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Genesis House supporters enjoyed having the chance to dress up in cocktail attire and masks Saturday in Morden for the The Unmasking Domestic Violence Masquerade Gala in support of the regional women's shelter. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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Hwy. 32 twinning finally gets the green light

By Lorne Stelmach

The long-awaited announcement that PTH. 32 through Winkler will finally be reconstructed and twinned finally came on Monday.

The news coming on the heels of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers winning their first Grey Cup in almost 30 years had Mayor Martin Harder joking that it felt like the community had won the lottery.

"We're very excited about it. We were certainly hoping we were going to be seeing this in 2020," Harder said while in Brandon for the annual Association of Manitoba Municipalities convention. "Our staff have been working long and hard on it ... we've obviously been lobbying for it for 13 years in my career and some years with the previous mayor as well, so we're delighted."

"We know the city waited a long time under the previous government, I'm proud to be part of a government that is moving forward on the project, even before the four year mark rolls around on our government," Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen said in making the announcement Monday morning with Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler.

"As the local MLA, I have been advocating for this project for the last eight years," Friesen said. "I think that

my file folder in my constituency office has artifacts going back to 2001 on this file.

"We are a government who has said that we take an evidence-based approach to making good investments in Manitoba, including roads and highways, and we know this represents a good investment," he added, noting the Conservative government is investing \$50 million more into roads and highways this year "even with the enormous challenge of reducing the deficit."

"We are pleased to be moving ahead with the reconstruction of Highway 32 and widen it to four lanes," said Schuler. "As everyone knows, this work will address safety issues as well as the fact that the road in its current state is at the end of its life span."

"With a growing population and a strong commercial and industrial base, this investment will ensure the City of Winkler continues to grow into the future."

The project will see Hwy. 32 four-laned from Victoria Street to Norquay Drive just south of Highway 14.

It is about a 1.2 km stretch of roadway that will also see curbing and gutters installed as well as more controlled access points.

There will be upgraded traffic lights at the two intersections of Roblin Boulevard and Cargill Road and new



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen (left) and Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced Monday that PTH. 32 through Winkler will finally be twinned next year. The community has been lobbying for this project for decades.

traffic lights at Mountain Avenue.

There will also be walking path on the east side of the road and upgrades made to the railway crossing.

Friesen said they hope to see the project go to tender in February or March so that construction can begin sometime in 2020 and be completed in 2021.

"There will be a significant traffic management plan developed in order to accommodate motorists during construction," he said.

Harder noted the project will have a significant impact on overall traffic in the city, considering how it will lessen the flow that now goes to other routes as a result of congestion on Hwy. 32.

"It's been holding back the development side of it because you don't know where the access points are going to be ... it holds off traffic that normally would go through there," he said. "I think that's the other thing that's also a big part of it ... take a look at the amount of traffic that comes from Main Street and 15th Street ... it adds more traffic to those areas as well."

"We're grateful it's going to finally happen and we can start planning the rest of our internal secondary plans for the city," Harder said, estimating there has been about \$1 million in engineering work already done towards completion of the project.

Genesis House raises awareness, funds with gala

By Lorne Stelmach

The Unmasking Domestic Violence Masquerade Gala last weekend

raised both funds and awareness for Genesis House.

There were 120 tickets sold for the event Saturday at The Oaks at Min-

newasta in Morden, and organizers on Monday estimated the evening had brought in around \$17,000 for the shelter.

"I think that's absolutely phenomenal for a first time event. And from one evening, that's amazing," said Ang Braun, executive director of Genesis House. "We even had two companies come to this as their Christmas party. The response was fantastic from the community."

The evening included a gala dinner as well as a silent auction and musical entertainment by local band The Mood.

While it was first about offering a fun night out, Braun noted it was also important to have the opportunity to further engage with the people during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Domestic violence is a difficult

topic ... we were not going to dwell on the topic, but there was a few times through the night of course that we drew people's attention to it," she said.

Braun said they have been placing more emphasis on raising awareness in the community about the shelter and the services it provides the victims of domestic violence.

"We have been really, really busy, out in the community and all over the place, near and far, trying to spread the message, which is something that we haven't really been able to do before in the way that we have done it this year," she said.

To that end, the addition of Kari Kauenhofen as the shelter's community and resource development manager seems to be paying off.

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Flyers, firefighters facing off for Cheer Board

Bring a tin for the bin as admission for Dec. 8 charity game

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers and the Winkler Fire Department are facing off against each other next month to help spread a little holiday cheer.

The junior hockey team will take on local firefighters and a few special guests at the Winkler Centennial Arena on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m.

In lieu of admission, hockey fans are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board, which will be delivering care hampers to families in need in our area just a few days later.

It's a cause the Flyers are eager to get behind, said defenseman Trent Sambrook, who joined a few of his teammates at the fire hall last week for a pre-game face-off against event organizer and firefighter Rick Schroeder.

"We're pretty pleased to be able to support the community," Sambrook said, noting they expect the firefighters will make for some solid competition. "It'll be a good game. A good test."

The idea for the charity game came from a boot hockey match that took place last Christmas on the fire hall parking lot.

"We invited the Flyers down for a street hockey game and we had a lot of fun doing that outside here," said Schroeder. "This year I thought we would go to the rink to play them, give them home ice advantage ... and we decided to step it up a little bit and make it a charity game for the Cheer Board."

"Both the Flyers and us fire guys, we like supporting the community and if we can bring people together for a



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Winkler Flyers Trent Sambrook, Kyle Lamoureux, Jackson Arpin, and Jeron Kletzel face off against firefighter Rick Schroeder at the fire hall last week. The Winkler Fire Department is taking on the Flyers in a charity game in support of the Christmas Cheer Board on Sunday, Dec. 8.

cause, we're happy to do so."

If you can't make the game itself, you can still help feed the hungry in our community by supporting the Flyers' 12 days of Christmas campaign, which runs Dec. 9 until their home game against the Steinbach Pistons Dec. 20.

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CFDC welcomes new program, volunteer manager

Beatrice Aderemi has come on board at the CFDC as the new program manager and volunteer co-ordinator.



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By Lorne Stelmach

Having only called Morden home now for close to four months, Beatrice Aderemi feels very fortunate to have not only landed her first job here but one at a place as interesting as the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

The native of Nigeria recently started as the new program manager and volunteer co-ordinator at the museum, and she is excited about the opportunity.

"It's kind of a blessing to me," said Aderemi, noting right now she welcomes the fact it is a part-time position as "it gives me a lot of time to do my own things, to take care of my home, to take care of my kids, to take care of myself."

She sees the position as being a good fit with her work experience back in Nigeria, where she worked in human resource management.

"What I'm doing here is related to what I was doing back home," she said, explaining she was the one who would show people around when they came to find out about the company. "So it was similar to what I am presently doing here, managing volunteers and activities ... ensuring they are happy."

"I feel like I was perfectly fit into it," Aderemi continued. "The environ-

ment is different. I've never had the opportunity of working in a museum environment ... I looked at the job ... it's what I have a passion for, so I said I am going for it."

She is anxious to get into planning the various programs and events and to help "ensure the success of all the activities within the museum ... ensuring the daily activities are going off smoothly."

She sees working with the museum's volunteers as being especially key to the role.

"We use them in running the daily activities of this place. We use them in planning events ... we use them in different sections, different segments of the activities here," she said. "I am the one managing them, ensuring they are available when we need them. I want to ensure they are happy with what they are doing."

Aderemi said she sees the CFDC as deserving a place among the top museums in Canada.

"We have to get there, so how can I help do that? So I'm looking at the opportunity of promoting the activities that we have here."

