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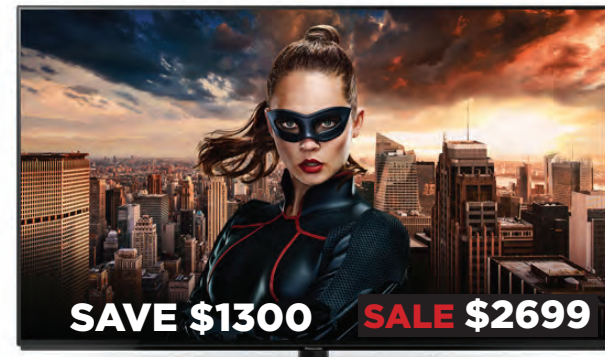


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**Holiday feast**

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Regional Connections invited local residents new and old to a Taste of the Holidays potluck at St. Paul's United Church Dec. 12. Everyone was asked to bring along a favourite holiday treat to share, creating a truly multicultural feast. For the full story, see Pg. 12.

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# Morden Area Fdn. distributes \$22K in grants

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Area Foundation celebrated the season of giving gifts by handing out a couple last Tuesday.

At its annual meeting/Christmas party, the foundation presented the Morden Legion with a grant of \$17,040 to help replace its elevator and the Morden Activity Centre with \$5,000 towards new flooring.

"It's unbelievable. That's over half of the project ... I can't say how grateful the branch is," said Bob Frost, Legion president.

Combined with some other fundraising and what they are able to use from the Poppy Fund, the grant means the Legion can move forward with replacing the aging elevator next spring.

"This is what put us over the top. We were looking at probably two to three years of fundraising," Frost said, going on to stress how vital the project is to the facility. "We don't have

a lot of people who use it right now ... but they're regulars. There's probably four to six and, as time passes on, we're going to have more and more as people are aging."

For the Morden Activity Centre, replacing the flooring will cost up to \$45,000. They have now secured about \$10,000 for the project, with another significant grant in the works.

Board rep Evelyn Currie noted it's an important upgrade considering how much the centre is used

"There's anywhere from 25-30 activities that are going on on a weekly basis," she estimated, adding there are at least

800 people or more in and out of the facility every month.

"It really means a lot to our centre," Currie said of the donation.

With these two grants, the Morden Area Foundation has now distributed over \$1.1 million back to the community since its inception 25 years ago.

With \$125,000 in donations com-

**"THIS IS WHAT PUTS US OVER THE TOP."**



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Area Foundation treasurer Ken Friesen presents a \$17,040 grant for the elevator project at the Morden Legion to branch executive reps Bob Frost, Tammy Petkau, and Harvey Kinsman.

ing into the foundation over the past year, the endowment funds have hit the \$1.7 million and counting mark.

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# Winkler, Morden hosting National Women's U18 Championship

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler and Morden are joining forces to host a major national hockey championship in 2019.

The two cities will jointly welcome the future stars of the female game in Canada next November for the 2019 National Women's Under-18 Championship.

It's another feather in the area's cap just a few years after Morden successfully hosted the 2017 Esso Cup national female midget championship.

"It's exciting to welcome Hockey Canada back to the region," said Clare Agnew, who is co-chairing the host organizing committee alongside Winkler's Jordan Driedger.

"There was such positive energy in the community during the Esso Cup, it makes planning this one even more exciting. The confidence of Hockey Canada and our understanding of its

expectations makes for a great partnership."

It will also be the first time Manitoba hosts the championship, which is held annually except for years where the Canada Winter Games take place.

The tournament features teams from across the country. Ontario teams have won each of the 12 gold medals. Manitoba will be looking to add a first national title to their two silver and three bronze medals.

Agnew noted it will be an opportunity to see a high level of hockey as Canada's future female superstars compete for their provinces before possibly competing to wear the Maple Leaf at world championships and the Olympics.

"Hockey Canada uses this as a scouting board for their national team," she said. "This is certainly a huge stepping stone towards Canada's Olympic team ... so there's a lot at stake for the players.

"It's a national event, and it's going to bring a lot of people to the region," Agnew added. "The final game will be televised on TSN ... so

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From left: Morden's Clare Agnew and Mayor Brandon Burley with Winkler's Mayor Martin Harder and Jordan Driedger. The two communities are jointly hosting the 2019 National Women's U18 Championship. Agnew and Driedger are co-chairing the organizing committee.

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Within the overall investments is a general endowment fund that represents the largest portion at about \$742,000, but there is also the administrative endowment fund at \$207,000 and the recreation and sport fund at \$135,000. Other major portions include the Woman's Giving

Circle fund at \$84,000 as well as the foundation-managed fund at \$89,000 and foundation scholarship fund at \$64,000.

There are also a range of other targeted funds such as those for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, Morden Caring and Sharing, Corn and

Apple Festival, Pembina Hills Arts Council, Pembina Valley Humane Society, South Central Cancer Resource, and South Central Regional Library as well as a variety of scholarship funds.

"It's been really good," said executive director Lynda Lambert of the past year, pointing to the success of a number of their initiatives, including the 24 Hour Giving Challenge.

"It just went off the clock ... we gained \$27,110, and then we get \$6,000 [in matching funds] on top of that, so that's really good," Lambert said.

"[Power of the Purse] has caught on and women are excited for that to be coming up again in March," she added. "We have the Pay It Forward in May.

"I think our awareness is finally starting to click," Lambert suggested. "We have been trying to work on awareness and get people to notice and do things, and I think it's finally clicking and people are responding."

"We've done a lot of awareness on helping people understand what the foundation does and how important it is to the community, and I think people have really responded to that," agreed board chairperson Allison Braun.

"People in the community and the area have been very generous," she added. "We did really well this year in increasing our endowment fund ... and thankfully the markets have been good. It allows us to just give that much more back to the community."

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Morden Area Foundation board member Merley Wiebe presented a \$5,000 grant for the flooring project at the Morden Activity Centre to reps Neha Kohli and Evelyn Currie.

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# Technical problems slowing down Morenet rollout

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden anticipates making progress again with the rollout of its Morenet high speed internet service in the new year.

City officials last week admitted technical problems have delayed the expansion of the service throughout the community.

"With this sort of thing, there always are challenges ... especially with something of this scale," said Mayor Brandon Burley.

"Completion of the network will be ongoing ... we have assurances it will be done in 2019," he continued. "We'll have the core network done in 2019, but there will always be small tweaks here and there to improve perfor-

mance."

A prepared statement explained that the City of Morden was sold towers with the assurance they were engineered and CSA approved for the necessary loads, but this was discovered not to be the case.

"Our towers are subject to significant wind loads in addition to equipment weight," Burley said. "Subsequently, it was deemed imprudent to have employees climb towers or to install towers without assurances of their safety and fitness for use."

"Consultations with professional engineers resulted in the determination that the towers could be used safely if reduced in height from 112 to 80 feet," the mayor continued. "After

receiving this report, our contractor was asked to provide information on the viability of the network, given the new constraints. Last week he determined the network would succeed but would require an additional tower to provide appropriate coverage."

The city is working on contract now with Dave Haines, who formerly worked with the City of Morden in planning and engineering and as deputy city manager of operations.

As for the timeline, Burley said they "expect work to progress at a pace consistent to that of early 2018, prior to discovering this challenge."

And work has been progressing, he noted, with one more tower installed on Grant Street and another one in

the works "that will cover quite a bit of north central Morden ... then we keep going west from there."

Burley said he understands the frustration of residents left waiting as a result of the delays, and he noted that council decided to wait to update the community until they were more certain of the extent of the problems and the solutions.

"We waited until we knew better what the outcome would be," he said.

The city has touted Morenet as the first community-owned high speed internet service in Canada.

