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Over 125 volunteers came together last week to help the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board pack and deliver 345 care hampers for families in need. For the full story, see Pg. 7.

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# Fred Penner thrills fans of all ages at Morden show

By Lorne Stelmach

Fred Penner remains a fundamental part of the North American family entertainment scene, whether it's through his albums, videos, books, or the legacy of his television show.

His continuing commitment even after 45 years reflects a recognition of the importance of what he does, perhaps even more so in today's social media culture.

"I think people are realizing the value of it," Penner said in advance of his performance last Sunday in Morden.

"So much is just based on that piece of technology in your hand or in your home that going to a live performance ... it's almost becoming unique in its perspective," said Penner, who this year released his 13th album *Hear the Music*.

"Live theatre and live music has very strong foundations, certainly in Manitoba with the history of theatre and music all across the province. It's a really very exciting perspective to know that this is still rolling along, people are still gravitating to the real and positive energy of performance."

The first children's entertainer to headline at the Los Angeles Amphitheater, the four time recipient of a Parents' Choice Award is also a two-time Juno winner for best children's album with *Fred Penner's Place* in 1985 and *Sing with Fred* in 2004.

Penner's body of work includes the

guy who crawled magically out of that hollow log for 12 seasons of the hit CBC TV show *Fred Penner's Place*. He still receives fan mail from viewers, 20 years after the show went off the air.

His pre-music experience working with troubled youth set the stage for what was to come as it provided an understanding of the trauma of child abuse and the ability of music to heal.

Those learnings, along with the untimely passing of his 12-year-old sister with Down's Syndrome and

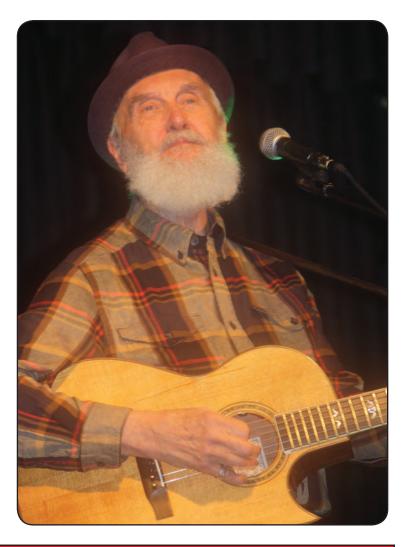
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Fred Penner played to a full house at Morden's Access Event Centre on Sunday. Penner's fanbase spans generations thanks to his 45-year career. This year he released his 13th album, Hear the Music.

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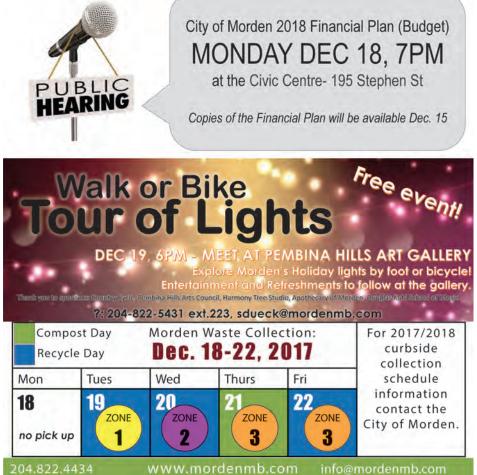
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City of Morden

There were a vast array of cookies and treats available last Friday for the annual Cookie Walk of St. Paul's United Church in Morden. Volunteers hold a soup and pie fundraiser on the third Friday of each month from October to May but change it up for Christmas. "It's all going to local outreach," said Edith Lovatt, noting they support such initiatives as the Healthy Minds breakfast program, Genesis House, the Boundary Trails Health Centre chaplain program, and Donate Love. The cookie walk usually raises about \$500.







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subsequent passing of his father a year later, sparked a period of soul-searching and life-changing decisions or Penner.

Inspired by his sister's pure love of music, the man who had planned to become an economist made a choice to become a performer.

Penner also recognizes that circumstances came together for him back in the 1970s at a time when family acts such as Sharon, Lois and Bram really made in-roads and Sesame Street was a hit on TV.

"The pieces fell into place ... our timing was so perfect at that time to connect with the boomers," said Penner, who has connections to Winkler, where his maternal grandfather lived, and to Morden, where he has relatives.

"The post-war generation that I'm a part of was starting to have children and were looking for entertainment ... so it was really a connection with the very grassroots," he said. "And that demographic certainly has grown over time ... and their children

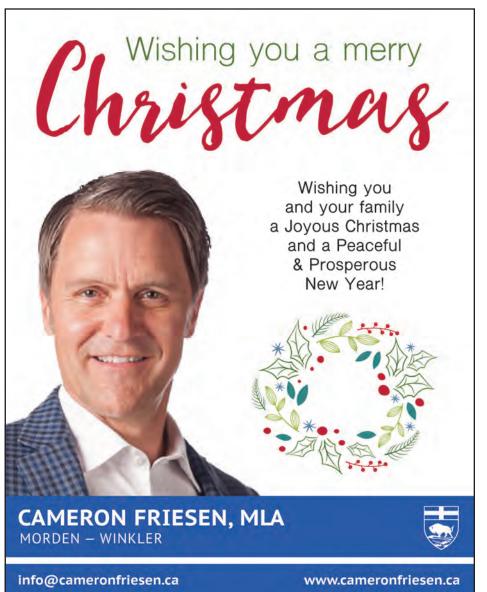
are now having their own children ... so there's this wave that continues to support me."

What continues to draw people to his music is pretty straightforward, Penner suggested.

"It's a lot of universal concepts ... and it's music that is great fun," he said, adding that is what he primarily hoped for with his show here on Sunday.

"What I hope people take away from the performance is certainly a sense of who I am," said Penner. "I'm a positive and a focused person, and I have songs and stories and feelings that I bring to the stage, and I hope that it provokes a little bit of thought.

"I hope that it certainly is entertaining and that it continues as a form of dialogue ... musical dialogue between me and the parents and the child and the grandparents so that we are in this moment of time together," he concluded. "It always has an impact on me, and I hope it has an impact on the audience and that they feel they have gained something."







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# **Monarch Industries** safe work certified

By Lorne Stelmach

Monarch Industries is not only among the first companies in Manitoba to be safe work certified by Made Safe, but the Winkler operation is the first foundry in the province to earn that status.

Company officials receiving the honour Monday called it a significant achievement for the site's staff and management.

"We're very, very proud today," said Mitch Tetreault, chief operating officer of Monarch Industries."A foundry environment, if things aren't done well, it could be a dangerous environment, but not in our case because our "A FOUNDRY ... IF THINGS AREN'T DONE WELL, IT **COULD BE A DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT.**"

folks ... we have procedures and safe work processes that we follow, and our people look after each other."

"The foundry business is very, very challenging," added Joe Castellano, director of foundry operations and



## PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Staff of Monarch Industries were honoured Monday as the company received the safe work certification from the Canadian Manufacturer's and Exporters Manitoba's Made Safe program, represented by Neal Curry (second from left).

senior manager for the Winkler operation, citing such key considerations as maintaining air quality.

"For a foundry, this is incredible, and our employees are committed, and they're committed because they're always thinking about it. They're always thinking about it because we're always talking about it."

Made Safe is an initiative of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters Manitoba.

Created over three years ago as a prevention initiative of the Workers Compensation Board, there are five industry-specific safety associations, with Made Safe representing the manufacturing sector.

It stresses the importance of safety







# The Winkler Morden Older



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# We need to be 'shot'

here are mysterious pockets of fact-resistant people in various places around the world that seem oblivious to anything but their gut when it comes to information.

Maybe you have met them: they tend to be suspicious of things most others

take for granted as healthy like fluoride in water, the reality that the climate is indeed changing, and the fact vaccines don't cause every horrible thing ever from autism to cancer and beyond.

Where does this



By Peter Cantelon

come from? Well, I'm sure there are actual studies looking into this, ironically, but the results will likely not be believed because it's only science after all and therefore biased (insert sarcasm font here).

Look, a healthy dose of skepticism about things can be good. We should not accept everything we hear at face value. We should challenge assumptions and you know what the greatest tool to challenge dubious statements with is? Science.

Unfortunately somewhere along the line these same fact-resistant people became science-resistant too, leaving them caught in a cycle of skepticism and doubt that never ends.

Locally the latest example of this is the measured and proven fact that the Southern Health region has ranked dead last in vaccination rates in the province for several years now.

When this is mentioned in social media a typical response included maybe that's because "we have the most well researched parent population" to which I simply stand aghast and wonder what in the world is going on.

Back to science again. Science is the reporting of recorded, measured observations that have been reviewed and duplicated by peers.

The science of vaccinations is no different. Here are a few facts backed by science and research published in peer reviewed, reputable journals with a strong track record of accuracy:

- Vaccines do not cause cancer.
   Mercury in vaccines does not act
- 2. Mercury in vaccines does not act as a neurotoxin.
- 3. Spreading out vaccines is not safer.

The list goes on and on and on.

"What about the flu vaccine? I mean they're not even sure from year to year if it is effective?" Look, according to the World Health Organization influenza kills between 300,000 to 500,000 people a year around the world. Pregnant women, children, the elderly and the sick are at much greater risk from the flu than other people. Pregnant women who are vaccinated offer protection to their newborns as there is no vaccine for children under six months old yet.

The flu vaccine offers protection against the three most common strains of the flu showing up in any given season, not all of the strains. Nevertheless, it is the best way of reducing your chances of getting the virus.

There's a reason you don't see a large percentage of the population struggling with polio, mumps, rubella, measles and more these days: VACCINES! Vaccines are the reason these once common health problems have been nearly wiped out.

Stating that you don't think a vaccine is worth it because it is "only 90 per cent effective" is like saying you will continue to stand in front of the 100 person firing squad because only 90 of them have bullets and you figure you won't get shot.

Of course you need to be shot ... you and I and everyone else in the region should be lining up to get shot by our pharmacists, nurses, and doctors with vaccines.

# letters

# Wildlife Haven Rehab Centre doing good work for us all

What the Wildlife Haven Rehab Centre in Île des Chênes has been doing for over 30 years to preserve rare and majestic bird species is something that the philosopher Aldo Leopold would have been greatly in favour of.

This comes from his theory on land ethics that says:"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

This is exactly what the Wildlife Rehab Centre [who were in Morden earlier this month for a special event] has been doing as a charitable organization by caring for tens of thousands of wildlife throughout the course of its existence.

By caring for these species and ensuring a healthy population in the ecosystem, the environment as a whole will benefit from a balanced and stable amount of competition for survival.

When one animal has the opportunity to survive in an ecosystem, it

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# Winkler Cheer Board delivers 345 hampers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board was on the receiving end of a whole lot of generosity this holiday season, which allowed them, in turn, to deliver 345 care hampers to families in need last week.

An army of volunteers over 100 people strong set up shop at the Winkler M.B. Church Dec. 4-6 to sort through thousands of donated and purchased food items and toys and pack it all up for delivery the final evening.

"We had lots of kids helping out on Monday and then a bit more mature help the other days," said Cheer Board president Francis Fehr. "Everything went so smoothly. If we didn't have that help ... it would have meant us spending a lot more long, long hours to get it all done."



The community also came through for the campaign in a big way financially, with the annual Holly Jolly Breakfast raising \$10,000 and donations from customers at the Winkler Coop coming in at about \$15,000.

That's on top of the thousands of dollars do-

nated by other businesses and community members, Fehr noted, as well as the non-perishable food items collected throughout the month of November.