The CFDC meanwhile continues its search for a new executive director after the departure of Peter Cantelon from the role last month.

Winkler hosting A Family Christmas Experience

Community invited to free holiday party Thursday, Dec. 5

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler has teamed up with the Emmanuel Mennonite Church and Winkler MB Church for this year's community Christmas celebration, which has been dubbed *A Family Christmas Experience*.

The party takes place on Thursday, Dec. 5 on Mountain Ave. in front of the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

That section of road will be closed to traffic from 5-9 p.m. to make room for free photos with Santa, a petting zoo, carolling, s'mores around a bonfire, and popcorn, coffee, hot chocolate, and apple cider.

"I wanted it to be free and fun for everybody," says organizer Wendy Klassen, who heads up Winkler Arts

& Culture.

"We were very, very full at WAC last year," she noted of the 2018 community celebration held at the Park St. gallery, adding that the churches reached out to get involved this year and she was pleased to have their help. "I'm always happy to do things together because it means we can do more and do it better."

Moving the festivities to the concert hall paved the way for new fun and

games inside as well.

The churches will be performing a Jingle Jam on the stage and also hosting a Preschool Party, both starting at 6:30 p.m.

Jingle Jam will include skits, games, and the story of Christmas. The Preschool Party, which is aimed at kids age three or four, will feature an hour of activities, crafts, and stories about the first Christmas and Jesus' impact on the world.

Tickets for both Jingle Jam and Preschool Party are free but must be reserved online at www.eventbrite.com/e/jingle-jam-tickets-80085518943 (a link to tickets is also available on the event's Facebook page). Walk-up admissions will only be allowed if space is available.

Parking for the party will be available at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church on the corner of Mountain Avenue and 7th St.

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"This year, having brought Kari on board has really allowed us to expand that outreach," Braun said. "We took a risk in looking at a position like that. We were unsure of course, any time you try something new ... but it has paid off in spades. I think not only for the fact the agency will generate more revenue and more people will know about us, but actu-

ally that more people who need us will know about us.

"I think in that way we are also going to see unfortunately an increase in numbers rather than a decrease, which is really what you would hope for."

Braun said they received good feedback on the evening and the theme, and they are looking forward

to doing another gala next year.

"I think the masquerade theme was absolutely bang on, especially around the theme of unmasking domestic violence because you just never know which family, which couple is dealing with this," she said. "We are already looking around at some different ideas, so we'll see what comes up next year."

Crepes raise nearly \$6K for Central Stn.

Winkler's Central Station Community Centre was the place to be Saturday morning for its crepe breakfast fundraiser. The second annual event brought in about \$5,800 for the centre, and director Bev Wiebe was pleased with the response. "We had lots of new people come through the door," she said.

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Throne speech sets Manitoba's course: Friesen

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen feels confident the throne speech presented by his government last week sets a clear course for Manitoba's future.

The Conservative government opened the 42nd session of the Manitoba Legislature Nov. 19 by outlining its plans for the coming years.

The speech included commitments to lower taxes, battle rising crime rates, improve health care, and create new jobs.

Friesen said Manitobans can trust in the Tory government to do what they promise, stressing that the last three years they've been in power are proof of that.

"I think about that first throne speech [in 2016], how the over arching message was about having to clean up a billion dollar deficit and some of the longest [health care] wait times ... in Canada," he reflected.

"Here we are three and a half years later and we, even in difficult conditions, we've lowered the PST and kept our word on that. We have embarked on the most massive transformation of the health care system of a generation. We have built schools. We have continued to build infrastructure. We have made good investments in things like child care, not just across the province but right in the Morden-Winkler constituency.

"So what I heard in the throne speech was #1: Ideas matter. #2: Getting things done matters. #3: Trust matters," Friesen said. "And this is a government that we believe Manitobans are increasingly trusting to lower taxes, create new jobs, build a better, more sustainable health care system, build new schools, and bring a reasonable made-in-Manitoba green plan."

Friesen noted that many of these things will sound familiar to anyone who followed the recent provincial election.

"And that is because we rolled out a number of these pledges during the course of the summer election," he said. "So now is our chance to reinforce with Manitobans that we meant what we said."

One promise the government made that is getting a good response from local constituents, Friesen noted, is the planned elimination of the education portion of property taxes.

The Pallister government has said it will phase-out education taxes beginning the first year after the provincial budget is balanced.

"This is historic," Friesen said. "No government has every pledged to do this.

"Look, we would never build an education funding system now that was partially built on property taxes," he added. "We don't pay for Child and Family Services this way we don't pay for roads this way. This is not the right

way to fund education.

"So that commitment has really got the attention of Manitobans."

The throne speech also promised the highway construction budget will be increased from \$350 million to \$400 million over the next four years.

On Monday, Winkler saw the benefit of that announcement firsthand when the twinning of PTH. 32 through the city was finally, after decades of lobbying, given the green light to move ahead in 2020.

"We're using an evidence-based decision-making process to make good decisions," Friesen said. "And I think when we're sitting in one of the fastest growing areas of Manitoba that is hitting the ball out of the park on things like job creation and commercial and industrial and retail expansion, population growth, well, we know that we have a good argument when it comes to investments."

That decision-making process could eventually mean a new school for Morden as well. The province has pledged to build 13 new schools over

the next 10 years in addition to the seven already announced.

"I continue to say to [Western School Division] that the best path forward is for them to continue to engage in a respectful manner about the needs," Friesen said on that front. "As I said, we take an evidence-based approach to making decisions. As Morden's population and the population of the RM of Stanley continues to grow, we believe that the evidence for a new school will continue to be realized."

Overall, Friesen said he's proud of the progress the Conservative government has made in recent years and he's eager to continue that work moving forward.

"Clearly there is much more to do," he said. "A throne speech does not list individual projects like a shopping list. A throne speech sets a vision and creates a direction. I believe this is a throne speech that sets out a bold vision for a stronger Manitoba that continues to focus on what really matters."

Four arrested in gun shop burglary

Four people have been arrested and charged in connection with the theft of dozens of firearms from Dominion Outdoors a year ago.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 27, 2018, thieves backed a stolen truck through the front wall of the 1st St. store in Winkler to gain access to the weapons stored inside.

Winkler Police announced Monday that their year-long investigation into the incident has resulted in the following arrests:

- Brett David Kehler, 23 years old, was arrested in Winkler in April and

was remanded into custody.

- Corbin James Seniuk, 20, was arrested in Alberta in April and returned to Manitoba where he was remanded into custody.

- Gage Randall Fletcher, 20, was arrested in Alberta in June and returned to Manitoba where he was released on a recognizance.

- Valeri Plaksin, 23, was arrested in Alberta in September and returned to Manitoba where he was remanded into custody.

All four suspects face charges of conspiracy to commit an indict-

able offence, theft of motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, breaking, entering and stealing firearms, possession of firearms for purpose of trafficking, and possession of firearms without a licence.

Kehler and Plaksin also faces charges of possession of firearms contrary to prohibition order.

To date, five of the stolen handguns and one long gun have been recovered in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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A matter of belief

When I was a child, I used to believe a creepy, old fairy would sneak into my room and steal my teeth after they fell out and were stashed beneath my pillow.

Why? What in the world would this inhuman monster want with my teeth? Horrifying knowledge passed on to me by my elders.

In this world you've always been able to believe whatever nonsense you wanted to. That's because our minds (such as they are) have always been our own. (This assumes certain basic premises, such as we're not all characters inside a universe-sized computer simulation.)

With the advent of communications technologies such as the ubiquitous cell phone and even more ubiquitous internet, opinions have run rampant around the world for good or for ill. Mostly for ill.

