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The Winkler EMMC brought the Christmas story to life last weekend with its 13th annual production of *From Everywhere to Bethlehem*. For more photos, see Pg. 2.

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# From Everywhere to Bethlehem



Winkler Park was transformed into ancient Bethlehem for the Winkler EMMC's annual interactive nativity play last weekend. The three-day show attracted 3,179 visitors from all over southern Manitoba eager to kick off the holidays by taking a walk through the story of the birth of Jesus. Admission was a non-perishable food item for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard. In all, 2824 lbs. was collected for the food bank. Organizers were still crunching the numbers at press time for how much the bake/craft sale raised for the MCC Christmas Giving program. Clockwise from above left: Angels share the news of the birth of the Christ child; shepherds guard their flocks by night; three wise men bearing gifts.

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# Work wrapping up on Habitat's Winkler build

By Lorne Stelmach

As moving day keeps drawing a little closer, the anticipation builds for Margaret Wiebe, whose family will soon call the first new Habitat for Humanity build in Winkler home.

That day, which is expected to come sometime in the new year, is one Wiebe is dreaming of as she continues putting work into the Main Street South property.

"It's definitely getting more exciting. Every day that I come here I just get to see how this is starting to look more like a home."

Every time I come here I get the butterflies and I'm excited to see how far it has come and how quickly, too," Wiebe said while taking a break from painting last week.

She and her husband John and four

children were selected to be the owners of the first home built by the Habitat for Humanity Winkler and Morden chapter.

Having been renting a house trailer that they've long since outgrown, it is exciting not only to be making plans for their new home but also to be putting in their required 500 hours of sweat equity into the project.

"It feels good to be able to paint in our own home," Wiebe said. "It's something I have never done before, and it definitely is a very exciting feeling."

"As I was cleaning up, I was picturing how I'm going to put things and how I'm going to organize once we're ready to move in," she added. "And especially my oldest child ... she's asking, 'When's it going to be ready. When can we move in? I'm so excited

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to have my own room."

Construction of the home has been moving along much better than expected thanks to an outpouring of contributions from volunteers and tradespeople, noted Christina Falk, chapter secretary and public relations chair.

They had originally anticipated that construction would run into February, but that has been bumped up. Construction is now expected to hit the home stretch by month's end.

"It has just gone a lot faster. People have just really poured a lot of time and effort into it," Falk said. "With the volunteers and the tradespeople, everybody has just really come

through."

There are still some major tasks ahead, including installing flooring and putting in the kitchen. Painting in some parts of the building was just getting underway last week.

"They won't be in the house until sometime in the new year, but we're just so thankful to this community that they have stepped up," Falk said. "Often we'll just show up in the morning and something else has been completed that we didn't expect, and that's amazing."

"We knew it wouldn't work if the community wasn't really part of it

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Christina Falk (left) from the Morden-Winkler chapter of Habitat for Humanity visits with Margaret Wiebe as she puts in some sweat equity for her family's soon-to-be new home.

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# Koats for Kids helps more families than ever

By Lorne Stelmach

The United Way of Morden and District's Koats for Kids campaign has had one of its busiest years in recent memory.

The annual effort to collect gently used winter clothing for those in need in the community wrapped up with three distribution days last month, and organizers say there was a significant increase in the number of articles of clothing donated and handed out.

"The response has been really good. In fact, particularly strong this year I think compared to the last few," suggested board member Audrey Armstrong.

"I'm not sure exactly what that's about, but we had a significant amount of coats donated and we've given a lot. We had a lot of people through here especially on the first night and again the second night," she noted last Tuesday as they readied to open up for the final evening.

"I'm not sure what's happened this year, if it's people are more aware or if the need is changing, but it seems to me that we've had more people this year," Armstrong said. "Sometimes the snow makes a difference—if it's cold and there's snow on the ground, people are thinking about winter

coats."

In the lead up to the distribution days, there were almost 300 coats of all sizes dropped off at the red collection box at the fire hall. The United Way also gathered eight boxes of hats, scarves, and mitts along with 16 pairs of boots.

On the first distribution night, Nov. 12, about 40 people came out and were able to walk away with 72 coats, 56 accessories, and seven pairs of boots. The second week welcomed another 35 families and saw 44 coats, 55 accessories, and two pairs of boots handed out. The final evening last week distributed 34 coats and 55 accessories to 35 families.

"We get boxes of hand knit scarves and hats and mitts for people, which is wonderful, and some coats that are in great shape, some which maybe are a little worn, but hopefully they're all going to be put to good use," said Armstrong.

"I think there are people who typically kind of wait for this program each year and specifically bring their coats for this program," she suggested. "And the other way, I think there are folks who wait for this program to come and receive a coat and select one from the number that are here."

"The program has expanded over time from focusing just on kids to



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Hundreds of jackets and winter accessories were donated to and then handed out by Koats for Kids in Morden this year.

include adults as well," noted Armstrong, who added it always feels like a worthwhile effort for the volunteers. "It is really nice. We've had a mixture of families as well as individuals come in, and it's been fun to see the kids go through all the hats and stuff and try them on and find a

colour they like and a style they like ... that's always fun to do with them."

Leftover clothing donations will go to The Hub Community Centre, Christmas Cheer, Youth for Christ, and a northern Manitoba reserve for distribution.

## Morden United Way \$45K closer to goal

By Lorne Stelmach

The United Way of Morden and District is halfway to its goal for the 2019 campaign.

The fundraising effort closed in on the \$45,000 mark as of mid-November, putting the agency's target of \$90,000 in sight.

President Alex Fedorchuk last week said that he remains optimistic the campaign can still get there by the end of the year.

"We're pretty happy with it so far ... now we just need that final push to get us there," he said.

The campaign, which reached its target last year, often starts out slow but then picks up the pace towards the end of the year, Fedorchuk noted, pointing out they usually receive a

number of sizeable corporate donations after the holidays.

While the list of agencies supported by the Morden United Way is still being finalized, it's usually upwards of two dozens local non-profit groups who get a helping hand every year.

"We're a very reliable source of funding for them," said campaign chair Terry Gibson. "There's some organizations we help fund their programs year after year ... we don't totally fund them, but our money is always reliable. And it's maybe not always the same amount, but they count on getting an amount from us each year."

More information, including how to donate, is available online at [united-waymorden.com](http://united-waymorden.com).

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and embracing it," she added. "And we actually had moved so fast with volunteers ... we needed to have enough time to get the family's hours in ... the family has to put 500 sweat equity hours on the house and also in community service before they get in ... so for the rest of the build we won't be having regular volunteer days."

Instead, the Wiebes will continue helping with the finishing touches, while tradespeople handle the bigger things still on the to-do list.

With the fundraising and financing in place for this house, the chapter is now about to turn its attention to its first Morden build.

"We are on our way to our next house in Morden," she said. "We're starting to look ahead to that now and planning the basics of it in fall."

"We already have the lot in Morden ready to go .. we will be opening up applications in February for families who would like to move into that house."

"We're not sure about construction yet because we need to raise all the funds for it, but, looking at how

this house went, we're hoping it will be not too far in the future."

One of the great things about the Habitat for Humanity model is that each build helps support the next.

"As [the Wiebes] pay their mortgage, their mortgage payments pay for the next house, so they love that they can be part of helping another family," Falk said. "To me, it's just an amazing model where we are all working together. Even our partner families are part of the solution."

"It's a great feeling that we are able to do that," agreed Wiebe.

Falk sees this model as a way to build long-term stability for the organization here in Morden-Winkler.

"The more homes you get, the more payments you have coming in, which means it's easier for fundraising ... eventually, it's self sustaining, it pays for itself."

You can keep up to date with the Habitat for Humanity Winkler and Morden chapter through Facebook and other social media.

You can also reach them via e-mail [wmhabitat@outlook.com](mailto:wmhabitat@outlook.com).

# Curl for Cancer raises \$20,000 for SCCR

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Curl for Cancer continues to make a big difference for a number of agencies serving southern Manitoba.

Now in its 26th year, the event held the first Saturday of November in Carman has raised over a million dollars since its inception. This year's bonspiel on Nov. 2 brought in around \$65,000, \$20,000 of which was presented last Thursday to South Central Cancer Resource.

"We just make it a fun atmosphere," said Haley McIntosh, a member of the organizing committee. "We like to keep the funds local, and the funds are distributed between South Central Cancer Resource, Cancer Care

Manitoba, Canadian Cancer Society, and Carman palliative care.

"It's absolutely amazing. We get a ton of support from the surrounding businesses, and that's all of the Pembina Valley," she added. "We get a lot of stuff donated ... so it's wonderful."

"We are really, really thankful for the donation," said Rachel Dell, vice-president of South Central Cancer Resource, pointing out that this is the 10th year the fundraiser has supported the organization. In

all, Curl for Cancer has provided SCCR with \$235,900 over the years.

"It definitely helps us a lot," said Dell. "We really appreciate it. It helps us out substantially with our programs and what we are able to do for the people in the community."

"WE LIKE TO KEEP THE FUNDS LOCAL."



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Presenting the proceeds from the 2019 Curl for Cancer were Jaime Friesen (left) and Haley McIntosh (right) to South Central Cancer Resource vice-president Rachel Dell.

## SCCR grateful for community's ongoing support

By Ashleigh Viveiros

South Central Cancer Resource reported on another busy year of helping local cancer patients at its annual general meeting and open house last week.

The open house part of the Nov. 27 event showcased the agency's newly renovated office space at 400 Stephen St. in Morden.

"Renovations were necessitated to promote a more hygienic environment for immune compromised people [eliminating carpet throughout the space], to promote confidentiality, enhance comfort for all, enlarge Hair Haven to accommodate the large selection of wigs and head coverings, and to brighten the space for those fighting cancer," reported president Pam King.

The renos came with a price tag of over \$18,000, but thanks to the support of many generous donors, SCCR only needed to cover \$1,800 of that.

The agency has come a long way indeed from its humble roots 16 years ago.

SCCR began with a \$5,000 operating grant and had less than 50 clients in its first year of operation, King recalled.

Today it has a client list of over 600 people (welcoming upwards of 12 new clients every month), revenues

of \$268,000, and expenses of over \$299,000.

"This reflects the sad reality that the incidence of cancer is on the rise in all ages," King said.

"On the positive side, great strides have been made in research for treatment and causes and survival rates for many cancers are on the increase," she added. "SCCR is so thankful we can provide hope, support, and help to people when a cancer diagnosis overwhelms so many."

None of it would be possible without the continued support of the community at large.