"It's looking like this year we're going to be in good financial shape, which is exciting to see," he said. "It's amazing how the Lord looks after us. We don't really have to worry about that part—we just have faith and it happens."

Among the sponsors and volunteers this year, as every

vear, were those who were once on the receiving end of the annual Cheer Board campaign.

"We had one or two people again this year who had been recipients in the past and this was their way of giving back and showing their appreciation for what they had received," Fehr said.

Reports back from the many volunteer driv-

ers (who delivered the hampers in three hours flat Wednesday night) highlight the importance these hampers play for families who are often struggling to put food on the table, never mind gifts under the tree.

"We hear a lot from our drivers about the

reception that they get when they drop off the boxes, especially from the kids, whose faces just light up when they see the gifts," Fehr said.

Hampers earmarked for families with kids all include age-appropriate wrapped toys. The boxes are also packed full of enough food to tide families over through the holidays and beyond.

Fehr sends his thanks out to the entire community for supporting this annual initiative.

"Whenever there was a need, we asked and people

responded. That doesn't happen everywhere," he said.

"We're so grateful and thankful that we do live in the kind of community where people are willing to give us a hand up by making a donation or helping out."

Left: Volunteers wrapped up hundreds of gifts for kids whose families received Winkler Christmas Cheer Board hampers last week. Right and below: Helping load up the hampers for delivery drivers were members of the Winkler Royals hockey

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**SUBMITTED PHOTO** 

Veggies and other goodies are up for grabs at the Pembina Valley Local Food Market Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 in Morden.

# Food market beefs up for the holidays

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Local Food Market is inviting customers to enjoy some extra offerings this month.

The additional vendors are joining in at least for the remainder of this month, though organizers say they are open to adding more on an ongoing basis.

"We wanted to just get more vendors available for everybody, especially at Christmas," said Tina Hildebrand of the market which operates through the winter out of the Morden Chamber of Commerce building. "If we need to expand into the hallway of the office, that would be fine."

The Good Food Company is back at this week's market on Thursday, Dec. 14 offering premixes. Joining them this week and on Dec. 21 are Macarons by Holly and Border Hills Honey.

Also on the list for market days are Thousand Hills Ranch, who have added festive taper candles, skin balms, and soaps to their table, all made from grass-fed beef and other local ingredients; Pembina Valley Pastas, who offer up hot perogies with cream gravy for a quick easy meal; Wheat Song Bakery, which has peppernuts and other holiday treats; Breezy Way Farm with a selection of pork, chicken, and rabbit; and Valley Acres, which has an entire room at the market filled with vegetables and canned goods.

The market has seen a great turnout so far this season, Hildebrand said.

"It definitely has been picking up ever since we sort of rebranded [from the Buying Club]," she said. "It's just making it more available. People maybe thought it was kind of an exclusive club ... but now word is getting out."

Both the Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 markets will be held at 379 Stephen St. from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

# Domestic violence film screening generates discussion

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Genesis House hosted a special screening of the documentary *A Better Man* in Winkler last week.

The regional women's shelter invited local law enforcement, education, health care, and social services workers to the event, which included round-table discussions after the film.

"I was really pleased. We had very good attendance and I think people were quite willing to share their thoughts on the documentary," said Genesis House executive director Ang Braun. "And that was asking quite a lot from people because it is a difficult topic."

A Better Man explores the aftermath of abusive relationships by following co-director Attiya Khan as she met with the boyfriend who violently abused her for two years when they were teenagers.

In the film, the pair speak together and separately with a counsellor about what happened. They also visit their former high school and the home they shared, recounting the violence that occurred there.

Braun noted that screening this film to a select group of community members is the first step towards getting a larger discussion going on domestic violence.

"I really truly wanted to get the feedback of people who are doing this work and potentially encountering people who have been victims of domestic violence," she said, noting that the discussion generated by the film gives Genesis House some suggestions to work from when it comes to better addressing the needs in our community.

"There were a few ideas for some next steps that seemed practical, that seemed doable, at least to move the ideas forward," she said. "Whether we will be able to implement them ourselves, I don't know. But they're good ideas and we're hearing them from the people that are front-line."

Among the many suggestions brought up included the need for people—both men and women—to step up and speak out against domestic violence.

"We're really interested in engaging community to start doing more of that," Braun said. "Not just closing the blinds, but actually saying this is not okay."

Another issue is the lack of programming out there designed to help abusers stop the cycle of violence.

"There needs to be a little bit more

of accountability by the person that's choosing violence and also, I think, by the community to say, hey, you can't choose to do that," Braun said. "There's just not a lot of services available for people that have chosen to use violence in a relationship. So if there's not any place to go for help, where do you start? How do you start making a change?"

While the women's shelter isn't the right organization to take responsibility for getting programming like that going, they'd love to partner with someone to make it a reality.

"You need to find a few champions to bring this forward and I think those champions, especially if we're talking about programming for men, need to be other men," Braun stressed.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Among the social services workers in attendance at the event was public health nurse Phyllis Kroeker, who said the documentary gave her a lot of food for thought.

"What hit me in the film today was when she said one in two women have experienced some sort of domestic violence," she said. That sobering statistic means there's a lot more abuse going on than most people re"THERE WERE A FEW IDEAS FOR SOME NEXT STEPS THAT SEEMED PRACTICAL, THAT SEEMED DOABLE ..."

alize.

"I don't think that we're overtly turning a blind eye, but maybe we need to be more proactive," Kroeker reflected. "So as a public health nurse, I could ask the question ... make it a normal part of the conversation."

Normalizing the discussion has long been a major goal of organizations like the South Central Committee on Family Violence, which operates Genesis House.

Board member Carol Braun said the film, which touched on the fact that though friends and family knew violence was happening in Khan's relationship they did nothing to stop it, illustrates the need for a major shift in how we think about this topic.

# Winkler fire department hands out the hardware

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Fire & Rescue Service honoured several long-time members at their annual awards night last

firefighters Winkler received awards from the department itself at the event, as well as from the Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs.

Winkler service awards went to Frank Loewen and Tim Ginter for 10 years, Chris Kalansky for 20 years, and Alan Derksen for 25 years.

Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs Fire Fighter's Long Service Awards were presented to Myron Derksen and Deputy Chief Phil Dueck for 25 years of service.

Finally, receiving a Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal from the Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner and a certificate of appreciation from MAFC for his 51 years as a firefighter was Ike Dyck.

"Ike has been part of the Winkler fire department since March 1966," said Winkler fire Chief Richard Paetzold, who noted Dyck today works as a station captain overseeing incident communications at the fire hall."He's still very active physically and is always being told to stand back and let the younger ones do the work."

For his part, Dyck stresses that he isn't trying to set any service records. He simply loves what he's doing and intends to keep at it as long as he's

"About 10 years ago I said I'd hang up my hat, and at that time I said I couldn't find the nail yet," he said,

"Maybe it's not the right word to use, but it's been fun," Dyck said."The camaraderie that we have is family and it makes it a lot easier."

Typically, volunteer or paid-on-call firefighters in Manitoba serve an average of three to 10 years. The fact

that the Winkler fire department is able to hold on to is members for decades is a testament to the community, said Paetzold.

"I think [it's] a combination of the City of Winkler treating its firefighters as employees, their pay per call is very fair," he said, going on to explain that the department's weekly training nights—which aren't the norm at many rural departments—also helps members find fulfilment in the role. "It becomes part of who you are. Meeting every week, it becomes part of your life.

"And then the last piece is the community," Paetzold said, explaining that when honouring members for their commitment, the department can't ever overlook those who stand behind them.

"For all of us that respond, there's people looking after the kids, making sure things still go on best as normal as possible at home," Paetzold said, raising a glass to the spouses and family who provide firefighters with a vitally important support network.

Similarly, firefighters would not be able to do this job at all if not for the understanding of the many area businesses who allow them to leave work to respond to calls, the chief stressed.

## WELCOMING NEW RECRUITS

In addition to the presentation of the service awards, the evening also marked a special moment for the department's newest recruits.

After over a year of training, Trent Krahn, Cornie Klassen, Ryan Paetzold, Marcus Paetzold, and Alvin Dueck have earned their Level 1 firefighting certification and were presented with their yellow helmets in celebration.

Earning those helmets took a lot of work and the new firefighters are proud to join the team.

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**PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE** Above: Winkler firefighters Phil Dueck and Myron Derksen received medals for their 25 years of service from Manitoba **Association of Fire Chiefs** president Cameron Abrey last week. Right: Ike Dyck was honoured with provincial awards for 51 years of service. Below: Also recognized was Alan Derksen for 25 years with the department, Chris Kalansky for 20 years, and Frank Loewen for 10 years.





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"I think it's critical that our communities become more aware and that we find more specific ways to be the kind of community in which we are actively intervening or preventing violence," she said. If you had routine ways of asking questions

within our existing social institutions, so in doctors offices it became routine to ask women and men and children how conflict is resolved in your family, whether there's violence in your family, whether people get hit in your family. If those became routine questions then we could begin to address it ... instead of it being something that nobody wants to ask anybody because it feels interfering.

"Unless we're going address it in a broad based way we're not going to make the changes we need to make," Braun added. "Shelters have been doing really good work but they're really like the hospital. Until we do the wellness part of it, the prevention part of it in a broader way, we're going to need those shelters, and more of them, not fewer."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Fire Chief Richard Paetzold (back row, far right) and Deputy Fire Chief Phil Dueck (far left) with the city's newest firefighters: Trent Krahn, Cornie Klassen, Ryan Paetzold, Marcus Paetzold, and Alvin Dueck.

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"It's been a privilege going through this course," said Klassen. "I can't believe it's been 14 months. It's a lot of sacrifices for my wife and my kids and myself, as well.

"It's a lot of fun," he added. "It's been hard but it's worth it at the end."

Being a firefighter has been a lifelong dream for Klassen, who was injured in a house fire as a child.

"For me, it's just the feeling of needing to help people out," he said. "I'm a fire victim and that kind of started the spark in me just to run in and help people. If I can do it here then I'll do it."

What drew Krahn to the job was "an opportunity to serve the community in kind of a hands-on way.

"I'm a hands-on guy," he said. "I enjoyed the training."

Ryan Paetzold, alongside twin brother Marcus, is excited to be following in the footsteps of his father, Chief Paetzold.

"It is truly exciting. It's been a long

process in the making," he said of the past year of training. "A lot of hard work and a lot of studying, especially, but it's definitely worth it."

Chief Paetzold is proud of all the recruits for stepping up to serve their community.

"It's not like it used to be where you had a waiting list a mile long here," he said, noting that this is the first class of new firefighters in seven years.

Also notable is that every accepted recruit successfully completed their training, Paetzold said.

"All the positions we required were filled," he said.

Of course, as a dad, Paetzold is also pretty psyched to have his sons join him in the fire service.

"They've always lived in the shadow of a fire hall ... they've never known anything else," he said. "As a father, I'm very proud. As a fire chief, it's good to have more members."

Winkler Fire & Rescue currently has 33 members on its roster.

# Winkler, Morden community Christmas dinners planned

By Lorne Stelmach

Volunteers are coming together to prepare and host community Christmas dinners in both Morden and Winkler.

The gatherings take place Christmas Day at the Alliance Church in Morden and the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler.

The meal is being revived in Winkler this year in part due to Christmas falling on a Monday when Café 545 at the Central Station Community Centre normally holds its weekly community dinner organized through the Donate Love organization.

