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Winkler Christmas Cheer Board volunteers Marilyn Dyck, Marlene Klassen, Tracy Engel, and Dorothy Derksen served up hundreds of pancakes at the third annual Holly Jolly Breakfast last Saturday. Over \$5,000 in donations came in, with matching funds from Scotiabank bringing the total to over \$10,000 for this year's food and gift hamper campaign. The Cheer Board's Marilyn Dyck expressed her thanks to Scotiabank for their support and to the community for coming out to chow down for a great cause. "People are so generous," she said, noting the breakfast's success has grown by leaps and bounds each year. "It's phenomenal." The 2016 hampers will be delivered to families in need on Dec. 7.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO Genesis House's Ang Braun with part of the Faceless Dolls Project that will be on display at the Morden art gallery the next few weeks.



Art galleries teaming up with Genesis House

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Arts and Culture Centre and Altona's Gallery in the Park will be lit up in purple for the next few weeks in support of the United Nations' 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence.

The art galleries are teaming up with Genesis House to raise awareness

"THERE ARE 1,200 FAMILIES THAT DON'T KNOW WHERE THEIR LOVES ONES ARE."

about the struggles

faced by women around the world. Purple spotlights will shine on the buildings' front facades each evening starting this week through to Human Rights Day on Dec. 10.

"It's just trying another avenue to bring that awareness of the importance of the elimination of violence against women and girls," says Genesis House executive director Ang Braun. "We live in a country where most of us still can go to bed at night and feel safe. But in a lot of countries that's not the case, especially for women and girls.

"I think it's actually bigger than the elimination of violence," she adds. "I think it goes right down to equity. Women's equality issues around the world."

The Pembina Hills Arts Council is also taking part in the campaign, though their awareness-raising efforts will take the form of a special exhibit of one of the panels from the Faceless Dolls Project.

The exhibit is on loan from the Selkirk women's shelter, Nova House, which is in the process of creating felt dolls representing each of the 1,200 missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada.

"When you walk into that art gallery and you see this panel and you read the write-up that goes with it, I think that actually, while the dolls are faceless, it brings us faceto-face with that reality," Braun says. "There are 1,200 families that don't know where their loved ones are. 1,200 people.

"I can't imagine living like that and not knowing what has become of that person, that loved one."

The dolls will first be set up on Saturday at the Diversitas speaker series event featuring lawyer and human rights advocate Marilou McPhedran. McPhedran's presentation, *When Wrongs Trump Rights*, is on the subject of rape as a weapon of war. The talk begins at 2 p.m. at the Canadian Fossils Discovery Centre.

From there the exhibit will move to the gallery and be on display until Dec. 10.

The partnerships with the art galleries wrap up what's been a hugely successful Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Braun says.

Genesis House kicked off November with a well-attended Family Dance and has seen clothing donations pour in all month for its Power of PJs drive at the local libraries.

"There's lots of stuff in those boxes," says Braun. "And not just pyjamas, but I also saw shampoo and toothpaste ... it's wonderful to see."

Donations of toiletries and new or gently used clothing can be dropped off at any South Central Regional Library branch through to month's end.

The women's shelter also teamed up with local hockey teams for its Peace Begins at Home campaign, which saw the Pembina Val-

Country Cycle & Ski rises from the ashes

Bike shop destroyed by arson opens new, larger store

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Overwhelming community support and a fair bit of elbow grease got Country Cycle & Ski into its brand new home last weekend.

On Saturday, the Winkler store cut the ribbon on its new location at 204 Main St., just steps away from their old store that was destroyed by arson this summer.

The move to the larger space was originally planned for the new year, but the August fire forced the shop to speed up its timeline. Staff and volunteers were hard at work preparing the space right up until last weekend's grand opening festivities.

Owner Peter Loewen said the last few months have been a whirlwind of emotions and he's looking forward to life getting back to normal.

"This is the first day where everything's been complete and I'm just really loving this space," he said. "It's so nice to know that now it's back to routine, or some kind of routine."

Since the fire, which completely destroyed all of Loewen's stock, Country Cycle has been working out of temporary space provided by the Winkler Co-op. It was a bare bones operation, though, and Loewen said he really wanted to get things up and running again in the permanent location before the holiday shopping season.

"I'm just so happy that it has turned out," he said. "I made it through."

He did so, he stressed, thanks in large part to the support that poured in from the community after the fire, including over \$22,000 in online donations to help Loewen get back on his feet.

"I would have never thought that I would be on the receiving end of this kind of support, but it's been amazing,"Loewen said.

"I've been on cloud nine today," he said, looking proudly around the new shop, which was packed with customers and well-wishers for the ribbon cutting. "Since I opened the door at 9 o'clock there have been people in







PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Country Cycle's Peter Loewen and his family were joined by Coun. Henry Siemens (far left) and MLA Cameron Friesen (far right) in cutting the ribbon (in this case, a bike chain) on the new shop Saturday.

here constantly."

With just over 2,000 square feet to play with, Country Cycle & Ski has plenty of room to grow.

"This space allows us to carry more stock," Loewen said, explaining that doesn't just include bicycles and accessories but also more skis, snowshoes, and a clothing section. "I can expand on the brands that I have and just bring in more product." Also planned is a coffee bar to create a welcoming place for those in the cycling and ski communities to gather.

"For me, I love the idea of community coming together and so what better way to share a moment with others than over a cup of coffee?" Loewen said.

"I'm just going to love coming to work every day," he added.



Region fills 6,900 OCC shoeboxes

By Lorne Stelmach

The region rallied last week to help make the season brighter for less fortunate children around the world.

Pembina Valley communities were helping the Operation Christmas Child program of Samaritan's Purse with this year's shoebox program.

As the final boxes were coming in Monday, the total had climbed to just over 6,900, which represented an increase of more than 300 from last year.

"I'm very happy with the response," said area co-ordinator Gerry Unger, who had been aiming to at least hit last year's 6,600 boxes and was thrilled to have surpassed it by such a wide margin.

The campaign may have started a bit slow earlier this fall, but it really picked up the pace last week.

As of Nov. 15, they had been up to about 2,400 shoeboxes, but then close to 1,000 more came in from Plum Coulee the following night at the town's tree lighting ceremony.

A number of individual churches

also played a big part, with the Morden EMMC, for example, contributing

upwards of another 1,000 shoeboxes. Unger said he was grateful for the support, especially at a time of year when other causes like Christmas Cheer and United Way are also looking for donations.

"I think there's a lot of charities out there right now," he said. "With all the other things going on ... it's really good. It's encouraging to see everyone really giving to all of the different charities."

Helping to pack up all those individual boxes last week for shipment to a Samaritan's Purse depot were members of the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church youth group.

Youth pastor Riley Fehr said the kids were eager to provide some hands-on help.

"It's a great experience for them," he said, noting it is a way for them to serve locally but also have a global impact."We try to do a service project once a month for our youth to learn what it is to serve.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Youth from the Winkler Bergthaler Church showed the spirit of the season last week as they helped pack up the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

"They need the manpower to help pack the boxes ... and we can help kids in another country who are less fortunate," Fehr said.

Krista Friesen, a church relations co-ordinator with Samaritan's Purse, said this project is a great way to teach youth about the plight of kids in other countries.

"I just think it's such a simple thing. It's so easy for people to get involved ... especially people with young kids," she said. "It's just a really good lesson about giving and educating them about that not everyone is so lucky as we are to live in Canada. Some of these kids [overseas] have never had a gift, and that's just something kids can understand and sympathize with that.

"It's fun for people to get involved with the buying of the gifts, but the message is a lot bigger than just the shoebox ... they're also spreading God's love across the world."

Shoeboxes packed and collected in Canada go to Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Ukraine, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

The shoeboxes are filled with things like hygiene items, school supplies, and toys for any children regardless of gender, race, or religion. When culturally appropriate, copies of a book entitled The Greatest Gift are offered to children after the shoeboxes have already been distributed.

Operation Christmas Child has collected and distributed over 135 million shoebox gifts worldwide.

Last year, over 11 million were collected, including more than 730,000 packed in Canada and over 40,000 from Manitoba.

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The Workers Compensation Act Legislative Review Committee 2016 PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE





PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Samaritan's Purse's Krista Friesen worked with Operation Christmas Child co-ordinator Gerry Unger to oversee the regional shoebox campaign, which brought in over 6,900 boxes for needy kids.

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Enbridge sponsors Morden comm. tower

By Lorne Stelmach

Emergency communications in the Morden area will be improved with a new tower that received a financial boost last week from Enbridge.

Company representatives presented a \$10,000 grant to the Southern Emergency Response Committee, which is responsible for emergency preparedness and planning for Winkler, Morden, and the R.M. of Stanley.

"It's a great donation. It makes this project possible," said SERC emergency coordinator Chris Kalansky.

The grant will cover a substantial portion of the cost to construct the new permanent standalone communications tower that is expected to be up by early next spring.

It will be located at the Morden Civic Centre, which is where the local emergency operations centre is set up. "Over the years we've been building up supplies and building up capabilities," said Kalansky, who explained this tower will improve communication between emegency responders.

"One of the gaps that we recognized was our communications ability from this building out to our first responders in the field," he said. "This will enhance the ability of the emergency operations centre to communicate with the commander and other people in the field directly."

Enbridge also supported a similar tower project in Winkler, and Kalansky said they have seen the difference it has made there, with testing showing the signal was able to reach as far away as near Thornhill and to the U.S. border.

"So we're looking for a similar result here in Morden as well," he said. "By having a big external tower and by having the great height that we have



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Enbridge's Andrew Plett (centre) presented SERC coordinator Chris Kalansky (left) and Morden Coun. Irvin Wiebe with a donation of \$10,000 towards the city's new emergency communications tower.

there gives us a long range and reliable communications, which is absolutely essential."