"SCCR board members and resource coordinators have had the privilege to meet many amazing, generous, and caring people who have supported our efforts in striving to

meet our mission," said King. "We truly feel blessed."

"Thank you goes out to each and every one of you for your generous support of SCCR so that we can continue our vital, much-needed and appreciated programs and services."

That includes offering free transportation to and from medical appointments, the rental of head coverings and wigs, breast prosthesis fittings, lymphedema support programming, skin screenings, and a variety of awareness, resource/support, and wellness programs.

The popular transportation program provided over 4,300 rides/overnight accommodations in 2018-2019, costing SCCR over \$184,000.

"The numbers have increased over the last year," noted SCCR program

coordinator Deb Thiessen. "Cancer is so unpredictable and so are the needs."

"Cancer is not cheap. It costs money and not everyone has the available cash to put gas in their vehicles to make those 30 trips to Winnipeg for radiation treatments. Not everyone has a large group of friends/family that can take them to Winnipeg for their treatments/appointments," she said. "SCCR was established to help people with those needs, whether it is financial or maybe it is a wig/head coverings needed due to loss of their hair."

"We at SCCR are just happy we can be here for the people of our communities to give them the support that is needed."

## Candice Bergen remains as Opposition House Leader

Two local political leaders are taking on responsibilities above and beyond representing their constituents at the provincial and federal levels.

Federal Opposition leader Andrew Scheer announced his Conservative caucus for the 43rd Parliament last week, and Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen is on it.

Bergen will return as House Leader of the Official Opposition, a role she's held since 2016.

"I am honoured to continue to

serve as the Conservative Opposition House Leader," said Bergen. "Canadians gave our leader and Conservative caucus a strong mandate to fight on their behalf and to remain focused on holding the Trudeau Liberal government to account."

Meanwhile, on the provincial stage, Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister last week announced the members of the Conservative government's cabinet committees.

The list includes Borderland MLA

Josh Guenter, who has been appointed to the Economic Growth Committee of Cabinet and the Public Sector Compensation Committee of Cabinet.

"I welcome these fine MLAs as they broaden the scope of their roles and responsibilities," Pallister said. "Their intelligence, drive and vision will serve them well on these important committees as we move Manitoba forward."



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## Life lessons from a childhood failure

**T**he last time I wore a snowsuit I pooped in it.

Relax, it wasn't last year. I was five when it happened.

I was playing on snow hills with friends in the parking lot of the apartment building we lived in and suddenly I had to go REALLY BAD.

There was NO WAY I was going to make it down the hill, across the parking lot, up three flights of stairs, into the apartment, take off my boots, take off my snowsuit, run down the hall into the bathroom, drop my pants and go. Not. A. Chance.

Rather than panic, my five-year-old brain went into crisis management mode. I quickly got off the hill and wandered into an adjacent field and, hidden by a shrub, dropped my snowsuit to my ankles, squatted, and did my business. Sweet relief.

It wasn't until I was done and preparing to go back and play that I realized what had happened. In my panic

I neglected to comprehend what happens to a snowsuit that is undone and dropped to the ankles: it falls behind you.

That's right. I had created a small (but impressive) mountainous island in my snowsuit.

What could I do? What would anyone do? I burst into tears and began the long, slow trudge to my apartment, dragging my new sculpture the whole way.

I dragged it through the field, across the parking lot, into the apartment building, up three flights of stairs, and into our apartment, weeping the whole way, where my horrified mother struggled to understand the chain of events that could have led to this one moment.

After a confusing combination of angry screaming, Inquisition-like questioning, comforting, and cleaning, I was told sternly, "For heaven's sake Peter, don't poop in your snowsuit. If you have to go, come inside!" and then sent back out to play. In retrospect, she may have used a word other than poop.

Why do I bring this up? It's funny. My wife has been talking about getting a snowsuit because she likes to remain as toasty warm as possible. If

she could wear a snowsuit indoors, I think she would. It reminded me of this childhood moment that I can now look back and laugh at (thankfully).

I don't think I will ever wear a snowsuit again. Not because I think I would have an "accident" in it but because the horror of that one moment as a five-year-old lingers in the back of my mind, keeping me snowsuit averse.

Two years later, when the film *Jaws* came out in 1975, seven-year-old me somehow got to watch it. To this day I am not comfortable in deep water unless it is crystal clear. Heck, I couldn't even have a bubble bath for a year because I could not see what was in the tub with me.

It is amazing the things that can imprint on a person for life. Children are like elephants—they never forget. As adults we hope and pray children forget all sorts of things, but they don't. Tailor your actions around children accordingly.

Also consider a tip from me: teach them how to emergency poop if they are caught outdoors in a snowsuit. Trust me, it will save you both loads of trauma.



**By Peter Cantelon**

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## The gift of listening

**A**lthough the studies on whether the quantity of face-to-face conversations have declined or not are inconclusive, the quality of interactions has unanimously taken a hit.

More and more conversations these

days seem to be devolving into an exchange of monologues. We are talking at one another more than talking with one another; each person wanting to share their status update in real time.

Often the purpose of entering into conversation with someone is because you want to tell them something; you want a



**By Terry Dueck**

chance to be heard, rather than to listen and understand. And maybe the influence of social media is to blame for some of this, I don't know, but it seems like conversations often are really just a press conference with whoever happens to be listening.

It's clear that our habit of communicating via social media, emails and texts have led to a lack of empathy, increasing polarization of opinions, and Gen Z is the most anxious, stressed out generation on record.

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# Christmas shopping? How not to go broke for the holidays

I am the oldest of four siblings. When I was around 10 years old, my dad worked at Carte Electric building those green transformers you see on the boulevards around Winnipeg.

(Side story: My favorite childhood toy was the Transformers that you could transform from a robot into a car or airplane. I was extremely excited to hear my dad built transformers and wondered why I didn't have the whole collection!)

My mother stayed at home and worked very hard to keep the house clean, cook the meals, and try to keep

us children in line.

One of my great childhood memories was my brother and I trying to discover where my parents were hiding this year's stash of Christmas presents. We did find them most years (sorry, Mom).

The other memory that I have about Christmas was listening to my mother relate how she paid for it all. It went something like this: She would max out her credit card and then spend the next year paying it off, just in time so that she could do it again.

That was just one of the "financial lessons" I credit with learning from my parents.



Chris MacPherson, CHS

My 10-year-old brain thought, "That's nice and all but doesn't sound like the right way to do things."

Don't worry, my mother is now a successful CA and is very good with her personal finances.

Here are my top strategies for doing Christmas without breaking the bank:

1. Determine your spending cap (for our example, let's say \$1,000)

2. Determine how many people you are buying for and how much on each person (let's say 12 people, eight at \$100 each and four at \$50)

3. STICK TO YOUR BUDGET. Now I know this step sounds easy and is common sense, but it is in fact the hardest part and requires discipline.

4. Another idea is to have a family meeting and make some executive decisions. For example, my extended family decided the adults would buy for their parents, their children,

and for the nieces and nephews (under 18), but not each other. Instead, we all buy one gift and play a game. The game is fun, and everyone ends up with a gift (usually a gift card or a bottle of booze; we aren't very original). This way we don't have 20 people trying to buy gifts for 20 other people and, let's be honest, probably giving them something they don't want or need. AND it really helps keep things in the budget.

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According to recent Barna research, 62 per cent of non-Christians and Christians who have disconnected with church are open to talking about faith matters with someone who would listen without judgment. When we talk about sharing our faith and engaging others about who Jesus is, listening is the top quality people are looking for. And yet when surveyed, those who are open to having intentional conversations about faith saw this trait of listening without judgment in only 30 per cent of the Christians they knew personally.

I've spent years and years trying to talk like Jesus. For 20 years I've stood up in front of people on a church stage and talked. I've recently been convicted at how little time I've taken to learn how to listen like Jesus. I believe that if we can listen well, listen like Jesus, we can love well and love like Jesus.

For the sake of the Gospel, the church (people who claim to believe and follow Jesus) need to listen first.

Here are three ways you can listen like Jesus:

1. Listen wide: Perhaps most striking about Jesus is not how he listened but who he listened to. Jesus had a habit of listening to the overlooked—the poor, the sick, the foreigners.

2. Listen deep: Jesus' listening had a probing, searching out quality to it. He listened between the words, to get to true motivations, the deeper needs that lay beneath the surface.

3. Listen close: Listening is the gift of relationship. Every time he welcomed a tax collector or prostitute into his space, he removed the cultural and religious lines that sought to separate them. To truly listen is a profound act of hospitality and kindness.

Join me in learning to be a better

listener! Listening is always the first step in compassionate action. Take stock of your "to do" list this week, is listening on the list? Who are you giving your full attention to? How wide is your relational network?

Carey Nieuwhof writes this: "Love has a speed. And it's slower than I am. There's a good chance it's slower than you are. Love pauses. Love lingers. Love offers full focus and gives far more than it takes. When I run too fast, I outrun love, and the people I love pay a price."

What a powerful gift it is to offer someone unhurried listening.

—Terry Dueck is the lead pastor at the Winkler MB Church

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## WSD continues to make its case for new school

By Lorne Stelmach

There are other capital project priorities for Western School Division, but the promised new school for Morden continues to be atop the wish list.

Coming away from a recent meeting with the Manitoba Public Schools Finance Board (PSFB), local trustees remain optimistic they might get the

go-ahead from the province sooner than later.

"Absolutely we are hopeful ... there's no end of evidence that we need the school ... we're definitely looking forward to an announcement," chairperson Brian Fransen said after the Nov. 20 meeting in Winnipeg.

The Manitoba government earlier this year made a commitment to a

new K-8 school in Morden, but it came without any firm timeline beyond sometime within 10 years.

Having pushed for the new school for a long time, the board is pleased to at least have that commitment, and last month's meeting offered an opportunity for them to further make their case with hard numbers to back it up.

"We made sure we were there with the latest information," said Fransen, noting the Conservative government has been emphasizing the idea of making funding decisions that are evidence-based.

"We had met with the City of Morden immigration initiative and got updated population growth projections; the PSFB always appreciates having up-to-date information," he said, adding they feel the presentation got a positive response from the board. "It was really good to have that feedback from them ... we also wanted to let them know that we are grateful for their support."

In presenting their capital wish list to the PSFB, Fransen noted there are always a range of priorities to be addressed.

"Our first priority, which is no surprise, is a new school ... there are

always other things that we need to look at," he said, going on to stress, though, that "our responsibility to the community is far more than just a school. We need to take care of things like boilers and roofs and other building additions and things like that, so we went over all the priorities that we have in those areas as well.