"We didn't do one last year ... but this year it falls on a Monday, so we figured what a good opportunity," said organizer Rachel Neufeld. "As long as we have the volunteers, and we would do it anyway, and a lot of people are willing to help out."

The community meal has been running weekly for over two years now and at times has averaged over 200 people.

As a result of the experience built up in regularly hosting that meal, Neufeld said they have a lot of volunteers in place already for the Christmas dinner.

"Our need now would largely be financial donations to cover the cost of the food," she said. "Definitely, though, for this Christmas meal, it's bigger ... it takes a lot of people to put something like this together." Neufeld stressed that the supper is open to everyone and anyone.

"We want to provide a good dinner to people who may not have family close by to spend Christmas day with ... a place to gather to get together and enjoy good food and some company."

People wanting to get involved or looking for more information can contact Marian Hildebrand by e-mail to marianhildebrand@hotmail.com.

Meanwhile, Donate Love also stepped in a few years ago to oversee the Morden community dinner after it had previously been jointly run through local churches. Kim Klassen continues this year in the role of coordinator.

"This is a really great area because people just really love their community," Klassen said in explaining what draws her back. "Last year, in the middle of a blizzard, we had 180, so I don't know what's going to happen this year.

"The people of Morden are fantastic. It's wonderful to meet new people, and there's always someone new that I meet."

Klassen said the meal draws many newcomers to Canada "who want to experience a Canadian Christmas, and in doing that they've actually made new friends."

She stressed as well that "this is a community supper. This is for all people of Morden. We have people of all ages ... it's really wonderful that all these diverse people can come together.

"There's just so many unique stories that come out from it," continued Klassen, going on to describe the circumstances around one person who came to join the meal last minute last year in the midst of a blizzard.

"This man had ended up having six people help him because he started to

have a diabetic reaction,"she recalled. Thankfully, on hand that evening as volunteers and guests were an ambulance attendant and a firefighter, who helped the man get home safely.

"There's also the simplest things of people having a conversation with someone they might have never talked to before," continued Klassen, stressing they need volunteers to be hosts at tables as well as for everything from setup to food preparation.

"Our budget is zero. That's what we start with," she added. "We need financial help to buy the food ... we also need volunteers to help in the kitchen and sitting with people, having conversations with people and cleaning up."

Anyone interested in helping out can contact Klassen at 204-823-1487 or by e-mail to bearandkim@gmail. com.

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helps other animals as well as plants survive based on what it consumes or what it is consumed by. This ensures that there is a fair amount of equity in the ecosystem. Without a balanced and stable ecosystem, one animal may dominate the region that it lives in, and as humans it will eventually harm us through the food that we eat. For example, if there are

not enough predators for rodents that eat a farmer's crops, there will be a shortage of food for us that will lead to higher prices for consumers.

That is why I would commend the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre for coming to Morden and for what they have been doing and would encourage other municipalities that are important to farmers to consider doing

the same.

By doing so, they can attain reasonable population measures which farmers will thank them for doing. They have made the environment a more desirable place as a result of their charitable contributions.

Sasha Towfigh, Winnipeg

# Morden airport introduces GPS navigation

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden airport is now more fully accessible for pilots even in poor weather thanks to GPS navigation.

The new satellite-based system was officially launched last Thursday, and it opens up a lot of new possibilities for the region.

"It's a real stepping stone," suggested Morden Flying Club member Chris Unrau.

Historically, airport approach was done with ground-based radio, but poor weather ruled out being able to land. That all changes now by utilizing GPS technology.

Basically, setting up the airport for this involved surveying the runway, setting up GPS approach marking points, and analyzing the area for any obstructions.

The airport worked on the project with JetPro, an engineering firm based in Alberta that specializes in satellite-based instrument flight procedure design, utilizing the technology to improve all-weather access to

"They construct an imaginary highway through the sky that the GPS equipment on the airplane follows ... in the simplest terms, that's what it is," explained Unrau.

He noted they first began discussing the idea about three years ago and then made a presentation to city council, who came on board with the project.

Unrau said a major factor was that this new technology is now available "at a fraction of the cost of what it would have cost even 20 years ago ... it just makes it so much more afford-

There are a number of benefits including making it possible now for a service like the STARS air ambulance to land here in spite of poor weather.

"People who aren't involved in aviation don't understand how it works," said Unrau. "When there's poor weather conditions, these airports here in southern Manitoba are inaccessible. You cannot take off and land at our airport in poor weather conditions."

There is also a business case for it as well, Unrau noted, as it could be another factor in drawing a larger corporation to the area.

"When you start looking at com-



**MORDEN FLYING CLUB PHOTO** 

A new satellite-based system at the Morden airport will allow pilots to land there safely even in poor weather.

munities that are growing and want to attract larger companies ... something like a Fortune 500 company is never going to consider a location like southern Manitoba if they can't get their people in and out reliably by air."

The startup costs for the new tech-

nology came in at about \$30,000 with ongoing annual costs of around \$3,000.

"Every year, they need to come out and just verify ... that nothing has changed ... it's sort of an annual maintenance check," said Unrau.

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in the workplace with the ultimate aim to reduce workplace injuries, and the certification process is a comprehensive program and that reflects a real commitment both on the part of management and employees.

Its importance is reflected in Workers Compensation Board data that shows, compared to industry averages, workplaces that implement a safety and health certification program experience 42 per cent lower injury rates and 49 per cent fewer work days lost for time-loss injuries.

"The Made Safe certification is a huge deal for our company," suggested Tetrault. "In Winkler, our folks have been working day in, day out. We have very strong leadership. I would say our safety committee, which meets weekly, is very focused on the smallest thing to the biggest thing that can happen to our employees and focussing on making sure that we prevent injuries on a day to day basis."

Castellano noted how employees

arriving for work each are greeted by a sign reminding them that safety comes first.

"People look out for each other ... it's not just you, make sure your neighbour's safe," he said. "It's a full team effort ... employees on up to us ... management and employees combined. You have to be working together."

"Our employees, I think understand our commitment to safety," added Mark Coates, vice president of human resources, noting the rigorous process involved in earning the certification. "A big part of it is they talk to about a quarter of our employees here ... and they had to echo exactly what we said that we did."

"Certification is important because employees are an organization's lifeblood," said Neal Curry, executive director of Made Safe. "Manufacturers are leading the way, and certification is just one way companies like Monarch are demonstrating their industry leadership."





# Winkler Comic Con returns for Louis Riel Day



By Ashleigh Viveiros

The countdown is on to the second annual Winkler

The 2018 celebration of all things geeky is slated to take over Louis Riel Day on Feb. 19.

"We had so much support and many wonderful comments after last year's inaugural event and we're excited to make this one bigger and better," says organizer Deb Penner.

Garden Valley Collegiate will be Con Central once again, hosting over 30 artists and vendors, panel discussions, and gaming tournaments.

Also getting in on the action is the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre and the P.W. Enns Centennial Con-

The art gallery will host free activities for young families-including Lego displays, Lego building, and popcorn—while the concert hall welcomes Charles Ross and his One Man Star Wars Show.

"This show is quirky and fun where one man reenacts the entire Star Wars story in about 90 minutes," Penner explains."Any Star Wars fan should make sure to be there."

Admission to the show is free with paid admission to Winkler Comic Con. Con tickets are \$10 each at the high school that day.

To stay up to date on Comic Con announcements visit www.winklercomiccon.ca.

If you'd like to get involved with the event's organizing committee or to submit an idea, contact Penner at 204-325-5600 or dpenner@cityofwinkler.ca.

# Tickets on sale now for Family New Year's Eve Dance

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre and the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre are teaming up to host a New Year's Eve bash for the entire family.

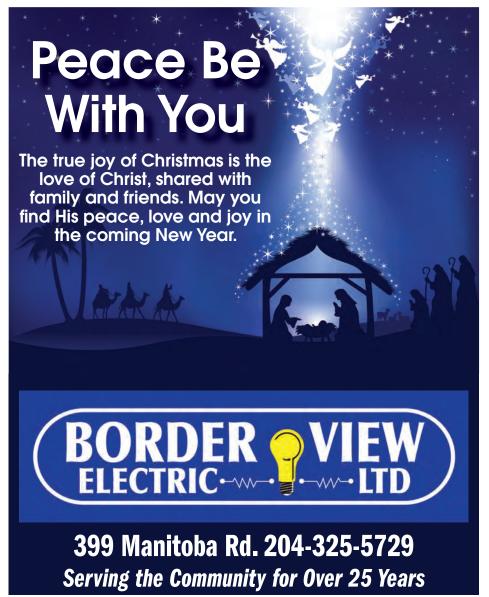
The Dec. 31 party takes place at The Bunker in Winkler (545 Industrial Dr.) from 6-8 p.m. and will include an early New Year's Eve countdown, says organizer Cathy Savage.

"It is going to be awesome," she said, explaining the 7:45 p.m. countdown will include balloons falling from the ceiling to ring in 2018.

"We've had a bunch of parents tell us there's nothing to do on New Year's Eve, that they'd like to do something ily, your kids will dance for two hours with their kids, so the 6-8 time gives everyone time to spend with the fam-

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# Penner Waste gives back

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board received a donation and a helping hand from Penner Waste last week.

Jake and Barb Penner stopped by Dec. 5 to help pack up some of the 345 care hampers that were delivered to families in need in the Winkler area this year. The company also presented the Cheer Board with a \$1,000 donation.

The Penners have a very personal connection to the Cheer Board, explained Jake Penner.

"The Christmas Cheer Board is dear to my heart because when I was a child growing up we were on the receiving end of it.

"I remember just looking forward to the toy that was in the box. My parents were excited about the food, of course," Penner said. "For me, though, once I had seen that toy, I had a smile from ear to ear just knowing that people are out there and they cared.

It meant a lot."

The Penners also plan to volunteer their time with and make \$1,000 donations to the Altona and Morden Christmas Cheer Board campaigns this month.

"We were on the receiving end in Altona for some of those hampers when we were first starting out," noted Barb Penner. "These communities support us and we want to show our support for them as well.

"We service all three communities so to give back to the communities that support us, it means a lot to us," agreed Jake.

From left: The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board's Francis Fehr and Kris Derksen received a \$1,000 donation from Barb and Jake Penner of Penner Waste during the campaign's hamper days last week.

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## > NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE, FROM PG. 12

and be exhausted, and then if you want to go off to another event you can."

The evening will include music from Total Sound, dancing games, face painting, a craft table, and prizes.

Free snacks are courtesy of Coffee Culture and Co-op, and the entire event is being made possible thanks to the sponsorship of Diamond Autobody and Sunvalley Tire.

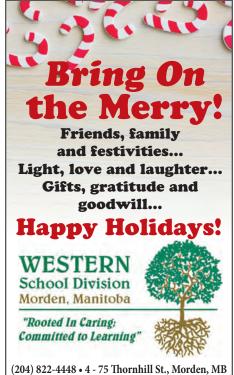
Savage hopes this will become a fun tradition for local families.

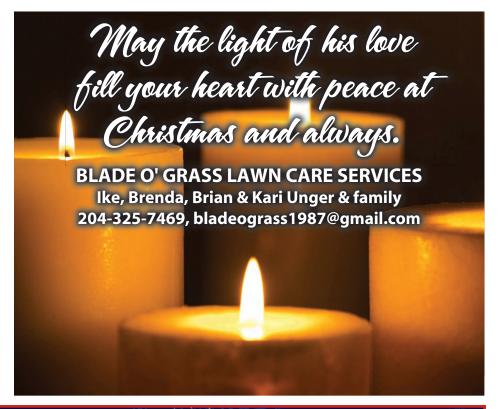
"We'd like to make it an annual event," she said.