The city is offering the service for no monthly fee, though hook-up does come with an initial cost to residents of around \$400.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra) 2019/20 General Rate Application

Centra has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval of new rates charged to natural gas customers effective August 1, 2019. Centra is seeking changes to the rates that cover Centra's cost of purchasing and transporting natural gas to Manitoba, effective August 1, 2019. Details are outlined in Centra's General Rate Application, available at: [www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory\\_affairs/gas/gra\\_2019\\_2020/](http://www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/gas/gra_2019_2020/)

The impact of this Application is a decrease of approximately 6.2% or \$42 on the annual bill for a typical residential customer. Customer bill impacts are provided for Sales Service customer classes for a range of consumption levels in the table below.

2019/20 General Rate Application	Annual Bill Impact
Customer Class	% Change
Small General Service	(4.7%) – (7.7%)
Large General Service	0.5% – 0.8%
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# The strength of our community

**A**s another year winds down and we prepare to celebrate and hope for 2019 one thing remains absolutely certain: no matter what our opinions, no matter our beliefs, our conflicts, and our desires, time marches forward.



**By Peter Cantelon**

I point this out to provide perspective. Generation after generation has come and gone, as will ours and hopefully future ones as well.

I am not waxing morbid. I'm simply considering things as they always have been and are.

Despite our natures, we have done pretty amazing things. Both individually and collectively.

Look at the past year and ask yourself what do you most appreciate and want to remember? Family, friends, success, creativity, joy, passion, accomplished goals, and adversity overcome. No one wants the pinnacle of their year to be defined by conflict, hate, anger, sickness, death and disunity.

We celebrate the growth of our communities, the expansion of families, and even in death we seek to celebrate the good of a life lived.

Recently I had the opportunity to enjoy a lunch with friends on the Pembina Valley Multifaith Council. We were discussing the holiday season, this Christmas season, and our similarities and differences.

There we were—Muslim, Sikh and Christian—all talking about what it means to be part of this community in the Pembina Valley, especially around Christmas when you are not a part of the Christian community.

Each person emphasized how wel-

come they have been made to feel here. Each person stressed how much they appreciated calling Winkler, Morden, and the surrounding communities home. Christmas for them was as much a time to celebrate as it was for me.

I learned our Muslim neighbours celebrated the birth of Christ as well. To them, Jesus was a prophet to be revered. Our Sikh neighbours, meanwhile, are celebrating a festival on Jan. 5 commemorating the birth of Guru Gobind Singh.

Each of us, regardless of our beliefs, has found reason to be festive and enjoy the year's end in strikingly similar ways—in worship, light, hope, and, of course, food.

While there are profound differences between different peoples of faith and people who hold no

religious beliefs, we can and should consider the value of focusing on what unites us rather than divides.

To the insecure this is difficult and offensive. There is a fear that any emphasis on similarity somehow enables the differences, when in reality it only serves to bring us closer together where it matters most: as a community.

Furthermore, getting closer to our neighbours and better understanding their beliefs serves to sharpen our own and challenges us to better un-

derstand why we believe what we do.

It is good to know we share common values of honesty, integrity, truth, hard work, and community. It is important to understand as we enter a new year that each of us is seeking the betterment and well-being of the broader community, province, and country we live in. When we ask "who is our neighbour" the response is "such as these."

The year is almost over. Many of us are celebrating the birth of Christ to a Middle Eastern couple who were living in brutal circumstances. They

were persecuted, chased, tormented, and turned away. We remember that at least a shelter for animals and a food trough were made available for a young pregnant girl to give birth in.

We remember that this same couple was driven out of their

country by a tyrannical government and forced to live for years as refugees under the goodwill of a foreign power. Yet still they found a community despite differing beliefs and customs. Still they found compassion and neighbourliness.

No matter what we celebrate as the year ends and a new one begins, our stories do not simply speak of division and difference. They speak to the value of unity, community, compassion, and hope. May these things light and undergird the new year ahead.

**"OUR STORIES DO NOT SIMPLY SPEAK OF DIVISION AND DIFFERENCE."**

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# Superstore collecting food donations until Dec. 24

By Lorne Stelmach

Real Canadian Superstore is helping put food on the table for local families in need this holiday season.

The Winkler store's Christmas food drive continues until Dec. 24 in support of the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

Over the past two weeks, the campaign, which has a goal of \$6,000, has already raised over \$5,000 in food and cash donations.

"So we're going to exceed that by a long shot. It's really gone well," said store manager Wayne Tyler. "We want to help families who are less fortunate ... it's a community effort."

"I would say our community is one of the most generous in our district," added front end manager Rose Froese. "We always raise the most amount of money, even compared to the big Winnipeg stores. We exceed them in donations, so we really appreciate our customers and our communities for taking such good care of each other."

The store does food drives three times a year, collecting donations of non-perishables in the bins or monetary gifts at the tills.

The initiative collects in excess of \$10,000 annually for the food bank, sometimes hitting heights of \$15,000.

"When you talk to them, there's a lot of families who rely on this," Tyler said. "The food cupboard always come in and they very much appreciate it ... especially in the summer months when things get tougher."

He noted that even a small donation is all it takes to help ensure everyone is able to enjoy a special holiday dinner.

"We know that sometimes there's a big difference between dinner at our own house and what's on the table just down the street," said Tyler. "We want to inspire people in Winkler to make meaningful donations of funds

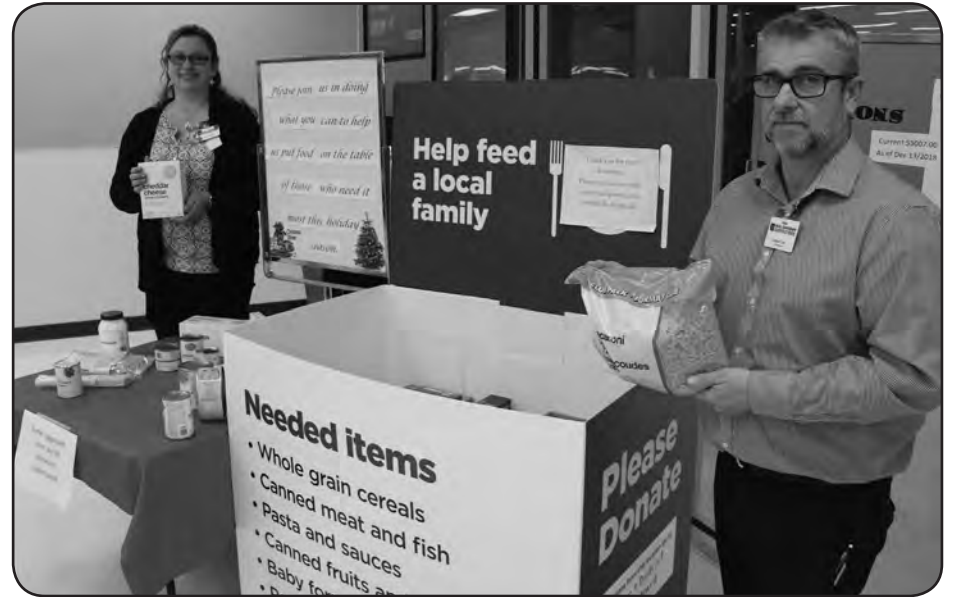


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Real Canadian Superstore managers Rose Froese and Wayne Tyler encourage the community to make a donation at the Winkler store in support of the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

and food to our local food bank so we can help bridge the gap between neighbours and make sure everyone

has a happy holiday and nutritious food throughout the winter months."

## Winkler issues tax rebates to growing local businesses

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler city council is pleased at how its commercial and industrial financial assistance program has been received in its first full year of operation.

At its Dec. 11 meeting, council heard

that to date 15 companies have received a collective total of \$21,499 in tax rebates.

With applications allowed until Dec. 31, many more businesses may still apply for the year.