"We've got a lot of different things on the go, and what they ask for is okay, in this category, what's your top priority and why is it your priority? So we review all that with them and try to provide all of the information they need."

Among the division's priorities in the years ahead is the need for an addition to the high school.

"We've got that spot at the northwest corner of the high school where we have room for three more classrooms to be added on," said Fransen.

"As we're looking at the growth, it has started in the early years, but eventually those children end up in high school. The numbers are even growing there, not as much as the early years, but it won't be long before we are going to need more space in the high school."



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Aside from the promised new K-8 school in Morden, a three classroom addition to Morden Collegiate is also on Western School Division's capital projects wish list presented recently to provincial officials.

## AMM conference brings together municipal, provincial leaders

By Lorne Stelmach

Local leaders joined their counterparts from across the province in Brandon last week for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities' annual convention.

The gathering is always an important opportunity for them to not only to address issues of common concerns amongst themselves but also with provincial leaders, including Premier Brian Pallister and most of his cabinet.

"All in all, I think it's very productive ... to my kids, I call it mayor school," joked Morden Mayor Brandon Burley. "We managed to get in front of ministers and draw their attention to matters that affect us."

"That's a huge part of this convention ... and for the ministers to see a

fairly united front when we are looking at some of these issues, I always find that to be very valuable," said Winkler Deputy Mayor Henry Siemens.

"We had the bulk of the ministers at a breakfast meeting, which was actually really good," added RM of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson. "When you go to talk to these people, at least they bend their ear just a little bit more to you. That was very beneficial. They didn't give us any meat and potatoes promises ... but on the other hand, they weren't opposed to any of it ... there was no straight out no."

Hearing presentations from and directly meeting with Pallister as well as a number of cabinet ministers may be the highlight of the week, but delegates from across the province also discussed and debated a wide range

of resolutions.

They ran the gamut from infrastructure support and taxation issues to hot button topics such as cannabis revenue sharing, mental health support, and crime.

Winkler was among a number of sponsors of a resolution that calls on the province to index the annual municipal assistance grant provided to all Manitoba municipalities equal to or greater than the annual rate of economic growth. As well, the city's delegation was part of another resolution that calls on the province to fast track having qualified persons at health care facilities to provide a safe and secure area at for persons in custody while awaiting assessment.

"I think there's been no shortage of concern on our end around that issue, and it made sense for us to support

that," said Siemens.

Winkler Councillor Karina Bueckert also spearheaded addressing the issue of stagnant funding for family crisis shelters.

"We had the opportunity to look at the Genesis House funding ... it made sense for us to bring that forward ... given how important those shelters are to our communities," Siemens said. "As a council, we're certainly still considering that and looking at that, but we also reminded the government of their responsibility in that area."

Siemens said they found their meeting with Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler particularly valuable.

"He was there to listen," he said,



# Oil starting to flow in Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline

Enbridge's Line 3 replacement pipeline (L3RP) was put into service for the first time this week.

The pipeline, whose construction saw several hundred Enbridge workers temporarily call Morden-Winkler home over the past few years, started transporting oil Dec. 1.

"We are truly grateful and humbled by the tremendous support we've received across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba for this project over these past six years," said Enbridge's Leo Golden, vice president of Line 3 Project Execution. "Without that support and collaborative mindset, we wouldn't be where we are today."

At the start, the new pipeline will run at approximately half of its rated capacity, some 400,000 barrels per day, until the Minnesota portion is approved and completed.

"First and foremost, the Line 3 project was about enhancing the safety and integrity of infrastructure that is critical to the functioning of our society, much like a highway, a bridge, or an airport," Golden said. "Today, Line 3 is one of more than 80 oil and gas pipelines and 30 major electric transmission lines that cross the Canada-U.S. border, operating as part of a single, integrated North American

energy market. Access to this continental energy market is critical for consumers, industry, and governments."

The new pipeline stretches approximately 1,070 kilometres from Hardisty, Alberta to Gretna, Manitoba.

At an estimated cost of \$5.3 billion, it represents the largest capital expenditure in Enbridge's 70-year history in western Canada.

Golden said that Enbridge has engaged with stakeholders—landowners and community members alike—along the pipeline's route every step of the way since the project was first announced back in 2013.

"We've worked very hard to listen and identify issues of concern," he said. "Most importantly, we made meaningful changes to address those issues. The input we've received has truly helped make the L3RP better."

As the oil starts to flow, the company continues its efforts to restore the land construction ran through. Final reclamation of the remaining 100 kilometres of the construction area in southeast Saskatchewan will have to wait until the spring of 2020 due to inclement fall weather.

"Our objective, as always, is to restore the land to as good or better

Work on Enbridge's Line 3 replacement pipeline project through Canada—including the Morden-Winkler area—is complete. Oil began flowing through it on Sunday.

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condition as prior to construction," said Al Sawatzky, Line 3 construction manager.

Reflecting on the L3RP coming into service, Sawatzky said, "This is the only major pipeline construction in Canada in the last 10 years. Other major pipelines are planned, but none have started and we've been talking about them for several years now. So to build a major pipeline from Hardisty to the U.S. border is a pretty big

deal—for Enbridge, for the industry, and for Canada."

That just doesn't happen, he added, without the support of landowners, municipalities, and Indigenous communities right across the Prairies.

"The railroads opened up this country. They were built to get things moving," Sawatzky said. "A pipeline is very similar—we have to get our product to market and pipelines are the safest way to do it."

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describing it as a chance for them to press the city's capital priorities.

"We need our wastewater treatment proposal to continue to move; it's something we desperately need in this area," Siemens said. "We had a minister who was there, ready to listen, who showed up without a preconceived notion of what is and isn't important."

An important takeaway for him as well was the need for municipalities to really be working co-operatively.

"We heard it continuously from the province ... we, more and more, have to look to partners, we have to look at our AMM partners, we have to look to our regional partners. We have to find ways to do stuff together."

Burley appreciated not only the opportunity to touch base with cabinet ministers but also the variety of workshops and breakout sessions.

"There's always the opportunity for self improvement, learning better practices and learning and building relationships with your peers," he said.

"It's also a good time to spend with council and just develop council ... to move together in the same direction,"

Burley added. "I find it very profitable to get council in the same space for a few days and learn some things."

He noted they also raised a number of issues of particular concern to Morden, including the freeze on further development as a result of the community's lagoon capacity as well as various speed and traffic control issues, particularly on Thornhill Street.

"We did get some updates, and that was good for us," Burley said, noting discussions on the latter include speed limits on the east and west approaches and improvements such as turning lanes.

The new school for Morden also came up, he added, and "we know now we are first on the list for an announcement, so that's always good news."

A key thought for Burley coming away from the meeting centres around the government's approach to governance.

"The important thing for us to know is, for the last four years, we were told the province had strongly stressed return on investment ... now they're looking at the economics of climate and they're wanting to see how ev-

erything not only improves economic advantages that we have but also climate advantages," he said.

"So there's always those little things that you pick up ... and it allows you to learn the language and better position yourself and bring projects to their attention."

"Pallister's government is not a typical government. If we ask for 'A' he might not give us 'A' but he might give us 'B' plus 'C' which can be more than 'A'," he further suggested. "The general consensus was we get fair say now, but we're not quite getting fair share."

Olafson agreed it was good to hear directly from the cabinet ministers about government commitments such as more funding for highways and roads.

He particularly noted Pallister's emphasis on crime in his address and ensuring that there are tougher consequences and more support for the RCMP.

Of particular interest to a rural municipality like Stanley are issues around taxation on farmland. To that end, the idea of removing the burden of funding education through property tax came up.

"Whether they change that model, that's another story. That changes everything," said Olafson.

He also came away particularly impressed with Rochelle Squires, who is now in charge of the municipal relations portfolio.

"I think we're on the right track; we've got the right person there," said Olafson.

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Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen is looking to get his hands on more toys as the fire department is again taking donations for the Morden Christmas Cheer Board. You can drop off toys as well as cash donations at the fire hall and the Morden Police Station as well during business hours up until Dec. 13. "People had already started coming by for some time now, which is nice," said Thiessen. "We've been doing it now for about the last three or four years. It's just a good opportunity for us ... and if people want to even have a chance to look around the fire hall, that's a good time."

## Access CU board of directors exploring new merger

Access Credit Union is eyeing a merger with Crosstown Civic Credit Union.

ACU's board of directors announced last week that they recently began discussions with the Winnipeg credit union about the potential for a joining forces.

"We know that mergers are happening at a rapid pace and that they are key to the long-term success of the Manitoba credit union system," said Curt Letkeman, Access Credit Union board chair. "In Crosstown Civic we have found a common heritage based on cooperative principles and we are similar-sized organizations that we believe will benefit our members."

Over the next couple of months, the credit unions will develop a more detailed business case for each board to review and determine if they will recommend the proposed merger to their memberships. Employees and members will also be consulted prior to making any formal decision, the boards stress.

"We are very excited about the potential of this partnership as both

credit unions have a strong commitment to putting the needs of our members first," said Crosstown Civic CU board chair Ingrid Loewen. "We are in the early stages of exploring a merger and look forward to the next step: confirming our positive assumption as we work to develop an in-depth business case."

"We will continue to engage and inform our members as things progress and confirm our final recommendation to the members as soon as we are able."

If the both boards opt to recommend a merger, credit union members will vote on the matter next spring.

Access Credit Union is Manitoba's fourth largest credit union and brings 17 branches, 260 employees, over \$3.1 billion in assets under administration, and more than 54,000 members to the table.

Crosstown Civic Credit Union has nine Winnipeg branches, 160 employees, over \$2.6 billion in assets under administration, more than 31,000 members, and is the fifth largest credit union in the province.

## 'Winter Music and Memories' on this Friday

By Lorne Stelmach

An inter-generational storytelling initiative is giving its next event a seasonal twist.

Winter Music and Memories will be held Friday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Morden Activity Centre, and it stems from events earlier this fall that brought local students and older adults together to share stories.

It seemed like a natural fit to tie in an event with the Christmas season, said organizer Tammy Hendrickx.

"There's a lot of traditions and memories around the season, and different households do different things," she said, noting that bringing multiple generations together helps build community. "We can learn from the past and from each other."

Friday's event, which is free and open to all, will include a short program of music and memories, including Susan Pharaoh performing on the harp alongside other musicians and storytellers.

"It's going to be just a relaxing shorter time," said Hendrickx, who

would love it if this ultimately spurred some ongoing relationships among the participants, which will include Gr. 5 students from École Morden Middle School.

