing in Saskatchewan with the depression of the oil industry we are finding trades that are interested in other things other than some of the things that spurred the growth after the oil boom," he says. "We think the timing is right for us to encourage trades and contractors and concrete suppliers, equipment suppliers to reconsider including the

option of helping us build barns and growing our industry again."

However, Possberg says, if hog numbers decline, industry partners will keep disappearing and the longer the industry goes without rebuilding, the tougher it's going to be.

He says processors need a certain number of hogs to stay in business and trucking companies need a certain volume to justify investment in new equipment, so they depend on one another for success.

Eric Olson, a farm management consultant with MNP, says in the short term, over the next year or so, there is an oversupply of pigs.

In the longer term, up to 10 years, given the processing capacity not used there will likely be incentives for producers to build barns and get into the hog business.

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By Harry Siemens

Some time ago in this column I wrote about another amazing Harvest for Kids record-breaking combine harvest slated for August of 2017.

Sometime later I received word that this event would be postponed to the following year because of not being able to get the seed in this fall, as well as a change in personnel.

"We will be running it in the future, but need to deal with a couple of things first," says Dave Thiessen, national director of Harvest for Kids "In a nutshell, we were unable to get the winter wheat crop in this fall and the timeline is too tight for Aug. 6, 2017. We are working on a new date and I will let you know as soon as we have it. The big event will probably happen in 2018."

The other issue had to do with Mark Bergen, the local coordinator who decided to transition out of ministry work.

"We are currently looking at replacing him. That would have played a role in the decision as we definitely need a champion to lead the charge locally," Thiessen says. "Which we will replace."

"Our goal is to do an event with excellence," Thiessen says. "We are still working hard on it, just needed to delay it."

I know the energy that the other two harvests took, with great leadership, lots of volunteers, and, in this case, 250+ combines and it happens to fall right in the normal harvest season.

For a farmer to bring one or even several combines and spend the better part of a day while their own crop is sitting waiting to be harvested is no small thing.

However, while setting the record of most combines is a big deal, it is only small combined to the real benefactors of the money raised:

Children's Camps still planning Harvest of Hope



PHOTO BY HARRY SIEMENS/VOICE
Scotiabank's Kerri Unger and Peter Becker recently presented Children's Camps International's Ray Wieler with a donation.

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AWC wants to modernize wheat grading system

By Harry Siemens

The Alberta Wheat Commission (AWC) is calling on the Canadian Grain Commission to modernize the national grading system in line with international market demands to improve long-term profitability for wheat farmers.

A market-based system aligned with universally measured grain specifications would better position farmers to maintain competitiveness and receive fair market value for the grain they produce, the organization says.

"We have observed an evolution in the way wheat is marketed to Canada's customers," says Kevin Auch, AWC chair. "International buyers aren't looking purely at CGC grades anymore—they're looking at universal quality specs. Modernizing our grading system is a necessary move to ensure Alberta's farmers receive the maximum value for the quality of wheat they produce."

AWC recommends that a revised system should move toward more accurate testing methods for potential downgrading factors, such as Falling Number, tests for sprout damage, and Deoxynivalenol testing to assess the impact of *Fusarium Graminearum* on wheat quality. This would limit the instances where wheat is being downgraded to feed after visual testing, but acceptable quality for the milling market. Some grain companies now test for FN at local facilities.

"This crop year has resulted in variable quality for farmers in Alberta

and across the Prairies," Auch says. "We want to ensure that our grading system is not severely downgrading wheat that is considered good quality milling wheat in international markets."

AWC says it approves of recent changes to mildew guides for a more market-based approach, but is calling for the CGC to evaluate and align Canada's mildew guides with the United States standards, which better position farmers for market competitiveness.

"Wheat growers in Alberta have been pondering this for a couple of years," says Brian Kennedy, grower relations and extension coordinator for the agency. "Two years ago we had an early September snow....wheat graded low in Canada but producers could get paid more on specs with

wheat that went south. Didn't matter what it looked like as long as it met specs. It will provide more transparency to farmers."

AWC ON BOARD WITH TRANSPORT PLAN

Meanwhile, the AWC says they applaud the federal government's Transportation 2030 strategic plan, which includes the introduction of reciprocal penalties and other measures to improve railway accountability.

"Shippers need the ability to negotiate penalties and contract terms equal to those being charged by the railways in order to create a more competitive marketplace," says Auch. "The need for reciprocal penalties has been a longstanding policy of AWC and a focal point of the com-

mission's submission to the Canada Transportation Act Review."