Les Scott, senior advisor of public affairs for Enbridge, noted the grant comes through the company's safe community program for firstresponse emergency services in rural communities across North America.

He said they recognize the importance of these services to the rural areas where the company has a pres-

ence.

"They're going to be the first ones out there in the case of a disaster. You want to have them prepared, you want to have them to be able to communicate," said Scott.

The program was launched in 2002 in the U.S. and in Canada in 2009. Since then, Enbridge has presented about \$9.3 million to North American emergency responder organizations.

24-hour Giving Challenge well met

By Lorne Stelmach

The local community foundations got a financial boost Saturday thanks to their Winnipeg counterpart.

The Winkler, Morden, and Plum Coulee community foundations all took part in the Endow Manitoba 24hour Giving Challenge.

The challenge saw the Winnipeg Foundation offer to \$1 for every \$5 donated that day to a maximum of \$2,000 for \$10,000 in donations.

The Plum Coulee Foundation held a soup and pie supper at the senior centre that brought in close to \$5,000, with some online donations still to be tallied. That means the foundation will receive at least \$1,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation.

"It was a good day. It was more than we collected last year, so any increase is good," said treasurer Moira Porte.

"We really appreciate what the Winnipeg Foundation does for foundations in Manitoba, offering these extra dollars," she said. "When we can add to our endowment fund, that means that we can give more back to the community ... that's always a good thing."

The Morden Area Foundation, meanwhile, saw over \$10,200 pour in on Saturday, which means Morden will receive an additional \$2,000 beyond that for its community endowment fund.

While last year the foundation hit their goal thanks to one large anonymous donation, this time around it was countless smaller gifts that added up to a huge amount, said executive director Lynda MacLean.

"It was literally \$100 here, \$50 there ... a couple of \$1,000 ... so it was a bunch of people involved this time," she said.

"It's one thing to say you are actually going to do it ... another thing to actually do it," she added of the 24-hour goal. "This was all people who were paying attention and decided to do it ... and this was all the one day. I was really, really pleased."

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riety and let not the bulb become too hot to the hand that it doth burn the hand and become dropped and broken upon the floor to much cursing...'

I have been on a light bulb changing kick lately. Specifically I have been switching out all of the traditional incandescent, halo-

gen, and florescent bulbs with LED lights. There are a few reasons for this. As an enthusiast of new things (not

that LED tech is all that new) I tend to **By Peter** be an early adopt-Cantelon er. The cost energy

savings are HUGE (and I am by nature a cheap, cheap man), and, frankly, they're cool.

I mean that literally. LED bulbs do not generate a lot of heat so they are



always cool to the touch, which is important for an impatient guy like me who doesn't want to wait for the bulb to cool off when changing.

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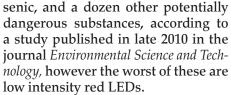
Did I say the energy savings were huge? I did, but it bears repeating because with Manitoba Hydro apparently bankrupt we are likely going to see some significant increases in energy costs over the coming years.

If you have, say, twenty 60-watt incandescent bulbs which last between 1,100-2,000 hours and you replace them with nine-watt LED bulbs which have the same brightness and last approximately 50,000 hours, your savings over the life of the LED bulbs can exceed \$8,000.

LED bulbs also last five times longer than fluorescent bulbs and savings there over the life of LED replacements can come close to \$2,000.

Have you ever turned on an outdoor porch fluorescent lightbulb when it is -20 outside? It takes about an hour just to get to full brightness ... as if you just woke it up from hibernation. LEDs are instant brightness regardless of outside temperature.

Additional reasons for upgrading from fluorescent: fluorescent bulbs contain mercury, which is not great for the environment, although this may be cancelled out by the fact the many LED bulbs contain lead, ar-



There is also some concern that LED lighting can increase eye stress, but these studies are focused on high intensity street lighting.

The question is, why wouldn't you do it? The cost of LED bulbs has come way down in recent years and if you have Manitoba Hydro perform a FREE energy audit on your home they will give you some LED bulbs to get you started.

Of course there are some nitpicky details you may need to resolve beforehand. For instance, in my household I like the pure white light while my partner prefers the traditional warm incandescent look (which you can get with LED).

My argument in favour of the white is, admittedly, fairly poor: "I like the white LED light because it is cold and stark like my soul," I say to my unsympathetic audience.

I am happy to report that despite my poor argument we have gone with the white light.

Kudos to Morden thrift shop, Elks for all that they do

Recently, your paper had an article and picture relating to the work of the Morden Community Thrift Shop. The number and amount of donations this group of people frequently dispense is truly amazing. A huge thank you to all who generously volunteer their time to this organization.

Our community is very blessed to be the recipients of your generous donations and, at this greatly needed time, to our Tabor Home.

Let's keep supporting them with our "unwanted treasures" which in turn are monetarily returned to our community.

A recent meeting of the Morden Elks Lodge was attended by Mr. Don Piet, the president of the Manitoba Elks Association. At this meeting, Mr. Piet congratulated the Morden Elks for being one of the top fundraisers in Manitoba and donating very generous amounts of money to local charities. Many thanks to our

local Elks, who unselfishly volunteer their time for many fundraising events throughout the year. Again, our community benefits from their hard work, so let's keep supporting their projects.

These two organizations sincerely deserve the thanks of our community, as do all charitable organizations in our area.

> Esther Rothenburger, Morden



Sales, donations up at MCC Thrift Store

Winkler store was able to give back \$20K locally, \$500K to relief projects around the world

By Lorne Stelmach

Making connections between local volunteers and the global work of the Mennonite Central Committee is an ongoing priority for the organization at every level. That point was emphasized last week as the Winkler MCC Thrift Shop held its annual meeting.

"I want people to know ... by the things they're doing, by the things we're doing here ... we are actually changing the world," guest speaker Don Peters, executive director of MCC Canada, told the gathering at the Cornerstone Church.

Peters related the story of having been in Ethiopia recently and meeting with some local church leaders, one of whom told him of the experience of travelling to the U.S. where he got to see MCC in action at the local level.

"He really got MCC when he came



As guest speaker at the MCC's AGM in Winkler last week, MCC Canada executive director Don Peters talked about the vital role local thrift stores play in allowing the organization to undertake relief work around the world.

PHOTO BY LORNE STEL-MACH/VOICE here ... and saw all the people working humbly ... it had an impact for him and it changed his world ... the way he saw MCC," said Peters.

"They took him to thrift shops, took him to relief sales, and then he realized that the budget of MCC is made up of small donations ... by and large ... often they're coming out of the thrift shops.

"So when you think of the budget ... being made up of contributions that come from thrift shops ... you get this gift of \$9 or \$10 million per year," he continued, "and that's because of all these people who are working ... think of 10,000 volunteers in Canada and the United States just in the thrift shops.

"So that's what makes this really an exciting thing to be part of."

Peters touched on the mission and the goals of MCC based on the idea that "we serve because we have been served … we love because we have been loved."

He said he has been inspired by some of the people he's had the chance to meet in his work, such as one Syrian refugee who told him simply, "Don't forget me."

"I walked out of that and thought about that for a long time," he said, adding he felt like "she was speaking to all of you through me.

"This is all work that could not be done without you ... and that work is not done yet."

There are tremendous challenges worldwide, Peters said, particularly noting how Ethiopia is in the midst of its worst drought in 30 years.

"There's all kinds of issues that are colleagues are dealing with across Africa ... in Ethiopia, the drought situation people are facing is absolutely horrendous," Peters said.

He then offered high praise for the people working in places like that for MCC.

"They're resilient, they're resourceful ... they're thankful and they're energized," he said. "We're working on the right causes with the right people."

Winkler MCC store board chair Garry Bueckert agreed that connecting people locally to what is happening globally is an important priority for the organization.

"I think it's important because it's what motivates people," he said ."The people who come to volunteer day after day, if they know what they're doing has an impact somewhere else in the world ... it provides purpose."

In addition, he cited recruiting more volunteers as another priority for the thrift shop, which reports showed remains in strong financial shape.

Sales increased from \$868,523 a year earlier to \$908,812 this past year, with this year's statements showing a surplus of about \$22,000.

Donations from the store totalled \$20,000 to eight local organizations and a further \$500,000 to MCC Manitoba for work around the world.

Looking ahead, Bueckert noted there are no major capital projects planned at the store, other than some painting and minor improvements to the building.

"We're trying to keep the building in good shape," he said.

"Things are going very well," he concluded. "We really appreciate all the people in the community who are willing to donate ... and of course all of our volunteers who make it happen."

> GENESIS HOUSE, FROM PG. 2

ley Hawks and the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs don white jerseys at games this past week to show their support for end-

ing domestic violence. The Winkler Flyers will do the same in their game against Selkirk next Tuesday.

Genesis House caps off the month

> GIVING CHALLENGE, FROM PG. 4

Winkler Community Foundation reps were at the Winkler Co-op to collect donations Saturday. They raised \$11,600 to earn the \$2,000 maximum from the Winnipeg Foundation.

Executive director Myra Peters said this support has a big impact.

"The gifts to the community fund help grow our community," she said.

"The gifts are endowed, and each year the interest earned is granted back into the community to charities and non-profits to impact our community.

"A gift given to the foundation today continues to make a difference in our community forever."

with its annual Pyjama Party at the Winkler Library on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

"Families are encouraged to come in their pyjamas to this event and bring your favourite blanket and stuffy," Braun says. "There's going to be storytelling and milk and cookies ... it's going to be a lot of fun."



Village Gift Shoppe keeps seniors active, involved

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre store, The Village Gift Shoppe, is gearing up for its first holiday season in its new home in the Buhler Active Living Centre.

The store, which was formerly the much smaller Oma's Niche in the old building, gives seniors a place to volunteer their time behind the till and also share their talents as artists with the community.