Tickets are \$25 per family and must be purchased in advance by Dec. 22 by calling Savage at 204-332-9418 or emailing winklerfrc@ gmail.com.











# Monarch president to receive hall of fame award

By Lorne Stelmach

The head of Monarch Industries is being honoured for the role he has played in the manufacturing sector.

Roy Cook, president and CEO of the Winnipeg-based



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company with a foundry in Winkler, is receiving the hall of fame award from the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters. It will be presented during Manitoba Manufacturing Week at CME's annual gala dinner next March.

Cook said the award is much more of a reflection on the team at Monarch Industries than his own achievements.

"It's nice to be recognized, but there's so many people who help and contribute to anybody's success, and this is for me an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the assistance from a large group of people who have helped me through my career," he said.

The annual hall of fame award celebrates individuals who have consistently demonstrated visionary leadership and designed or implemented new or revolutionary products, systems or processes.

Cook joined Monarch as director of business develop-

ment in 1995 and has held several positions with the company including as chief operating officer for six years before his appointment as president and CEO in 2013.

Cook not only serves on the board of Monarch Industries but is past chair of the national board of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters and a board member of CME's Manitoba division. He also serves on the Business Council of Manitoba board of directors and is past chair of the board of directors of St Paul's High School.

Founded in 1935, Monarch Industries is a privately owned manufacturer of hydraulic cylinders and custom iron castings. These products are marketed globally to the mobile, agricultural, and industrial markets.

Employing over 500 people, Monarch's corporate office is located in Winnipeg. The company has a distribution center in Kansas City in addition to the foundry here in Winkler.

Established around 1975, the Winkler foundry employs about 100 and is important to the company, Cook said.

"We've employed more in the past," he noted. "It's been a challenging couple of years with market conditions. There's been a bit of a cyclical downturn in some of our customer markets ... but it's starting to show some return to growth.

"The castings that we make in Winkler ... a good portion of them are used by Monarch, but the majority of them are actually sold to third party customers."

CME vice president Ron Koslowsky observed recognizing the achievements of individuals like Cook and companies like Monarch is important because of what the sector con-

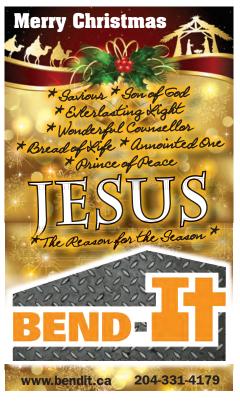
"Manufacturing continues to be a driving factor in our province's economic health," said Koslowsky, adding their association wants to work with manufacturers and exporters "to help them excel at home and bring Manitoba-made products to the world.

"The CME Awards pay tribute to the people and companies that have



**SUPPLIED PHOTO Monarch Industries** CEO Roy Cook is receiving a hall of fame award from CME.





# Winkler, Coulee men facing drug charges

Winkler Police have released more details about the four men arrested in a methamphetamine trafficking investigation last week.

In the early afternoon of Dec. 2, a 52-year-old Winkler man was arrested by police on Pembina Ave. near 4th St. and found to be in possession of a small quantity of methamphet-

Subsequent to this arrest, members of the Winkler Police Service, with assistance from the Regional Support Tactical Team, executed a search warrant at a residence in the 100 block of Southview Dr.

There, officers located drug trafficking paraphernalia inside the home. A male known to live there was arrested for trafficking meth and a second male, 27 years old and from Plum Coulee, was arrested after being found in possession of meth and marijuana.

The following day, on Dec. 3, a 26-year-old man from Plum Coulee was arrested at a gas station on 1st St.

Police say the man resisted police during his arrested and assaulted an officer.

A search of the vehicle he had been in resulted in the seizure of cash, drug trafficking paraphernalia, and a significant quantity of meth

As a result of these arrests, the 52-year-old man from Winkler will be charged with possession, the 27-yearold Winklerite arrested in the execution of the search warrant has been formally charged with trafficking methamphetamine and breaching an undertaking given to a peace officer, the 27-year-old Plum Coulee male arrested at the search warrant execution will face two charges of possession, and the 26-year-old Plum Coulee man will be charged with possessing methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking, possessing proceeds of crime, assaulting a peace officer, and resisting arrest.

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contributed to the growing and vibrant manufacturing industry we have in Manitoba today."

As for Cook, he maintained that he is not one to rest on his laurels—he has much more he wants to contrib-

"I'm fully engaged and plan to be ... I plan to continue to be involved with Monarch and with the community."



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# Winkler men's choir raising funds for Central Stn.



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By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Men's Choir's annual Christmas concert aims to get you into the holiday spirit while also raising funds for the Central Station Community Centre.

The community is invited to A Celebration of Christmas







Through Song and Word on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church (750 15th St.).

Admission is free, but donations will be collected on behalf of Central Station.

Choir member Earl Reimer says that the choir has been performing benefit concerts for over a decade.

"The initial purpose of the choir was to raise funds for the construction of a new church," he explains. "At some point that goal was achieved and the choir itself felt that they really would like to continue singing together. So we have continued to do Christmas concerts for the benefit of a number of different organizations each year.

"This year we felt that Central Station was something that was definitely worth of support," Reimer says. "Central Station has this broad spread of services and programs that they provide to the community that might otherwise not be well served."

Central Station executive director Bev Wiebe says they were thrilled when the choir selected them as this year's charity.

"We're always pleased whenever anyone wants to partner with us like this," she says. "I know it's always a very well-attended event, so it's exciting to be a part of it."

The Winkler Community Men's Choir is about 30 members strong and includes singers from all across the Winkler-Morden-Altona area.

At the Dec. 23 show, they'll be singing a selection of Christmas carols old and new.

"It will be an intermingling of readings and music and occasionally we'll probably have the congregation join in the singing, too," Reimer says. "It's great fun, good music, good musicians, and we hope people will come to listen."

Joining the choir on stage will be the instrumental group Agassiz Beach Trio.



# H.F. Wiebe Pharmacy open for business in Buhler centre

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Residents of the Buhler Active Living Centre don't have to go far to get the pharmacy services they need.

The H.F. Wiebe Pharmacy held a grand opening celebration in its space in the seniors living complex's lower level last week.

"We needed to locate ourselves closer to the epicenter of where the seniors are," said owner Sig Pfahl, who explains this new dispensary is an offshoot of Pfahl's Drugs across the street.

"Our idea was to focus part of our practice specifically on the needs of the elderly," he continued. "It's not that we aren't available to the community in general, but we felt a need to go to where the seniors are ... closer to where they call home."

The shop is named for long-time Winkler mayor and community builder H.F. Wiebe.

"He was a forward-thinking individual that I always admired," said Pfahl, noting Wiebe was instrumental in ex-

panding Winkler's economic base out from its agricultural roots into manufacturing.

The pharmacy provides so much more than just a place to get your prescriptions filled, Pfahl said.

"We're not necessarily focused on prescription volume rather than we're focused on working with people so that we can tailor their pharmacy needs to their own specific wants and needs," he said.

"There's a part of our profession that's going towards more patient interactive support efforts, and that includes doing medication reviews and minor ailment assessments and a bit of prescribing that arises from that," Pfahl said, explaining that offering those kinds of expanded health services helps take some of the pressure off other areas of the medical community and also increases medication compliance.

"Efforts to improve compliance has been proven to decrease the number of hospital admissions, and that saves our general system a lot of money," he



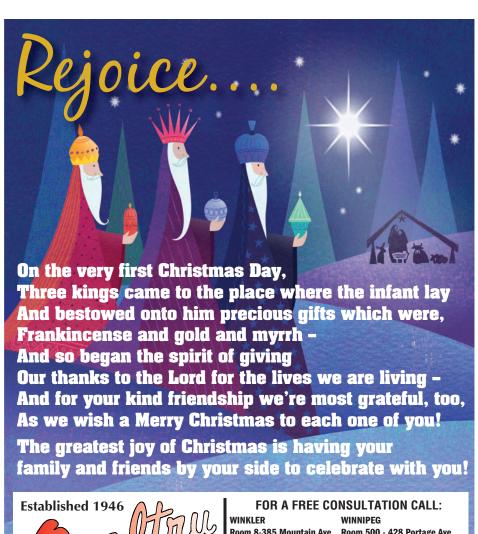
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H.F. Wiebe Pharmacy staffers Rebecca Hamilton, Cindy Hiebert, and Dorothy Derksen at the shop's grand opening in the Buhler Active Living Centre last week.

"So our staff has spent a lot of time upgrading and training, and this upgrading and training is ongoing because we see that the future of our profession is leading in that direction, so we want to be at the cutting edge."

The store is staffed by three employees, including a pharmacist and a registered technician.

"One thing that we're hoping to attract is a professional in the other part of this space, either a nurse practitioner or a doctor, perhaps ... somebody that's focused on helping the elderly more specifically, perhaps," Pfahl said. "We've got some office space allotted for that so that maybe they could join the complex here and then further our patient-focused efforts."



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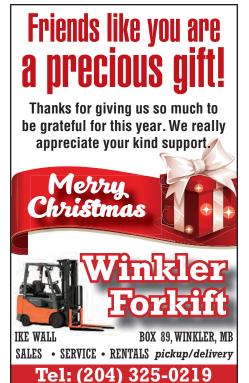




# An old-fashioned Christmas party

The Winkler Heritage Society hosted its annual Old Tyme Christmas celebration at their Southland Mall museum Dec. 7. The evening included a performance from musical group His (above), Christmas readings from Helen Reimer (above, right), Ed Zacharias, and Marge Hildebrand,

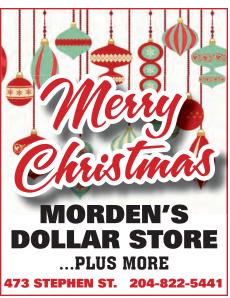
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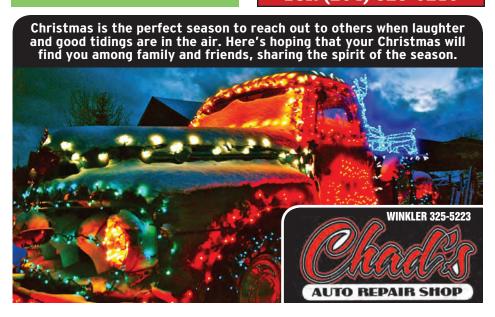


carols sung by everyone in attendance, and holiday snacks. Zacharias, who heads up the museum committee, was pleased at the turnout; about 50 people enjoyed the evening. "We like to think this is becoming a bit of a tradition," he said, noting they've hosted it for four or five years now. "We like to have some of the feel for how Christmas used to be."

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# **FCC** supports Cheer Boards

Farm Credit Canada supported the Winkler and **Morden Cheer Boards** with donations recently. **Right: Morden Cheer reps** Ron Peters and Megan Andrews accepted a \$300 donation from FCC's Jamie Arbuckle and Adam Boulanger. Far right: Boulanger also stopped by the Winkler Cheer Board's hamper days last week to present reps Dan Peters and Kim Ewert with a \$400 donation.