The government has also indicated that the Canada Transportation Agency will have improved access and expanded authority and that there will be a clear definition of what adequate and suitable service means, something AWC believes is imperative to improving Canada's transportation system.

"It is important that the CTA has the authority to ensure the transportation system can meet the needs of Canadian farmers and move their grain in a predictable and efficient manner and ultimately advance Canada's economic growth in agriculture," says Auch. "Also having a more demand based definition of adequate and suitable service better meets the needs of customers."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 23

the kids around the world who get a chance to go to a Christian camp and learn what life is really all about.

Helping to support this ministry are local businesses like Scotiabank, who recently presented CCI and Harvest for Kids with a major donation.

"Scotiabank, the local branch in Winkler is showing the community that they are good corporate citizens by supporting local charities. They matched donations up to \$5,000 designated to Christian Camps International," says Ray Wieler, the ministry's president.

"We are really excited to help Christian Camps International," says the bank's Peter Becker. "We hope that this allows them the ability to contin-

ue sending, even more kids to camp. We look forward to working with them in the future in the Harvest for Kids harvest event."

I have worked at both the previous combine events and am totally prepared to help on the next in 2018.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of getting involved in many charities, projects, and different organizations.

So often, I meet people or they contact me asking whether I will help them either with a business story idea, community charity, or a unique story about their farming operation. That is the call I appreciate most—when someone calls and says, "Harry, would you be interested in hearing about what we are doing on our

farm?"

My first comment is, yes, but why don't you first write or type it out and send it to me? That does two things: When I eventually get the email, I know they are for real and actually serious about it. Secondly, when a farmer calls me, over the years I would respond in similar fashion, and still do, please invite me over to your place, where we can sit across from each other around the kitchen table.

Of all the work I've done, traveling, attending meetings, acting as guest speaker, sitting down with a farmer and his spouse and getting the story right from them face to face is still for the biggest and most enjoyable part of my work.

> HOGS, FROM PG. 23

"What we're seeing right now, some producers are taking some hard looks at investing in some new barns, mostly existing producers," says Olson. "In a lot of cases they're looking at maximizing their returns by maybe increasing their finishing capacity, but the big piece right now is the cost of building those barns."

He says moving across western Canada, with the economics in the last few years, producers didn't even look at building.

Olson says once the producer factors in the construction costs they need to consider how the new production capacity will integrate into their existing operations and how the two will complement each other as well as the cyclical nature of the hog industry and how to mitigate that price uncertainty.

Getting crafty

Morden's Home Hardware stayed open an hour later Friday for its Ladies Night fundraising evening. The event included craft activities and prizes, with proceeds going to Donate Love. The final tally was not available at press time, but organizers estimated it could be in the \$200 range.

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Chowing down at the senior centre

There was a lot of good food to be enjoyed as the Morden 55+ Activity Centre held a potluck evening last week Thursday. Following the meal, Dr. Gordon Goldsborough made a presentation on his new book *Abandoned Manitoba*, which he hopes could help spark more interest from Manitobans in the province's history and heritage sites.

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take a break > GAMES

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- No (Scottish)
 - Heroic tales
 - A way to tend
 - Not or
 - Where rockers play
 - Dutch name for Ypres
 - Ingested
 - A resident of California
 - Unfounded rumor
 - Oats
 - Type of women's coat
 - Life forms
 - Every
 - Alternating current
 - Withered
 - "Gymnopedies" composer
 - Plate glasses
 - Musical artist __ DeBarge
 - Before
 - Arrange in steps of size
 - Electron cloud model
 - Morning
 - Leonard __, famed Swiss mathematician
 - Capital city of Buenos Aires province
 - Snouts
 - Of I
 - Swiss river
 - Perplexes
 - Made angry
 - Precious stone
 - Type of envelope
 - One who believes in reason and knowledge
 - Monitors brain activity (abbr.)
 - Get __ of
 - Actress Zellweger
 - Spinal muscular atrophy (abbr.)
 - "Inferno" author
 - Puts together in time
 - Silvery-white metal
- #### CLUES DOWN
- Civil Rights group

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68						69						70		

- Early Slavic society
- Mammals that lack incisors and canines
- Blasphemy
- Israeli city
- Put this in your hair
- Black tropical American cuckoo
- Month in the Islamic calendar
- Begets
- Court game
- Painkiller
- New Zealand parrot
- Suffix
- Egg cells
- Another name for Thor
- About pontiff
- The academic world
- Raise
- Civil rights city in Alabama
- Incomprehensible
- Helmet
- Nostrils
- Lovable Spielberg alien
- Divides
- Ruthenium
- Preceding all others in time
- Past participle of lie
- Fastener
- Overindulged
- Ancient lyric poem
- Ardent supporter
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Morden.