"When we went into the new building the senior centre had a vision for a bigger store where they could use more volunteers, because that's one of the visions of the senior centre is to have seniors be active," says store manager Karen Klassen, adding that proceeds from the store go to support the centre's many programs.

The store carries a wide variety of locally-made products, ranging from homemade aprons and hand-painted signs and cards to knit scarves and wooden toys, to name just a few.

"We have wonderfully unique handmade items," Klassen says. "We also carry Ten Thousand Villages products, which are made by crafters overseas ... so we do have quite a wide variety

of product here. "We're hoping more people will come in and realize that this store is for everyone," she adds. "It's not just for seniors."

"IT KEEPS ME BUSY AND HAPPY"

The store's selection of homemade

aprons come courtesy of artist Mary Hamm, who also sells some of her crochet pieces and paintings.

"I just love to sew," she says, adding that it's been gratifying to see how popular her aprons have been not just with adults but with children. Her apron sets for little girls that come with a matching doll apron have been a bestseller for years.

Hamm says the opportunity to share her craftwork has been very fulfilling. "It keeps me busy and happy," she

says.

For fellow artist and store volunteer Carol Thiessen, the gift shop allows her to scratch a creative itch while also finding a home for her many creations.

"I grew up with a crafty mom, so that's always been part of my life," she says.

Thiessen's products include heating bags, crochet work, and colourful holiday snowmen.

Ideas for new crafts come "almost everywhere you look," she says. "My mind goes all the time, 'Okay, now what else can I make?"

She urges people looking for a unique gift this Christmas to come check out the store.

"There's so much to choose from, so many unique ideas. Not something that you'll go find in a box store somewhere."

It's a sentiment echoed by Denise Enns, who also volunteers at the shop and has several products up for sale. Enns got into recycling old wooden picture frames and bowls a few years ago, painting them with fresh designs.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Village Cift Shoppe staff, volunteers, and artists Denise Enns, Mary Hamm, Carol Thiessen, Karen Klassen and Tina Gerbrandt with some of the unique handcrafted products up for sale.

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"I got to painting more and more and more and realized, 'What am I going to do with these things?" she says, laughing. "So then I asked Karen if I could display some of my stuff, and that's where it

and that's where it started. My husband also started off making some bird houses with license plates, and they have sold really well.

"You can do almost anything here," Enns says. "Everybody has a gift that they can use and share."

For relative new-

comer to the store Tina Gerbrandt, that gift is her experience as a retailer. Gerbrandt began volunteering at the shop a few months ago as a way to get out of the house and into the community. "I was in retail and I've always loved retail," she says. "I enjoy the people, watching all the movement."

She also enjoys helping people find the perfect gift for the person in their lives that seems to

have everything.

"Customers always say, 'Oh, this is so unique. I didn't know you were here. And I'll be back,'" she says, urging future customers to, "Come on in. You won't know what's here until you check it out."

The Village Gift Shoppe is open Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They're also hoping to be open for a few Saturdays in December.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Store manager Karen Klassen shows off one of their most popular items: handmade aprons for little girls that come with tiny matching aprons for their dolls.

D'Friesens Christmas singalong this Sunday

Reinland musical group D'Friesens invite you to a Christmas Carol Singalong this weekend.

The family group, which heads up D'Friesens Music Ministry, will take the stage at the Winkler EMM Church on Sunday, Nov. 27 with faspa at 4 p.m. and music to follow.

Parents Diedrick and Nettie Friesen

will be joined by sons Andrew, Jason, Matthew, and Mark in performing and leading the crowd in English and Low German carols.

Admission is by donation, with funds raised going toward the group's ministry efforts both close to home in Canada as well as in South America.

SCCR working to meet growing needs

By Lorne Stelmach

The demand for their services continues to grow, so the challenge for South Central Cancer Resource is to find the support to meet that increasing need.

Coming out of the past year not only having met that need but also showing a surplus then is a real blessing for the organization.

"It's been an amazing year," president June Letkeman said at the annual meeting last Thursday in Morden.

"Our contributions have been just more than ever or that we ever anticipated even. We've had an amazing year with the fundraisers and the support from the communities," she said. "We've spent more money too ... so we're very fortunate that we have gotten more support.

"The need is definitely out there. It's unfortunate ... but I'm really thankful that we are here to help the people who need the help and we have the support of all the people and the organizations that support us."

South Central Cancer Resource saw its expenses increase from \$150,000 in 2015 to \$196,000 for the year ending Sept. 30, but their revenue also saw a corresponding increase from \$196,000 to \$246,000, which left them with a \$50,000 surplus.

"We just always hope that we will be able to meet our budget," said Letkeman, adding that is why they feel it was important to establish a contingency fund now while they are in good financial shape."We started that now because what if we have a bad year ... then at least we have the contingency fund where we can still do our work." The key things that made a difference was not only surpassing their budget for donations but also seeing more money come in through fundraising, including their annual fashion show. The latter showed a net profit of about \$28,000, while their golf tournament brought in about \$15,000 and another \$13,000 came from the Legends car club rally.

"It's heartwarming to see such support," said Letkeman.

It is also vital, especially with the increasing demand on their program to provide transportation and accommodations support to cancer patients and families.

That portion of the annual budget has grown from about \$38,000 in 2012-13 to over \$115,000 for 2015-16.

"We know our service is very much needed ... and I think we are a great service to our communities," said Letkeman.

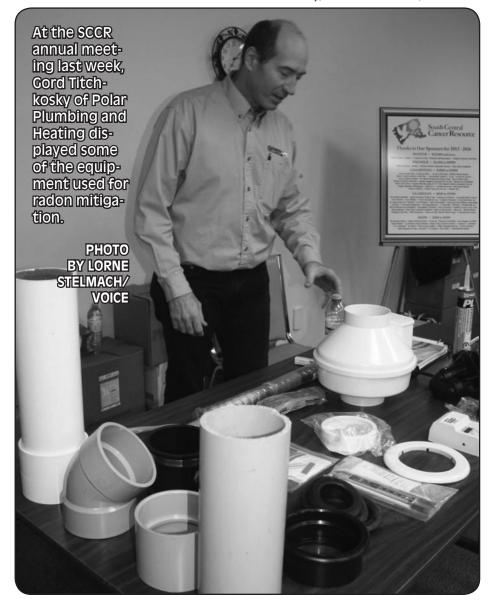
Clinical co-ordinator Norma Hildebrand noted their 103 current client list included 64 new people this year.

SCCR's other programs and services for the year ranged from providing over \$2,300 in emergency funds to 10 clients to loaning out 21 wigs to cancer patients. There was also a skin cancer screening day in June which saw 85 people take part.

Newer initiatives include lymphedema support and a radon mitigation program, which was addressed at the meeting by Gord Titchkosky, a certified specialist in the area.

He got into this as a speciality because he recognized there was a need for it in the area, and his experience since getting started at it in May has backed that up.

"We've done probably between 15



and 20 systems and demand is still growing," said Titchkosky. "It's about awareness. People are becoming more and more aware ... especially in the Morden area ... word of mouth is a huge thing."

A colourless, odourless radioactive gas found naturally in the environment, when radon enters homes and buildings it can reach levels that may pose a risk to health. Long-term exposure may increase the risk of developing lung cancer.

Health Canada suggests a threshold of 200 becquerels per cubic meter, but Titchkosky said they have seen levels as high as 2,000 in some homes. It is vital for people to test their homes for radon, he said, with such things as open sump pump pits or floor drains being among the ways radon will get into a house.

"You can't see, smell, and taste it, so you've got to test to know if you have a radon problem in your home," said Titchkosky.

"Radon goes way back. They knew this was an issue 50, 60 years ago ... there were no studies, they didn't know the extent of the problem. As time went on and they started to understand what was happening ... the awareness has grown."

WA+C hosts Winter Wonderland Artisans Sale

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Arts & Culture Centre will be transformed into a winter wonderland next weekend.

The Park St. arts centre hosts its first annual Winter Wonderland Artisans Sale on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

On tap will be the work of about a dozen local artisans (offering products ranging from jewelry to home decor to artwork), Christmas carols courtesy of a few different musicians throughout the day, and hot drinks and desserts available for purchase.

"It's all handmade crafts," explains executive director Wendy Klassen, who adds that it'll be a great place to pick up a truly unique gift for your loved ones this holiday season.

Admission to the sale is \$1, which goes toward WA+C's art education programs.

The centre also hopes to have its December exhibition set up by that day, Klassen says.

"Our December exhibit is going to be supplied to us by the high school students," she says." Exactly what that will look like is going to be a surprise, but it's going to be called *Unwrapped*."

The young artists were invited to create work that relates to that theme, but the finish products remain a mystery until they are on display. "The high school art teachers are supplying us with, I think, 25 pieces, but I have no idea what I'm getting," Klassen says.

To check out *Unwrapped* later in the month, stop by the gallery Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays from 1-8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Winkler clinic reaching out to local youth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler has launched a new weekly Teen Clinic to reach out to local youth. The clinic has been opening its doors to youth age 12-21 Thursdays from 2-7:30 p.m. since September, and word of mouth has quickly spread.

"The reality is when we started we didn't know ... maybe nobody was going to show up," said Dr. Heather Lehmann, one of three primary care providers who staff the project. "But we have had pretty consistent attendance. It's not huge, but we're seeing anywhere from five to 10 clients most days, which is pretty reasonable."

Lehmann said the medical centre has been aware for years that this demographic is one that does not traditionally seek care.

"They are our patients," she said, explaining that most teens are in the clinic's system from visits in their younger years, but those visits tend to drop off once they reach adolescence.

"In terms of the percentage of visits that they're coming in, it's really remarkably low compared to every other age group,"Lehmann said."And we can be naive and say, "Oh, well, they're just healthy and they're fine and they don't need to see a doctor' or we can be realistic and say, 'Something about this, there's a barrier and they're not coming in when they need to.'"