# Winkler Community Fdn. tackling Vital Signs in 2018

**Invites Stanley to** be part of in-depth community survey

By Lorne Stelmach

A project that provided a snapshot of Winkler in five years ago is being done a second time, and the organization behind it hopes the RM of Stanley will get on board with it this time

Representatives of the Winkler Community Foundation addressed Stanley council last Thursday about their plans for a Vital Signs report in

The foundation launched the first











# PJs for Genesis House

Genesis House executive Ang Braun with some of the items donated in this year's Power of PJ's campaign. In honour of November being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, donation boxes were set up at the South Central Regional Library branches to collect items for the victims of domestic violence, who sometimes show up at the women's shelter with little more than the clothes on their backs. A total of 37 women's pyjamas and 43 kids PJs came in, as well as numerous personal hygiene items.

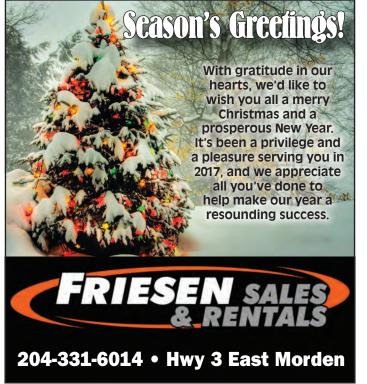
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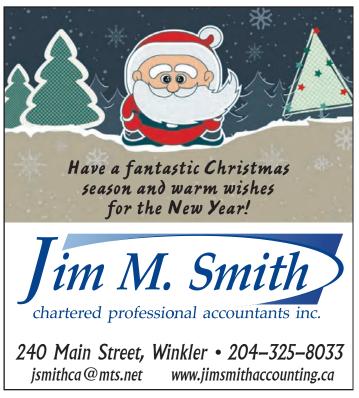
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Vital Signs survey for Winkler in 2012 as a catalyst to spark dialogue and inspire action.

The report produced as a result provided some strategic direction in highlighting areas of real need in the community, said the project committee's Phillip Vallelly, who addressed council alongside foundation executive director Myra Peters.

The foundation launched Vital Signs to help raise awareness of the issues that affect the quality of life in Winkler and encourage more community engagement to make the city













# Bingo for Morden Christmas Cheer



Volunteers of the **Morden Active** Living Centre's weekly bingo program presented the Morden and **District Christmas** Cheer Board with a donation of \$300 recently. Morden Cheer will be putting together its care hampers for families in need Dec. 18-20.

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# Vital Signs report: 'This is who we are'

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and surrounding area an even better place to live, they explained.

Results from the 2012 Vital Signs report for Winkler highlighted some of the challenges in six key areas:

- Learning: a variety of educational options are available but we spend less on education than the average Canadian household.
- Health and wellness: there's a shortage of both day care spaces and personal care home beds.
- Safety: emphasis was on reducing crime, but there was an overall feeling of being safe in the community.
- Gap between rich and poor: it was noted that, overall, the income levels of local families are lower than those in Manitoba and Canada.
- Community involvement: it highlighted that there is a diverse, engaged community with high levels of community belonging.
- Arts, culture and recreation: the report cited a low number of residents actively pursuing an active lifestyle and that there are fewer people employed in arts, culture, recreation and sports industries per capita.



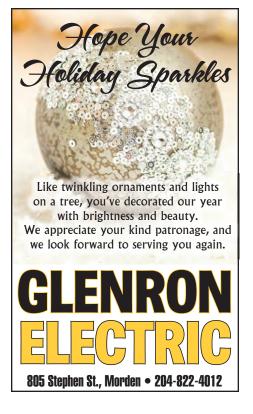
"This is who we are," Vallelly said in summarizing what the Vital Signs report provides for the community. This information, he explained, can be used by community leaders and group as a road map for improvements.

"We're looking for the RM of Stanley to go into partnership with the Winkler Community Foundation on this," said Vallelly.

The RM is expected to make a decision on the project at a future council meeting.







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# Redskins double up on Maroons

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins doubled up on the Altona Maroons in their lone game of the week.

The two South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League teams faced off in Morden on Dec. 7.

Altona drew first blood 16:05 into the opening period, but Morden got it back with a late goal at 19:42 from Keith Bially.

The Maroons pulled ahead once more nearly nine minutes into the middle frame, only to have Morden's Victor Knaub close the gap eight minutes later.

That was it for Altona, who were unable to find a kink in Morden netminder Reed Peters' armour in the third period.

His teammates, meanwhile, fired home two more for the 4-2 victory. Scoring third period goals were Knaub nearly four minutes in and Jordan Valentino in the final minute.

Morden outshot Altona 39-36. Peters went the distance in net, making 34 saves.

With that, Morden's record is 4-3 for eight points, tying them with

Morden Redskins downed the Altona **Maroons** 4-2 Dec. 7, bolstering their record to 4-3 for eight points, which puts them in a tie for fourth place in the SEMHL standings with the Portage Islanders.

> PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT



the Portage Islanders in fourth place with a two games in hand. Leading the SEMHL are Warren and Altona tied for first with 10 points and Notre Dame in third with nine.

The Winkler Royals, who had this past week off, are in seventh and last place at 2-6 and four points.

Coming up, the Redskins play in Altona tonight, Dec. 14 while Winkler

travels to play the Portage Islanders Saturday and then hosts the Notre Dame Hawks Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

# Flyers blank Waywayseecappo at MJHL Showcase

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers stonewalled the Waywayseecappo Wolverines in the first of two games they played at the MJHL Showcase in Winnipeg this week.

The Flyers dominated the Monday night game at the MTS Iceplex, outshooting the Wolverines 34-22—taking the first and third periods with shots on goal of 14-4 and 8-4 in Winkler's favour; period two saw Waywayseecappo get ahead 14-12—and firing home five unanswered goals.

Nolan McGuire had a two goal night, opening scoring nearly five minutes in and then getting one more near the end of the second period. Will Blake in the first and Cole Kirkup in the second contributed to the 4-0 Flyers lead heading into the second intermission.

In the final period, Lucas Barker scored the night's final goal five seconds shy of the 15 minute mark.

Earning the shutout win in net was Troy Martyniuk, who denied all 22 shots sent his way.

Monday's win came on the heels of

a disappointing 1-0 loss on home ice to the Winnipeg Blues Dec. 5.

Winkler was looking to get back on the win side of the column after their four-game winning streak was broken by Dauphin three nights earlier.

Despite having beaten the Blues in each of their previous three meetings, Winkler failed to generate any momentum, missing out time after time on potential scoring chances throughout the first period.

Although Winkler outshoot Winnipeg 11-5, the game headed into the second period tied at 0-0.

The deadlock held all the way into the third period, despite the Flyers' best efforts as they sent six more shots to the Blues' five in the middle frame.

At that point, Winkler goalie Aaron Brunn had slapped away the 10 shots he'd faced thus far, but the Blues turned on the heat in the final period, getting 15 shots on goal.

Winnipeg got what ended up being the game winner six minutes in as their leading scorer, Dexter Kuczek, intercepted a pass in the neutral



# Team Friesen off to provincials

Team Friesen from the Winkler Curling Club will be competing at the Canola Junior Provincial Championships in Altona Dec. 26-31. The team—made up of (from left) skip Brooke Friesen, third Hanne Jensen, second Holly Friesen, lead Kelsey Sagert, fifth Calista Friesen, and coach Ross Derksen—earned their spot at the Hamiota Berth Bonspiel last month.

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# Female Hawks shine at midget challenge

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks were part of a special weekend that brought together female hockey players from all across the province.

The Girls Hockey United weekend in Winnipeg included both a bantam AAA showcase and the midget AAA challenge that together featured about 750 women and almost 100 hours of female hockey at all ages and skill levels.

On the ice, the midget Hawks had a successful run, winning three of their four contests.

After edging the Yellowhead Chiefs

3-2 Friday, they took care of the Pilot Mound Academy team 4-2 and the Interlake Lightning 6-1 Saturday before falling 2-1 to Weyburn Sunday.

The Hawks overcame a 2-0 first period deficit against the Chiefs with Hannah Petrie getting them on the board in the second period. Makenzie McCallum connected on a powerplay 23 seconds into the third to tie it, then Cora Fijala got the winner at 8:06. Halle Oswald made 27 saves with the shots 33-29 in favour of the Hawks.

"We had our feet moving and didn't quit," observed assistant coach Shanley Peters.

Pembina Valley and Pilot Mound

were even at 2-2 after two when Tessa Odell got the winner at 4:37 of the third and Fijala put it away at 8:23. Sage McElroy-Scott and Kaila Powell also scored.

In net, Oswald made 20 saves as the Hawks led in shots 35-22.

"We were a little sluggish and didn't play to our full potential, although we still came out with a win," said Peters.

Petrie then picked up the hat trick to pace the Hawks over the Lightning, while Oswald nearly earned the shutout while facing only 11 shots. Kendall Manness, McElroy-Scott and Powell also scored for the Hawks, who had 27 shots on goal, including 22 in the second period alone.

Pembina Valley had a stiffer test against Weyburn, who gained the edge with a pair of second period powerplay goals.

McElroy-Scott got the Hawks on the board 28 seconds into the third, but that was all they could manage despite outshooting the Gold Wings 33-29. Kadynce Romijn got the call in goal and made 27 saves.

"Our last two games of the tournament came down to discipline," said Peters. "A big thing for us as a team will be staying disciplined in order to be successful as well as creating consistency in the way we play each game."

The Hawks return to regular league play Saturday when they visit Interlake. Next week they host Central Plains Dec. 22 and Eastman Dec. 23.

Meanwhile, as part of the AAA bantam showcase last weekend, Pembina Valley went one for two, falling 2-1 to Winnipeg East and 5-4 to Parkland before trouncing Interlake 8-1.