PUBLIC NOTICE HEARING CITY OF MORDEN 2017 FINANCIAL PLAN

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act, the
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2017 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 reg-
ister an objection to the Financial Plan.

A presentation of the Financial Plan will be made at the
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Entertaining during the holiday season involves accounting for guests' comfort, and that often means hosts must put their visitors' needs over their own. Although some sacrifices need to be made, there is a way to find a happy compromise that can help the holidays go smoothly and happily. Consider these ways to help guests feel welcome whether they stay for a few hours or a few days.

1. Cater to specific dietary needs. One of the ways to treat guests kindly is by being aware of any special dietary needs they may have when it comes to preparing holiday meals or other foods during their visits. Some guests may require low-sodium diets, while others may be monitoring their blood-sugar levels and must dine accordingly. Vegetarians and vegans limit the foods they eat, while others may avoid foods based on religious preferences. Offer a variety of foods and try to cater to guests' needs as much as possible. When in doubt, consult with the guest so he or she feels welcome and does not go hungry.

2. Make sleeping spaces as private as possible. Not everyone has a separate guest room for overnight stays, but try to make sleeping areas as private as you can when visitors spend the night. Use privacy screens or set guests up in a family room that's away from the center of activity. Hosts may want to give up their own rooms for the comfort of guests.

3. Offer storage space. One way to make guests feel comfortable is to give them their own storage space.

This can include space in a closet, a couple of drawers to stow their belongings, or hangers in the entryway for coats and other winter attire. Not only will this keep things more organized, it can provide guests with comfort.

4. Include guests when preparing for entertaining. Many guests like to feel involved, and by including them in meal preparation, decorating or shopping, you can help them feel included and appreciated.

5. Keep snacks and other creature comforts readily accessible. Guests may feel sheepish scavenging through cabinets or drawers looking for items. Make things easy to find by leaving items out on counters or indicating where items can be found. For example, if you know a guest enjoys an evening cup of tea and some cookies, leave out the cookies, tea bags and kettle so that he or she can indulge when the urge comes.

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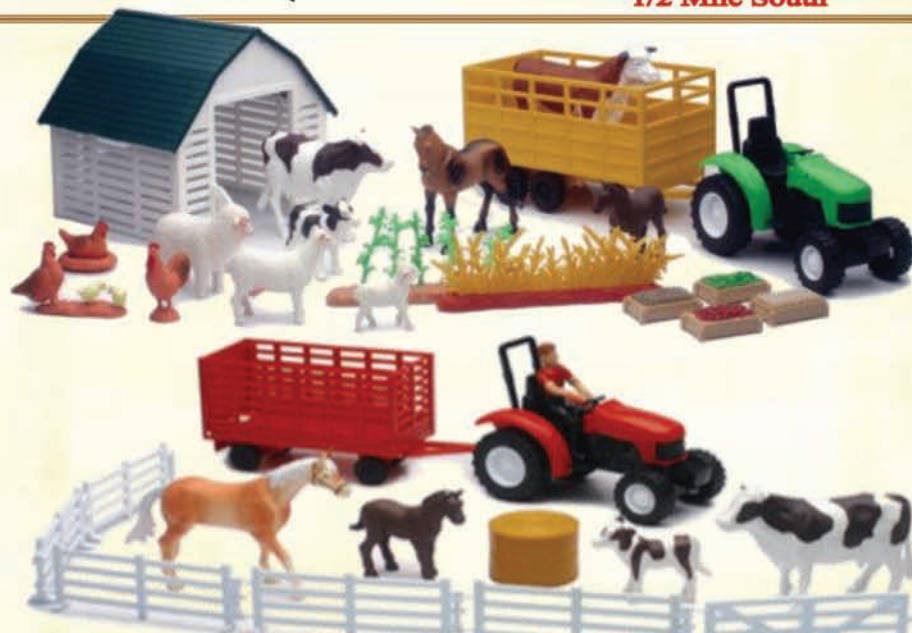
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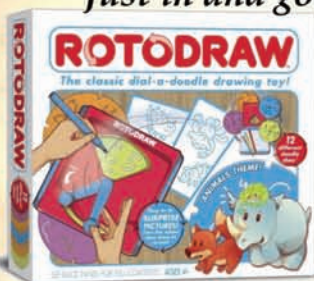


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