The incentive program, which was created in 2017 but really started to

find its footing this year, rebates a portion of taxes paid to businesses who have increased the value of their properties due to a building addition, renovation, or entirely new construction.

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## Winkler comes together to make Christmas bright for everyone

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As it does every year, the community of Winkler came together in a big way in support of families in need last week.

The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board delivered upwards of 400 hampers the evening of Dec. 12. That's up about 50 from the year before.

A crew of a couple dozen volunteers spent three days filling the hampers with food, toiletries, and children's gifts. A small army of drivers then showed up Wednesday evening to bring the hampers to every corner of Winkler and the surrounding area in record time.

"It's wonderful. It's such a community effort," says incoming board president Kris Derksen. "It's so nice to see, with everybody doing their part, this is what happens."

Community donations, though down a little bit from past years, are what allow the Cheer Board to put a smile on the faces of people who need a little extra help to get through the holidays.

"We don't worry a lot about it," noted outgoing president Francis Fehr of the annual donations of money and food. "We trust the community to come through and somehow it just always happens. This year won't be any different than last year in that respect."

Indeed, local schools sent over

truckloads of food donations, while a number of businesses got into the spirit as well.

Among them were Access Credit Union and Winkler Canvas, who squared off against each other to see who could collect the most non-perishable food items. ACU won it with 1,650 pounds to the 650 pounds from Winkler Canvas, but the real winner was the Cheer Board and its recipients.

"The reality is this could be something that they don't get otherwise, especially with the gifts for the kids," Fehr said. "It gives them a bit of Christmas to enjoy."

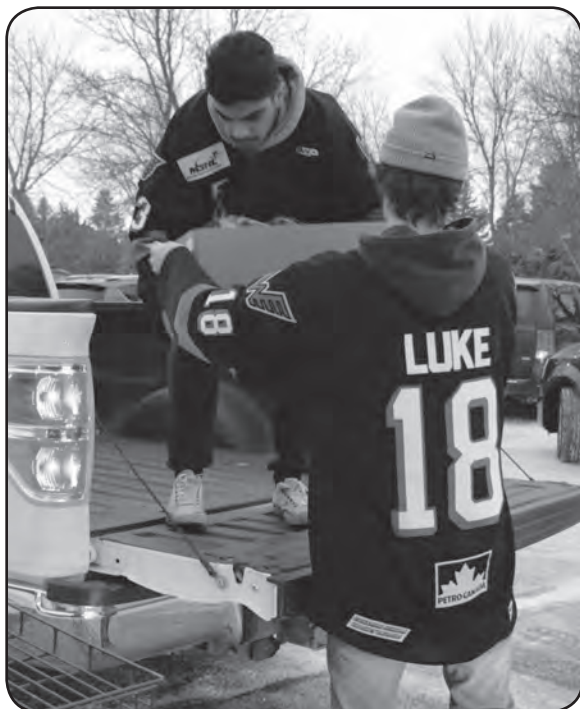
While it's the volunteer drivers who get to interact with recipients upon delivery, Fehr noted the stories of joy and gratitude certainly make their way back to the board.

"We hear some of those stories throughout the year and it just kind of keeps us going," he said. "It drives us."

For first-time drivers Jeff and Linda Doerksen, seeing the impact the boxes of goodies have on the families eagerly awaiting them had them returning multiple times to the Cheer Board depot to pick up more hampers to deliver.

"They're all smiles and really happy to receive it all," said Jeff as he loaded up another batch of hampers. "It's really cool to see the community coming together like this for people who need it."

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ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE  
Winkler Christmas  
Cheer Board volunteers  
set up camp at the  
Winkler EMMC last week  
to pack and then deliver  
upwards of 400 care  
hampers for families  
in need. Above, right:  
Organizers Francis Fehr  
and Kris Derksen take a  
breather in front of the  
ocean of hampers. Left:  
The Winkler Flyers lent  
their brawn to load up  
the boxes for the army  
of delivery drivers who  
showed up to help out  
the evening of Dec. 12.





# “There is going to be a lot of exposure for our region”

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She said planning and preparations will start to gear up pretty quickly in the new year for the tournament, which historically has generated more than \$1.5 million in economic

impact for the host region. As with all Hockey Canada events, net proceeds will remain here to support the growth of the game.

“There’s a lot of things that are going to have to happen quickly,” Agnew said. “In January, when we start, we have to be very focused on all of the different tasks that have

to be completed in order to host the event in the beginning of November.

“Some of that has already started, and we’re hoping to do our sponsorship drive in early January.”

Agnew estimates the tournament could involve up to 150 volunteers between the two communities.

“We will need to double up on some of the responsibilities,” she noted. “There are some things we will have to do twice because we are using two venues.

“We have to do this together,” Agnew stressed. “If we want to do a bigger tournament, we have to use Winkler’s ice and vice versa. We really can put a stronger bid together than we can apart.”

“Although both communities are capable of hosting large scale events on their own, we are stronger together,” agreed Morden Mayor Brandon Burtle in a statement. “We are excited to have the opportunity to build on the

success of the Esso Cup.”

“Winkler has a history of hosting very successful events,” said Winkler Mayor Martin Harder. “Our community has always rallied around these events thanks to the strength of our volunteers. We look forward to hosting this and future events with our neighbours to the west.”

“Hockey Manitoba is extremely confident that Morden and Winkler will present an exceptional atmosphere in order to guarantee a positive, successful, and memorable event,” said Bill Whitehead, president of Hockey Manitoba. “Both communities have a deep history in the promotion and operation of events and are excited about the opportunity to stage the 2019 National Women’s Under-18 Championship.”

For more information on Hockey Canada and the National Women’s Under-18 Championship, visit HockeyCanada.ca.

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Rebates start off at a high percentage of taxes owed on the increased assessment value and then steadily scale down over a five year period.

“I had the privilege today of doing the payables and I saw some of these cheques coming across my desk and it’s literally tens of thousands of dollars,” said Mayor Martin Harder. “It’s a huge incentive for our industrial and commercial businesses to invest in Winkler.

“We think the system works,” he added. “We’ve had tremendous growth and some of it is attributable to this incentive plan.”

Harder noted this rebate has in fact attracted new companies to town, in addition to encouraging homegrown businesses in their growth plans.

“We’re very pleased with the numbers,” he said, going on to caution business owners that the rebate is not automatic.

“I want to remind people that this is an application you have to apply for ... check with our planning department and fill out an application to get your refund. It’s there for the taking.”

Applications for the program are available at [cityofwinkler.ca](http://cityofwinkler.ca) or at City Hall.

In other council matters, the transportation and utilities committee is looking into what can be done in regards to a complaint the city recently received.

A letter from an unnamed citizen expressed concern about the condition of the sidewalks along 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th streets and parts of Mountain Ave. The main concern expressed was walkability for seniors and the mobility challenged. Additional lighting on 6th St. at the Crocus building was also requested.

Mayor Harder said the city is taking a look at its entire sidewalk system to check for condition, accessibility, and safety.

“[City workers are] evaluating the sidewalks as a whole because we have a lot of sidewalks that are needing some improvements,” he said. “They’re going to do the ones that are in the worst shape.

“We’ve done that before,” Harder added. “If you take a look down Mountain, as an example, that sidewalk was atrocious and that’s all been done all the way down to 15th St. So we look at the areas of the community that are least accessible and we work on those.”

Other concerns that have come in regarding drivers speeding on residential streets could perhaps be addressed by additional speed monitors in certain neighbourhoods, the mayor said.

“When those lights come flashing on ... you know you’re speeding, so you adjust,” he said. “I think that’s an opportunity there to help remind people when they’re speeding.”

A few other items of interest that came up at the Dec. 11 meeting include:

- Council approved the appointments of John Neufeld, Albert Heide, Shirley Janzen, and Coun. Henry Siemens to the Winkler Police Board.