## **Manitoba Hockey Standings**

MANITOBA JUNIOR								Pembina Valley	25	13	10	1	28	84	85
HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OT.	L PTS	GF	GA	Southwest	25	12	12	1	25	81	79
Steinbach Pistons	31	23	7	1	47	156	81	Parkland	26	11	13	0	24	82	98
Winkler Flyers	32	22	10	0	44	117	74	Central Plains	24	8	13	1	19	80	94
OCN Blizzard	33	20	11	2	42	118	102	Kenora	25	7	15	0	17	71	94
Portage Terriers	31	19	10	1	40	123	80	Interlake	23	5	17	1	11	53	111
Virden Oil Capitals	30	19	10	1	39	135	92	Norman	27	1	25	0	3	73	182
Selkirk Steelers	31	17	11	2	37	118	103								
Winnipeg Blues	31	14	13	3	32	105	119	MANITOBA AAA BANTAM							
Neepawa Natives	33	14	17	2	30	117	128	HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTI	L PTS	GF	GA
Swan Valley Stampeders	28	13	12	3	29	82	96	Monarchs	19	16	2	1	33	114	45
Dauphin Kings	33	8	23	1	18	81	150	Hawks	20	16	4	0	32	149	55
Waywayseecappo Wolvering	es 35	5	27	2	13	79	206	Sharks	19	15	2	0	32	99	41
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MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOF	3							Lightning	23	7	16	0	14	71	139
HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OT	L PTS	GF	GA	Warriors	16	0	15	0	1	28	98
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	25	20	2	3	43	94	45								
Charleswood Hawks	24	17	4	3	37	68	42	MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET	T AA	A					
Transcona Railer Express	25	16	7	2	34	98	73	HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	Rea W	Reg L	Т	OTW	OTL	Pts
Stonewall Jets	24	14	9	1	29	77	65	Winnipeg Avros	15	8	4	-	3	-	22
St. James Canucks	25	13	11	1	27	77	72	Westman Wildcats	15	8	4	-	1	2	20
St. Vital Victorias	24	12	12	0	24	83	94	Yellowhead Chiefs	14	9	4	-	-	1	19
Pembina Valley Twisters	24	11	11	2	24	99	93	PV Hawks	15	7	6	-	1	1	17
Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins	25	11	13	1	23	70	68	Eastman Selects	14	7	6	-	-	1	15
St. Boniface Riels	25	7	15	3	17	69	92	Central Plains	15	5	7	-	1	2	14
River East Royal Knights	25	2	22	1	5	39	130	Interlake Lightning	14	-	13	-	1	-	2
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA								HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY	GP	W	L	OTI	L PTS	GF	GA
HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OT.	L PTS	GF	GA	W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	11	9	2	0	18	71	22
Warren	8	5	3	0	10	33	28	Prairie Mountain Mustangs	12	7	4	0	15	57	52
Altona	8	5	3	0	10	31	28	Morris Mavericks	9	7	2	0	14	46	29
Notre Dame	7	4	2	1	9	31	27	Cartwright/Nellie McClung/							
Portage	9	4	5	0	8	30	34	Pilot Mound Tigers	11	7	4	0	14	39	41
Morden	7	4	3	0	8	29	18	Morden Thunder	10	6	4	0	12	46	33
								Northlands Parkway Collegia	te						
MANITOBA AAA MIDGET								Nighthawks (Winkler)	10	6	4	0	12	42	33
HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OT.	L PTS	GF	GA	Garden Valley Collegiate							
Brandon	25	23	2	0	46	134	57	Zodiacs (Winkler)	13	3	8	1	8	36	67
Wild	25	20	3	1	42	140	57	Carman Cougars	11	2	7	2	6	34	49
Bruins	24	18	5	1	37	98	70	Portage Collegiate							
Eastman	25	17	6	1	36	104	77	Institute Trojans	11	2	8	0	5	30	75
Thrashers	29	15	13	1	31	98	112	STATS AS OF TUESDAY, DEC	CEME	BER 12					
Yellowhead	25	14	11	0	28	89	71								

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zone and took it all the way to score a short-handed breakaway goal.

Winkler—who had eight shots on goal this period, including one that bounced off the post with just two seconds to go—just couldn't connect, and the victory went to the visitors

As of press time on Tuesday, the Flyers were in second place in the MJHL standings with a 22-10 record and 44

points. That put them three point shy of the Steinbach Pistons in first place and just two points up on the OCN Blizzard in third.

Winkler was slated to face OCN Tuesday night in Winnipeg. Results were not available at press time.

They'll hit the road on Friday, as well, to play the Portage Terriers, who they then host in Winkler Saturday at 7:30 p.m.



# Hawks fall to Wild, Cougars, best Selects

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a tale of two teams as the male Pembina Valley Hawks dropped two of their three games last week.

After suffering a lopsided 7-1 loss to the Winnipeg Wild last Wednesday, the Hawks handed it to the Eastman Selects with an 8-1 thumping Saturday. They couldn't duplicate that effort Sunday, though, as they were doubled up 6-3 by the Southwest Cougars.

Coach Rylan Price called it a "great effort against Eastman. We outworked Eastman and broke them down.

"Opposite kind of game on Sunday. We tried to out skill a team that was willing to work hard."

The Hawks were outgunned Dec. 6, giving up the first goal just 46 seconds in and then trailing 3-0 and 6-0 at the intermissions. The lone Pembina Val-

ley goal came from Nicholas Hatley 49 seconds into the third period.

Martin Gagnon was under fire in the Hawks' net, stopping 26 of 32 shots through two periods of play, then Brock Moroz came on for the third and stopped nine of 10, while Pembina Valley managed only 22 shots on goal.

The Hawks wore down the Selects Saturday, firing four unanswered third period goals after having built period leads of 2-0 and 3-0, picking up a pair of shorthanded markers as well as a powerplay goal.

Kolton Shindle scored a pair, with other goals from Tyson Allison, Ethan Carels, Svan Bazin, Sven Schefer, Tristan Day, and Wyatt Cobb. Moroz made 26 saves with the shots 44-27 for the Hawks.

Penalties cost the Hawks Sunday as the Cougars capitalized on three



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Hawks fell to the Southwest Cougars 6-3 Sunday in front of a hometown crowd.

of their six powerplay opportunities, building on period leads of 2-0 and 3-2.

Allison, Cobb and Jayden McCarthy scored for the Hawks, who were outshot 31-28. Gagnon stopped 15 of 18 shots through 26:50 of play. Then Moroz came on and stopped 10 of 12 shots.

Pembina Valley hit the road this

weekend to play the Wheat Kings in Brandon Friday and the Parkland Rangers in Dauphin Saturday.

Price is looking for a better effort and result particularly against Brandon, who clobbered Pembina Valley 9-2 last time out.

"Time to refocus," he said, "and we are looking forward to another chance at Brandon this weekend."

# Mixed week for Pembina Valley Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

Travis Klassen did his best to steal a win for the Pembina Valley Twisters Sunday.

He made 54 saves, including 21 in the third period alone, but the Twisters came up just short in falling 3-2 to the Raiders to halt a brief two game win streak.

The Twisters had earlier gotten their offence going in snapping a three game skid with a 7-2 victory over the St. Vital Victorias last Tuesday before doubling up the Stonewall Jets 6-3

Friday.

It was a wide open affair Sunday in Morris with the shot count ending up 57-43 in favour of the Raiders, who scored twice on powerplays including what proved to be the third period winner.

The Twisters also got two on the man advantage as Michael Wirth got his sixth and seventh goals, with the latter coming a little too late with only 21 seconds left.

Pembina Valley built period leads of 3-1 and 5-2 on the Jets then put it away with an empty net goal with just

over a minute remaining.

Elijah Carels and Brendan Keck each scored a pair for the Hawks, who got a shorthanded marker to go with one powerplay goal. Quade Froese and Wirth also scored, while Klassen backstopped the win with 35 saves as the shots were 38-36 in favour of the Jets. Klassen stood tall in net especially in the late stages until Carels scored into the empty net, sealing the win.

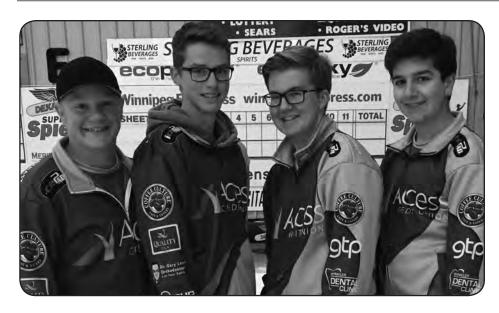
Froese opened and closed out the scoring as the Twisters rolled to the win over St. Vital. Pembina Valley cap-

italized on a couple of powerplays as they took period leads of 3-1 and 5-2.

Also scoring for the Twisters were Keane Boucher, Fraser Mirrlees, Steve Young, Alex Tetrault, and Karl Conrad, while Klassen made 33 saves with Pembina Valley outshooting the Victorias 52-35.

The Twisters sit at .500 on a record of 11-11-2-0 for 24 points, which has them in seventh place.

Pembina Valley hosts the Charleswood Hawks Sunday and then pays a visit to the Riels in St. Boniface Monday.



# Team Rutter make the cut for provincials

The Winkler Curling Club's Team Rutter—which includes 15-year-olds, from left, skip Jayden Rutter, third Reece Hamm, second Brennan Kezema, and lead Ryan Zapotochny—have earned a spot at the Canola Growers U21 Junior Provincials in Altona later this month. The quartet played well in the Central Regional U21 Berth Bonspiel in Holland on Saturday to earn a crack at the provincial title.

# Agriculture

# Deadline for India rules on Cdn. pulse fumigation nears

By Harry Siemens

For nearly 20 years, India and Canada conducted much great business in various pulse crops. Now, with India having two consecutive great crops themselves giving them an abundance of pulses, they are using fumigation rules as a non-tariff barrier, causing lentil prices in Saskatchewan to drop by half.

Saskatchewan is the largest province when it comes to pea acreage, with farmers seeding 2,165,000 acres in 2017. Manitoba is much lower, coming in at 65,000 acres this year.

In 2016, Canada's pulse exports including dry peas to India, were worth over \$1.1 billion, accounting for 27.5 percent of Canada's global pulse exports.

G. Chandrashekhar, a global agribusiness, and commodities market specialist, doesn't think India will benefit long-term by imposing these tariffs both monetary and non-monetary.

"India has been importing pulses for about 30 years now with Canada an important trading partner for India for the past 10 to 20 years. Almost 50 per cent per cent of India's imports come from Canada, whether the yellow pea or lentils and occasionally red lentils and green lentils," he said. "But over the last two years, since 2016, 2017, there's a huge rebound in India's pulses production going from something like 17 million tons to about 22 million tons."

Chandrashekhar said this resulted in India's dependence on imports substantially reduced and domestic prices of pulses dropping so low that local growers in India, small farmers, are agitating for better prices.

One of the ways the government of India has fought to support domestic prices has been to start restricting large-scale imports. In August, they placed quantitative restrictions on imports of certain pulse crops.

"Following that the government of India imposed a November 50 per cent customs duty on yellow peas. And there are other concerns now come December 31, 2017, the exemption given to imported pulses for fumigation with methyl bromide at the destination expires, which means come January 1, India will

allow pulses only if methyl bromide fumigation occurs at the origin," said Chandrashekhar. "That is in Canada, or in the U.S or Myanmar, in East Africa, or Syria, at the origin, at the exporting country.

"All these years we did that fumigation here in India, but the government has now said, 'No, methyl bromide is not a good fumigant, it hurts the ozone layer' and therefore the exporting countries cannot use Indian territory for fumigation and therefore they are now going to stop such imports. This puts enormous pressure on the supplying countries, including Canada."

In fact, Canada, the U.S., and many other countries banned the use of methyl bromide as a fumigant decades ago because it hurts the ozone layer. India has woken up to that reality only now.

"Therefore, the government believes that we should discourage the use of methyl bromide. But now some

For example, it could be aluminum phosphide, but methyl bromide is a potent fumigant and works in about twenty-four hours," Chandrashekhar said. "Aluminum phosphide takes up to a week for that fumigant to work effectively on food products like pulses. So I think we are exploring other options. But December 31, 2017, is the cutoff date, after which Indian authorities may not allow clearing of imported pulses without methyl bromide fumigation at the origin."

Chandrashekhar called it a very tricky situation and sensed something to ease the Dec. 31 deadline in some way. Maybe another three-month extension for these exemptions.

"You to work with and together with the Indian policymakers to address India's serious depression issue, but just don't treat India as a market and start lobbying for some concession or the other," he said. "I think the message has gone home well, but because

alternatives are being worked out. Indian production has rebounded massively this year, there's a huge amount of stock of indigenous pulses available in India, prices crashed, and farmers are truly agitating, the government has no choice but to stop some of these imports temporarily."

> Chandrashekhar assumes any number of marketers are advising the government of India, cautioning that this kind of harmful barriers and non-tariff barriers are only short-term fixes.

> "We need to find lasting solutions very soon. We need to strike partnership with supplying countries, after all, Canada has supported India. In supplying pulses over the last couple of decades, what if next year India monsoon does not behave well? What if India faces a drought? Then we'll go back to the markets, saying that well, we want pulses, which is what we did two years ago, so I would also caution the Indian policymakers."