Some would call it the democratization of information, but that would assume some sort of a system at work. In reality it is simply the mostly free, unfettered access to knowledge with only your own brain and sense of humility to guide you to know the difference from a pile of gold verses a pile of manure. In terms of information it can sometimes be difficult to tell the difference.

No, there is no system now—there is only anarchy within which smaller systems operate.

One key ingredient to help us all navigate the piles is that all too often ignored attribute: humility. Frankly, it is amazing how often humility comes

up as an essential ingredient to becoming a decent human being.

Here's one way it works: Never assume that just because a piece of information lines up with what you wish the truth was means it is, in fact, true. Just because something agrees with your gut or hopes does not make it right.

Some would argue that the good old days of pre-internet were better for us all. Even then, however, information was not democratically distributed so much as distributed like bread to the populace of a dictatorship. You were given what you were told was good for you and to stop wondering if there were other choices.

You took what you got and believed it. You were taught something in school. You were told you could check it in certain reputable places like the *Encyclopedia Britannica* (or the *World Book* if you were desperate) in case you were doubtful.

In those days, if you doubted whether the world really was round you were given a tinfoil hat and sent to a corner to be generally ignored. These days you are given your own income generating talk show on YouTube because, for good or ill, there is no arbiter of the truth anymore.

But I digress.

Look, here is a rule that most people will hate because it runs counter to what most people are saying: DO NOT, I repeat, DO NOT believe

whatever you want to. That's just silly. Want is not a good foundation for belief.

Read, research, learn trusted sources, and know the difference between a "research paper" from some random website verses a peer-reviewed, journal-published piece in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, for example. Learn why a statistically valid survey is different than what Cornie told you in the coffee shop yesterday.

Also, learn deeply about the things you disagree with and run it up against what you do believe. A good sign that your belief system is on shaky ground is when you run from and refuse to consider other information that threatens your current system.

With this in mind, also be open to change. Beliefs set in stone are usually done so out of fear, not certainty.

Why? Why do we care what people think? Because someone's belief that a tusk is medicinal is leading to the extinction of rhinos; because the belief that there's a corporate conspiracy behind vaccines is leading to a dramatic increase in once eradicated diseases; because a belief in genetic purity is leading to a rise in racism and divisive supremacist groups.

What you believe affects other people, not just yourself. What you pass on can harm others.

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PVCD marks 30 years

The Pembina Valley Conservation District marked 30 years at its annual general meeting Nov. 20.

"The PVCD met this week to review the work that has been done over the past 30 plus years and reflect on the past, present, and future of conservation and watershed activities," said manager Cliff Greenfield.

The droughts of the 1980s led to the creation of the PVCD in 1989.

"Local municipalities thought that through a conservation district the surface water could be better managed," said Greenfield. "Since then the district has worked to meet the challenges of both too wet and too dry conditions.

"Climate models predict even more tumultuous and changeable weather for this region, with more extremes expected," he said. "This year may be a harbinger of the future with both drought and excess moisture hampering agricultural production."

The AGM was the PVCD's final one as a conservation



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The Pembina Valley Conservation District Board celebrated 30 years at its final annual general meeting Nov. 20. The agency's name is changing to the Pembina Valley Watershed District in the new year.

district. Effective Jan. 1, the agency will change its name to the Pembina Valley Watershed District, realign its boundaries to reflect watershed boundaries, and be governed by the amended Conservation Districts Act.

"The conservation district has worked on issues where there is a conflict between people and the environment," said Greenfield, "and this will continue."

It's radon action month

This November, as part of National Radon Action Month, Health Canada is encouraging Canadians to test their home for radon.

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Plum Coulee ready and raring for holiday season



Plum Coulee flipped the switch on its holiday decorations at the community's annual tree lighting festivities last week. The evening included Christmas carols, a visit from Santa Claus (left), and the rounding up of a record-setting 1,295 gift shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (right).

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You're invited to An Opera House Christmas Dec. 13

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitou will be coming together again to celebrate the season.

The Coffee House Musicians are hosting An Opera House Christmas for a second year after last year's inaugural event was so well received.

"It was very much appreciated by the community, so we thought okay we'll do it again," Jennifer Dobson said of the evening of music and stories set for Dec. 13 at the Manitou Opera House. "Some people told us they had tears in their eyes. It brought out emotions and there was just a warm, wonderful feeling with the evening. The atmosphere was just wonderful."

This year's show will once again be a nostalgic evening to gladden the heart and uplift one's mood, Dobson said. It will include Christmas music from traditional to modern and sacred to secular.

The lineup includes local perform-

ers Landon Booker, Wing and A Prayer, On the Edge, Friesen family, Tina Morgan, Lindy, Laurie & Sharon, The McClung Minor Details, Cassandra Serle, Winnie, Donna & Loretta, Flute Trio Donna, Kirsty & Cassandra, Manitou Community Band, and The Turner, Kohler, Howatt families.

As with last year's format, concertgoers can look forward to song interwoven with narrative. The narrators are Al Thorleifson and Judy Booker.

"I think it's doing the readings and narrative as well as the music

that brings out a lot of memories of Christmases past, people growing up and all those kinds of things," Dobson said. "I think it appeals to the older members of our community as well as those who are still raising children. It appeals to everybody."

"It's just a wonderful evening of music and nostalgia," she said, observing how well it brings the community together. "Last year, it was jam packed. The opera house was absolutely full, and it was mostly our local community, but it is open to anybody who wants to come."

The concert is at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and free for 17 and under, though a ticket is needed. Tickets are available by calling 204-242-4287.

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Region packs thousands of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

By Lorne Stelmach

Gerry Unger sees a lot of familiar faces each year when he is running the local Operation Christmas Child shoebox program.

Having served as the area co-ordinator for two decades now, he is still amazed by the devotion of those who donate, like one local family who last Thursday brought in part of what will be over 400 shoeboxes they packed this year.

"We work on this year-round. This is a charity that our family has always done," explained Sheila, who declined to give her last name.

It has been a family tradition for them now for 18 years running, but it is especially poignant for them this year.

"Our mom unexpectedly died this year. She was actually the one who started us on this ... and we got on board, so this just became our char-

ity," Sheila explained.

"This is hard because this is going to be our first Christmas without our mom ... but this is our family charity."

Sheila said they enjoy putting in the effort to not only fill hundreds of boxes each year but also individually wrap each one.

"We decorate each one like an art piece for the children, so it's like the box is part of the gift. We put that extra effort in so that each box is like a toy box for them, like it's a keepsake."

It is always rewarding to be a part of brightening children's lives, but Sheila added "a big part of it is we want to help lead children to Jesus Christ ... I think it's the most important decision a person is going to make in their life."

Started in 1990 and then adopted in 1993 by Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child each year collects hundreds of thousands of gift boxes that have been delivered to more than 157 million children in over 130 coun-



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tries.

The colourful red and green boxes are filled with such things as hygiene items, school supplies, and toys. When culturally appropriate, religious material is also offered to the kids after the gifts have been distributed.

In 2018, Canadians alone donated 517,437 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

This region last year contributed 6,135 shoeboxes to that tally, and while Unger always hopes to see that number increase each year, he is grateful for whatever comes in.

"My goal is still just to have as many shoeboxes as we can for all the children in needy countries," he said. "Every box counts. It goes to children who are really desperately in need of something, a gift that they have never gotten before."

The Morden depot collects donations from a wide swath of southern Manitoba—from Crystal City in the west to Hwy. 75 in the east and from Elm Creek down to the U.S. border.