- A conditional use was approved to allow Gateway Resources to use a residential property on Scotia Drive as a wheelchair-accessible group home for three of its participants. The agency provides services and programs for adults living with intellectual disabilities.

“We have a number of these facilities throughout the city and all of them fit into the neighbourhood very well,” noted Harder, lauding Gateway as well for reaching out to neighbours in that area in advance to explain their plans.

There were no objections to the application and it passed unanimously.



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# Christmas coffee gives Friesen a chance to chat with constituents

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen took time to meet with constituents last Friday.

His Christmas coffee gathering in Morden allowed him a good opportunity to meet informally with area residents—something that can be challenging with him now holding down the minister of health portfolio.

“At the end of the day, this is the most important stuff to do,” Friesen said. “Obviously, as a minister, I have some significant demands on my time, but constituency responsibilities come first. These are the people who elect me to be their representative.

“That means that, besides the regular array of health related things that come across my minister’s desk, there’s the regular array of constituency issues that come across my desk, and it’s important to be very, very good with our time, very good stewards of the time, because people still expect those answers back,” Friesen said. “Then it’s also important to do these things as well, just moments where we can take the time.”

Events like this also bring to light key areas of concern from local residents, Friesen noted.

“Because we are a growing area, we



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Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen (far right) chats with constituents at his Christmas coffee gathering last week.

hear a lot of issues around immigration,” he said. “Because there are people in stream for applications, things sometimes can go sideways or the wait times can start to tick up.”

“Education is a big one here in Morden. There’s a growing community here, there’s a growing population and a growing school age popula-

tion. I continue to say, for Western School Division, that the school division articulating the growth of student population and the pressure it puts on the

existing infrastructure will be the best advocacy that we can do with the government to continue to make the case that it’s time for a new school.”

Infrastructure, affordable housing, and personal care home capacity are other vital issues the region is struggling with right now, Friesen noted.

Reflecting on his past year, Friesen said it has been a big transition for him to move from the finance to the health care portfolio.

“We were able to do some very significant things in my time in finance,” he suggested, citing progress made on reducing the deficit, reigning in spending, and introducing tax measures such as the indexation of the

basic personal tax exemption.

Representing 43 per cent of the provincial budget, health care now presents him with another significant challenge.

“Keeping my sanity will be a priority in the next year,” he joked.

“It’s taken a little while through the transition for me to wrap my head around the challenge,” Friesen continued. “I’ve been very, very intentional, as a minister, in what we focus on because we must focus. There are over 200 stakeholder groups in health ... I think that you will continue to see us focus on this really rising challenge.”

Among the many key concerns is to further address issues around methamphetamine, with Friesen suggesting they would be announcing more initiatives soon.

“It’s a huge challenge that we are facing and we’re not going to solve it in the Department of Health ... it is a justice issue, it is a health issue, it’s a policing issue,” he said.

“I think that we can do a better job in health care ... we must do a better job in health care, as a government ... of describing to Manitobans the why. We want to consolidate some things to make them work better and lower wait times.

“Manitobans need to know why that we want a better system that provides better care sooner to all Manitobans, and we believe that goal is actually in sight,” Friesen concluded. “This is about taking the opportunity to reorganize our system and to push that saved amount back into good health care provision.”

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## WFRC hosting New Year's Eve dance

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre is offering a way for your entire family to ring in the new year in style.

The centre hosts its annual New Year's Eve Family Dance at The Bunker (545 Industrial Dr.) on Monday, Dec. 31 from 6-8 p.m.

The early evening dance gives kids the chance to get in on the New Year's festivities, says WFRC executive director Cathy Savage.

“It is going to be awesome,” she says, noting the party was a big hit last year and they’re expecting it will be just as much fun this time around.

The evening will include face painting, snacks, dancing, crafts, and a New Year's Eve countdown complete with balloons falling from the ceiling to officially usher in 2019, even if it is a few hours earlier than most other local festivities that night.

“There really is something for all ages,” Savage says.

There will also be a couple of raffle prizes up for grabs, including a family play package to Rush Laser Tag and two packages of five free admission tickets to the new Sharptooth Adventures indoor play facility in Morden.

Event tickets, which need to be purchased in advance, are available for \$25 per family from Savage by calling 204-332-9418 or emailing [winklerfc@gmail.com](mailto:winklerfc@gmail.com). Funds raised go to WFRC's free early childhood programming.

Tickets are limited and going fast, Savage says, so book early to avoid disappointment.

The evening is made possible thanks to donations from a number of local businesses, including GTP, Giant Tiger, Winkler Co-op, Total Sound, Sunvalley Tire, Tempo, Diamond Autobody and Glass, Eagleeye Printing, Winkler Floor Fashions, and Heat Master.



# Community choir singing for Habitat

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Male Choir hosts its annual Christmas concert this weekend.

They'll perform a selection of carols and readings on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Winkler EMM Church.

Admission is free, though an offering will be collected for the Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Choir director Ray Giesbrecht said the choir always tries to raise funds

for a local non-profit during the holidays.

"Every year we look for something we can help with in our community," he said. "We thought [Habitat] was a good fit for us."

Habitat for Humanity is hoping to build its first houses for families in need in Winkler and Morden in the next year or so.

They're grateful for every single donated dollar, said spokesperson Christina Falk.

"It means so much to us when commu-

nity groups take it upon themselves to help us with fundraisers," she said, noting there's no way the volunteer-run committee could do all the fundraising needed for this project on their own.

"When groups join us in the effort, we are also encouraged that the community is on board with Habitat, and excited to help families in our area," Falk said. "Building Habitat homes is a community-driven endeavor, and we are so happy that our community is on board to make this happen."

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# Potluck shares holiday traditions and treats

By Lorne Stelmach

Special gatherings this month are

not only helping new residents of our communities but also celebrating varied holiday traditions.

The Taste of the Holidays potluck held last Wednesday at St. Paul's United Church in Morden was part of

the regular newcomer welcome evenings held on the second Wednesday of each month.

It followed a similar event held the evening before in Altona and a Holidays Around The World get-together earlier this month in Winkler that offered a glimpse of how the Christmas season is celebrated in the multitude of countries represented by immigrants to our region.

Sponsored by WBS Construction and Harval Homes, the event in Morden attracted around 170 people. Guests were asked to bring their favorite holiday food to help share everyone's traditions.

"We wanted to do an extra special event with some guests and special entertainment," said Lynette Froese of Regional Connections, who noted there was a wide array of appetizers, main course dishes, and desserts being enjoyed.

The food was great, but even more important was the fellowship, she said.

"There's some activities for the kids as well, so we planned to have a great night," said Froese. "We're making it a special holiday time and we're especially welcoming those who have come into our community recently."

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# Maple Leaf Gr. 2s host fundraising garage sale

By Lorne Stelmach

The garage sale itself was likely the highlight for the Gr. 2 French Immersion students at Maple Leaf School in Morden last week.

Equally as important, though, for teacher Jennifer Stein's class was all the work the students had to put into planning and organizing the annual fundraiser.

"They use a lot of critical thinking skills. I think it was an excellent experience for them," said Stein as the students welcomed the rest of the school to do some Christmas shopping last Wednesday.

There is a lot of valuable experience and skills for the students to gain by being involved so hands-on in every aspect of the sale, she pointed out, including asking businesses for donations.

"The students even hand delivered their letters this year, whereas I used to do all that, asking for the donations, so they had a huge job to do," said Stein. "Western School Division is interested in promoting project-based learning, and I felt this would

be a good way to teach them, going step by step through everything that it involves."

Stein's class has been hosting the Christmas sale and silent auction for about 10 years now.

This year's proceeds were earmarked for the Morden Christmas Cheer Board and the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

"We've always given half to Morden Christmas Cheer and then the kids have had a vote on who else they would like to help," explained Stein. "This year again they wanted to support the humane society."