Teen Clinic seeks to remove that bar-

rier and give youth a safe place to get answers to their medical questions, including those some teens may not feel comfortable talking about with their parents.

"Doctor Google is not the best source of information," Lehmann said. "And your friends are great, but friends are not always the most reliable source of health care information either."

Since opening two months ago, the clinic has seen youth of all ages, though the majority of patients have been between the ages of 14-19.

"I've seen everything from 'My ear kind of hurts and my knee's been weird,' to questions about healthy lifestyle, healthy sexuality, people with major anxiety issues looking for ways to help get through that, people coming in for contraceptive information, the whole gamut," said Lehmann.

One key aspect of Teen Clinic is that every visit is confidential.

"We want to make sure that people know whatever you're going to say here, it's safe, it's confidential," Lehmann stressed. "Whatever you need to talk about, whatever you have questions about, come on in."

ON THE HUNT FOR A NEW LOCATION

The clinic had done a fair bit of legwork for this project back in 2011 in the hopes of having Teen Clinic open up in Winkler's new high school,



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Dr. Heather Lehmann is one of three primary care providers behind the new Teen Clinic at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler. The project provides safe, confidential medical care for youth age 12-21.

Northlands Parkway Collegiate, when it was completed.

Those plans ultimately fell through and the idea was put on the shelf for a few years.

"Now, the timing just seemed right" to try it again, Lehmann said.

Though they've begun Teen Clinic at the downtown medical centre, Lehmann and her colleagues are actually looking for a more suitable location, one that's even less intimidating for teens reluctant to be seen walking into a clinic.

"We don't think this is probably the ideal place, but it's something. It's kind of an 'If we build it, will they come?' kind of thing," Lehmann said.

"We are looking at other locations, something maybe a little closer to the high schools so it's easier to get to," she said. "But we've also been seeing a number of people who aren't from Winkler—Manitou, Altona, Morden—so being in the schools wouldn't necessarily be a solution either.

"It'd be nice to have a location where it's maybe not obvious that you're going to a health care place ... maybe something in a mall or a public place where there's shopping. We're looking at some options."

In the meantime, Teen Clinic will continue to offer weekly drop-in appointments at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre. Youth can enter through the Urgent Care entrance on 4th St.

Teens can also get in touch with medical professionals at the Teen Clinic by calling or texting 204-312-7475, emailing teenclinic@cwwiebemedical.ca, or checking them out on Facebook or Instagram.

Expo brings 50 Winkler businesses under one roof

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Southland Mall will be a hopping place this weekend as the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce hosts its first annual Discover Local Business Expo.

Upwards of 50 small and mediumsized Winkler businesses will be setting up displays in the mall this Friday from noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"I think this expo is going to be a really great event in that there's going to be such a wide variety of vendors participating. Different businesses, different types of businesses," says chamber executive director Tanya Chateauneuf, noting they have everything from home-based enterprises like Norwex to larger local stores like the Best Sleep Centre taking part.

In addition to getting the chance to check out a host of different businesses in one go, customers may also get a crack at some great deals at the expo.

"We're encouraging [vendors] to really use this opportunity to showcase their products and services in any way possible, whether it be through draws or maybe special promotions," Chateauneuf says.

Both days of the expo also feature activities and entertainment for the entire family.

"What we wanted to do is not only make this a great opportunity for the businesses but for the community as a whole," says Chateauneuf. "So we have some really great entertainment planned."

Friday from 1-5 p.m. will feature buskers and a TimBit decorating station.

"Tim Hortons has donated 500 Tim-Bits that we'll be selling for \$1 each and there will be lots of different fun things to decorate them with," explains Chateauneuf. "All of the money from that we're going to be passing along to a local charity ... it's a great opportunity for us to give back to the community."

Also on Friday will be a visit from Santa Claus, who will be on hand

form 5-8 p.m. for photos.

Saturday's line-up includes Christmas caroling and a holiday craft station (\$1 to take part, with funds again going to charity) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and special appearances at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. by Mike the Knight from the popular children's television show.

"It's going to be a really fun and exciting day for all ages," says Chateauneuf.

If this inaugural year goes well, expect to see the expo back again in 2017.

"We're really hoping that this is going to be an annual event for us," says Chateauneuf.

Adult Ed. Centre kicks off Gift a Stocking campaign

Volunteers will be accepting donations at Co-op Nov. 30

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Adult Education Centre students and staff are doing their part to help spread some Christmas cheer.

Cheer Board hamper recipients in the community will receive presents next month thanks to the centre's annual Gift A Stocking program.

Director John Loewen said having the students involved in this way can in some instances be a nice way of bringing things full circle.

"A lot of times our students are recipients of Christmas Cheer hampers ... so I think this also allows them the dignity of being able to give back," he said.

"I really enjoy that the staff and students have an opportunity to contribute back to the community," agreed education assistant Carmen Funk, who helps organize the effort along with administrative assistant Stacey Fehr.

They started the annual stocking program a few years ago as a way to get the students involved in the community, and doing something at the Christmas season seemed ideal.

People can donate \$10 to sponsor a stocking, and the centre will co-ordinate with the Morden Christmas Cheer Board to determine how many will be needed. They will do stockings for boys and girls as well as try to take into account a variety of ages.

Staff and students were set up at the city's tree lighting ceremony last Friday to collect donations, which can also be dropped off at the centre any weekday over the next few weeks or at the Morden Co-op all day on Nov. 30.

"We're hoping to have a rotating group of students sit-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Staff and students at the Morden Adult Education Centre are once again collecting donations for their Gift a Stocking program, which will ensure Morden Christmas Cheer Board recipients receive a gift with their food hampers.

ting with staff members there," noted Loewen. Once the money is all in, Funk and Fehr "will go crazy shopping to fill them," he said.

One day close to the hamper deliveries on Dec. 14 will then see staff and students busy packing the stockings at the centre.

"We'll take a morning, and all of the students will help us create roughly 280 stockings," Loewen said.

Funk noted that they did 244 stockings last year, but needs have increased in the commu-

nity since then.

She added that the feedback they have received tells them their efforts are appreciated.

"We've heard from previous recipients of the stockings that it's had a huge emotional impact in the homes on Christmas morning," she said.

"Parents may have struggled just to provide a basic present ... anything extra like a stocking stuffed with goodies is generally out of reach ... so it's great for the kids to experience that in these homes."

Police to reward safe drivers, pedestrians

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Police Service will be on the lookout for both the naughty and the nice this Christmas season.

The department is once again partnering with Coffee Culture to reward Mordenites who are caught doing good over the next few weeks.

Drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians who follow the rules of the road may be pulled over to be presented not with a ticket, but with a gift card to the coffee shop instead.

"We think it's a great program for us," said Chief Brad Neduzak, who noted it is another form of proactive policing by encouraging and promoting good habits in the community.

"People are not used to being stopped by the police and being told they did something right," he added. "It's actually quite funny to see the reaction on their faces sometimes and some of the comments that we get when we pull them over. They're a little apprehensive and questioning what they did wrong, then we tell them what they did right.

"The smile comes on their face. It's nice to do that sort of thing and have that positive connection with the public."

Coffee Culture's Lisa Zacharias, who, along with husband Vern, initially approached the police with the idea for the program, said it's a fun promotion for the restaurant and a win-win for everybody in the community.

"It's important for this time of year to promote safe driving," she said. "And who doesn't like to get something at Christmas?

"It's also for me to give back to the community because this community



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Police Chief Brad Neduzak and Sgt. Sean Aune with one of the Coffee Culture gift cards the department will hand out to locals caught following the rules of the road this holiday season.

supports us so well," Zacharias said.

Neduzak said they appreciate the opportunity for a community partnership like this.

"It's nice that we can offer this out to the public when we see them obeying the laws and doing the right things out there," he said. "Most times, we're either issuing warnings or traffic tickets to people.

"It's an excellent program, and we really appreciate Lisa and Vern coming forward with this again this year."

Heritage museum hosts Old Tyme Christmas

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you're looking for an old-fashioned way to kick off the holiday season, look no further than the Winkler Heritage Museum's annual Old Tyme Christmas celebration.

The Southland Mall museum invites one and all to enjoy a free evening of entertainment Thursday, Dec. 1 start-



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ing at 7 p.m.

"We'll have Christmas stories and songs," says organizer Dora Hildebrand. "And we're going to have peppernuts, coffee, and oranges."

Organizers are still confirming the musical acts lined up for the evening, but Hildebrand says they'll also be inviting the audience to join in on the Christmas carolling.

The museum, which is run by the Winkler Heritage Society, has hosted

a holiday celebration ever since it opened up shop in the mall in 2011.

"It's a chance to just celebrate Christmas together," Hildebrand said.

It's also an opportunity to check out the thousands of items on display in the heritage museum, which charts our community's history from the first settlers through to today, she added.





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Morden lights up for the season

Santa Claus made a grand arrival by fire truck for the annual kickoff to the Christmas season in Morden last Friday. The city's tree lighting celebration at the downtown civic centre still attracted a good sized crowd despite chilly weather. Right: Families enjoyed some warm drinks and roasted marshmallows over the outdoor fires overseen by members of the Morden fire department, which also capped things off with a fireworks show.



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Visit Santa without all the tears

The holiday season means it's time once again for parents to take their youngsters to visit Santa Claus. Pictures with little boys and girls lining up in their dress clothes with Santa are a holiday tradition, and youngsters are often anxious for their chances to share their Christmas gift wishes with the jolly man in red.

But as integral as such photo sessions are to the holiday season, parents know they are one crying fit or meltdown away from having this tradition turn into trouble. After waiting in long lines to see Santa, it's understandable when everyone's patience starts to wear thin. The combination of antsy children and aggravated adults could set off a chain reaction that culminates in tear-stained cheeks and a sullied holiday memory. Pictures with Santa can go much more smoothly when you employ the following tips.