"This region has come through very well every year, and it's just amazing how many boxes we have," said Un-

ger, who singled out Plum Coulee for setting a new community record this year. "Plum Coulee did 1,295 shoeboxes. That's more than their population, so they're pulling them in pretty good."

"I really appreciate that kind of support," he said. "And the rest of the communities are all packing boxes good too."

"Lots of church groups are putting shoeboxes together," Unger continued. "We have another group of ladies—I call them my three ladies, as they don't want to give me their names—and they did 525 this year. I think they said they've been doing it for 20 years and each year they have been doing more and more."

"There's a lot of groups and people who come in year after year, and they're always trying to make more shoeboxes ... they see the need of children in other countries."

Last Sunday was the final day for boxes to be dropped off in order to prepare them for shipment to the national depot this Thursday.

Final shoebox numbers for our area were not available at press time.

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Other items of note in the weekly police reports include:

- Nov. 20: Around 9 a.m. a semi-truck knocked over the traffic lights at the corner of Thornhill and Mountain streets in Morden.

The driver told police he had been travelling eastbound on Thornhill St. and attempted to turn south onto Mountain when he hit the light standard.

Manitoba Highways Department attended the scene and removed the light standard from the trailer. There were no injuries reported.

- Nov. 21: At approximately 7 a.m., police received a report of a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Roblin Boulevard East and Norquay Drive in Winkler.

A southbound vehicle slid through a stop sign due to the icy road conditions and was struck by an eastbound vehicle. No injuries were reported at the time, and both vehicles were towed from the scene.

- Nov. 21: Winkler Police received a complaint from staff of a local bank regarding a female who was attempting to cash a stolen cheque.

Officers attended, arrested the female for possession of goods obtained by crime and utter a forged document. She was later released on a Promise to Appear.

- Nov. 23: At 2:54 a.m., police were dispatched to the 300 block of 6th Street in Morden in regards to an argument between a couple.

The caller stated that his girl-

friend was yelling at him and requested police attend to help keep the peace.

Police attended to mediate the situation and confirmed that the caller would find other living arrangements for the night.

At 3:55 a.m., police were dispatched to the residence again, as the boyfriend had returned and was smashing items in the home.

Police attended the residence to mediate once more and confirmed that the boyfriend had another place to sleep for the night.

- Nov. 23: Winkler Police received a report from an elderly couple regarding several calls they received from someone claiming to be from their bank.

The caller advised that their credit card was being used fraudulently, and they were to pay a large sum of money to correct the problem.

Police advised the couple that this was a scam and to not send any money to the fraudsters. They also advised them to contact their credit card company to ensure their credit card was not compromised.

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The Christmas story comes to life this weekend

Living nativity play takes over Winkler Park Friday through Sunday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler EMMC is giving the community the chance to experience the Christmas story live this weekend.

The 13th annual *From Everywhere to Bethlehem* living nativity takes over Winkler Park Friday from 6-9 p.m. and

Saturday and Sunday from 5-9 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food item as admission.

"The excitement on not only the children's faces but adults alike make the decision to keep putting the event on an easy one," says co-organizer Cyndie Toews. "Many people have

said, 'Once we've been to Bethlehem, Christmas is really here!'"

The production takes guests on a journey back in time to Bethlehem for the first Christmas. You get to visit with scribes and prophets, kings and shepherds, all abuzz with rumours about the special baby being born in the stable that is the final stop of the show.

After the walk-through, visitors are invited to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies in the heated tent, which also hosts a craft and bake sale in support of the MCC Christmas Giving program.

Last year's show drew 2,700 people from all over southern Manitoba and collected 2,340 pounds of food for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

It takes a small army of volunteers working both "on stage" and behind-the-scenes to put the show on each year, Toews says.

"We have many volunteers who help with the usual set up and take down, supplying items needed for the different venues we have, crafting, baking, serving, music etc.," she says.

"This year we have many returning actors and some new who are excited to be a part of the production."

The show has inspired other church communities to explore hosting their own living nativities.

"We had a couple come out with

their children from Winnipeg. They were visiting from Iowa and were just amazed at the event we put on. They have never heard or seen anything like it," Toews says. "I sent them a script and more info. Their goal was to present the info. to their church family and hopefully present this to their community."

"So besides bringing the Christmas story to those around our com-

munity, we have touched many people in many different places in the world."

And that, Toews says, is one of the greatest blessings of putting on a production like this.

"I think in the busy world many people have lost hope. Christmas is often the time we are reminded that there is hope. Amidst that hope is the true reason for the season."

"CHRISTMAS IS OFTEN THE TIME WE ARE REMINDED THAT THERE IS HOPE ..."



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Winkler EMMC puts on its 13th annual production of *From Everywhere to Bethlehem* in Winkler Park this weekend. As admission they're asking for a non-perishable food item for the food cupboard.

Douglas Kuhl School of Music hosts fall concert



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Music-lovers filled the sanctuary at the Winkler EMMC to enjoy the Douglas Kuhl School of Music's annual fall concert Saturday evening. The show included performances from DKSM's Homeschool Harmony children's and youth choirs (left) alongside the Encore and Post Road string ensembles (above).

arts&culture

Bringing varied perspectives to creating art

By Lorne Stelmach

A varied artistic career has taken Paul Zacharias from making his own art to promoting the work of others through operating a successful gallery in Winnipeg.

He still sees the appeal of the latter, though he is now trying to focus a bit more again on his own art while also having a creative outlet through his work in the film industry.

"It's interesting, it's extremely challenging, it's high stress, but I do like it," he said while in Morden last Thursday for an art talk at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

In a presentation entitled *Hustling the Arts in Canada: Media, Venue and Practice*, Zacharias spoke on his varied experiences as an artist, gallery manager, and technician and scenic artist in the film industry.

While running a gallery was especially rewarding for him, it was also a lot of work, he noted.

"If I could make the same money running an art gallery, I probably would just run an art gallery because it is really nice to work directly with artists, promoting their careers, working with them and trying to help them out," Zacharias said. "It's really, really satisfying."

"It's a group effort," he added. "You want to see them do well, want to see them sell their work ... you want them to make money, and you want their experience through the gallery to ultimately be a positive one."

"We made some really big sales, so financially it was profitable, but it was a lot of work," said Zacharias, adding he found himself looking forward to getting back to "being an artist again, so I can utilize all these specific things I've learned and come to realize about art and art presentation."

He now finds working in the film industry equally interesting and challenging.

"We do a lot of our work before the cameras start rolling, a lot of the background scenery and creating the look of the film," he noted, adding the experience of working in film has changed how he approaches his own artwork.

"Some might say that's a little too bad, like artists should work in a vacuum so their vision's clean ... that's

fair, and I definitely felt that way for most of my career, but then I started to realize that we don't exist in vacuums, and everything we do is affected by so many different factors," he said.

"A lot of artists in Canada today work through the grant system, where they apply for a grant to make a body of work which they will then show, generally, at a non-profit gallery," Zacharias explained. "In that way, they're supposed to be making art work that is not manipulated by funds; they're free to make this body of work that they want, but it is manipulated by the juries that they frame their art work for and how to get those juries."

"So it is manipulated ... but it's a good thing—I'm not saying it's a bad thing, it's just another aspect."

"You might end up changing your work so much to fit those grants," he pointed out. "I used to work in that way. I used to work within that venue ... I feel that the commercial end of things is actually a lot more freeing than the grant system, but that's a personal thing because your art work has to fit a certain mold in order to get those grants."

Zacharias believes having these different perspectives could be valuable to any artist.

"It's been really educational actually," he said, suggesting it's given him an appreciation for "how important it is for artists to have not necessarily that experience I had but have some of the ideas that I learned through that experience of running an art gallery."