Last year's sale raised \$965 and the group was hoping to hit \$1,000 this time around once all the numbers had been crunched.

Stein said it was great to see such a great response from the community in support of the students' efforts.

"We were just flooded with generosity. We've got so many gifts and prizes," she said, thanking the businesses who supported the kids.

"We even had a family from our school donate four baking trays for the teachers to buy tickets to win,"

Stein said. "All of the items here [for the sale] have been donated by my students and staff and some of the other students in the school."

"We encourage the kids to buy a present for someone special, and then we have a gift wrapping station as well so they can put it under the tree at Christmas."

Two of the students (not named here at the request of the school) who were hard at work at the sale said

they loved being involved.

"I like helping others," said one, adding it was cool to see how much had been collected for the sale. "I felt happy."

"I like that we could go into the gym so there was more space for us to do it," said the other. "I like that there's so many toys for everyone to buy, and I like that there's games for everyone to enjoy."



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Students of Jennifer Stein's Gr. 2 class at Maple Leaf School show off some of the auction items they collected for their sale last week.



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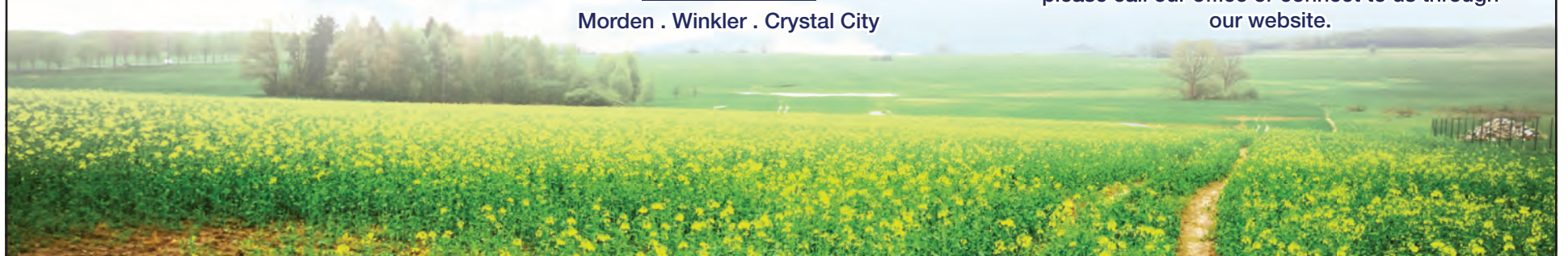
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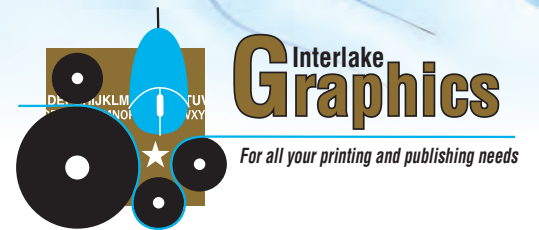






# Season's Readings!

As we turn the page to another holiday season, we'd like to take a moment to thank you, our loyal readers, for your trust and support. We hope this Christmas delivers all the good news you've been hoping for and more. Happy Holidays!



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# What's *Your* Christmas Story?

We asked kids to share their best themed holiday stories with us for a chance at a movie prize pack. It was a tough decision, but here are the two winning stories and a few of our other favourites:

**GRAND PRIZE, K-4: NORA BASCHUK, GR. 3, ROLAND**

## The true spirit of Christmas

Johnny shook the last coin from his piggy bank. \$9.87—that was all the money he had to buy Christmas gifts for his mother, father, and sister.

“How am I supposed to buy something with that?” said Johnny. “Oh well, I will try to go shopping after school.”

Johnny went to school. It was hard to concentrate at school because he didn’t know what to do about gifts for his family.

At lunchtime Johnny noticed a new girl that didn’t have any lunch. He gave her \$3 for lunch.

“Oh, thank you Johnny!” said the girl.

After school Johnny started to think about presents again. He was walking to the mall when he saw a homeless man sitting by a doorway. He put \$2 in the man’s cup.

“Thank you little boy!” said the man.

Johnny walked into the mall. It was very busy because it was Christmas Eve. Johnny saw a huge pile of toys in the middle of the mall. A sign said “Toy Drive – Please Help.” Johnny thought how sad he would be if he didn’t have any toys to open

on Christmas morning so he went to a store and bought a craft kit for \$4. He added it to the toy pile in the mall.

“Thank you!” said a lady. “You’ve made someone very happy on Christmas morning!”

Johnny looked in his pocket. He only had 87 cents left! What could he buy for 87 cents?! Johnny sadly walked home. His family was going to volunteer at the soup kitchen the next day.

When they got to the soup kitchen he saw the new girl from school with her family.

She said to her mom, “This is Johnny. He gave me money for lunch yesterday.”

Johnny’s mom overheard what the girl said and smiled.

When Johnny was serving food in the line, the homeless man he gave money to came through for food. He was wearing a new pair of mitts. He recognized Johnny right away.

“You are the boy who gave me money yesterday. After that I had enough to buy these new mitts! Thank you so much!”

Johnny’s dad overheard what the man said and smiled.

When Johnny was cleaning up the tables he saw a little girl playing with an art set. She said to her mom, “I really like this. Whoever gave this to the toy drive picked a really good gift!”

Johnny smiled and whispered to his sister, “I donated that to the toy drive yesterday!” His sister gave him a thumbs up and smiled.

When they got home the family sat down in a circle to open presents. Johnny got lots of good gifts but he looked sad.

“What’s wrong?” said his mom and dad.

“I don’t have any gifts to give you because I spent my money yesterday.”

“Oh Johnny!” said his mom. “We heard about all the nice things you did for others when we were at the soup kitchen. You gave the best gift of all: love!”

Johnny was so happy. He hugged his family and felt the true spirit of Christmas.

**GRAND PRIZE, GR. 5-8: EMILY FUNK, GR. 7, BLUMENFELD**

## Never give in

Johnny shook the last coin from his piggy bank. \$9.87—that was all the money he had to buy Christmas gifts for his mother, father, and sister.

Johnny smiled to himself as he dumped his fistful of coins into his jacket pocket. He pulled on his boots, zipped up his jacket, and slipped out the door.

Johnny’s town seemed to come alive when Christmas arrived. There was a feeling of excitement and anticipation in the air. Delicious smells and fantastic noises raided the streets. The sweet smell of gingerbread baking in the oven. Christmas carols pulsing energetically in the little roadside shops as last-minute shoppers rushed to buy Christmas gifts for their families. The faint whisper of falling snowflakes as they lazily drifted past Johnny’s bedroom window.

Johnny passed through the town square. The life-sized manger scene was already set up. Johnny loved the Mary figure, the way her face shone with love and hope and joy as she gazed at her newborn.

Johnny skipped through the town square, his

boots clunking noisily on the cracked asphalt. He didn’t hear the loud footsteps approaching from behind him.

Suddenly, a large hand reached out of nowhere and grabbed Johnny by the collar of his shirt. He was yanked backward and sent sprawling into the freshly fallen snow. He felt a foot rest on his chest, holding him down.

“Well, if it isn’t Scrawny Johnny!” sneered Rick Hauser, the biggest, most cold-hearted bully in town. Chris Donnelly, one of Rick’s buddies, snorted with laughter.

“Shut up Chris,” demanded Rick. Chris did exactly that.

“Check his pockets,” Rick ordered Chris and his other goon, a new guy named Josh Simmons. Josh hesitated, his hands shoved in his pockets, an uncomfortable look on his face.

“Now!” Rick yelled. Josh flinched and began checking Johnny’s pockets for cash with Chris. Johnny hoped they wouldn’t find it.