"We also want to try to get some of the kids to be pen pals with some of the seniors so that they can write to each other," Hendrickx said.

"We are looking at trying to prolong

the relationships that this can build ... and something could build off from what we've done with these events."

## Region packs 5,700 OCC shoeboxes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Operation Christmas Child truck rolled out of Morden last Thursday carrying thousands of gifts for children in developing countries around the world.

Gerry Unger, regional coordinator of the Samaritan's Purse program, said Saturday that the final tally came to 5,749 boxes.

That's down a few hundred boxes from last year, but Unger is by no means disappointed.

"Every shoebox counts," he said.

This year marked Unger's 20th with the program, starting out first as a

volunteer and then transitioning to a coordinator.

It's also his last.

"I've enjoyed doing it, but I think it's time for someone else to take over," he said, stressing that it's been an honour to spearhead the campaign all these years.

In the past two decades the residents of this region—which stretches from Crystal City to Hwy. 75 and from Elm Creek down to the U.S. border—have filled approximately 90,000 shoeboxes with small toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. Christian religious material is also offered to the kids after the gifts have been distributed.

Whether you filled one shoebox or hundreds, Unger sends out his thanks to you.

"I'd like to say a big thank you very much to everyone," he said, stressing those kind of numbers are only possible with the support of thousands of people.

With Unger stepping down, the role of area coordinator for the 2020 campaign is up for grabs.

If you'd like more information on what it entails, you can learn more at [samaritanspurse.ca](http://samaritanspurse.ca) or email [occ@samaritan.ca](mailto:occ@samaritan.ca).

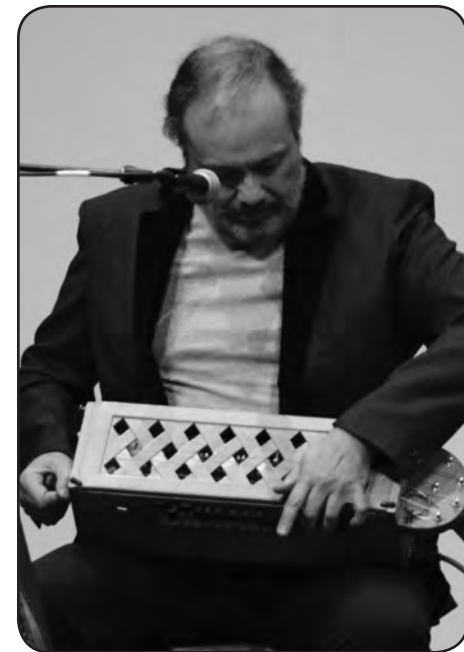
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Southern Manitoba Concerts' 48th season continued Saturday with A Prairie Christmas in Winkler featuring the music of Janelle Nadeau, Serena Eades, Kim Robertson, and Joaquin Ayala. There are three more SMC concerts to go in the new year, including Trio Saint-Laurent in Morden Jan. 10, a performance of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's The New Canadian Curling Club in Gretna Jan. 26, and Canadian Brass in Winkler April 5. Ticket details are available at [southernmanitobaconcerts.org](http://southernmanitobaconcerts.org).

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# New name, boundaries for PVCD as of Jan. 1

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Water Conservation District will start 2020 with a new name and new boundaries but the same commitment to the environment.

As of Jan. 1, the PVCD will become known as the Pembina Valley Watershed District (PVWD) and its boundaries will be based on the regional watershed instead of municipal borders.

Change is always a bit nerve-racking, but this one has been a long time coming, said PVCD manger Cliff Greenfield.

"We've been talking about this move for over 20 years, basically, this idea of focusing on the watershed, that geographic unit, instead of municipal boundaries," he said. "It just makes sense."

The boundary realignment will add flexibility for the PVWD in the areas of board appointments and terms, calculating municipal contributions, and handling board contracts and agreements related to water and soil stewardship projects.

It will also streamline the watershed planning process for municipalities, stakeholders, and landowners by eliminating the need to involve multiple conservation districts within a single watershed.

"There's I guess a few jitters [about the changes], but I think overall it's something positive," Greenfield said, adding the financial programs the provincial government has put in place to support the new watershed districts—among them the Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW) Trust and the Conservation Trust—will certainly go a long way toward

smoothing any bumps in the road that come up. "Our budgets could be doubled in the future. So there's some pain but certainly some benefit to it as well."

The watershed district's new boundaries mean losing some longtime partners to the north while gaining new ones to the west.

The new PVWD boundary will include five sub-districts: Upper Pembina, Badger/Wakopa, Central Pembina, Lower Pembina, and the Deadhorse/Buffalo sub-districts.

At the outset, the PVWD will cover an area roughly the same size as the PVCD did, but that will change moving forward.

"Initially we're going to be about the same size," Greenfield said. "But in the future the map shows us going right to the Red River, so we'll be bigger."

To that end, future expansion into the Deadhorse/Buffalo/Plum/Marais area may occur when willing partners and funding are available.

The PVWD will have 10 members to start, including the rural municipalities of Argyle, Boissevain-Morton, Cartwright-Roblin, Killarney-Turtle

Mountain, Lorne, Louise, Pembina, Prairie Lakes, and Stanley as well as the City of Morden.

In the future, communities such as Winkler, Altona, and the RMs of Rhineland and Morris, among others, could come on board as well.

Day-to-day, PVWD staff will be doing much the same work as they've always done, Greenfield said.

"We're still grassroots, non-profit, responding to the needs of the people of the area," he said. "We work in areas where there's a conflict between the environment and people and industries. That's not going to change."

"Having more funds to do it and different sort of mechanisms to make us more sustainable is the change, I guess. Particularly with the GROW Trust, we're going to be working with a program that pays landowners for their ecological goods and services. That's going to be a little bit different and I think a game changer."

Right now, the organization is working on welcoming new communities to its coverage area and raising awareness about the programs available.

"We're talking about maybe open-

ing offices at the extreme east and west of our district to better service those areas," said Greenfield, stressing the importance of good communication with landowners across the region. "We're going to have to really work hard at that and try to make sure we're doing a grassroots good job throughout the whole district."

"With these new funds and new programs, if you're in the farming business there could be some opportunities for you there," he added. "We're learning about them and we're going to be trying to get the word out about these programs."

Over the past 30 years, the PVCD has had a hand in a lot of conservation projects across southern Manitoba.

"When I drive around the area, every mile or two there's a project that we worked on, there's a farm that we had some input into making it more sustainable," Greenfield said.

"There's been a lot of good work done and we hope that continues," he said. "With more money, more focus on the watershed, we should be able to be even more productive."

## Police blotter

- Nov. 26: At 9:30 p.m., Morden Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and observed drug paraphernalia inside. The 41-year-old male driver was arrested and found to be in possession of a controlled substance believed to be cocaine. He now faces a possession charge.

- Nov. 26: At approximately 8:20 a.m., Winkler Police were dispatched

to the complaint of a suspicious male and female who were yelling in the street.

The officers located the suspects and learned that the male had been assaulted by the female. Police also learned the female had broken the window of a nearby vehicle.

She was arrested for assault and mischief over \$5,000.

- Nov. 28: Just before 8 a.m., police were dispatched to an apartment in the 200 block of 9th Street South in Morden regarding a broken window. The resident advised that sometime overnight someone broke her bedroom window but did not gain entry to the residence. Police are continuing their investigation.

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Author Eva Klassen (right) shared her book, *Fox in a Box*, with Janelle James and her daughter Tianna at the Winkler Library Saturday.

# Sharing a message of giving, minimalism

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A former Winklerite was back in town last weekend to unveil her first foray into children's literature.

Eva Klassen, who today calls Winnipeg home, stopped by the Winkler and Morden libraries Saturday to read from her new book, *Fox in a Box*, which includes colourful illustrations by Leanne Thiessen.

The story about finding value in the people we love rather than the things we own is something Klassen hopes will resonate with kids this holiday season and beyond.

"It's about a fox who has accumulated so many things in his box, his home, that he can't fit inside anymore," she explains. "So he goes on a bit of a journey of giving his things away to people that need it and he creates really sweet relationships as a

result of that.

"And then at the end he has space in his box again."

It's a simple tale, but a powerful message.

"I didn't really set out to write a book about minimalism or the importance of giving," reflects Klassen. "It was just kind of what I was going through at the time. I was in the process of purging my things, getting rid of things I didn't need because they were just taking up time and space."

"I went through that process of getting rid of a lot of stuff and I think it was really valuable for me," she says. "And I know, just from working with kids, that it can be a great thing for them as well."

It was during her time as a Forest School Facilitator at FortWhyte Alive

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# How to time holiday shopping right

The holiday season begins at the end of November and stretches into the first week of January. But this five-week stretch may not necessarily be the best time for everyone to shop.

Harvard Business Review says that the retail industry has been turned on its head in recent years, and shoppers and retailers may want to rethink their approaches to the holiday shopping season. Consumers are no longer interested in retailers dictating their shopping schedules, and some people have grown accustomed to buying products when they want them - especially when price is of no concern.

Even budget-conscious shoppers have changed their habits, says the shopping advisor RetailNext. Many holiday shoppers are delaying their shopping until January to take advantage of post-season sales.

Holiday shopping need not wait until after the holiday season, either. A 2017 RetailMeNot survey found that 45 percent of U.S. consumers said they planned to start shopping before November 1. One-quarter of the survey respondents said they planned to start shopping before October, and 12 percent started shopping for the holidays in the summer.

So when should consumers do their holiday shopping? It all depends on

what fits a person's individual needs.

- Shop sales, not schedules. If budget is a big concern, shoppers should grab items that are on sale whenever they are available. That can mean shopping at any time of the year. People can try making a master shopping list early in the year and saving it on their mobile phones. While shopping throughout the year, items from the list can be purchased and stored until the holidays.

- Shop your strengths. Those who get a thrill from tackling their entire shopping list in one haul can still do that. Shopping in this manner can help shoppers focus on the task at hand and reduce the likelihood of wasting time. But keep in mind that, according to a survey conducted by Business Wire, 65 percent of holiday shoppers scramble to complete their purchases in the last two weeks before Christmas, so shoppers who delay may be stuck in long lines at the mall.

- Embrace in-store pickup. Many retailers are merging their online and brick-and-mortar operations. Shoppers have the convenience of price-comparison and online shopping, with the physical enjoyment of going out to the store to complete their purchases. In-store pickup often enables shoppers to avoid hefty shipping fees, as in-store pickup is free. Plus, scoping out items



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# Artist sharing her 'Family Portraits' at Morden gallery

By Lorne Stelmach

Mary Wood-McNeill found the inspiration for her latest artwork close to her heart.