• Prep children. While kids may love the idea of Santa, youngsters face to face with a man in a red suit and a big, white beard may be nervous. Begin talking up Santa a few months before Christmas, mentioning how nice and friendly he is. Gauge how kids act around costumed performers at fairs, circuses and birthday parties and help them grow accustomed to people in costumes. If costumes elicit screams of horror, wait another year before seeing Santa.

* Visit during off-peak hours. Weekends and evenings are the busiest times to visit Santa. This means long lines and longer wait times. Instead of dealing with the masses, try to get to the mall when the doors first open. Otherwise, let the children skip a day of school and visit during the week when the lines are shorter.

• Consider another venue. Many different places of business host events where kids can meet Santa. Families may be able to share a meal with Santa at a restaurant or visit him at a nursery while selecting Christmas trees. A different environment may be less intimidating to children and take the pressure off waiting in line in a busy mall.

• Go well-fed. There's little worse than waiting in line and doing so hungry. Hunger pangs can turn even the most placid child into a menace. Pack

snacks to enjoy while waiting. Opt for items that will not stain lips and teeth or drip onto clothing.

• Make it a family photo. Sometimes the only way to entice a little one to take a picture with Santa is to provide some added security. Dress your best and be prepared to have to step in and cozy up to Santa to ensure your child is all smiles.







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8. Charging station for phones and tablets that automatically turns off when devices are finished charging.

9. LED nightlight to plug in when guests visit instead of leaving lights turned on.

10. Cozy blanket to curl under on cold days instead of turning up the heat.



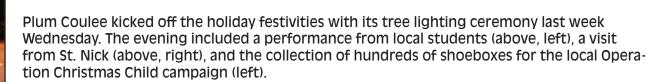
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• AN ARTIST'S LIFE What your music teacher wishes you knew about lessons

ver wondered what your music teacher would love to tell you about how you can help your child succeed in lessons?

I asked six teachers for the one thing they would love to tell the parents of their students if they had the chance, and the responses given are listed below.

For most students, having a par-

ent who is engaged and involved in their learning is an important key to success: "I would



love for my parents to **By** know that I

By Candace Hamm think it is so important that all parents read their student's notebook and ensure that the student is focusing on the tasks that have been assigned by the teacher," said one teacher. "I spend so much time writing everything down, to help my students out as much as possible, and the difference between students and parents who read that notebook and those who do not is very obvious."

"I would love for my parents to know that I want to see my students receiving help with their lesson material, no matter what age the student is," said another. "I also want to see that practice sessions are fully supervised. When parents learn and help their child, the student makes progress twice as fast."

"One thing I wish my parents knew about lessons is how much of a difference is made when the parent is engaged with their child's practice at home. Engagement does not necessarily require prior music training, just an interest in what the students are learning, and some time taken to ensure that the student has practiced what we covered during the lesson: theory is understood and completed, and sight reading assignments are done, and technique has been practiced. Kudos to the parents who take time to give their children guidance in musical development!"

"I would love for parents to know how much I value communication. If a student practiced really well during the week, or tried hard but is struggling, or has circumstances at home that are affecting practice, let me know. I find it much easier to tailor lessons and ideas to each student if I understand what is happening (or not happening) at home. If a student has mentioned they love a piece of music and want to play it, or that they are really not enjoying something about lessons, please tell me! I can be a much more effective teacher when communication is good between myself and the parent."

"I would love for parents to know that listening to the student's lessons and recitals can do wonders for the student's sense of the how much the parents appreciate their skill and hard work. No critique or evaluation needed from the parents, just involvement, appreciation, and, listening. I find involvement boosts the student's sense of the value in their studies."

"I wish parents knew how much I value those parents who take the time to sit down and listen to their kids play, particularly when preparing for performance. They should make themselves available! Performing can be stressful, and students will have a much easier time if the concept of playing in front of someone who is not their teacher is not completely foreign."

Thank you to the teachers from Southeastern Manitoba Music Teacher's Association for taking the time to share their thoughts!

> Reach Candace Hamm at ibcnu@mts.net

Spontside > UPSIDE DOWN

The Winkler Flyers kicked off what ended up being a flawless week of hockey by downing the visiting Selkirk **Steelers** 6-1 on Tuesday. They followed that up with 4-0 shutout wins over the Swan Valley Stampeders and the Virden Oil Capitals.



By Ashleigh Viveiros

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The Winkler Flyers bolstered their record with a trio of wins last week. On Nov. 15 the boys ran roughshod

over the visiting Selkirk Steelers 6-1.

Selkirk drew first blood in the very first minute, but that lone goal was drowned out by doubles from both Gino Lucia and Tyler Jubenvill and singles from Nolan McGuire and Brayden Cullum.

Cole Weaver got the win in net, making 22 saves as Winkler outshot Selkirk 30-23.

Weaver didn't let the next two teams Winkler faced get a single goal past him, starting with a 4-0 victory Friday night against the Swan Valley Stampeders.

This game saw the Winkler goaltender make 26 saves in the shutout, while teammates Brett Opperman, Matt Christian, Scott Gall, and Jacob Lacasse had scoring honours. Sunday's game against the Virden Oil Capitals was a repeat performance, with Weaver again making 26 saves in the 4-0 shutout. Goals this time came from Garrett Kuklica, Lacasse, Labossiere, and Cullum.

Weaver was named the league's Player of the Week on Monday for his stellar play.

Winkler is now 18-7 for the season thus far, giving them 36 points for a firm hold on third place. They trail the Steinbach Pistons in first by three points (though Steinbach has two games in hand) and the OCN Blizzard in second place by a single point. Portage, in fourth place, is four points behind Winkler. This week the Flyers were slated to play at the Islanders on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, Winkler hosts the Waywayseecappo Wolverines on Saturday and the Selkirk Steelers next week Tuesday.

Hawks building confidence

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks have had a more competitive season than their last so far, but coach Rylan Price still wants to see them take their game to the next level.

"We need to start separating ourselves from the middle of the pack," Price said after another weekend that brought a win and a loss for the Hawks.

"We need to put together a winning streak," continued Price, whose team fell 3-1 to Brandon Sunday after doubling up the Eastman Selects 6-3 Friday."I think we're on the brink of it ... it's just a matter of building that confidence to a level where we can take off." Goaltender Aaron Brunn had a strong game in net Friday in coming up with 38 saves, while the Hawks got a hat trick from Colton Shindle.

Jayden McCarthy also scored, while Elijah Carels got a pair, which boosted his league-leading goal total to 17 so far this season. Pembina Valley

Hawks post pair of 8-1 wins

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks remain in the running for first place after earning a pair of lopsided victories over the winless Interlake Lightning on the weekend.

The Hawks outscored the Lightning by a combined 16-2 count with a pair of 8-1 wins Saturday and Sunday in Morden.

Makenzie McCallum and Sage McElroy-Scott each contributed a pair of goals and had four point nights Saturday as the Hawks broke open a 1-1 game after one period with three second period goals and four more unanswered markers in the third.

Brooklyn Platt had a goal and a pair of assists with other markers from Toni Conrad, Hannah Petrie and Kelly-Rae Zdan, while Halle Oswald was only called on to make 14 saves. In game two of the doubleheader,



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Pembina Valley's Sage McElroy-Scott dives to knock the puck away from the Lightning's Sadie Somers in one of two 8-1 victories the Hawks had over interlake last weekend.

the Hawks stormed out of the gate, opening scoring on their first shot just 15 seconds in and taking a 5-0 lead before the game was five minutes old. They added three more in the second period after having taken a 5-1 lead after the first.

Several of the Hawks padded their stats, with McElroy-Scott leading the way at a goal and a five point night, while Platt and Mackenzie Hutchinson had four point nights including a goal each. McCallum contributed a pair with other goals from Petrie as well as Cora Fijala and Katie Heppner. Kadynce Romijn had a slightly busier night in net but only had to make 19 saves for the Hawks.

Pembina Valley held down second place with a stellar 9-2-0 record for 18

points, leaving them just two back of the 10-2-0 Winnipeg Avros. Fighting to keep pace are the Westman Wildcats at 15 points, Yellowhead Chiefs at 14 points and the Eastman Selects at 13 points.

It sets up a big showdown for first place this weekend with the Hawks welcoming the Winnipeg Avros to Morden for a game Friday night.

Royals post losses, Redskins down Maroons

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals fell just short in their two South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League games last week.

On Nov. 17, the Royals travelled to play the top-ranked Notre Dame Hawks and returned home with their fifth loss of the season.

The 3-1 defeat saw Winkler's lone goal come from Cody Friesen in the final period. Matt Krahn guarded Winkler's net, making 45 saves in all as the Hawks outshot the Royals 48-19.

Winkler fared much better when Altona came to town Saturday night, though it wasn't quite enough to earn their first victory of the season.

The Maroons hit the ground running, scoring three goals in the first period. Craig Cornelsen got Winkler on the board, though, at the 18:23 mark.

Altona took the lead in scoring in the second as well, though this time around they only managed one point, which was matched by Winkler's Cody Friesen to make it 4-2 heading into the final frame.

There, Altona scored once more to widen the gap. Winkler's Chad Unrau and Craig Cornelsen brought their team within one of tying, but that last needed goal remained just out of reach and Altona took the game 4-3.

Krahn was in net once again for Winkler, facing 43 shots while his teammates sent 42 the other way.

The Morden Redskins, meanwhile, had a completely opposite experience

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scored a pair of goals in each frame for period leads of 2-1 and 4-2 while getting 32 shots on net.

"We spotted them a goal 19 seconds into the game ... had to put on the burners right away to try to get that one back," Price added."I thought the boys responded well. They just kept to the game plan."