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# What's *Your* Christmas Story?

## HONOURABLE MENTIONS

### THE ELF CONFUSION

I woke with a start. Something red shone through my window. Why, it looked like a reindeer nose! I slipped on my robe and crept down the hall past my parents' room. I peeked in to make sure they were asleep. When I was sure, I opened the front door just a crack. Creeeak! What I saw surprised me!

An elf was climbing out of a mini sleigh carrying a sack. No Santa! I had no idea if elves were friendly or not, so I felt I had to protect myself. I tiptoed back into the kitchen to look for a weapon. Out of the corner of my eye I spotted my mom's cast iron fry-

ing pan. I crept back to the door with it. The elf was still struggling with his bag. As I squeezed out the door, the elf suddenly turned around! I froze. We both just stared at each other for a while, in shock. Finally, my brain unfroze. I raised up my frying pan.

"Eeeeeeeek!" the elf screamed. He stopped screaming, fell silent, and fainted.

Oh! I thought to myself, stunned. Maybe elves have something against frying pans!

Then I remembered that mini sleigh. That beautiful red sleigh with a whole bunch of buttons. That plush purple seat that was just my size. It would be so easy to take!

Stop it! I can't just take the sleigh! I argued with myself. Then again, he probably needs it back. But I can't! but I should! No way! Yes!

"Auggghh! I can't decide!" I yelled out loud.

I then realized something. If my parents woke up, they'd see the sleigh. I suddenly knew what to do. I slid into the inviting sleigh with its engine still running. It had a GPS screen in it with different options. The GPS screen read Alberta, Alaska, the North Pole ... Wait! That was it! I tapped on the North Pole which revealed a map with an arrow on it. I knew it wanted me to drive, but I didn't know how. Then I saw the two most beautiful words in my life: Auto Pilot. I clicked the but-

ton and the sleigh "dinged" to life. It lifted off the ground and started to gently glide along, up and up. By the time it reached the clouds, I drifted off to sleep.

THUNK!

I opened my heavy eyes, sat up, and gasped. It was snowing, but that didn't block my view of elves hurrying everywhere with colourful presents or toys, and the red and green buildings with soft, warm light pouring out their windows. The air was crisp and cold but smelled like fresh baked cookies. I gazed at the brilliant stars in the navy sky, and the bright white moon.

After a while I realized that in my turquoise panda pajamas I stood out like a sore thumb. When no one was looking, I slinked stealthily into the nearest building. Just my luck, it was filled with elf costumes. I took a red one and tried it on. It was way too small. I tried on a blue suit. Ahh, perfect. I walked out of the building blending in perfectly with the crowd of tiny people. I started to explore. I found a sugar plumb tree and tasted the sweet fresh fruit. I made my own etch-a-sketch and drank the finest creamy hot chocolate.

A while later, I started to get sleepy again. I wanted to go home, but was clueless of how to get back. I racked my brain for an idea and, after a bit, I got one. I dashed to the reindeer stables and in the very last stall I found

Rudolph. I grabbed some oats from a bag on a shelf.

CRUNCH, MUNCH!

As Rudolph munched them down, I whispered in his ear.

"Hey, buddy. I need you to fly me home. It's been fun here, but I'm homesick."

The way Rudolph looked at me, it seemed like he understood. I led him out of his stable and jumped on his back. And as he started to climb up in the sky, for the final time that night I fell asleep.

—Kate Bergen, Gr. 6, Reinland

### I LOVE CHRISTMAS!

My favourite things about the holidays are watching Christmas movies with my family and knowing that God sent his only son down to earth to save us!

I love knowing that when I wake up on Christmas Day that my family will be there to open presents with me!

I love the cookies my mom bakes for us to enjoy around Christmas!

I love the feeling you get when you go to bed on the day before Christmas. Your stomach gets all tickly and tingly, and you just want to jump around and you just can't fall asleep. Oooh, what a wonderful feeling!

I love all the time we get off! So much time to relax at home and to think about all the awesome things you could get for Christmas!

Ohhhhh, how I love Christmas!

—Karri Guenther, Gr. 4, J.R. Walkof School

### VISIT FROM ST. NICK

I woke with a start. Something red shone through the window. Why, it looked like a reindeer nose!

It was Rudolph, of course. I ran downstairs as fast as I could! I watched the fireplace—would Santa arrive?

Then I heard: "Oof!" Santa fell down the chimney! I was so surprised, I fell backwards. I knew if Santa sees me, he will not give me any gifts. I race upstairs, get back into my bed, and I fell asleep.

When I woke up, I went downstairs. I saw there were lots of presents under the tree!

I sing "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" and then I ate breakfast and smiled.

—Nora Tripp, Gr. 1, Winkler



## > NEVER GIVE IN, FROM PG. 15

"How's it going, Scrawny Johnny?" Rick sneered, a nasty grin stretched across his face.

Johnny didn't answer.

"Hey punk, I asked you a question!" He said angrily, his voice rising. Johnny flinched, but didn't answer. Rick leaned down, so close that Johnny could feel his breath on his face, and spoke in a low voice:

"You, Scrawny Johnny, are a nobody. No matter what, you're just a dumb, useless, stupid, nobody." Johnny squeezed his eyes shut, trying to shut out the hurtful words that Rick hurled at him. But they seemed to echo in his head like an annoying song.

Chris grinned as he found the few coins in Johnny's pocket and slapped them into Rick's palm. Josh stood off to the side, staring at the ground.

"See you later, Scrawny Johnny." Rick jeered.

They swaggered off, talking and laughing loudly, with Josh following after, constantly looking over his shoulder at Johnny.

Tears sprung into Johnny's eyes. Was he really a nobody? Johnny turned around. The Mary figure. Once again he noticed the look of deep affection that shone from her face. That's when he realized something: that was the kind of affection God had for him! He suddenly knew that God would always love him, no matter what.

Johnny headed home, a slight spring in his step. But that's when he remembered the stolen change. His bright mood clouded over. He wished had taken a different route.

"Hey! Johnny!" He whipped around, expecting Rick to throw a

snowball at the back of his head or give him a snow wash. But instead, Josh came running up to him. He thrust out his hand. In it were the coins Rick and his thugs had stolen from him. Johnny accepted it gratefully. Josh stared down at his shoes.

Finally, he spoke. "I'm really sorry Johnny," he said. They were silent for a moment.

"It's alright." Johnny said. He smiled at Josh. Josh sheepishly smiled back.

"It isn't true, you know." Josh said. "You being a nobody, I mean."

"I figured that out already." Johnny said with a smile. Josh grinned, and left, walking down the road, the moon and stars shining brightly, lighting his way. Johnny had a feeling this wasn't the last time he'd be seeing Josh Simmons.



## HONOURABLE MENTIONS

### THE CHRISTMAS DIRT BIKE SHOWDOWN

I woke with a start. Something red shone through the window. Why, it looked like a reindeer nose! I peered out the window and almost jumped out of my skin at the sight of eight reindeer in full motocross gear!

The one closest to me had a red light bulb on his nose and was carrying a sloppily written sign that read "Pick me as lead reindeer!"

Had Rudolph gone on strike or what?

I bolted out of my room where I let the reindeer stumble in. I forced them to the basement and went to the kitchen and grabbed a handful of carrots. I went back to the basement and tossed the carrots to the reindeer, and as I left I heard something that sounded like savage predators tearing into fresh meat. I went to my room to sleep.

When I woke up I heard my mother mumbling, "I just had the strangest dream about large mammals invading our basement..."

I quietly led the reindeer out of the basement and shooed them out the front door. I called to my mom, "Going to the park."