"It's understanding a bit of that hustle end of things," he continued, "like promoting yourself, keeping in mind where your work



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Guest speaker Paul Zacharias chats with attendees at the Pembina Hills Gallery's monthly Art Talk last week.

is being shown, how it's being shown, how it's presented ... not just working in your basement at something you love but to consider where it lands ultimately, and other people get to

consume it and view it.

"You make sure that your ideas are followed through thoroughly and it will help your career."

Welcoming Shelley Overwater to the MMJS Team effective October 1, 2019



Shelley attended the University of Manitoba's Northern Social Work Program and received her Bachelor of Social Work in 2004 and then went on to obtain her Juris Doctor in 2010. Upon completing law school, she articulated in Morden with a local law firm and practiced briefly on her own, accumulating many wonderful clients along the way. In her spare time, Shelley can be found volunteering around the community of Morden and participating in local events.

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Candlewick, DanceWorks present The Nutcracker

Candlewick and DanceWorks presented their fall family classic at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden earlier this month. This year's show was *The Nutcracker*. Based on the fairy tale "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," the story tells of a little girl who wakes up on Christmas Eve to find her toy nutcracker has come to life. Together they embark on an adventure into a land of fantasy. The local adaptation of the story included a variety of dance disciplines and was woven together by the Xplor Drama children's classes.

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WJO bringing Charlie Brown Christmas to Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra is taking its hit *Charlie Brown Christmas* show on the road this year.

After a sold-out run in 2018, the WJO is bringing *More Charlie Brown Christmas* to the stage in Winnipeg Dec. 7-8, Carman Dec. 13, Winkler, Dec. 14, and Souris Dec. 15.

With the help of narrator Quinn Greene and Winkler's own Jayme Giesbrecht as vocalist, the show brings the iconic 1965 Christmas special to life.

"We're going to tell the whole story in a narrative interspersed with the music," explained WJO artistic director Richard Gillis. "We've got the tunes that are original to the *Charlie Brown Christmas*. The only difference is they're arranged for big bands."

"There's certainly more presence of sound than you get from a trio," he noted, adding the concert is a great first exposure for people who are perhaps not very familiar with the big band jazz sound. "People know what to expect with this ... it's very, very accessible."

Some of the pieces featured will be Linus &

Lucy, Skating, Christmas Time is Here, and O Tannenbaum.

Giesbrecht provided vocals for the show last year and is thrilled to be able to do so again this Christmas—especially right here in her hometown.

"Last year we did this in Winnipeg only, so doing this as a regional southern Manitoba tour is exciting to be able to give more people an opportunity to see and hear the show," she said, noting she lobbied hard for Winkler to be one of the stops. "I really felt like there would be a lot of people here that would appreciate this kind of a show."

A concert like this resonates with all ages, Giesbrecht said.

"*Charlie Brown's Christmas* brings back a lot of memories for many generations," she said, adding that nostalgia is a favourite part of the holidays for many. "That's something that is important for a lot of people is reliving some of the memories of Christmases past and feeling that childhood wonder again."

The concert will also revisit *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and feature a variety of classic Christmas carols.



Winkler vocalist Jayme Giesbrecht and actor Quinn Greene join the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra on stage at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall for the *More Charlie Brown Christmas* show Dec. 14.

"It's a really special time of year and I think it's a time when people are really open to hearing this music and this message," Giesbrecht said. "I'm really looking forward to it."

Tickets are available online at winklerconcerthall.com or at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall box office in the Winkler Civic Centre.

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Flyers best Steelers, Natives but bow to Kings

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers retain their hold on the MJHL's number two spot.

Winkler bolstered their record to 6-1-2 with a pair of wins and an over-time loss this past week.

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, the boys sent the Selkirk Steelers packing 7-4.

The Steelers were up 3-2 after the first 20 minutes. Winkler's goals came courtesy of Griffin Leonard and Sullivan Shortreed.

It was the last time the visiting Selkirk team would hold the lead, as Everett Bestland tied the game in the first couple of minutes of the second and then Jayden McCarthy scored the first two of his three goals for the night.

Selkirk got just one more goal early in the third, but then Ian Tookenay and McCarthy fired home the final nails in the Steelers' coffin with goals at 17:12 and 19:30, the latter a McCarthy goal on the empty Selkirk net.

Dorrin Luding manned the goal for Winkler, making 24 saves off 28 shots. The Flyers, meanwhile, had 40 shots on the Steelers' net.

Friday night the Flyers headed north to Neepawa to take on the Natives.

After a scoreless opening period, Bryce Krauter and Nathan Poolman put Winkler in the lead in the second. Neepawa managed just one goal in response that period.

The final period saw McCarthy make it 3-1 just 58 seconds in. A Neepawa goal 14 seconds later brought the host team within one of tying, but then Krauter scored his



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Winkler Flyers sent the visiting Selkirk Steelers packing last week, winning the game 7-4. The team went on to beat the Natives 4-3 Friday and then fell to the Dauphin Kings in overtime 6-5 Sunday night.

second of the night at 3:54 to widen the gap.

Neepawa fell short with just one more goal. The win went to Winkler 4-3.

Luding had 27 saves as the Natives outshot the Flyers 30-21.

Sunday night's game back in Winkler against the Dauphin Kings needed overtime to decide things.

The game was dubbed a Hockey Fights Cancer night and saw the Flyers raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society and Katie Cares and also honour the late Greg Ens, an avid team supporter who lost his battle with cancer this spring.

The Kings had the lead at the first two intermissions, 1-0 and then 2-1 (Jaden Townsend scored Winkler's lone goal in the second), before things fell apart for them in the third period.

Down 4-1 in the first nine minutes, Winkler came to life with three goals in five minutes courtesy of Shortreed, Krauter, and Trent Sambrook.

The Kings fought back to make it 5-4 heading into the final couple of minutes, but Winkler's Nathan Poolman scored the tying goal with 1:21 seconds left to go, forcing overtime.

There, it was the Kings who made good on one of their three shots on net, scoring at 1:19 to take the game

6-5.

Luding and Dylan Meilun split the game in net. Luding made eight saves off the 11 shots he faced while Meilun made 23 saves off 26 shots. The Kings outshot the Flyers 37-25 overall.

With that, the Flyers have 37 points, putting them just one point behind the Steinbach Pistons in first place and two up on the Portage Terriers in third.

The Flyers get another crack at the Kings this Friday in Dauphin. They then kick off December in Waywayseecappo next Tuesday.

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Male Hawks in fourth place



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Brett Bergman of the Hawks charges toward the Eastman net with Selects' defenders Denis Gagnon and Bryce Warkentine in pursuit during the first period of what ended up as a 7-4 win for Pembina Valley Saturday.

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks battled hard with one of the always tough Winnipeg teams before falling in overtime, and they still gained three of a possible four points over the weekend.

The Hawks dropped a 2-1 decision to the Thrashers Sunday in Winnipeg after beating the Eastman Selects 7-4 Saturday in Morden.

After giving up a second period powerplay goal to the Thrashers, the Hawks forced overtime on a third period goal by Daniel Isaak with just under 10 minutes remaining. Magnus Einarson then scored his second of the game 3:17 into extra time for the win.

Brock Moroz had 29 saves in goal for Pembina Valley, which outshot Winnipeg 39-31.

On Saturday, the Hawks fired three unanswered second period goals to take command of a game that was tied 2-2 after 20 minutes.

Isaak and Roux Bazin each had a pair for Pembina Valley with other goals coming from Derek Wiebe, Guerin Apperley, and Andrew Boucher. Shots on goal were 45-43 for the Hawks, and Reid Dyck earned the win in net with 39 saves.