The Hawks opened the scoring against Brandon 14:30 into the first period but gave up the tying goal off the faceoff just nine seconds later, then they were shutdown the rest of against the Maroons last week, coming out on the winning side of their 4-3 match on Thursday.

Morden was up 1-0 and 3-2 in the first two periods, with a pair of goals coming from Nick Doyle and a powerplay goal from Derek Holenski.

Altona evened things up midway through the final frame, but then Graham Leiding gave Morden the lead once more while Redskins goaltender Reed Peters made sure that lead held through to the end.

The Redskins are 3-1 for the season thus far, putting them in third place behind the Islanders and the Hawks. The Royals are in eighth and last place with a 0-6 record.

This week the Redskins take on the Portage Islanders at home on Saturday. The game starts at 8 p.m. at the Access Event Centre.

Winkler also plays at home, welcoming Stonewall Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

the way with the Wheat Kings scoring twice more in the second and third periods.

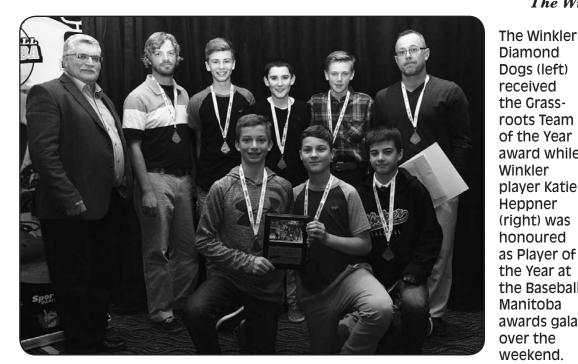
Shindle scored the lone goal for Pembina Valley, while Brunn made 30 saves as the Hawks were outshot 33-27.

"We ran into a Brandon team that's been very, very hot," said Price."They just do everything well. They work together as a team, and they play their systems very well. They're going to be tough to play against every night."

Pembina Valley remained in the

middle of the pack in seventh place in the 12-team Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League with a record of 10-8-0-0 for 20 points. They are tied with Southwest, but the Cougars have a game in hand, while Eastman is just two points back of the Hawks.

The Hawks are in Winnipeg Saturday to take on the Thrashers and then are home in Morden to host the Southwest Cougars Sunday afternoon.



Winklerites honoured at Baseball MB awards

By Lorne Stelmach

A Winkler team that never tasted defeat on the diamonds this year has been honoured by Baseball Manitoba.

The annual provincial awards handed out Saturday in Winnipeg recognized another Winkler athlete for her achievements as well.

In addition to the Winkler 13U AA squad being named Grassroots Team of the Year, the Female Player of the Year award went to Winkler's Katie Heppner.

"It's a pretty big deal for these kids. For them to be recognized, it's a pretty big honour, and I'm excited that they get to experience that," said Diamond Dogs coach Jeremy Matuszewski.

"I was pretty surprised. It's pretty unreal," said Heppner, who earned the honour on her own this year after sharing it with teammate Britney Langlais last year.

MULTIPLE ROLES

Heppner learned about the award from a teammate and joked that her parents had not even had a chance to tell her.

"Winning it last year with one of my teammates ... was amazing to share the experience with her," she said. "This year, just winning it alone, I think maybe shows how much I have improved and how much my coaches have helped me this past year."

A talented multi-sport athlete, Heppner, who also plays with the Pembina Valley Hawks AAA midget hockey team, has been drawn to both sports for the love of competition.

"Both baseball and hockey are good team sports ... you rely on your teammates a lot ... if you do good, they do good," she said.

Heppner played a key role for the Team Manitoba 16U girls baseball team, excelling at shortstop, on the mound, and at the plate.

During the national 16U tournament in Ontario, Manitoba's defensive success was anchored by Heppner, who played 20 plus innings of errorless defense with four put-outs and 10 assists.

At the 2016 16U girls invitational tournament, she batted .278 with five hits, five runs and seven RBIs through 18 times at bats. On the mound at the national championship, her ERA was 1.75 and helped Manitoba win a silver medal.

Heppner has also played all infield positions and pitched for the Garden Valley Collegiate team and for the Winkler 18U AA team.

Her skill set and ability was acknowledged with a Team Canada invitation to take part on the prospects team.

of the Year award while Winkler player Katie Heppner (right) was honoured as Player of the Year at the Baseball Manitoba awards gala over the weekend. BASEBALL



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Heppner now plans to attend Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario to play with the Lakers, who play in the Ontario University Athletics hockey conference.

"Hockey has always been my first love ... baseball is a close second," Heppner said of the decision to focus on that sport moving forward. "There's just not that many opportunities to play baseball for girls in Canada as well."

UNDEFEATED SEASON

The Diamond Dogs earned the top team honour for a year where they went unbeaten through league, tournament, and provincial play as well as at the Western Canadian championship.

It was a remarkable 38 wins without a loss in a season that included a change in coaches mid-way through.

Winning many games by the mercy rule, the biggest challenge came in the provincial championship finals as they trailed 7-4 in the bottom of the sixth inning. They came back to score three to tie the game and then won in extra innings.

Throughout the year every player

contributed on a team that had a very deep, talented, and selfless roster that dominated in every facet of play.

"All the recognition that has come after the fact has been really cool for them," Matuszewski said.

It ultimately, though, was just about having fun with a game that they love.

"They just went out and played. You just go out and play the game ... play with your friends," said Matuszewski. He suggested a key to their success

was actually straightforward.

"It was a complete team. Everybody bought in, and everyone's goal was the same," he said.

"It's like anything else ... when you've got everybody pulling in the same direction and everybody cares about everyone else ... it's a pretty neat thing to watch, and I think that had everything to do with their success."

Matuszewski added everyone sees great potential for local teams now moving forward with this group of players.

"You never know year to year what's going to happen ... but this is a very talented group of boys. I think we're all excited to see what they're going to do."

Diamond Dogs are Cuba-bound

By Lorne Stelmach

Baseball has given a young Winkler team a memorable year, so now they are giving something back.

Recently named the Grassroots Team of the Year by Baseball Manitoba (see story above), the Winkler U13 AA Diamond Dogs will be part of the Cuba Goodwill Tour this winter.

The February trip will centre around bringing new and gently used baseball equipment and school supplies to some of their Cuban counterparts as well as playing some baseball, of course.

Parent organizer Allison Rempel said they see this as a great way for the boys to give back to the game which has been so good to them.

"These boys have put so much of their time and effort into the ball

Mordenite named bridge master

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite is among the upper ranks of the best at a game that has been a longtime passion for him.

Walter Dedio recently earned the rank of Diamond Life Master at bridge, becoming one of only nine Manitobans who have reached this upper echelon.

It involves earning 5,000 master points which can be earned at franchised clubs or online games administered by the American Bridge League.

Some of the required points have to be gold, which can be achieved only at high level tournaments held throughout North America.

"Not too many people get it," said the 78-year-old, who is proud of his achievements at a game where many at his level started playing at a much younger age than he did.

As a child growing up, he didn't have the opportunity to learn and play games like this.

"Often, the people who achieve this rank have parents who taught them the game. I learned on my own."

In fact, he only learned bridge while working towards his master's degree at the University of Alberta in his early 20s.

"It's something I had wanted to learn for a long time," Dedio said, noting he was able to learn it from another student who needed a playing partner.

Dedio feels he took to the game well because there's mathematics involved and even perhaps some geometry.

"I was very good in math in school ... in fact, I skipped one grade because of my math," he said. "Mathematics was my top subject. I would be disappointed if I didn't get 100 per cent."

He likes many aspects of bridge, including trying to anticipate what opponent will do with the next move and having to weigh the probabilities.

"You have to pay attention to your opponents ... the way they're playing and the way they're bidding," said Dedio.

He has also played a role over the years in helping promote the game here in the Pembina Valley.

Upon moving to Morden, he started up a local bridge club. As far as he knows, the Morden and Carman clubs are among just a select few franchised clubs outside Winnipeg where you can compete for the master points and earn the top rankings.

"The most difficult part is getting the gold points," Dedio said, as you need to finish high up in competitions to earn those points, and he has often had to tavel to competitions.

Having recently had heart surgery,



SUBMITTED PHOTO Walter Dedio has earned the rank of Diamond Life Master in bridge.

Dedio's time at the card table has been scaled back lately, but he still plays the game casually and online. "I'm looking for other things to do now," he said.

Thunder, Nighthawks come out on top

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In Zone 4 high school boys hockey action last week, the Morden Thunder and the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks both posted wins.

Morden went up against the Tigers in Crystal City Nov. 16 and headed home with a 7-1 victory.

The lengthy scoring list included Tanner Wiebe, Josh Sawatzky, Rylan McCallum, Riley Shore, Spencer Norrie, Finley Wheeler, and Keane Boucher. Odin Pauls got the win in net for Morden, making 17 saves as the Thunder outshot the Tigers 58-19.

The Thunder also hosted a home tournament over the weekend. The home team fell 3-1 to the Carman Cougars, who went on to down the Sioux Lookout Warriors 4-2 in the finals to win the trophy. Morden clinched third place with a 7-1 victory over the Sanford Sabres.

Winkler's NPC hit the road to play

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0 11 85 the Portage Trojans on Thursday.

Goals from Lucas Dyck (with two), Marcus Neufeld, Carter Rempel, Sam Voth, and Dustin Wall and the netminding efforts of Griffin Dyck (who made 34 saves) gave NPC the win 6-2.

The Nighthawks went on to win the trophy at the Virden hockey tournament over the weekend, besting Birtle 9-2, Crocus 3-0, Garden Valley Collegiate 8-3, and Virden 5-3.

The GVC Zodiacs, meanwhile, are still looking for their first win of the regular season after falling 6-1 to

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team," she said. "Our team was so successful this year ... yet I felt like our team ... those guys are such good human beings that we just had more to give, and I felt this was a way that we could show that."