"Okay," she mumbled back,

She must've been really tired, because she didn't ask me how long I'd be gone. The reindeer were wandering on our front lawn, trying to eat our red Christmas lights. "Stop that!" I protested. I started walking to the town park, half hoping they would

go away. No such luck. They kept snarling at the red Christmas lights, like they were holding a grudge against Rudolph.

We finally reached the park. I don't know how to explain this, but the next thing I knew they were all holding full size dirt bikes! Something clicked in my head. They wanted to hold a dirt bike competition to determine lead reindeer!

What were they thinking? It's the middle of winter! As if they were reading my mind, one of the reindeer gestured to the tires of their dirt bikes. I squinted. They read: "Official Dirt Bike Snow Tires" I sighed. I led them to the bike course with the hills, ramps, and bumps. I supposed I would have to make up the events myself.

The first event would be one-on-one races. The reindeer would find themselves a partner and race through the course. We ended up with four winners, two lost snow tires, and one exploded piston.

The next event would have two winners. This event would be most airtime. They would speed down the ramp and up the hill and fly into the air. For one reindeer I clocked 32.1 seconds of airtime! One of the reindeer was afraid to go into the air, which I found weird because I thought reindeer could fly. The third one somehow managed a flip, and the fourth one's axle exploded, which I think is physically impossible because there was no pressure on the axle.

The first and third participants moved on to the



final event. By then I was exhausted from running around, picking up broken bike parts and trying to calm down reindeer that had been eliminated.

The reindeer with the red light bulb on his nose was one of the two finalists. The final event would be most flips in a jump. The first reindeer's engine malfunctioned and the reindeer didn't go anywhere, and the second one's tire popped halfway down the ramp.

I felt relieved that it was over. Or so I thought it was over. A reindeer marched up to me, helmet and all, hefting a huge sign that said: "REMATCH!"

I could have fainted.

—Samuel Kroeker,

Gr. 5, École Morden Middle School

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas lights twinkle on our new Christmas tree. Fire crackles up a warm breeze. Outside, snow quietly and gently falls, making a white blanket that covers the ground.

The presents are under the beautifully decorated tree.

As my dad reads the Christmas story, I carefully listen.

Never has a Christmas been so wonderful as this one.

Then it's time to open the presents. When I unwrapped my presents I got ... a teddy bear with a cute little red toque! Exactly what I wished for.

Christmas is important for me and will always be. I just love Christmas!

—Josephine Heide, Gr. 4, Winkler

### HOW I REMEMBER JESUS AT CHRISTMAS

We sing carols for adults at places like Salem Home.

We go see my Nana, Papa, Grandma, and Grandpa too.

We do names picking with our cousins on my dad's side, and even my smallest cousin did.

We have a good time, but what most people need to remember is that the only reason we celebrate is because of Christ.

—Morgan Elias, Gr. 5, Blumenfeld School

### MY FAVOURITE THINGS

My favourite thing about the holiday season is no school because that is Christmas break.

I love Christmas break because that means Christmas is close.

Every year on December 24th we put presents in our stockings. We open our stockings on Christmas morning. They are filled with presents and chocolate bars.

We open our presents on Christmas morning. Mom makes sticky popcorn balls every Christmas break. I really love popcorn balls.

After we open our presents I get to play with my new toys.

We also have Christmas gatherings in December. I like gatherings because they are fun and we play with our friends.

—Rylan Heinrichs, Gr. 5, Rosengart

### WHERE TO PUT THE PRESENTS?

I woke with a start. Something red shone through the window. Why, it looked like a reindeer nose. My room was dark and the street lights were off. It was Christmas Eve at midnight in Morden.

I turned my lamp on. Then I heard something coming down the chimney. I got out of bed and went down to the living room to see if I could spot anything out of the dark. I couldn't spot anything and the sound had stopped. It all looked the same as when I went to bed last night.

I tiptoed back up to my room and fell back asleep. Just after that (I didn't know this) Santa came down the chimney. There was no Christmas tree and Santa wondered where to put the presents. Luckily there was some paper and a pen on which he wrote:

I PUT THE PRESENTS IN THE TOP DRAWER OF THE

WORKBENCH.

—FROM SANTA

He stuck the note on the inside of my parents' bedroom door without them noticing because they were sound asleep. Then Santa got up the chimney by a rope that was attached to the sleigh. Once he got into the sleigh, he took off shouting, "Ho, Ho, Ho, and Merry Christmas."

The next morning I woke up feeling relieved that I had gotten enough sleep but I was also feeling sad that I didn't stay up just that little bit longer to see Santa myself.

—Carter Dyck, Gr. 5, ÉMMS

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# What's *Your* Christmas Story?

## HONOURABLE MENTIONS

### GRACE, JUST GRACE

Johnny shook the last coin from his piggy bank. \$9.87—that was all the money he had to buy Christmas gifts for his mother, father, and sister.

He looked at the few small coins on the floor and wondered just how in the world he would be able to afford gifts for each member of his family.

He heard the jingle of his chestnut dachshund's collar as he waddled into the room and quickly snatched up his coins afraid that, being the dog he was, Buster would try to eat them. He looked at the old dog in dismay and patted Buster's head.

"You're so lucky!" Johnny said to him as he rubbed Buster's big round belly. "You don't need to worry about buying gifts for everyone."

Johnny's parents had a rule that once you were 13 you were old enough to buy gifts for the rest of the family. Since his parents didn't have much money themselves, they needed as much help as they could get at this time of year.

Johnny's sister, Lucy, was only five, and she believed in every imaginary, made-up character ever known to man, which of course included Santa.

Johnny got up, put the money in his piggy bank, and headed into the kitchen where his mother was preparing dinner. His dad was a miner, but he was currently out of work as the local mine had shut down. "Don't worry, Be happy," he always said.

Johnny's mom was tall and thin. She really enjoyed cooking and was trying to get a job in restaurant but hadn't had that much luck.

As Johnny climbed into bed that evening, he decided to stop by Hal's Toy Shop the next morning and see what he could afford. For the buyer, Christmas was not always the most wonderful time of the year.

"I'm sorry but you won't be able to afford these with what you have," The cashier told Johnny the next day.

"But—" he tried to protest.

"I'm sorry," she said and then turned to the next person standing in line.

Johnny hung his head in disappointment and began his journey home. Not paying attention, he bumped into an old lady just outside of Greg's Groceries! "Oh! I'm so sorry," he exclaimed. "Here, let me help you!"

"That's alright dear," she replied with a smile. After picking everything up, she invited him to sit

on nearby bench with her and together they watched people bustling about trying to get all their Christmas shopping done. Johnny frowned at his own attempt at Christmas shopping.

"Why the long face?" the woman asked.

"Well, I'm trying to buy gifts for my family, but everything is too expensive!" he replied as tears filled his eyes. "I'll have to get them something useless if I want to be able to afford it!"

"Oh, don't be so hard on yourself! You'll find a way. And besides, they're your family for Pete's sake! They'll love what you get them no matter what because what you're really giving them is love!"

"You think so?"

"I know so!" And with that, she got up and disappeared around the corner.

Johnny headed home thinking hard about what the woman had said. He knew she was right in his head but didn't feel it in his heart.

Johnny closed the door and hung up his jacket. But as he did a green slip of paper fell out of his coat pocket. He picked it up and almost fell over! A \$20 bill!

*The old woman*, he thought. He whipped his coat back on and raced to the grocery store, hoping she



hadn't got too far. But as he was running, he bumped into someone walking out of Hal's Toy Shop!

"Oops! I'm so—" Johnny stopped.

"Hello again!" The old woman smiled.

"I'm so sorry! Again. But I think you put this in my pocket," he said holding up the money. "Miss?"

"Grace, just Grace."

"Well, Grace, I can't take this money from you." Grace smiled and pushed the bill back into his hand.

"Merry Christmas Johnny!"

"Wait. How'd you know my name?"

Grace just smiled and walked away.