Pembina Valley remains in fourth place at 12-4-3-0 for 27 points. They are ahead of the Winnipeg Bruins by two and Southwest by four points while trailing the Thrashers by six and Yellowhead by seven points. The Winnipeg Wild lead the way with 40 points on a 20-1-0-0 record, with the Hawks having handed them their only loss of the season thus far.

The Hawks head east to Kenora this weekend for a doubleheader with the Thistles Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Next week Wednesday they host the Bruins in Morden.

Royals, Redskins suffer SEMHL losses

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and Morden teams found themselves on the losing side of the scoreboard in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action this past week.

Morden dropped two games, losing to Notre Dame 3-2 Nov. 21 and then to Warren 8-4 Saturday night.

The close game Thursday night saw Morden down 3-1 after two periods.

Matt Sibbald scored for the Redskins in the first period's final minute to make it 2-1, but Notre Dame widened the gap in the final minutes of the second frame.

Mike Rey took advantage of a power play to score Morden's second of the night, but it was the last time either side would find the back of the net, giving the win to the Hawks.

Goalie Morgan Wall made 19 saves in net for the Redskins as Morden outshot Notre Dame 32-22.

Despite a three-goal third period, Morden wasn't able to come close to a win Saturday night as they hosted the Warren Mercs.

Rey opened scoring just 54 seconds into the game, but then Warren went on to score three unanswered goals that period and another four in period two before Morden lit up the scoreboard again.

It was Rey who did the honours once again, scoring at 6:02, 7:02, and 15:50.

Morden yanked their goalie in the final minute for the extra man, but all that did was give Warren the chance to score an empty-netter to cement their victory.

Wall was in net once again for Morden, making 42 saves out of 50 shots. His teammates fired 39 shots the other way.

The Winkler Royals also suffered

a lopsided loss, falling to the Altona Maroons 9-4 Saturday night.

Altona was up 5-0 before Michael St Croix and Remi Laurencelle scored for the Royals in the first period's final minute.

It was 7-2 before Laurencelle scored his second of the night seven minutes into the third. Two more Altona goals followed before Jason Peters scored

Winkler's last at 16:31.

Devon Wiebe made 19 saves and gave up four goals during his 45 minutes in net. Travis Klassen was in net for 15 minutes and let by all five shots he faced.

Coming up, Winkler hosts Portage on Sunday while the Redskins host Carman Thursday and then play in Warren Saturday.

Twisters extend win streak to 13

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters continued their remarkable run with another pair of wins this past weekend.

A 7-2 defeat of the Charleswood Hawks Friday followed by a 5-0 shut-out of the St. Boniface Riels Saturday extended the team's winning streak to 13 games.

They have now won 14 of their first 15 games, though they remain in a battle for the league lead with the St. Vital Victorias, who remained even with Pembina Valley at 28 points but with one less win at 13-1-2 and having played one more game.

It was a close game through two pe-

riods Friday. The Hawks carried a 2-1 lead into the final frame only to see the Twisters come to life with six unanswered goals.

Travis Penner and Brendan Keck each scored a pair while singles came in from Jordan Keck, Wyatt Sabourin, and Dylan Dacquay.

The shots on goal were 27-25 for the Twisters, who got 24 saves from Martin Gagnon. Pembina Valley was 1 for 3 on powerplays and added a short-handed marker.

Luke Zacharias got the 26 save shut-out Saturday as the Twisters held a 47-26 edge in shots on goal.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Elijah Carels with two and Penner,

Jeremie Goderis, and Tommy Chaneel with singles as the Twisters had period leads of 2-0 and 4-0.

The Twisters are dominant among the top ten scorers with four players making the list. Carels is the league leader at 14 goals and 31 points. Gagnon, meanwhile, is third among goaltenders with a 2.00 goals against average and .924 save percentage.

This week, Pembina Valley hosted Charleswood Tuesday night. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, the team heads to Winnipeg to face the St. James Jr. Canucks Friday and then welcome the River East Royal Knights to Morris Sunday.

Check out the Winkler Morden Voice online at www.winklermordenvoice.ca

Agnew honoured as hockey ambassador

By Lorne Stelmach

A lifelong supporter and volunteer in the Morden sporting community received national recognition recently.

Bob Agnew was honoured by Hockey Canada as an ambassador of the game.

"It's an honour, of course," said Agnew. "Even just seeing some of the other people who have been recognized in the past, it's an honour to be in with that group and to even see their accomplishments in the game and what they have done."

"It's nice to receive; often it's said that nobody goes looking for this, and that a hundred per cent applies to myself. I much prefer to be in the background and just go about doing my thing," he continued. "I'm involved because I enjoy it, and I enjoy the interaction with the players, and that's why I do it."

Having started his coaching career with the peewee team in Morden in 1988, Agnew has most recently been an assistant coach with the Pembina Valley bantam AAA Hawks.

In addition to serving as a coach, Agnew has assisted teams in multiple capacities including with tryouts,

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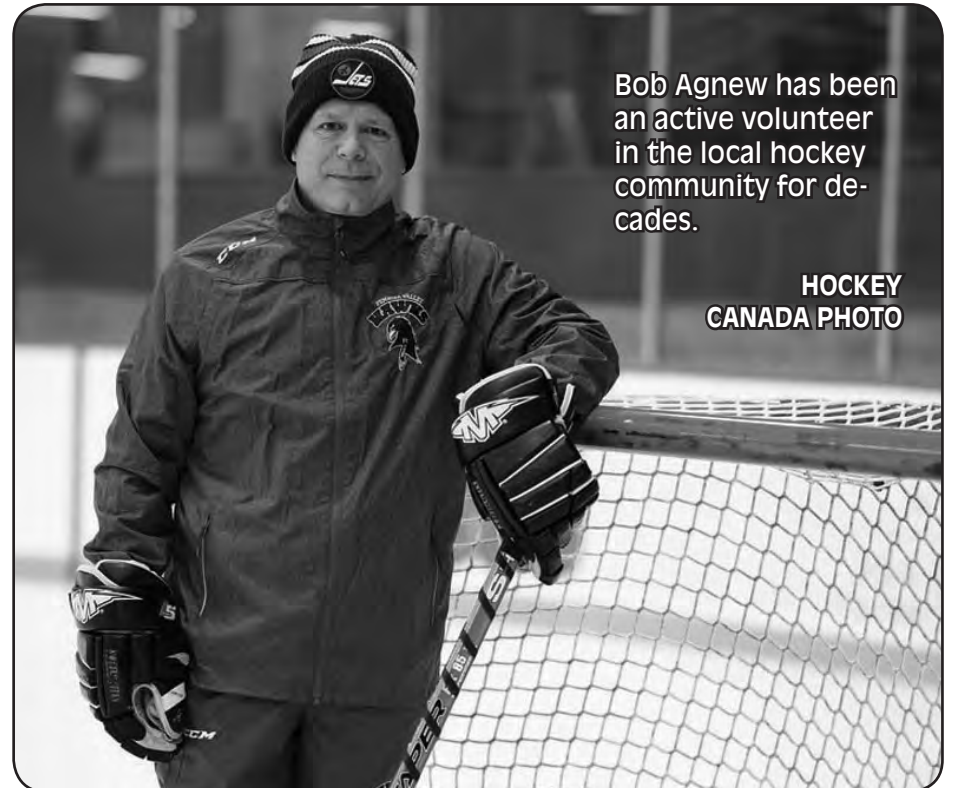
player evaluations, and developing practice plans.