It will be a memorable way to cap off a remarkable season that saw the Diamond Dogs earn one of the province's top team honours after going unbeaten through league, tournament, and provincial play as well as at the Western Canadian championship—a run of 38 wins without a loss.

Rempel said they applied and were accepted for the goodwill tour after having heard of Altona sending a team for the last two years.

"We're going to be playing four baseball games against some Cuban Carman last week Wednesday.

Winkler's lone goal came from Edwin Schmirer in the second period. Zodiac goalie Bobby Matuszewski faced 52 shots while his teammates managed 12.

In Zone 4 varsity volleyball, the Zodiacs' title hopes came to an end at the hands of the Brandon Vikings, who bested the boys 3-1 and the girls 3-0 in the playoffs on Friday.

The Morden teams were also knocked out, with both falling in three straight sets to Altona Nov. 15.

baseball teams as well," she noted, but the emphasis is on collecting and donating the baseball equipment and school supplies.

"We can bring 600 pounds of equipment and school supplies with us to Cuba," she said, explaining that they are doing some fundraisers and approaching businesses for support.

Community donations are also welcome through Winkler Minor Ball or by calling Rempel at 204-362-4261.

Baseball is a good way to make a connection as it is such a passion in Cuba, Rempel said.

"A lot of the kids don't have any baseball equipment. They play with a stick and stones," she said. "Their

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Agriculture Trade deals up in the air under Trump

By Harry Siemens

When administrations change in the largest trade producing country in the world, and when they change so directly as under president-elect Donald Trump, things on the books from the previous administration become suspect in some cases and expendable in others.

It's a guessing game right now how Trump's administration, which officially begins on Jan. 20, will affect the American's trade deals with Canada and other nations.

Trump has indicated he would be taking another look at NAFTA, the free trade agreement his country has with Canada and Mexico. He has also pledged to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership in his first day in office.

Here in Canada, meanwhile, Ron Davidson of the Canadian Meat Council stresses that if the TPP does move forward, it's critical that Canada be part of it.

Davidson says the TPP will be a major multilateral agreement that sets new rules for the world trading environment.

"As I believe you know, we already have free trade agreements with some of the TPP countries, including the United States and Mexico, but we do not have a free trade agreement with countries such as Japan and Malaysia and Vietnam," says Davidson."Particularly in the case of Japan, this agreement contains substantive improvements in access for pork products and for beef products. If we could obtain those improved markets access conditions we should be able to increase our exports of pork and beef to Japan particularly but also to Vietnam and Malaysia.

"Combining all the meats together, we might be able to increase our exports by \$500 million."

Davidson says it's important not just to look at what Canada can gain but also what Canada loses if not part of these trade negotiations.

"Japan is our most valuable overseas market for pork and for beef combined and we have a billion dollars of exports on the line, about a fifth of our total exports," he says."If we should lose our competitiveness in the Japanese market in particular it would have a devastating impact on feed grain farmers, on livestock producers and our Canadian meat processors."

Meanwhile, Florian Possberg, chair of the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board, says that in the event the TPP fails to make it to the finish line, the Canada needs to refocus its efforts on the creation of new bilateral trade agreements.

With two-thirds of Canadian pork going outside the country, our nation needs to trade globally to maintain levels of production.

"I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THE U.S. IS GOING TO REALIZE THAT THEY HAVE TO MAINTAIN SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF TRADE TO MAINTAIN THEIR ECONOMY."

"It really is problematic for the U.S. pork producers because they've got a 20 per cent stake in moving product outside their borders," he adds. "I would assume that the buyers still need our pork. Whether that comes from Canada, the EU, Brazil, it's going to come from somewhere. "There was a lot of rhetoric during the election. At the end of the day, though, I think there might be adjustments to trade deals but I'm pretty sure that the U.S. is going to realize that they have to maintain significant levels of trade to maintain their economy."

COOL resurrection fears short-lived

By Harry Siemens

There's been much consternation about president-elect Donald Trump's talk on trade deals and even country of origin labeling lately.

A headline in Politico, an American news organization, on Nov. 18 caught my attention: "Trump COOL plan is 'dead as a doornail.'"

The article by Jenny Hopkinson said, "Donald Trump's plan to consider new country of origin labeling rules for meat looks to be short lived."

The article goes on to talk about while some U.S. cattle ranchers were getting their collective hopes up, the other part of the agriculture industry had a moment of dread when reports showed leaked parts of the president-elect's plan for his first 100 days in office included the return of COOL as a possible amendment in the renegotiation of NAFTA.

That concern quickly raised its collective head in Canada amongst livestock producers who had thought they'd put that issue to bed with the latest World Trade Organization ruling and the U.S. Congress rescinding the section dealing with hogs and cattle.

The Politico article says, however,

that it appears the Trump administration's agriculture advisory committee seems to have succeeded in convincing his team to drop that part of the plan.

I have a call into Gary H. Baise, the lawyer quoted in the article who specializes in part in agricultural corporate governance issues, for an interview.

The "dead as a doornail" quote came from Baise, who told Politico it's a mystery how COOL even got in there in the first place and it's not likely to move forward.

Politico says members of Trump's agriculture advisory committee, led by Nebraska rancher Charles Herbster, contacted the Trump transition team and have received assurances that the provision has been removed from his plan.

COOL, which was part of the 2008 U.S. farm bill, required that pork and beef sold in the United States be labeled for where animals were born, raised, and slaughtered.

Canada and Mexico successfully argued this mandatory labelling discriminated against foreign-grown meat and violated WTO trade agreements. That cleared the way for the countries to impose millions in retaliatory tariffs on the U.S. In response, the USDA formally scrapped COOL last February.

John Masswohl, the Canadian Cattlemen's director of government and international relations told reporters in Canada that the CCA is watching, and should the United States start back on the track of discrimination against Canadian cattle and pigs, their recommendation is going to be that tariffs go into place immediately on U.S. products.

Meanwhile, Conservative Agriculture critic David Anderson took the Liberal government to task in the House of Commons over their agreement to reopen NAFTA.

Anderson says this isn't just about softwood, but Canadian agriculture, specifically beef and pork exports. Canada and the Conservatives fought for 10 years to win the Country of Origin Labelling battle.

Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAuley responded to Anderson by saying the U.S. is Canada's closest trading partner and we have a very important economic relationship with them.

We are, and will continue to be, but I'm thinking aloud that dealing with Trump for our Liberals may be a little tougher than just resting on our laurels.

Two new tools for hog industry workers

By Harry Siemens

Janice Goldsborough, the human resources and training coordinator with Manitoba Pork, says a new hiring guide developed for pork producers will help them meet the challenges of finding, hiring, and retaining workers.

Manitoba Pork recently officially unveiled a new *Hiring Handbook* to help pork producers with the hiring process and a new *Employee Manual* for use as a reference for pork workers.

Goldsborough she surveyed a lot of the independent producers last year and it came out that many were unsure about the hiring process, what's involved, and what they can do to make it better.

"They were unsure about what kind of questions that they can and can not ask in an interview, so this will help them in that regard," she says. "Most of our independent producers want to hire locally, but that's a big challenge, so it provides them with a few suggestions of where else they can look outside of their own little local area but still stay within the province or within Canada before having to look at other resources from outside.

"I'm hoping that this manual will help them be more confident in their hiring decisions and guide them along the way to hire locally before they have to look globally." Goldsborough says the handbook also contains sample job ads, explains the recruitment process, and offers advice on doing reference checks and preparing offer letters.

Meanwhile, the employee manual offers new workers a resource they can use to help orient them in their jobs.

"All employees should understand their basic rights and what they're entitled to in the workplace, so it covers things like their vacation," Goldsborough says. "How many days of vacation are they allotted per year, statutory holidays. What's considered a statutory holiday because some of the holidays we think are covered actually may not be. "It'll also cover things like, in the workplace, is smoking allowed, lunch breaks, hours of work, whether they're expected to work shifts, benefits that they might be entitled to.

"If they feel they're being harassed, how do they deal with that, privacy policy, all sorts of questions that they might have along the way that they legally have a right to know about."

Goldsborough says the employee manual is generic but each farm can customize it for their operation.

The two books are available either electronically or in hard copy through Manitoba Pork. For more information, contact them at 204-471-6350 or email jgoldsborough@manitobapork.com.

Western SD holding community meeting Nov. 30

By Lorne Stelmach

School officials are inviting the community to take part in a discussion about educational issues in Morden.

Western School Division is holding an information meeting next Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Minnewasta School.

Dubbed Building Community: Every Brick Matters, the meeting gets underway at 7 p.m..

School board chair Brian Fransen said they simply hope to have an informal discussion with the community about local issues and priorities in the division.

Some key areas that he sees the division wanting to touch on include getting value for the cost of education as well as the division's growth and advocacy.

He hopes people will come away from the meeting a little more informed.

"We want to connect with people in the community to discuss Western School Division's story. As members of our community, we all have a role to play in that story," said Fransen.

"This will be an opportunity for people in the community to come together and learn about some of the advocacy work that we are doing with government," he added. "As well, it's a chance to sit down with leaders in the division to share their story with us."

Even as they prepare to talk with local residents, trustees are also preparing for an important visit from provincial officials.

The board is meeting with the Manitoba Public Schools Finance Board on Dec. 8. Fransen said the discussion will focus on the division's case for a new school in the north end of Morden to relieve the enrolment pressures in Western. "We understand that the provincial government is running a tight budget,"he said."We want to continue our positive advocacy for a new school to address our long-term space needs, as well as funding for our new piping trades vocational program."

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faces just light up when they see the equipment that's being donated to them as well as the school supplies that they are getting."

She also sees the trip being a great opportunity for the team to experi-

ence a different culture.