There is no shortage of subjects for the Somerset area artist, whose exhibit *Family Portraits* will be featured at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden through December.

"I have a lot of good photographs and good memories of my children and my grandchildren," said Wood-McNeill, whose show has an opening reception this Saturday, Dec. 7 from 6-8 p.m.

"I have a lot because my husband and I were a mixed family and we have eight kids between us and 16 grandkids," she explained. "So I've got a lot of really awesome memories and photographs that speak about my memories, so I started to recreate those."

A retired art teacher, Wood-McNeill's work has received awards and been exhibited in art shows in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and North Dakota.

Born in Manitou and growing up on a mixed farm in the Pembina Valley, she was continually drawing and sketching her world as she saw it, visually depicting the scenic beauty, animals, and family that surrounded her.

She cites the Canadian Group of Seven as her first inspiration, but also stresses that her art comes from God.

She is basically a self taught artist, but her work has developed professionally over a period of 30 years through university courses and workshops.

"I took my art a little more seriously when I got to be in my late twenties. I started trying to learn all that I could about art," Wood-McNeill said.

"I would work alongside many acclaimed artists, and I took many, many workshops ... and through the years, I was able to become an art teacher," she said, noting it very much became a blessing to be involving in facilitating programs such as ArtSmarts and Arts Education Access throughout the local school division.

"I had to learn a lot of different art mediums and how to manipulate them and use them and teach them. So I learned a lot of my art skills

through all that."

Today, Wood-McNeill favours painting and hand building sculptures with clay, although she recently has acquired a love of chalk pastels, which came into play as the inspiration for the exhibit came about.

"I just did it on a whim," she recalled of the first portrait done about three years ago. "It's one of my granddaughters and one of our puppies that we had at the time, and it turned out fairly well."

"I always thought sooner or later I'll do some more, and just in the last year or two years I started thinking I'm going to do some more of those," Wood-McNeill explained.

As she pondered what medium to use for creating portraits, she said it became clear that chalk pastel would be best.

The softness of the pastels and hand blending makes it ideal for such personal artworks, she noted. Wood-McNeill said that as she worked on each piece her thoughts were focused on only that piece.

"I get lost in the creating with the one I am depicting: it is a very good place to be," she said. "The photographs that I'm looking at, each one speaks something to me."

"Now people, when they look at my work, it might speak something to them, but I'm not going to know what it is and I don't need to know," she continued, adding she simply hopes people will connect some way with "their own life experiences with their families, their children, and their grandchildren."

And that also is very much the message she would offer to other aspiring artists.

"I promote personal creativity. I like people to pull from within themselves and create what just comes out of them rather than try to copy something, although copying something is a good learning medium for a while."

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Somerset area artist Mary Wood-McNeill's Family Portrait show is on display at the Pembina Hills gallery in Morden.

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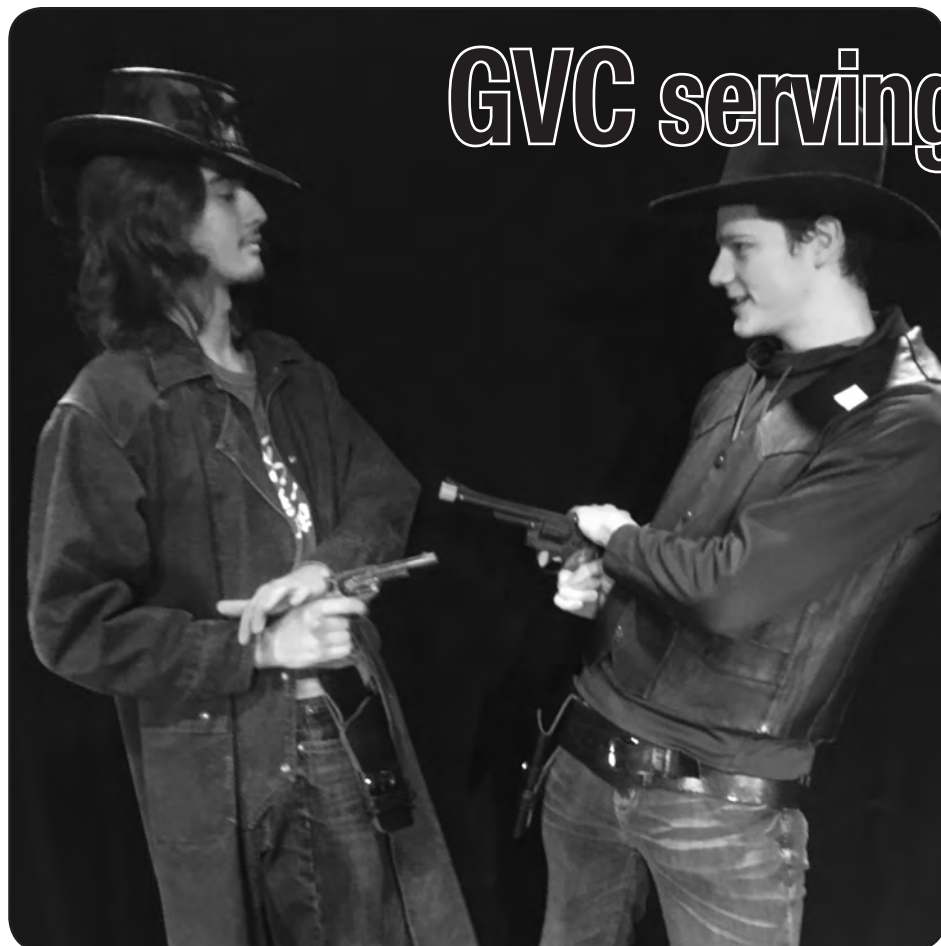
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# GVC serving up dinner and a show

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate's drama program is offering dinner and a show next week.

The Winkler high school is presenting a dinner theatre production of Tim Kelly's *West of Pecos* at the school Dec. 17-18 at 6 p.m. nightly.

Student actors are in the final stages of rehearsal for the three-act comedy that tells a fictionalized story about the legendary lawman Judge Roy Bean (a.k.a. The Hanging Judge).

GVC's Chef Johnathan will be serving up a three-course meal alongside the on-stage antics. Supper includes caesar salad, penne pasta with chick-

en parmesan, and brownie bites for dessert.

Show director Gerald Pauls notes this is the first time the school has hosted a dinner theatre.

"It's a learning process, for sure," he says. "We'd like to do this more in the future because I think it has a lot of potential as a vehicle for student actors as a different type of theatre experience than the usual musical we do in alternate years."

"And it's another opportunity to bring the public into the school, our home."

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased in the school office at 736 Main St. or by calling 204-325-8008.

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Cody Wiebe (left) as bad guy Johnny-Behind-the-Ace in a showdown against Jesse Ryman as Judge Roy Bean during a rehearsal for GVC's production of *West of Pecos*. The dinner theatre runs Dec. 17-18.

## > FOX IN A BOX, FROM PG. 12

that Klassen began to come up with the idea for *Fox in a Box* and other stories she hopes to follow it with in the future.

"I would see kids playing with sticks and rocks and that's all they needed to have fun," she says. "You don't necessarily need a whole room full of toys."

Klassen and Thiessen launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds to print the book at Friesens in Alto-

na. Over \$14,000 was raised in just a few weeks.

"So many people supported the Kickstarter. We're really grateful for that because we couldn't have done it without them," Klassen says.

She was there at Friesens when the first copies of the book rolled off the presses.

"It was surreal because I grew up in Winkler and I remember going to Friesens on a field trip," Klassen says. "And now I'm seeing it from a totally different perspective ... to see our own book being made felt a little crazy."

While Klassen acknowledges there is a contradiction of sorts in promoting the purchase of a book about minimalism, she's come to terms with it.

"We created a book with what I believe is a really important message considering the effects of climate change and our role in that," she says, adding the book was printed on recycled paper using vegetable-based ink and is designed to last. "We'd also love nothing more than for people to give it away once they've outgrown it."

*Fox in a Box* is available right now through Klassen's publishing company, Big Mind Books, online at bigmind.ca or locally at The Olive Tree in Morden and Bloom Petals and Gifts in Winkler.



Author Eva Klassen with her new children's book, *Fox in a Box*. It's available now at The Olive Tree and Bloom Petals and Gifts.

## Bringing health-care services closer to home

The provincial government rolled out plans for the next phase of its health-care system overhaul last week.

At the heart of it is a commitment to bringing improved health-care capacity closer to home, said Health Minister Cameron Friesen.

"Our government has committed to investing \$2 billion in Manitoba's health-care system over the next four years including \$250 million for initiatives identified by clinical leaders that will improve access to services and reduce wait lists for Manitoba patients," he said. "This made-in-Manitoba plan provides a blueprint to improve how we plan and where we deliver services, allowing us to better meet the needs of rural and northern residents while reducing their need to travel to Winnipeg."

Manitoba's *Clinical and Preventive Services Plan* was developed by nearly 300 clinical leaders over the past 18 months and included the input of thousands of front-line providers.

The plan outlines the historical challenges of delivering care to rural and remote populations and offers recommendations to enhance primary and community care across Manitoba, including improved access to digital health solutions, diagnostics, emergency response, and patient transportation.

New investments that support the plan's recommendations will reduce the need for patients to travel to Winnipeg for services, which will also

free up capacity at the city's acute-care hospitals.

"This plan will guide our efforts to improve local access to health services and meet the needs of communities in areas like prevention, screening and management of chronic diseases," said Lanette Siragusa, provincial lead, health system integration and quality, and chief nursing officer, Shared Health.

"It will support our efforts to build up some sites to care for sicker patients closer to home, enhancing local capabilities and connecting providers with specialty teams."

Over the next five years, the plan is expected to:

- move 21,000 days of care away from Winnipeg's acute facilities and back into local communities across the province;
- prevent the need for 2,500 patient transports to Winnipeg, as rural facilities are better equipped to provide care;
- give all Manitobans access to lab results via a new secure patient service portal, eliminating the need to travel to doctors and specialists to retrieve those results;
- provide 50,000 additional in-person home care visits while modernizing the system to provide more and better care;
- provide 800 Manitobans with access to remote monitoring of their chronic conditions, allowing them to

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## Redskins drop two, Royals win

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins remain at the bottom of the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League standings after another pair of losses last week.