His passion for the game was born while playing on outdoor ponds and in the family driveway as a child. Sports was very much part of the family life for the six children in the Agnew clan, he said.

Agnew and especially his sister Clare, who is the community services and events manager for the City of Morden, continue to volunteer together, including being involved with the MS Walk in Morden as well with such events as the 2010 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, 2017 Esso Cup, and 2019 National Women's Under-18 Championship.

He also gives his time to supporting female softball, curling, and golf events.

Agnew said it just seemed natural to



Bob Agnew has been an active volunteer in the local hockey community for decades.

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get and remain involved.

"In small town Manitoba, you played as long as you could play ... and then eventually a coaching opportunity came up and you get involved and stay involved," he said. "They're always looking for non-parent coaches. Our daughter did not play hockey, so I was an easy one to approach."

"It's been a great fit, and my wife and daughter have been very giving with their time as well."

Mark Thiessen, a friend of 45 years and the one who nominated Agnew for the recognition, said players always "migrate towards Bob."

"He listens to what players say and

want to say and gives his advice from that," he said. "He is such an easy guy to talk to all the time. Some kids like to be talked to sternly, and he can do that if he has to, but he is more of a listening, calm guy."

Agnew doesn't see himself stepping back anytime soon, though he does encourage others to step up.

"You always look at it from year to year. So far, there hasn't been a reason not to be involved," he said. "I do think it's always good to see young people get involved."

Hawks finally put halt on six game losing skid

By Lorne Stelmach

A six game losing skid came to a halt this past weekend for the female Pembina Valley Hawks.

The Hawks came off another decent effort only to lose 5-3 to the Winnipeg Ice Saturday by rebounding for a 1-0 shutout victory over the Westman Wildcats Sunday afternoon.

Tria Enns was rewarded with the shutout on 19 saves against Westman, while Cambree Martens scored the only goal of the game in the second period.

On Saturday, the Hawks fought back

from 1-0 and 3-1 deficits, but it came up short against the Ice.

Annika Braun continued her strong play for the Hawks, utilizing her speed and strength to score a pair for Pembina Valley, which also got a goal from Abbey Bourdeaud'hui. Erica Fijala and Alyssa Matthews-Johnston each contributed a pair of assists.

Enns had another good effort in net, stopping 26 of 31 shots coming in from Winnipeg.

The Hawks bumped their record to 3-9-0 for six points, which allowed them to move up to sixth place. They are ahead of Central Plains by one

and Interlake by three while trailing Yellowhead at 14 points. Further ahead are Westman and Eastman at 16 points, the Ice at 18, and Winnipeg Avros at 25.

The Hawks take a break from league play for the next two weeks to participate in a couple of tournaments.

Up first this weekend is the Two Nations College Prep Series tournament in Brampton, Ontario. The competition features games across the border in Detroit as well with teams from both Canada and the U.S.

The following weekend then is the Girls Hockey United Tournament in

Winnipeg. The annual Hockey Manitoba showcase features a variety of exhibition and showcase games, skills camps, and development clinics. Both the midget and bantam level Hawks will be competing.

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Agriculture

Weather and politics rule world grain trade markets

By Harry Siemens

Swithun Still is the director of Solaris Commodities and the president of the Grain and Feed Trade Association in London, England, working from the company office in Switzerland.

Solaris trades internationally in agricultural commodities such as milling wheat, feed barley, corn, oilseeds, peas and other products. The company ships grain by sea all over the world.

"We trade in grains, mostly milling wheat from Russia. For three seasons in a row we traded feed corn out of Russia as one of the top three traders of corn," explained Still.

"Last year Russia had an inferior corn crop, so we didn't do very much corn at all. But in the previous three seasons we were the top three with Cargill and Glencore, so you know,

the big boys, respectively number one, two, and then number three," said Still in a recent Skype interview. "This year, Solaris Commodities has traded around two million tons, mostly milling wheat, since July, the opening of the new trading year. [We're] one of the top three traders to move grain from Russia."

The nation is one of the biggest grain exporters in the world.

"The Russian wheat crop was very respectable according to the USDA at 72.5 million metric tonnes," Still noted. "A respectable crop, more or less in line with last year, but a lot lower than the bumper crop of 2017, which, depending on estimates, [was] more like 85 million."

"But other people estimate the wheat crop this year to be more in line with 75, 76 million tons, which will maybe allow wheat exports this

year to hit, some people say, 36 million metric tonnes," he said, noting he believes, however, it will be somewhat less.

"Kazakhstan has been buying quite a lot of wheat under the radar because they had a poor wheat crop, and they have milling wheat needs for their export flour business," Still said. "So I would think that somewhere between 33 and 36 million tonnes of exports of wheat in season."

In commenting on the global scene, specifically the trade battles between the United States and China, with Canada somewhere in the middle, Still sees it as a complete mess.

"I think that it's a complete mess from the perspective of the American farmer. He can get supports from the government, but I don't think most farmers are socialists, and they would prefer to live in a free market scenario

and not have to rely on handouts," he said. "Everyone loses in a trade war. Somehow the consumer ends up paying for it, be it the Chinese or the American consumer. I think overall, it's great for other competing origins, particularly on the soybeans and corn for the South Americans."

Still said the Chinese bought wheat in France in pretty big volumes. Likewise, the Australians have a trade war on their barley.

Canada, meanwhile, got hit in the canola markets for the nation's politics over Huawei.

"Overall politics, as ever, is one of the biggest drivers in the grain market," Still said. "The two known unknowns are politics and weather, and politics is upfront and center this season with the trade war."

Zodiacs, Nighthawks stumble at provincials

The junior varsity male GVC Zodiacs saw their season come to an end with four losses at the AAAA provincial championships in Winnipeg over the weekend.

GVC fell in two sets to the Trojans (15-25, 16-25) and the Raiders (19-25, 15-25) and in three to the Spartans (19-25, 25-8, 11-15) in the round robin and then lost to the Sturgeon Heights Huskies in four (12-25, 25-9, 25-17, 25-20).

NPC's JV boys team were also 0-4 at the AAA championships, losing to Steinbach (19-25, 22-25), W.C. Miller (13-25, 21-25), and John Taylor (19-25, 23-25) in their pool before falling to Westwood in three (21-25, 25-16, 15-12).

In the AAAA varsity provincial championships, the Zodiac boys got knocked out by Vincent Massey Friday night in four sets (25-20, 25-20, 24-26, 17-25, 8-15).

Meanwhile, in Zone 4 hockey last week, the Nighthawks fell to Morris

15-0, the Morden Thunder beat Carman 5-4 and then lost to Pembina 4-3, and the Zodiacs lost to Altona 2-1.

On Monday, NPC lost to Carman 7-0 and Morden fell to Altona 6-2.

Hamm, Team Klimpke provincials-bound



Winkler's own Reece Hamm and his curling team, Team Klimpke, won a berth last weekend in Beausejour to the 2020 Telus Junior Provincial Championships. They finished with a 4-1 record, defeating top ranked teams from across the province to clinch their spot. In the final match, Team Klimpke defeated Team Walter 4-3. The provincials take place in Dauphin Dec. 31 to Jan. 5. Team Klimpke includes (from left) lead Jayden Rutter, second Tim Johnson, third Reece Hamm, skip Emerson Klimpke, and coach John Loxton.

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Public notice is hereby given that the water rate increase will be 0.06/1000 gallons effective for the March 15, 2020 quarterly billing in the City of Winkler. That being from the present water rate of \$9.79/1000 gallons to \$9.85/1000 gallons. The sewer rate will remain as it presently is, being \$6.42/1000 gallons.