"It will really open their eyes. We're so blessed where we live, and it's taken for granted. It will open their eyes and expand their knowledge of the world too," she said. "It seems almost like we get more out of it than what the Cuban children get just because of the experience ... being able to help out and to give is so much more rewarding."



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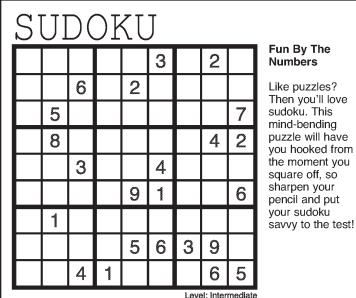
In addition to serving up hundreds of pancake breakfasts on Saturday (see Pg. 1), the Scotiabank Holly Jolly Breakfast in support of the Winkler Christmas Cheer Board also featured performances from musicians like Bill Dowling, Ed Wayne, Denise Lea Tonna, the J.R. Walkof School choir, and more.

Wrapping up a **Morden Christmas**

Staff and volunteers from the Pembina Threshermen's Museum brought a touch of old-fashioned charm to the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce's Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas event last Thursday night. The group donned vintage costumes to join fellow shoppers in browsing the Stephen St. businesses who took part in the third annual shop-local promotion.

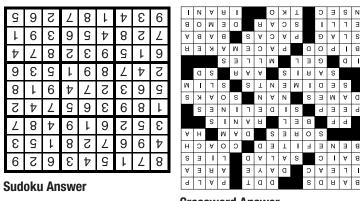


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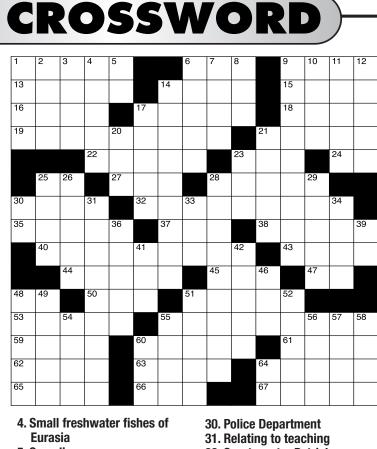
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- 58. Grain crop
- 60. Time used in far western
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- 64. Drill instructor

- 19. Boosted



COMING EVENTS

TABOR HOME Christmas Tea & **Bake Sale** Sat., Nov. 26

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PROPERTY:

PARCEL 1:

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(approx. 63.36 acres of pasture land)

PARCEL 2:

ALL THAT PORTION OF W ½ OF THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 13-3-6 WPM WHICH LIES NORTH OF RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN 76 MLTO,

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- Knowledge of quality management and techniques (Six sigma, A3 Problem-Solving / PDCA, Quality Function Deployment, TQM)
- 11. Engineering Technologist, or equivalent combination of education & related work experience.
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CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank each one in our community for your caring support to us in the drowning accident of our son Travis Bauman on July 13. We greatly appreciate the dedicated and caring efforts of the RCMP and the fire and rescue departments. To all the businesses that freely gave food during the days of searching, and to those who coordinated and served meals to the many helping in the search, we say thank-you. To all those who came out to assist in the search efforts we are forever indebted. Your willingness to help find our son went beyond our expectations. We didn't meet you all and may not know who you are but we pray that God will bless you richly for your care through a very difficult time. Your prayers were felt and helped carry us along. Your words of encouragement and comfort gave us courage. Your tears shared with ours helped to heal our broken hearts. We are grateful to be in such a caring community that responds with love in a time of need. We will always remember your kindness.

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On Sunday, November 13, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Abe Friesen, aged 65 years of Winkler, MB went to his eternal rest. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Susan, (nee Buhler), three daughters, one son, and their families.

Funeral service was held Friday, November 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Abe's memory to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

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Mary Ann Wiebe (nee Wiebe) 1945 – 2016

On Tuesday, November 10, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, our wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister went to be with the Lord after a long battle with cancer.

Mary Ann will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 50 years, Cornie; their six children: Bonnie, Barry (Annie), Bo (April), Ken (Shannon), Barb (Bernhard) and Matt (Margaret). She will be fondly remembered by her 16 grandchildren: Corey, Greg, Colton, Kendra, Savannah, Megan, Claudia, Courtenie, Hunter, Arthur, Dyllon, Mercedes, Dawson, Remington, Ciara and Natalia. She is survived by her beloved mother, Margaret; five sisters; nine brothers and their families.

Mary Ann was born in Vita, MB on December 8, 1945 to her par-

ents, Diedrich and Margaret. Mary Ann accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour when she was a young child. The MB Church had vacation school for the children in the community and she rode the bus to church that day, when she asked the Lord to forgive her of her sins and save her. She enjoyed many hobbies which included fishing, going to truck pulls, camping and gardening. She loved outdoor activities! She loved farm life and her family. She was active in church and nurtured her walk with the Lord. Jesus was the center of her life! She loved to travel and even got to visit Israe!! Her grandchildren were a special source of joy. Mary Ann loved the Lord and sought to please Him with her life and with her attitude. She never complained and always counted her blessings even when life got tough. She had a servant's heart and a welcoming spirit; always eager to help and ready to be a friend. She was a prayer warrior and Godly example. Her family will miss her wisdom. She truly was a living sacrifice and knew the fellowship of His sufferings. Thank you for all your prayers.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016 at the Pembina Valley Baptist Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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OBITUARY



David Dyck 1923 – 2016

On Sunday, November 13, 2016 at his residence in Grunthal, MB, David F Dyck, aged 93 years formerly of Morden went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing, two daughters, Mary Wiebe, Ann Derksen; three sons, George and Dorothy, Dave and Laura, Bill and Janice as well as 16 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one sister. He was predeceased by his wife, Katharina in 2011, five daughters, two sons, two sons-in-law, 1 grandson and one great great granddaughter.

Funeral service was held Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

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Helena (Helen) Dyck (nee Enns) 1944 – 2016

Helena Dyck, age 72 passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

She was born March 27, 1944 in Cuauhtémoc, Mexico to Bernhard and Helena Enns and later settled in the southern Manitoba area. There she met Cornie Dyck at the age of 17, was baptized at 19 on the confession of her faith at the Reinland Mennonite Church and married Cornie at the age of 20. They were happily married for over 52 years until Helen's passing. Helen worked for many years at the Morden Hospital, Winkler Hospital and finished her career at Salem.

Helen was predeceased by her parents and siblings Ben, Mary, Margaret and daughter-in-law, Kathy. She is survived by her husband, Cornie, three sons and their families; Robert, wife, Debera and children, Tyler, Brittany, Ashley, Kayla, Kenneth, wife, Sabine and children, Jeremy, Melissa, Rebecca and great grandchild, Jaxon, Mervin, wife, Nancy and children, Johanna, Bethany, Zachary.

Helen had a love for God and had a serving heart. For many years, Cornie and Helen fostered numerous children of all ages. She had a special bond with all of them; even today Rhonda and Colleen still call her Mom. Helen had a love for the outdoors and travel; she looked forward to the camping season and was hard pressed to ever miss a camping weekend. A highlight for her was the week of camping at St. Malo with her cousins. Helen and Cornie traveled to many different places throughout their marriage. The most recent trip was a family event in Jamaica where their son, Robert and daughter-in-law, Debera were married. She really caught on quick to the Jamaican lingo. When she was in the hospital and was asked how she was doing, she would often respond with the Jamaican philosophy of "there are no problems, only situations." Helen was most passionate about her family, she loved having her kids and grandkids come for a visit. She was diagnosed with lung cancer at the end of August. Her main priority was to keep the family united and that she would be surrounded by them. Her spirits were lifted whenever her kids, grandkids, brother, sisters, nephews, nieces, in-laws and friends would come to visit. The family celebrated an early Christmas gathering the weekend before she passed. We believe this fulfilled her earthly wishes with seeing her children all together one last time. Three days later at 4:05 a.m. on November 16, 2016, her Heavenly Father took her to her eternal home. Helen was loved by many and will be greatly missed by many.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016 at Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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OBITUARY

John Winston "Jack" Black

Peacefully after a four year battle with cancer, Jack passed away at the age of 66 years at the Boundary Trails Health Centre on November 17, 2016.

Jack was born on July 1, 1950 in Crystal City MB to Jim and Dorothy Black. He was raised in Wood Bay and Pilot Mound and as a teen moved to Miami.

Predeceased by his maternal grandparents, paternal grandparents, Auntie Kay, Uncle Austin, cousin Ken, his parents Jim and Dorothy, brother Gary, sister-in-law Shirley, brother-in-law Raymond and father-in-law John Baron. Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 39 years Anne; his son Robert (Deanna); daughter Jacqueline; three grandchildren Michael, Tyson and Taylor; his mother-in-law Margaret Baron; sister-in-law Audrey (Glenn); brothers-in-law Jerry, Alvin, Bob (Chauna) and Walter; nu-

merous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and cousins. Jack worked in the grain industry for many years having worked for Manitoba Pool, Seedex and Northern Sales.

This was followed by a few years at Delaquis Ford and for the last number of years he was employed by Sperling Industries. He had a very strong work ethic and anything he set out to do he did well. He was also an avid sports fan.

A public graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Miami Cemetery with Rev. Allison Halstead officiating. Honourary pallbearers will be Bruce Underwood, Brian Orchard, Ted Storey, Bob Oakes, Duncan Callum and Darryl Penny.

The family would like to thank Dr. David Dawe of Cancer Care Manitoba and Dr. Bob Menzies and the staff at the Cancer Care unit at Boundary Trails Health Centre. A special thank you to Dr. M. Chatwin and the nurses in the Medical unit at Boundary Trails Health Centre for your kind and compassionate care of Jack during the last six weeks. You all made a truly difficult time a little more bearable knowing he was being so well looked after. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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