Morden fell to Carman 6-3 Thursday night and then lost to Warren 4-1 on Saturday.

Thursday's defeat saw Morden down 4-0 before Mike Rey lit up the board late in the second period's seventh minute.

Steve Mullin and Jared Leiding added to the home team's tally in the third, but Carman matched them point for point to maintain the lead and, eventually, get the win.

The Beavers outshot the Redskins 43-30. Reed Peters made 37 saves in net for Morden.

On Saturday, Joey Baker scored Morden's lone goal in the game's final two minutes. Warren, meanwhile, scored two unanswered goals in the first and one more in the second. They got their fourth with 13 seconds left to go on the clock.

Morgan Wall made a heroic effort in net for Morden with 61 saves as Warren outshot the Redskins 65-29.

Morden is now 1-7 for two points in the standings.

Morden's David Victor controls the puck despite the efforts of two Carman players in last Thursday's SEMHL game. The Beavers got the win 6-3. The Redskins went on to fall to Warren 4-1 two nights later.

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One up on the Redskins in sixth place, the Winkler Royals added one to the win column on Sunday when they doubled up on the Portage Islanders 4-2.

Kevin Schellenberg, Marlin Froese, Remi Laurencelle, and Mark Hildebrand

all scored for Winkler, while goalie Travis Klassen made 35 saves, giving up lone goals at the end of the first and third periods. Portage outshot Winkler 37-35 overall.

The Royals are 2-4-1 so far this season for five points. Well ahead of them

are Carman and Warren, who are tied with 11 points in first and second place, and Altona, who is in third with 10 points.

Coming up this Saturday, Winkler plays in Warren while Morden has a rematch against the Beavers in Carman.

## Winkler Flyers fall to Kings 4-3 OT

The Flyers and the Kings needed overtime to decide things last Friday night in Dauphin.

The Orange and Black gave up two goals in the final minutes of regulation en route to the 4-3 OT road loss.

Winkler initially seemed to have the game well in hand. Sullivan Shortreed drew first blood for the Flyers nearly five minutes in and then Jaden Townsend made it 2-1 midway through the second.

In net, Dylan Meilun gave up one

goal off nine Dauphin shots in the first and then denied all 13 the Kings sent his way in the second.

Cameron Critch widened the gap further early on in the third and Winkler just needed to hang on for 15 more minutes to win it 3-1.

It wasn't to be, though. The Kings, who outshot Winkler 12-11 this period, made good on two goals in the final seven and a half minutes to send the game into overtime.

There, the home team were the

only ones with any shots on goal, six in total. They only needed the one, scored at 3:45, to win it, making this the third time this season the Kings have claimed victory against Winkler in overtime.

The Kings outshot the Flyers overall 40-36. Meilun went the distance in net, making 36 saves.

With that, Winkler has dropped to third place in the Manitoba Junior

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# Rumble in Morden



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Pro wrestling returned to Morden Nov. 28 for CWE's latest tour. Left: AJ Sanchez gets ready to slam Mentallo to the mat in this tag team match. Above: WCW and Lucha Libre legend Juventud Guerrera throws "The Zombie Princess" Jimmy Jacobs, a five time ROH tag team champion, to the mat. The evening was hosted by Manitoba wrestling legend Dr. Marty Goldstein.

## Pembina Valley Hawks hand Thistles two losses

The Pembina Valley Hawks AAA mens team came home from their road trip in Kenora last weekend with two decisive wins under their belt.

On Saturday, the boys beat the Thistles 5-1.

Goals from William Irvine and Andrew Boucher in the first and one from Riley Goertzen 30 seconds into the second had the Hawks up 3-0 before Kenora managed their lone goal of the night in the period's fifth minute.

In period three, Daniel Isaak and Trent Penner added two more unanswered goals to the total.

Reid Dyck made 17 saves in net off 18 shots. His teammates fired 50 shots the other way.

Sunday's game saw the Thistles score just one goal once again, this time midway through the opening period.

The Hawks, meanwhile had a steady stream of goals throughout. Justin Keck and Kaden Dyck did the honours in the first; Riley Goertzen (with two), Penner, Mitchell Hlady, Cameron Brunn, and Boucher found the

back of the net in the second; and Dyck, Isaak, Derek Wiebe, Boucher, Guerin Aperley, Caelan Russell, and Goertzen once again delivered the final nails in the third in the 15-1 victory.

Pembina Valley was up 65-22 in shots on goal. Brock Moroz made 22 saves for the Hawks.

The Hawks were in fourth place at

press time with a record of 14-4-0-3 for 31 points, putting them behind the Wild (44 points), Thrashers (37 points), and Yellowhead (31 points).

This week the Hawks host the Winnipeg Bruins Wednesday night and the Interlake Lightning on Saturday. They then head to Portage to play the Central Plains Capitals on Sunday.

## Hawks hold their own at tournament

The Pembina Valley Hawks AAA team took a break from league hockey to compete in the Two Nations College Prep tournament in Brampton, Ontario last weekend.

The ladies returned home with two

losses and two ties to their names.

They kicked things off Friday with a 1-1 game against the Barrie Sharks and then fell to the New Jersey Titans 1-0.

Saturday saw the Hawks lose 2-0

to the Northern Subway Selects before bouncing back with a 2-2 draw against the Thunder Bay Queens.

This weekend the team head into Winnipeg to compete in the Girls Hockey United Tournament.

## Nighthawks win provincial bronze

- The NPC varsity boys volleyball team clinched third at the 2019 Provincial Championships over the weekend.

After going 1-2 in the round robin, the team beat Dauphin in two sets in the quarterfinals and then fell to Westgate in the semifinals.

The Nighthawks then defeated Linden Christian School two sets to one to claim the bronze medal.

Nighthawk Nathan Penner was selected to the provincial tournament all-star team while Ethan Peters received the Player's Choice Award.

- In Zone 4 hockey, the GVC Zodi-

acs posted a pair of wins over the WC Miller Aces (1-0) and the PCI Trojans (4-0) last week.

On Monday, NPC lost to the Carman Cougars 8-0 while the Morden Thunder fell 4-2 to the Mountain Mustangs.

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Hockey League standings with a record of 17-6-2-2 for 38 points. They trail the Portage Terriers (41 points) and the Steinbach Pistons (40 points) with a game in hand over Portage and two games ahead of Steinbach.

This week the Flyers were slated to play in Waywayseecappo Tuesday night. Results were not available at press time.

Heading into the weekend, the team begins a three-game homestand Friday night against Virden. Next week, Dec. 13-14, they host Dauphin for two games.

A week after earning a berth at the 2020 Telus Junior Provincial Championships taking place in Dauphin later this month, Team Klompke, which includes Winklerite Reece Hamm, went 6-2 against the top teams in the province at the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club last weekend to win the Manitoba Junior Curling Tour Championship. The team had to come up through the tie-breakers, winning five straight to capture the title.



# Win streak comes to an end for Twisters

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Twisters' winning streak came to an end last week at the hands of the Canucks.

The Twisters, who hadn't lost a game since the end of September, found themselves on the losing side of a tight 2-1 OT match against St. James on Friday.

Jeremie Goderis got his team on the board in the final few minutes of the opening frame. St. James returned the favour with a power play goal two minutes into the second period. The remaining 38 minutes of regulation

play were scoreless, sending things to overtime.

There, it was the Canucks' Brady Whitely who managed to score for the win.

The Canucks had an overall edge in shots 30-25. Martin Gagnon made 28 saves for Pembina Valley.

The Twisters had made it 14 wins in a row three nights earlier with a 6-1 rout of the Charleswood Hawks.

That match saw the home team outshoot their opponents 38-27, with Luke Zacharias between the posts for 26 saves.

The lengthy list of scorers includ-

ed TJ Matuszewski with two and Goderis, Brendan Keck, Nico Vigier, and Elijah Carels with singles.

After Friday night's loss, the Twisters righted the ship with a 4-3 win against the River East Royal Knights.

The Twisters were up 3-0 heading into the final frame thanks to goals from Carels, Vigier, and Keck, who went on to score the game-winner in the final three minutes after the Knights managed to tie things up in the last half of the final period.

Zacharias made 29 saves in net this night as the Twisters once again won the shot battle, this time 45-32.

With that, the team's record is 16-1-1 for 33 points, keeping them in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League's top spot by a comfortable four-point margin over the second place Victorias.

This week the Twisters played in Stonewall against the Jets on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, the team plays in Transcona Friday and then hosts St. Vital Sunday.

# Thunder hockey team hosts Cheer game Monday

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Thunder high school hockey team are giving back to the community.

Their home game next Monday night against the Portage Trojans will serve as their annual game to support the Morden Christmas Cheer Board.

"We're asking for donations for Christmas Cheer, so cash, new or unused toys, and non-perishable food items, and that will get you admission into the game," said Duke Klassen, whose son Noah plays forward for the Thunder.

"During the game we will be drawing for a few different door prizes. We have some gift cards that will be raffled off," he said, noting as well that

there will be a Chuck a Puck event. Everyone who purchases a puck will have a chance at the second intermission to toss it on to the ice; the closest to centre wins 50 per cent of the proceeds.

"It's great for us to be part of the community," said Klassen. "The Morden Thunder team has been doing this for a number of years ... it's important to give back to the community."

"This is a great cause," he added. "We just want everyone to be able to have as wonderful and fantastic a Christmas as they possibly can have."

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remain in the community, closer to home; and

- extend Manitoba's acute care electronic record system to 800,000 patients, enabling health-care providers to have a clear and consistent understanding of their patients' care requirements.

The government has authorized Shared Health to begin detailed

implementation planning including continued engagement of local clinical providers, operational leaders and communities.

Over the next five years, clinical experts will regularly assess the population need and system capabilities of all services and sites within the network model.

"This plan calls for us to build up

the services available to Manitobans in their local communities, making sure they are safe and reliable, and that Manitobans know where to go and have timely access to the care they need," said Friesen. "This is about working together across the province to build a provincial health system."

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# Chamber, city working on BOLD recommendations

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce hopes to go to the next step with an initiative this past spring that brought community leaders together to help envision a bold way forward for the city.

The Morden BOLD conference in May had panelists and attendees offer their ideas and wishes for the city as it grows.

Led by Dave Angus, former CEO of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, the session generated a broad range of ideas that have since been compiled and submitted to the mayor and city council.

"The chamber will be working collaboratively with the city to help move things forward," said chamber president Michelle Sawatzky. "It's

truly a partnership.

"I look forward to five years from now to look back and to see what from that list was implemented. The chamber is keen on not letting this fade away. We want to keep moving things forward."