Jody Penner
City Manager

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> GAMES

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

Level: Intermediate

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

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

Sudoku Answer

E	B	O	H	T	S	E	B	N	E	P
S	M	A	V	A	M	E	D	E	I	R
O	V	I	W	E	E	M	V	R	B	U
N	I	B	A	S	C	V	M	V	I	R
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S	E	S	V	P	R	E	H	E	G	V
V	T	E	G	S	O	B	A	G	T	V
R	V	P	V	T	C	V	N	E	V	H
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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Vital part of a lock
5. Adherent of Zoroastrianism
10. European river
14. Nonprofit public health group
15. Make law
16. Three-banded armadillo
17. Monetary unit
18. Sandwich-like dishes
19. Sicilian city
20. Finger millet
22. Of she
23. Bullfighting maneuvers
24. Lawyers
27. A place to relax
30. Often said after "Hee"
31. Supervises flying
32. Cheer of approval
35. Something spiders twirl
37. Aggressive dog
38. Long-legged gazelle
39. Mogul emperor
40. Baltic peninsula
41. Fencing sword
42. A reward (archaic)
43. Pigeon sound
44. Type of groove
45. Inquire too closely
46. Nine Inch Nails' debut (abbr.)
47. An often unwelcome guest
48. Something you can draw
49. Songs to one's lover
52. Eastern Cairo mosque
55. A partner to cheese
56. Absorption unit
60. A type of sandwich
61. Herbaceous plant
63. Chinese temple classification
64. Native person of central Volga
65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues

66. Some take them up
67. South American nation
68. Threaten persistently
69. Morningwear
- CLUES DOWN**
1. German courtesy title
2. Samoan capital

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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17					18						19			
20				21		22				23				
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52	53	54				55				56		57	58	59
60					61				62		63			
64					65						66			
67					68						69			

3. A type of carpet
4. Upper bract of grass
5. Al Bundy's wife
6. In a careless way
7. More uncommon
8. Expressing contempt
9. Belonging to a thing
10. Adventure stories
11. Copycats
12. Farewell
13. Greek mythological builder
21. Colorless, volatile liquid
23. Monetary unit of Burma
25. Bar bill
26. Body part
27. Mischievous child
28. Popular card game
29. Building occupied by monks
32. Spiritual leader
33. Independent ruler
34. He wrote about the Gold Rush
36. Bundle of banknotes
37. Corporate honcho
38. Touch softly
40. Made by oneself
41. Satisfies
43. Subcompact Toyota crossover
44. Cool!
46. Popular vegetable
47. Flower cluster
49. Transylvanian city
50. Robert and Stephen are two
51. Philippine island
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. He played Perry Mason
57. Ballpoint pen
58. Metrical foot
59. It has nostrils
61. Confederate soldier
62. Take in solid food

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OBITUARY



Gertruda Dyck (nee Harder) 1947 – 2019

On Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at her residence in Plum Coulee, MB Gertruda Dyck age 71 passed away.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Klaas; two daughters, Helena and Gerard Miller, Eva and Jacob Fehr; two sons, Johann and Elena Dyck and Klaas and Emma Dyck; as well as 27 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by one grandson.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

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OBITUARY



Mary Klassen (nee Fehr) 1954 – 2019

On Thursday, November 21, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Mary Klassen age 65 years of Morden, MB formerly of Osterwick went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sons, Benjamin and Joanne Klassen, Leonard and Carol Klassen; three daughters, Tammy and Darrel Klassen, Amanda and Tim Braun and Valerie Klassen as well as 13 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, William in 2014 and her parents, Diedrich and Sara Fehr.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2019 at the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

Thank you to friends and family, Dr. Earl, staff and volunteers at Boundary Trails Health Centre as well as home care attendants and nurses who all went above and beyond our expectations. Thank you to the Morden Sommerfeld church pastors and deacons as well as the entire church family who brought her meals, visited her often, and brought her CDs every week without fail.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Mary's memory to the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church designated to the Lamplighters Fund.

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Bernhard (Ben) Giesbrecht 1924 - 2019

Ben Giesbrecht, age 95 passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Salem Home. He is survived by his children, John (Lydia) Giesbrecht, Mary Epp, Linda (Jake) Klassen, Walter (Joyce) Giesbrecht, Abe (Brenda) Giesbrecht and also an adopted family, Gerhard (Anna) Friesen and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Tina (Dyck); his son-in-law, Abe Epp and one great-grandchild.

Dad was born in Russia on October 11, 1924 to his parents, Abe and Katherine Giesbrecht. Dad came to Canada at the age of three and settled in Winkler. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was later baptized upon the confession of his faith in the Bergthaler Mennonite Church. He was able to finish grade six and then had to help at home on the farm. Later in life, he did upgrading and finished grade 11 with an average in the 90s. Many of his days were filled with hard farm work; it was not as easy as it is now a days. When he came from the fields and saw his siblings and friends play ball, he would join in. He went to youth and managed to get a youth choir together which he conducted. He also enjoyed writing plays for youth events. Dad and his siblings spent a lot of time singing as a family and were asked to sing at various functions. This is probably where his love of music began. He had quite the imagination and enjoyed playing the occasional prank. During the war dad worked as a conscientious objector at Peter Dyck's farm in Oak Bluff, Manitoba and they became lifelong friends. On April 8, 1945, dad married the love of his life, Tina Dyck whom he had known since childhood. They resided at the Dyck farm until they moved to Kane, MB. After the birth of John, they moved to Winkler and Mary was born. Eventually they bought a farm just east of Winkler where they were blessed with three more children, Linda, Walter and Abe. They lived on this farm until retirement. Eventually he started a dairy farm where a good work ethic was instilled in us; hauling bales, and milking cows. He eventually expanded the dairy and built a new barn.

Dad was very involved in church life which included being Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, an ordained deacon and conducting choir for 40 plus years. In addition, he conducted the community men's choir for many years as well as singing in various groups. He would work on fields until late at night, and then would work on his music for the choir until 1 or 2 in the morning. Eventually his sons, Walter and Abe bought the farm. Then mom and dad moved to Winkler, which gave them more free time for friends including many game nights, travelling, and going out for meals. He couldn't just sit around so he began working for Valley Dairy Supplies (which was owned by son, John and son-in-law, Jake) doing their bookwork for approximately eight years. After that he went to help mowing grass at Meadows Golf for a number of years. He enjoyed both jobs. Eventually it was time for him to join mom at Salem Home. They were always found holding hands. We are so grateful that Salem allowed them to share their living space together. This last year was very tough for him because he missed mom a lot after her passing last October.

Celebration of life service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Special thank you to: Anna Friesen who took the time out of her busy life to consistently have Bible reading and devotions with mom and dad and then dad; to Wilbert Friesen for providing spiritual care and friendship to dad; to Salem Home for the excellent care he received (he enjoyed serenading you); to all who had a part in the service and to Wiebe Funeral Home.

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Shoppers who want to land the best Black Friday deals need not camp outside their favorite stores the night before.

Oftentimes, landing the best deals just takes a little preparation and due diligence on the part of shoppers.

- Peruse Black Friday ads in advance of the big day. Many retailers begin advertising their Black Friday deals well in advance. Shoppers who know which stores they want to visit on Black Friday should begin looking for those stores' fliers in early November, and continue to do so as Black Friday draws closer. This gives shoppers a chance to plan their Black Friday shopping so they can visit stores with the most enticing or time-sensitive deals first.

- Create a list and make shopping a team effort. Once retailers have announced the details of their Black Friday sales, shoppers can make a list of items they hope to purchase. When shopping, don't go it alone. Instead, team up with a spouse, neighbor or older children who can then be given certain items to find in the store once doors open.

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