# **Expansion to set HyLife apart**

By Harry Siemens

Earlier this year, HyLife announced plans to build a substantial new feed mill in Killarney.

Company president Claude Vielfaure said it will be identical to their original feed mill west of Steinbach and will accommodate their growth plans.

In the fall of 2016, HyLife announced a \$125 million investment and expansion of the company's Neepawa processing plant. Part of that was a feed mill at Killarney and several finishing barns.

"This feed mill is going to be a 250,000 tonne-a-year feed mill so it's going to feed a lot of pigs and we already have a lot of pigs in the area," said Vielfaure. "We want to increase hog production to the point where we can operate double shifts at the Neepawa processing plant."

Fast forward to December 2017 when Claude told me they have almost finished the processing plant, they've built two finishing barns, and nearly finished the feed mill at Killarney.

"The plant is going well on schedule, and we're looking at sometime in the springtime of starting up the new cut floor for the future, yeah. It'll be awesome," he said. "We're adding about 100,000 square feet to the whole plant. A big part of that is a new cut floor, so we're going to be closing down our old cut floor and repurposing it to other stuff."

Claude told me they are processing about 6,800 hogs per day on a five day week right now. With the expansion, the goal is to get to 7,500/day or just under 2 million pigs a year.

"Once we finish this expansion, we are going to be world-class and compete with anybody," he said. "It's about the quality of the meat. It's about shelf life. It's about the technology we're going to be using.

"We've had a strong focus in Japan, and have grown the market share there very well over the years. The demand is there for more, and we are sold out, so we're finding ways of getting more meat. Also, to sell in Japan, your quality has to be second to none, so we've focused on that and a little bit the reason we're making such a big investment in Neepawa is to continue to be leading edge on everything."

Switching to hogs, hog production, and are they getting the hogs they need to meet the growing demand:

"We've worked through the numbers over the last year and as the construction is going to end and we're going to increase, we have our hogs lined up for it," he said, noting they come from all over Manitoba and some from Saskatchewan as well.

The Killarney feed mill, meanwhile, is on track to open next sum-

"Construction is on time, and everything's going well there, so that's exciting. Also, we've built two sites this past year, two 10,000 head fin-

# Wheat Growers ready to move forward

By Harry Siemens

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association has new leadership with the Osborne Interim Management contracted to lead their day to day operations, policy development, stakeholder engagement, and communications.

"The Wheat Growers are happy to be working with the Osborne Interim Management team. We've grown substantially in the past number of years, and I believe that they will continue the momentum as we grow forward," said Jim Wickett, Wheat Growers chair.

Now in its 48th year of operation, the association is a voluntary farmerrun advocacy organization dedicated to developing policy solutions that strengthen the profitability and sustainability of farming, and the agricultural industry as a whole.

Wickett talked about the future of the Wheat Growers since the agency played such an essential role in the removal of the monopoly of the Canadian Wheat Board.

"There are always new issues come up. We had the same kind of discussion around our board at the time that the Wheat Board disbanded," he said. "We weren't too sure where our place was, and there's never a shortage to come up.

"Right now, we're working on the carbon tax issues and fighting for farmers as best we can on that front to say here we are. We're the group that has always worried about the environment for our entire lives. We're the ones that are thinking carbon, especially with the changes in cropping and whatnot, and practices, and technology, and tillage."

Wickett said farmers keep putting carbon back on the ground, yet it's the flavor of the day for the politicians. It's a new way for them to tax.

"I mean, you can sugarcoat it. You can put the lipstick on the pig, as they say, but this is nothing more than a brand new tax scheme. We're fighting tooth and nail to prevent that from happening."

The demise of the the single desk selling system brought with it new freedoms and challenges.

"We had a few hiccups getting started including the rail issues in 2013, but farmers are getting into it," Wickett said. "Guys are starting to do a little bit of forwarding contracting and the ability to deliver your entire crop off the combine if you so desire. I think that's helping for cash flow.

"I think it's putting a bit of squeeze on some of the companies. I think there are some growing pains in the companies themselves to contracting amounts and grains and that, that they have no possible way that they can take delivery within that contract month," he added. "That's another issue we're looking at is companies tying up your grain. You got a payment, so you agree to sell in, say, December and that's when your payment is due, and you're waiting in February, you still haven't delivered the grain. We need to look at this more within the contract specs because there needs to be some accountability, so we don't have these guys running around and grabbing all this grain and getting it all under contract, and have no intentions of moving it for a few months."

Wickett said some farmers have adapted to the new system better than others, depending on how comfortable they are at risk.

"Moving forward from there, I think that's the thing is you use the tools, whether it's forward pricing or a basis contract or something like that, as farmers get more familiar with that. I mean, we had 75 years of not having to do that. It was all done for you, and so this is a steep learning curve for some people," he said. "You know, we had that period in the summertime when wheat took that big rally. I got \$9 for some wheat delivered in

the first part of August, and that's the highest price I've ever got, and had carried that wheat through from about a \$6 price for most of the winter, and just kind of more luck than proper management on my part. I decided to move it into a rally, and it paid off. Guys that were able to contract during that rally, there was a lot of contracts sold for into September, October, and those guys are cashing in right now.

The Wheat Growers will have its 49th AGM in Washington, D.C. Feb 27 to March 1.

"That's one of our biggest trading partners, for sure," Wickett said. "We have a lot of synergies with them, especially in Western Canada, on the grain side. So we just felt that that would be a good fit this year with the NAFTA negotiations going on, and the U.S. Wheat Associates are there, the National Association of Wheat Growers are there, so we'll be having some talks with them and having them at our convention.

"Growers will be able to talk to those guys direct and learn some stuff. Every time I go to those things and talk to the guys, I learn a little bit more."

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ishing sites that we're going to be putting pigs here in the barns very soon, and then we had the open house that was sometime in November, about the potential of maybe building more pig sites.

"We want to grow, yes. That's part of the feed mill, it's in a location, so obviously we want to grow around the feed mill for transportation and feed costs, makes a lot of sense, so we continue to look for potential sites that we could build and get more pigs from."

Vielfaure said the attempt by the Westman Opportunities Leadership Group's plan to attract investment to build a world-class soybean processing plant is excellent.

"We use a lot of soybeans, and it'll increase, obviously, how much soybeans farmers produce soybean is grown, so we think it's going to be a positive thing."

We ended our conversation on a more somber note: that of the horrendous PED virus outbreak in Manitoba.

"We got hit quite hard in the southeast. We got quite a few cases over the spring/summer, but yes, it's quieted down significantly. We've taken a lot of measures right now to try to eradicate it out of our system. It's a process that we are working through, but it's going very well and, hopefully, at some point in the next six months we'll be able to say that all our sites are presumed negative and be able to continue without it, hopefully,"he said.

# **SMC** presents A Christmas Carol



Southern Manitoba Concerts presented the Royal Manitoba Theatre Company's production of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens last Friday at Buhler Hall in Gretna. The adaptation featured one actor— Rod Beattie, at left—in all the roles and played before a soldout crowd. Next up for SMC is Canadian Brass performing at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church on Jan. 14. More details are available online at southernmanitobaconcerts. ora.

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# Sno Goers have fingers crossed for snow

By Lorne Stelmach

Vern Wieler had high hopes with the early snowfall this season.

It could have meant getting a good start on things for the Border Valley Sno Goers club, but of course it didn't

"We just need a little bit of snow," the club president said after their annual meeting last week in Plum Cou-

"If we would have kept the snow that we got in the beginning and got about another amount as much at this time ... we probably would have started doing some grooming," said Wieler. "That snow all went away on us, so we are in waiting mode again ... but once we can get going, we're going to go hard at it."

There were about 20 people who turned out for the annual meeting, where memberships were available.

"Generally, our membership on average comes out to be about 40 members," said Wieler, noting they would have a better idea of how it is shaping up in the new year.

The club draws its members from a fairly large geographic area.

"We go as far west as Morden and east to the Red River,"Wieler said.

He estimated they have over 220 miles of groomed trail for riding each year over an area that starts at Morden and goes east to Morris, south to Emerson, and then back through the Altona area to Winkler

"It all gets marked really well," Wieler noted. "We're in a lot of open country ... we try to locate the trails as much off travelled roads and tree lines ... just to get away from the traffic. We don't have the luxury of a lot of bush in this area here like they do further west or down east."

The club tries to hold a number of special events throughout the season depending on the weather and conditions. They generally like to have a Family Ride Day which Wieler suggested might be done in February when it is getting a little milder again.

"We also try to have some snowmobile radar runs a few times through the winter ... if you're a member, it doesn't cost you anything."

Annual memberships are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for a family (including spouse and children under the age of 16).

Members can keep up to date on

news, events, and conditions through the club's website (snowgoers.ca).

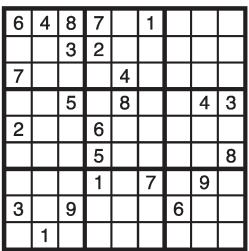
Wieler stressed that there are lots of volunteer opportunities available throughout the season.

"We always need volunteers. We do have a pretty corp of volunteers right now ... it's always good to have more volunteers than too little."

Border Valley Sno Goers operate in association with Snoman Inc. If you want to travel on Snoman trails, you must have a valid Snopass sticker displayed on your license plate.

The Snopass fee helps to enhance recreational snowmobiling across Manitoba and supports the local Snoman member clubs who groom and maintain more than 12,000 km of designated trails across Manitoba.

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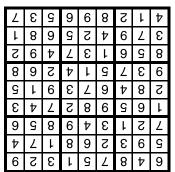


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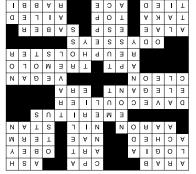
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in 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!



Sudoku Answer



**Crossword Answer** 

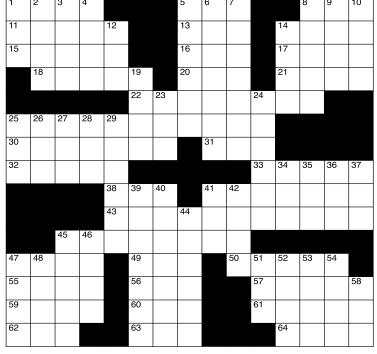
## **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Member of a Semitic people
- 5. Certified public accountant
- 8. Residue
- 11. Sayings attributed to Christ
- 13. The products of human creativity
- 14. Listen to
- 15. Longed
- 16. No (Scottish)
- 17. Descriptor
- 18. Yankees' sensation Judge
- 20. Zero
- 21. Comics legend Lee
- 22. Honorary title holder
- 25. "Uncle Joey"
- 30. Graceful and stylish
- 31. Pitching term
- 32. Former Mets outfielder
- 33. One who avoids animal products
- 38. Quick to learn
- 41. Mechanism in an organ
- 43. Redo with new materials
- 45. Epics
- 47. Wings
- 49. Extrasensory perception
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Bangladeshi monetary unit
- 56. Not the bottom
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Bound
- 60. One who is highly skilled
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Tall, rounded vase
- 63. Liturgical language of Hinduism (abbr.)
- 64. Cheek

## **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Pie mode
- 2. Portuguese cape

# ROSSWORD



- 3. Ottoman military title
- 4. Movable frame used in burials
- 5. Type of coal
- 6. A treeless grassy plain
- 7. Artist's workroom
- 8. Assists
- 9. Protein-rich liquids
- 10. A song of praise to God
- 12. Much \_\_ about nothing
- 14. Japanese city
- 19. Atomic number 10
- 23. Egyptian goddess
- 24. Go places
- 25. Having ten
- 26. Complete 27. Automotive belt
- 28. Psyche
- 29. Melodious bird

- 34. Medical personnel
- 35. Acquired
- 36. Type of beverage
- 37. Neither
- 39. Spanish monetary units
- 40. Small area of grass
- **41. Your**
- 42. Diana \_\_\_, singer
- 44. Salt's partner
- 45. Made of wood
- 46. No longer alive
- 47. Alaskan island
- 48. Wild animal's resting place
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Partiality
- 53. "Luther" actor Idris 54. UNLV's "Runnin' \_\_"
- 58. Criticize

# **New Winkler home for** pregnancy care centre

By Lorne Stelmach

Moving had not been in the plans this year for the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, but the organization finds itself in a new home heading into the new year.