The intent of the Morden BOLD platform is to promote innovative long-term vision, thought, and action for Morden. The ideas coalesced into four key areas: tourism, economic development, community, and transportation.

Under tourism, many of the suggestions delved into eco-tourism opportunities, especially at the lake, along with a variety of other ideas, such as pursuing a downtown square.

The chamber's recommendations to council include:

- Review and develop a strong

brand for the City of Morden.

- Create a tourism marketing plan.
- Focus on further development of existing tourism products and develop a multi-phase plan to enhance existing attractions and create new ones.

- Explore ways to maximize opportunities at Lake Minnewasta.

Under economic development, ideas ranged from developing a tech hub to further expanding the industrial park and establishing mentorship for new enterprises.

The chamber's recommendations in this category include:

- Identify strengths in terms of attracting new business.

- Identify our niche market and create the environment that will attract new business.

- Ensure economic development is part of the Morden branding exercise and that staff have the tools and funding to market economic development in Morden.

- Further explore developing a mentorship program for start-up businesses.

In the area of community, there was emphasis on such areas as city planning, increasing housing density and affordable housing, developing more public spaces, targeting a post secondary opportunity, affordable and developing a sports park.

The chamber's recommendations include:

- Creating more community spaces, including such things as public art.

- Developing a strong communications strategy for the city.

- Attracting a post-secondary institution to Morden.

Finally, under transportation, there was encouragement to promote and support healthy lifestyles and active transportation.

The chamber's recommendations

focused on undertaking a comprehensive transportation study for the City of Morden that could include vehicular traffic solutions, options for public transportation, and providing a network of hiking and biking trails.

"We love how it was relatively easy to capture all of these great ideas and put them into those four core pillars," said Sawatzky.

"As the stakeholders in the room kept coming up with these really great ideas, it clearly fell into those four categories, so it really helped the chamber, in partnership with the city, to plan forward, to put the resources where they need to go ... and to bring the right stakeholders to the table and to move forward with those initiatives.

"When you look at all those ideas in that report ... a lot of them are achievable, and they are achievable without a crazy huge amount of investment," Sawatzky stressed. "So if we put the right people together, I'm sure it wouldn't take long, and we could have a lot of really good things happening in the community and we can just keep driving Morden forward."

A statement from the City of Morden applauded the chamber for this initiative and added that it will continue to work with the chamber on finding ways in which Morden can grow and thrive.

"Many of the recommendations align with actions the city is already committed to including the development of comprehensive plans for our marketing and communications as a city, developing a strong and unified brand for the City of Morden, maximizing our existing local assets such as the beautiful Lake Minnewasta and ensuring that our marketing and economic development teams are working in tandem to achieve a common vision."



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Andrew Deyto of Fentro Technologies, Karen Chezick, manager of the Agassiz Medical Centre, and Heather Francis of the Hive Development Group and a former city councillor, were one of the panels that addressed the Morden BOLD forum in May.

## Tour of Lights walking tour sets out Dec. 17

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites are invited to get out and get active while enjoying a celebration of the Christmas season later this month.

The fourth annual Tour of Lights sets out from the Morden Activity Centre on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. and will take walkers on a tour of the town's holiday decor.

The goal, said recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck, is simply to build community spirit during the

holidays.

"It's bringing people together, enjoying a winter walk in the glow of festive lights," she said.

"It's kind of been revamped a little bit ... we started out doing the Tour of Lights on bicycle and walking," Dueck noted. "We had so many walkers last year and very few out to cycle, so we are going the direction of where the interest has been shown.

"Since we are on foot, we won't be able to visit every beautiful sight in town, but we will be routing each

year where we walk.

"Last year we walked around the Conner Hill area, so we will probably be walking in a different area this year ... people can make suggestions on our website," she said. "If we don't reach a place this year, we might reach them another year."

About 30 people turned out last Christmas and hung around later for some games, hot chocolate, and fellowship back at the Morden Activity Centre.

In conjunction with the Tour of

Lights, the city has also been running a Lights of the Week contest. Residents are invited to nominate a deserving house or business for their holiday display.

"Some people put out really great displays and we just want to recognize their efforts and enjoy them," said Dueck, who encouraged people to go online to [www.mordenmb.com/touroflights](http://www.mordenmb.com/touroflights) for more information on both initiatives.



# Agriculture

## Big incentive to ramp up pork production

By Harry Siemens

Dr. John Carr, speaking recently to hog producers and industry representatives at the H@ms Marketing producer meetings, offered some observations on the African Swine Fever situation:

"We have a responsibility to help feed the nation. We need to make sure that our production is at 105 per cent. Don't be too greedy, but make sure that you are producing the number of pigs you're supposed to produce," he urged producers

"So you need to get your pig flow right, and you've got to get that barn full. So make sure you feed enough sows, farrow enough sows, fill the barn, that would be number one."

Carr said the price of pigs will go up and strongly encourages producers put some of that extra money into biosecurity.

"I would like to see a fence around every farm that is pig-proof, or kid-proof at least, if nothing else," he said, stressing there are feral pigs who could be infected and then wander into Canadian farms, potentially crossing the U.S. border to do it. "There are not enough Americans to kill them on the other side with their guns, so we have to put up fences."

"The farms that I look after in Russia and Ukraine, we have no day-on-day risk of African Swine Fever. I don't lose any sleep over it because we have a fence. And we'll have neighbours 50 meters away with ASF."

Carr travels often to two to three different countries in a week and maintains the border patrol officers are the first line of defence when it comes to animal diseases.

"The world's food safety is relying on border patrol people. Thank you guys and gals. You're doing a great job," he stressed.

Hog commentator Jim Long has some other observations, especially in light of China finally reopening its borders to Canadian Pork after shutting down imports last year.

"Pork leaving Canada to China takes that pork out of Canada, U.S., and Mexico markets," he noted. "Less supply in the domestic North American market will support prices in all three countries. Canada's tariff on pork to China is 12 per cent, and cur-

rently, the U.S. pays 70 per cent. Some reports indicate that over the next twelve months, China's pork production will drop by 24 million tonnes. U.S.A., Canada, Mexico's production in total isn't much more than 15 million tonnes a year."

Long said the amount of pork Canada can send to China is much more limited by logistics than demand. The raw economics helps the arithmetic to send pork to China.

"We have done business in China for eight years. Chinese are natural

capitalists and traders. The arithmetic of buying pork in North America is simple: Recent pork cut-outs 80 cents a pound and Chinese pork cuts out about \$3.10 a pound," said Long. "Example: buy pork in Canada at 80 cents a pound pay 12 per cent tariff. Sell Pork at \$3.10 a pound, that's a spread of over \$2.00 a pound to cover costs. A 200 pound carcass equals \$400. It doesn't take an ag economist to figure out the incentive."

"For every 40,000 pounds or 400 pig shipments, the gross margin would

be \$80,000. What we calculated is probably oversimplified but make it half of what we calculate, it sure the heck beats raising hogs the last couple years," said Long.

"One of our points of this exercise is that beyond needed pork to fill the black hole created by ASF, there is a tremendous financial incentive for pork to move to China. We are not sure how fast Canada can get back to full speed shipping to China, but [there's a] big incentive to get it going."



By Harry Siemens

According to the Western Canadian Wheat Growers, the federal government doesn't seem to understand that the carbon tax impacts farmers' bottom lines.

"The carbon tax gets added to almost everything we buy, but unlike many consumer goods, we cannot pass it on to the end consumer. We sell our grain on the world market," the agency said recently.

"The 2019 harvest was extremely hard—flooding, rain, and multiple snowstorms across the prairies mean that we're using grain dryers A LOT! Dryers are a great technology, but running them isn't cheap. To add insult to injury, the federal government adds on a carbon tax and tags on the GST.

"Upon the swearing-in of the new ministers, we sent a strong message to Ottawa urging the federal government to eliminate the carbon tax on farm-related inputs and energy. But we also want to show the federal government the impact of their actions."

To that end, the Wheat Growers are inviting people to sign their "No-FarmCarbonTax" petition and share how much carbon tax they've paid.

Those responses will be sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Food as well as the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

"Let's flood their inboxes with your concerns," the agency urges.

## Carbon tax sucking ag profits

I support the Wheat Growers wholeheartedly, and so should all farmers and producer organizations. Please go to [wheatgrowers.ca/end-carbon-tax](http://wheatgrowers.ca/end-carbon-tax) to sign the petition.

William Pallister farms at Portage la Prairie and is a director with WCWG.

He explained to me what this petition is about and what farmers and suppliers should do with it.

"Most farmers are aware that this harvest was pretty much the most difficult one on record. And then to boot, once we went to put our grain into the grain dryer, we realized that there was a carbon tax on top of the propane and the natural gas that we use in drying our grain and preventing it from spoiling in the bin," said Pallister. "So as a farmer organization, the Wheat Growers have launched a petition ... but there's a second part where you can enter your grain drying, your propane and natural gas bill with the carbon tax portion on that. And once you enter it, it's anonymous. We start tallying up the total carbon tax that farmers pay so that we can go to Ottawa with sharper teeth."

Pallister said this tax is unfair because there are absolutely no alternatives to drying our grain other than propane and natural gas.

"So far, the response is good because it frustrates farmers to no end, and so we're going to get a response from them on that because it's ex-

tremely unfair. There are no other alternatives. It's not like there's a green alternative to drying your grain. You have to use fossil fuels. So a carbon tax is just a money grab for Ottawa. That's all it is."

The rate changes from location to location. In Manitoba they call it a Carbon Surcharge and it's usually just a line item towards the bottom.

"The confusing thing is that across Western Canada it ranges in how much the tax is," Pallister said. "Sometimes it's 17 per cent of your bill. Other times it's up to 43 per cent. It raises the cost of drying your grain substantially."

"It's a tax on everything because once you deliver your grain to the elevator, then the shippers pay a carbon tax, the elevators pay a carbon tax on their grain drying. And then when you receive inputs as well, there's a carbon tax on top of the transportation costs," he said.

"A carbon tax has the potential to suck all of the profit out of agriculture in Canada."

Next, Pallister told me about their harvest.

"Oh, it was extremely tough. After wheat harvest, once it started to rain, we had to dry every kernel, but we did get harvest completed. The yields are pretty poor actually, just because we didn't have any rain all summer. So the drought all summer punished us, and then it didn't stop raining all harvest."



The United Way of Morden and District hosted its annual Skate With Santa at the Access Event Centre on Sunday. Hundreds of kids came out for a chance to chat with the jolly old elf and enjoy free face painting and treats.

> POLICE, FROM PG. 11

The female was advised this was a scam and to

The man was later arrested for assault and transported to the Winkler Police Service, where he was lodged until sober and then released on a Promise to Appear with conditions.

# SUDOKU

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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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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## Sudoku Answer

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### Crossword Answer

**X** **CROSSWORD**

1. Egyptian bull-god
5. America
8. Type of field (abbr.)
11. Reagan's Deputy AG
13. Negative
14. Mother of Hermes
15. Summer and Winter Olympics gold medal winner
16. In shape
17. Oh my goodness!
18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone
20. A form of "to be"
21. Succulent plant
22. Estranges
25. Honest
30. Showing conviction
31. High schoolers' test
32. Implant
33. Acknowledgment
38. Cash dispenser
41. Transferred to another
43. Superhero group
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Power to perceive
50. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Israel's first permanent UN delegate
56. Everything
57. Afflicted
59. Language spoken in Chad
60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Keyboard key
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Impudence

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Type of degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, predatory lizard

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4. River in Romania
5. Biased
6. Parties
7. TV's used to need one
8. Philly football player
9. Recognized ethnic group of China
10. Gradually disappear
12. Large, dark antelope
14. Vegetarians won't eat it
19. Takes the energy out of
23. Body part
24. Succeed in achieving
25. Where golfers begin
26. Computer memory
27. One who buys and sells securities
28. Midway between north and northeast

29. Quiet and rather dull
34. A limb on which to walk
35. It precedes two
36. Of she
37. Commercial
39. Necessary for sewing
40. Infectious viral disease
41. Expression of good wishes
42. Some are contact
44. More plentiful
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Altar in Orthodox churches
51. Swiss river
52. Impartiality
53. "Luther" actor Idris
54. They resist authority (slang)
58. Criticize



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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.

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## OBITUARY



### Abe Epp 1950 - 2019

Abe Epp, age 69 of Winkler, MB passed away suddenly on Friday, November 15, 2019 while visiting his brother in Bangladesh with his wife of 48 years, Mary.

He was born to Rev. John and Eva Epp in Morris, MB on July 24, 1950, one of 11 children. He married the love of his life, Mary Giesbrecht on June 27, 1971 and they were blessed with four children.

Abe Epp was a highly respected man. Most probably knew him from his businesses, Pembina Landscaping and Meadows Golf. Many of you have probably had him work on your yard or have tried to go mini golfing but ended up talking to him for a while. He was the friendliest most outgoing person and treated everyone like

family. Dad loved all of his jobs. His favourite line was "If you love your job you never have to work a day in your life," which is strange because I'm sure most of you have seen him working. His love for God was evident in his love for people.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Mary; son, Darci (Sheryl), daughter, Shauna (Dale), sons, Don (Char), Darnell (Christy); grandchildren, Edan, Keon, Cade, Raya, Mischa, Thea, Koi, Zane, Esa, Jonas, Nadiya and Levi; eight siblings and their families and five in-laws and their families.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Winkler Berghthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

For the full tribute please refer to: [wiebefuneralhomes.com](http://wiebefuneralhomes.com)

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## OBITUARY



### Henry Neufeld 1924 - 2019

Henry Neufeld was born on October 8, 1924 in Svworowka, Russia, to Aganetha (nee Engbrecht) and Heinrich Neufeld. He immigrated to Canada in 1925 with his family and grew up on a farm in the Boissevain area. He attended the Bluevale School for primary education and MCI for his high school.

Faith became personal to him in his teen years and he was baptized in 1944 in the Whitewater Mennonite Church. On August 5, 1951, he married his first love, Jessie Janzen of Haskett and began their life in Plum Coulee. They enjoyed 26 wonderful years together and were blessed with three daughters. His career as an educator took him to Point Douglas School (1-year permit teaching), Winnipeg (Normal School), Haskett (2 years), Plum

Coulee (16 years), and finally to Winkler in 1966. He retired in 1983. 1977/78 was a difficult time for the family with the passing of Jessie due to a battle with cancer. In 1981 Henry married Annie Harder and his journey continued with another 'love' and partner in his life. They enjoyed 35 years together. Anne passed away in February of 2017. During his career and retirement Henry maintained many involvements in church life (deacon, lay minister, church council), various boards (Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Bethel Hospital, Manitoba Health Organization) and numerous committees and had a significant role in bringing about the realization and completion of Boundary Trails Health Centre. His love of travel remained a constant. He thoroughly enjoyed road trips throughout North America, his working trip to Europe, visiting family in Brazil, and many winter vacations to tropical destinations. A consistent faith and spiritual life was evident throughout his journey in the good and difficult times of life. In 2016 he moved to Salem where he lived with the challenge of dementia. On November 24, 2019, he suffered a fall resulting in hospitalization at BTHC where he passed away on Monday, November 25, 2019.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Jessie; his second wife, Anne; his parents; sisters, Katie (Jack) Isaak, Elsie (Pete) Suderman and brothers, Bruno and Abram Neufeld. Left to cherish his memory are: daughters, Sharon (Willie) Enns, Florence (David) Hofer and Heather (Terry) Olfert; grandchildren, Karl (Kim) Enns, Kristina (Rob) Martens, Kevin Hofer, Ryan Hofer, Courtney (Mitch) Hardington, Brandyn Olfert (Gabby Levesque), Jessie Lynn Olfert (Jeff Dollimore); great-grandchildren, Aidan Martens, Cassidy Martens, Natalie Enns, Zachary Enns, Lucas Enns; one sister, Olga (Morris) Rychliwski; sister-in-law, Freda Neufeld; in-laws, Rita Sawatzky, Jake and Margaret Janzen, and John Sawatzky; step children, Ken Harder, Yvonne (Lloyd) Elias, Gordon (Anna) Harder, Cheryl (Alvin) Wiens and step son-in-law, Rick Peters and their families.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at the Winkler Berghthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

We as a family would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the many prayers, acts of love and kindness shown to our family and to our dad. We would like to thank Salem Home, BTHC, and Wiebe Funeral Home staff for their sensitive and compassionate care. Our thanks to all participants in the memorial service to honor our dad.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Henry's memory to BTHC Foundation or to the "Henry Neufeld Scholarship Fund".

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### Walter Paton Millar

Walter Paton Millar, 99, passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at the Pembina County Memorial Hospital, in Cavalier, ND. He was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada to James Harvey Millar and Mabel (Paton) Millar on April 21, 1920.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at the Park Center-Walhalla Presbyterian Church, Walhalla, ND. Visitation was held Monday, December 2, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the church. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery in Walhalla, ND.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Walhalla Ambulance Service or the Pembiler Nursing Center.

Walter grew up in the Hyde Park area of Neche, ND. He attended Hyde Park Rural School #36 and graduated from Neche High School in 1938. He then worked for various farmers in the area until

joining the US Marine Corps in August 1942. As a citizen of Canada, Walter had the distinction of being the first Marine that was not a naturalized citizen of the United States at the time of his enlistment. During World War II, he served in the South Pacific. He was formally discharged in October 1945. Walter became a US citizen in May 1946.

After his discharge, Walter returned to North Dakota and resumed farming his grandfather's homestead. He married Eileen Rosen on November 7, 1956. They raised three sons and one daughter. Walter retired from farming in 1982 but continued to help with harvest every year through his 93rd year. After his retirement from farming, he organized a Marine reunion for the men with whom he served. The reunions became an annual event and provided Walter and Eileen an opportunity to travel for the next 25 years.

Walter was a lifelong member of the Park Center-Walhalla Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and The American Legion; he served on the St. Joseph Township Board for many years. Walter enjoyed woodworking and did many handy-man jobs for friends and neighbors.

Walter is survived by his children: Glen, Walhalla, ND; Allen, Rogers, AR; Wayne (Dianne), Wahpeton, ND; and Carol, St. Paul, MN. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen, his brother, Burton Millar, and sister-in-law, Shirley Millar.

Online guestbook at  
[www.askewfuneralhome.com](http://www.askewfuneralhome.com)

## OBITUARY

### Elvera Helen Elias (nee Janzen) 1949 - 2019

Elvera Elias (nee Janzen), 70, of Winkler Manitoba, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, November 29, 2019.

She leaves behind her siblings, Elsie (Jake), Ron (Marilyn), Len (Nettie) and their families. She also leaves to mourn her husband, Bill; her children, Marianne (Jeff), Elizabeth, Mark (Katie), Phillip (Erin) and her grandchildren, Darren, Erica, Jack, Viktor, Ramona, Bailey, Toby, Benjamin, Reid and Cadence. She was predeceased by one grandson.

Elvera was born on July 18, 1949 at the Winkler Bethel Hospital. She grew up in Winkler, the third of four children. Elvera was baptized by Rev. J.F. Pauls on May 14, 1967 in the Winkler Berghthaler Church. In June of 1967 she graduated from the

Mennonite Collegiate Institute. After that, she attended nurse's college at the St. Boniface Hospital, receiving her nurse's certification in January 1971. Elvera worked as a nurse for three years at the Altona Hospital. Later, she was a nurse at Salem Home. On the Good Friday evening of 1970, Elvera met the love of her life, Bill Elias. They were married on July 15, 1973. They were blessed with two girls and two boys. Elvera believed that it was very important to be at home, raising her children. So, in 1977 when her second child was born, she quit her nursing career. Elvera remembered her nursing years fondly and she greatly enjoyed the nursing reunions in the subsequent years. Bill and Elvera raised their family on a grain farm north of Morden. During this time Elvera discovered a love of flowers and gardening. She always had a large vegetable garden and as time passed, her yard became filled with beautiful flower beds. Church was a large part of her life. In 1988 Bill and Elvera were part of a group of 10 couples who began the Winkler Mennonite Church. Elvera was always involved in church activities. She served as president of the Ladies' Fellowship for a few years, was an integral part of the Wednesday Night Children's Club program, accompanied congregational singing on the piano, and sang in the church choir. For at least 10 years Elvera also found much joy in worshiping God as part of a church worship group. Another passion of Elvera's was books. For over 20 years she was a distributor for New Life Books (later called Living Books). In 1993 she was promoted to manager status because of her sales success. Elvera managed different book stands in the surrounding community and worked with school librarians to provide books to schools.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Winkler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

A big thank you to Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care for their excellent work. We would also like to thank all the friends, family, and the church community who rallied around her and were there for her in the final months. Your support was a priceless gift.

If people so desire, donations can be made in Elvera's name to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Palliative Care.

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