It recently finished moving from the ALG Building to Main Plaza at Unit 400 – 555 Main Street in Winkler.

When the opportunity arose, the move made sense for the centre, suggested executive director Linda Marek.

"Over the years, the centre has grown, and the demand for services has increased," she said.

"When we considered all this space has to offer, we thought it allows us to make more progress on our goals of empowering women in their pregnancy decisions, equipping men and women in their parenting adventure and extending hope through healing supports for anyone impacted by loss.

"It's a lovely space," Marek added. "The dust hasn't quite settled, but we are excited to be here. The first day we were open in our new space, we had six new clients come for help and

The new location offers more square feet, a meeting room and accessibility in the community, and those factors will allows the centre to develop and expand its programming, said board chairperson Konrad Loewen.

"When we look over the past few years at the client numbers and the annual increase in requests for services, the board and centre team thought it was a wise move," he said.

"Relocating to be closer to places like the high schools or the Bunker makes sense," Loewen added. "We will see what the new year brings, but we are planning towards another increase in client numbers."

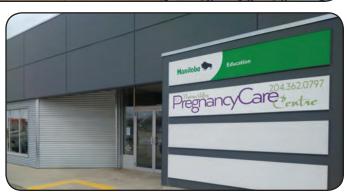
Because a relocation was not in the initial plans for the centre, there have been some additional and unexpected costs. To help alleviate these, donations can be made to the centre to Box 2504, Winkler, MB R6W 4C2 or online at www.pvpcc.com.

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre offers a range of free and confidential services including pregnancy tests, options counselling, parenting support, baby items, support in



## **SUBMITTED PHOTOS**

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre has moved shop from its old location to a space in Main Plaza at 555 Main St. in Winkler.



labor/delivery, infant loss and miscarriage counselling, advocacy and guidance, adoption support, postabortion counseling, prenatal classes and support for dads-to-be.

The Winkler location is open Tues-

day and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. PVPCC's Morden satellite office is open Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# Walk or bike Morden's Tour of Lights Dec. 19

By Lorne Stelmach

An event next week is aiming to get Mordenites both active and into the spirit of the season.

The Walk or Bike Tour of Lights Tuesday, Dec. 19 builds on last year's inaugural event that encouraged people to consider biking as an activity that is still very much possible in the winter.

"There's a couple goals for the event," said organizer Stephanie

Dueck. "One is to promote active transportation no matter the season. We can bike and walk in the winter as long as we are mindful of the safety concerns. Once you start, you find that it's actually not so bad ... so we're trying to encourage people to consider the thought of active commuting."

Dueck added they also see the evening as just helping "build some Christmas spirit. It's also building community. Having events like this

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brings people together who might not otherwise gather together."

You can join in on the tour either by bike or on foot starting at 6 p.m. from the suncatch at the Pembina Hills Gallery in downtown Morden.

Sheena Kilpatrick of Harmony Tree Studio will lead the walk while Peter Loewen of Country Cycle will lead the bike ride through the city to view Christmas lights.

There will also be a short presentation on safety considerations for winter cycling or walking. There will also be draws for prizes from Country Cycle and Apothecary of Morden.

"Once we're done those routes, we'll head back to the art gallery for hot chocolate and there will be some live music provided by Douglas Kuhl School of Music students," Dueck said.

# Nighthawks, Thunder at Brandon Tournament

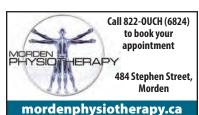
The Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks hockey team fell to Garden City 4-1 in the quarterfinals in Brandon over the weekend.

The tournament previously saw Winkler fall to St. John's Ravenscourt 3-2 and beat Major Pratt 10-3. They rounded out the weekend with a 4-1 victory over the Kelvin Clippers before falling to Vincent Massey 4-1.

Also at the tournament were the Morden Thunder, who fell to Dauphin 4-3 and Vincent Massey 2-1 in the round robin and then beat the Dryden Eagles 2-0 before bowing to Virden 3-2. They ended the weekend with a 4-1 victory over the

In Zone 4 hockey action, NPC bested Carman Nov. 6 by a score of 3-2. The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs lost to the W.C. Miller Aces 11-0 Friday night and to the Morris Mavericks 9-2 on Saturday.

















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# CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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As much as some things have changed over the years at what has now been Pembina Valley Chrysler for a decade, much stays the same.

Not only has the commitment to quality and service remained, but the dealership is home to many familiar faces, including Ruth Isaac, who has been welcoming people there for about 40 years.

"We've retained a lot of the employees and a lot of the same things that Garden City Chrysler did. We've worked very hard to be an employee and customer focused business," said general manager Chris Willsey.

The business that started out as Hamm's Garage in the 1940s became a Chrysler dealership under Max Friesen and Wilf Warkentin in 1967. It was then sold in 2007 to Pembcorp, who gave the dealership its current name.

Willsey credits the company's success to the staff of 16 people working with him, all of whom take great pride in what they do.

"We have a great group of people," he said, adding they place an emphasis on crosstraining.

"We try to make sure people are familiar enough with the other functions of the business that they can at least guide a customer to the right person, get them at least part of the information that they need and help out," Willsey said, citing the example that he might go help out in the wash bay on a Saturday if they are not fully staffed. "Everybody digs in and gets it done ... it's all just about serving the customer."



Pembina Valley Chrysler's Ken Reimer and Chris Willsey are proud to be part of a business focused on both its customers and employees.

Willsey added those customers can look forward to a few "refreshes" in their product lines for 2018.

"There's some really exciting product changes coming in the next year."



















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CITY OF MORDEN 2018 FINANCIAL PLAN and BORROWING BY-LAWS 28-2017 and 29-2017

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act, the Council of the City of Morden invite all ratepayers of the City of Morden to a Public Hearing in respect to the 2018 Financial Plan (Budget) for the City of Morden. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested persons to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan.

A presentation of the Financial Plan will be made at the Morden Civic Centre on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Copies of the Financial Plan will be available on December 14, 2017.

In accordance with section 174.1(2) of the Municipal Act notice is hear by given that following the financial plan hearing on Monday 18th December 2017 two Debenture By-Laws in support of the Financial Plan will be given 1st reading.

By-Law 28-2017 BEING a By-law to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of funds for the development of sports

With an estimated cost of \$600,000 to complete the work with all funds being \$600,000 being borrowed and no other funds of any kind to be applied to this project.

It is estimated that the Term of the Borrowing will be for 10 years at a current 10-year rate of 3.625% per annum.

The annual taxation revenue to be raised to furnish the principle and interest at the above-mentioned interest rate is \$71.620.20.

By-Law 29-2017 BEING a By-law to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of funds for the redevelopment of the Civic Centre.

With an estimated cost of \$500,000 to complete the work with all funds being \$500,000 being borrowed and no other funds of any kind to be applied to this project.

It is estimated that the Term of the Borrowing will be for 10 years at a current 10-year rate of 3.625% per annum.

The annual taxation revenue to be raised to furnish the principle and interest at the above-mentioned interest rate is \$59.683.44

Financial Plan Hearing and Borrowing By-Laws first readings will take place at Morden City Council Civic Centre, 100-195 Stephen St. Morden, Manitoba

## **NOTICES**

## **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of ROBERT DEMKE, late of the City of Morden, in the Province of Manitoba, deceased.

ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be sent to the undersigned at 184 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, R6W 0M3, within four (4) weeks of the date of this publication.

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## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Ron and Phyllis Rempel of Morden are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Shallon to Matthew son of Dannie and Dianne Oleschak of Alonsa

A December 16, 2017 wedding has been planned.

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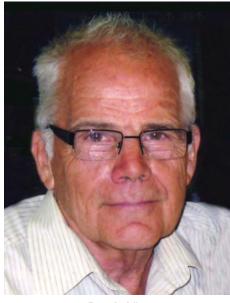
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In memory of Menno Friesen who passed away December 17, 2007

Ten years have passed. But it doesn't change the way I feel. For no one knows the heartache That lies behind our smiles. You're so wonderful to think of. And so hard to be without.

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Because someone we love is in Heaven There's a little bit of Heaven in our home. -Janice and family

## OBITUARY

## James Allan Johnston 1935 - 2017

On Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Tabor Personal Care Home in Morden, MB, Allan Johnston age 82 years formerly of Darlingford, MB passed away.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 62 years, Edith (nee McElroy); three children, Maureen Nash (Randy), Shauna Morrow (Dwight) and Kevin Johnston (Angie); seven grandchildren, Tyler (Ashley), Courtney, Breanne, Kyle, Mikyla, Jocelyn and Bryce; great-grandchildren, Mason and Maeva. Also mourning his passing are his brother, Bob Johnston (Ruth); sister-in-law, Helen Johnston and brothers-in-law, Ed Kenaschuk, Eugene Milne as well as his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Harry (1980) and Elva (1986) Johnston, brothers, Neil Johnston (1952)

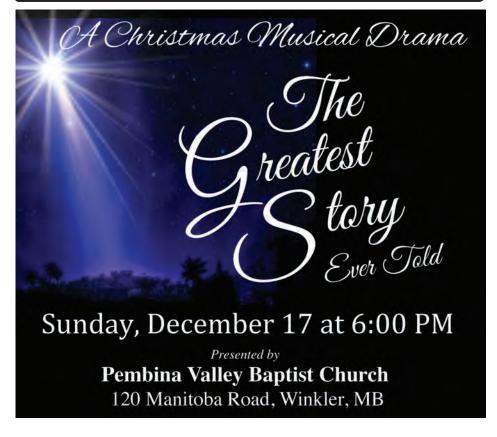
and Orville Johnston (1990) and sisters, Marion Milne (2015) and Vivian Kenaschuk (2010).

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with ash interment prior at Darlingford Cemetery.

Special thanks to Tabor Home for their great care and kindness. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Allan's memory to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

> Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden In care of arrangements wiebefuneralhomes.com





## **Cornelius Thiessen** 1928 - 2017

With heavy heart we announce the passing of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Cornie was born in Mexico November 18, 1928 and came to Canada as an infant. In 1947, he was baptized and joined the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. In 1948, he married Helen Penner. He was married 68 years, two months and 18 days. He was blessed with five children, two girls and three boys: Shirley Joan July 1949, Mary Sue Helen November 29, 1956 (both deceased) and is survived by Gerald October 19, 1952, Sheldon September 6, 1955 and James June 4, 1961 as well as daughter-in-law, Marianne, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5,

2017 at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Winkler Cemetery. We thank Pastor Jake Doell and the Bergthaler Vocal Ensemble led by George Ens; thanks to Jake Hildebrand and Michele Dogdick for the obituary and eulogy and a very special thanks to Dr. Dhala, nurses and staff at Salem Home. We also thank Wiebe Funeral Home.

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