—Angelina Funk, 13, Blumenfeld School

### MY ADVENTURE WITH SANTA

I woke with a start. Something red shone through the window. Why, it looked like a reindeer nose. So I snuck out of my room, peaked out of the front door. Sure enough, there was Santa's sleigh and I knew I was off for an adventure.

I snuck into Santa's sleigh and peaked at the presents. One was a Nintendo 3DS. The



tag said "To: Troy." I was so excited I thought I was going to explode. I had wanted one since last Christmas.

Santa rushed off to deliver presents to everyone's house. Everyone got lots of presents. It was awesome.

The reindeer got away because they smelled carrots and went to go find them. The sleigh started falling. Santa landed in Europe. Then he found his elves Charlie, Mentos, Pepsi, and Rocket Booster. Santa asked them why on earth they were in Europe. They explained they went searching for him because he was normally back at the North Pole at that time. The kids in the neighbourhood were starting to wake up. They might see Santa and this was not good ... oh no!

It's a good thing I always carried some magical rocket teleporters with me. We all magically teleported back to the North Pole.

Then Santa said, "Thank you for saving me."

Then Mrs. Claus came out and handed out cookies and milk.

Everyone asked at the same time: "Where are all the reindeer?" So I took my magical rocket teleporter and created a seeing portal. We saw all the reindeer. They were in the South Pole.

I gave everyone lava-proof suits and said, "Put these on." Then I took out a drill and drilled all the way through the earth until we reached the South Pole, where we found the reindeer. They were looking for

carrots. I gave the reindeer lava-proof suits. I took everybody through the hole. We were back at the North Pole, even Rudolph. I filled in the hole.

Then I said I couldn't stay at the North Pole and I would have to leave. Santa took me back to my house in his sleigh.

Just as we arrived at my house the reindeer smelled some carrots! Oh boy, here we go again ...

—Troy Hoepfner, Gr. 4, Morden

### ICE FISHING AT CHRISTMAS

Something that I really like about the holiday season that may be the same as yours is ice fishing. That's my favorite thing to do in the holiday season.

There are so many things to do when you are ice fishing. When the flag does not pop up we wait by the fire to stay warm and toasty. I like it when the flag pops up and everybody runs to it like a stampede!

The ice fishing flag is like a fishing rod, but you don't hold it. When it pops up it means that the fish have bitten it and you pull the fish out.

Ice fishing is special and I can't wait to go fishing again this year.

—Donovan Catcheway, Gr. 6, Plum Coulee School



## HONOURABLE MENTIONS

### THE CHRISTMAS RADIO

Johnny shook the last coin from his piggy bank. \$9.87—that was all the money he had to buy Christmas gifts for his mother, father, and sister.

“That’s just not enough,” groaned Johnny.

“Enough for what?” his older sister Abigail piped in.

“What! Oh nothing.”

“Come on Johnny, it’s about Christmas gifts isn’t it?”

“Yeah,” Johnny let out a little snuffle. “I just want to get you guys something really special, but I don’t have enough money and, and ...”

“Calm down, calm down. I guess that teaches you a lesson about spending all your money on lemon drops doesn’t it?” She gave him a slight hug which he tried to ignore and said, “That’s why I thought we could team up. I have a total of \$21.25. Oh and by the way you don’t have to buy me anything for Christmas, I would rather get a better present for Mom and Dad.”

Instantly Johnny cheered up. “Hey that’s a swell idea! Okay, so let me do the math ... that would be \$18.12 for gifts in total.”

His sister laughed, “No, Johnny. That would be a total of \$31.12.”

“Oh. Well, anyway,” he quickly changed the subject, “what should we get them?”

“I don’t know, but it’s December twenty-second, so we’ll have to buy something soon. How about after supper we go see what the mercantile has.”

“Okay, but if Mom or Dad sees us ...”

“I know. They’ll say we don’t have to buy them

anything.”

“Right, so how are we going to avoid that?” enquired Johnny.

“I’ll just say Suzy invited us over.”

So after supper they crunched on the fresh layer of snow to the mercantile. As the snow fell it glistened through the street lights.

“It’s so peaceful,” Johnny said in innocent awe.

“It sure is,” murmured Abigail.

The little bell rung as they entered the warmth of the mercantile. They looked around for a while, and then finally Abigail saw it: a radio!

“Johnny!” she half yelled, “Come look at this!”

“A thirty dollar radio!”

“Yes! Isn’t it wonderful?”

“Let’s buy it!” insisted Johnny

“I knew that that would make someone happy,” the clerk smiled to himself.

Johnny was carrying the radio when he tripped and landed in a snowbank. “Hurry! Get up!” urged Abigail, “I told mom we would be back in an hour!” He quickly jumped up and they kept on going. But little did they know that their precious radio still lay in the snowbank.

“We’re home!” shouted Johnny as he barged in through the front door.

“Quick! Go hide the radio in our room,” commanded Abigail.

“Uh, Abigail?” he tried to get her attention, but their mom had already come into the room.

“Hi guys. Did you have a nice time with Suzy?” asked mom as she looked up from her cookbook.

“Suz—” Johnny looked perplexed.

“Yeah we had a great time,” interrupted Abigail.

They hurried back to their room.

“What did you want to say?” asked Abigail.

“I, uh ... Well, you see ... Oh Abigail! I lost the radio!”

“You what? Probably when you fell in the snowbank! It’s dark now; hopefully it will be there tomorrow.”

It was late that night when their father got home from work. He came in with a puzzled expression on his face. “Hey Honey,” he absently said, “can you think of a reason that somebody would leave a radio on the side of a road?”

“No. Why?”

“Well, because I found one on the side of the road.”

“Hmm, that is weird. I’ll ask around if anyone lost one.”

The next day Abigail and Johnny covered every inch of snow between the mercantile and their house, but they could not find the radio.

Christmas morning came and Johnny and Abigail were feeling downcast. They slumped into their chairs for breakfast when their father asked, “Has anyone claimed that radio dear?”

“RADIO??” the kids exclaimed.

“Did Mom not tell you?”

“Tell us what?” asked Johnny.

The whole story was exchanged and they laughed about the bad timing. Their parents were thankful for the radio but most of all that there was so much love and joy to go around.

—Abigail Waldal,  
Gr. 7, Crystal City

### THE HOLIDAY SEASON

My favourite thing about the holiday season are getting presents, celebrating Jesus’ birth, watching movies, getting candy, and getting together with family and friends.

But Christmas is not all about candy and presents and movies. It is about Jesus’ birth.

But I still like getting presents and watching movies and days off from school.

But I will always despise Christmas concerts!

—Lucas Heide, Gr. 5, Hochfeld



### HOLIDAY FAVOURITES

The lights, food and Christmas cheer,

Can you guess which one is my favorite one of all this year?

The beautiful shine and twinkle above your head so high,

Shining so brightly like a star in the beautiful midnight sky.

Dazzling colors of all kinds, green, red, silver and gold,

These colors truly remind me of the meaning of Christmas joy.

I hope everyone will enjoy the holiday as much as I do,

Merry Christmas to all and may God be with you.

—Rachel Blatz, Gr. 6,  
Plum Coulee School

### A JOLLY, JOYFUL MAN

I woke with a start. Something red shone through the window. Why, it looked like a reindeer nose!

I got out of bed and tiptoed down the staircase ... I blinked twice, just to make sure I wasn’t dreaming. There was Santa putting presents under the tree. It was magnificent. It was just like the stories! A jolly, joyful man.

I snuck up behind him and said, “Boo!”

“GINGERBREAD COOKIES!” said Santa. He asked why I was out of bed.

“Well, I saw something shine through the window, so I went downstairs to check it out and now I am here,” I explained.

I asked Santa if I could go check out Rudolph. He said he did not care, so I climbed up the chimney and there stood all the reindeer. In front was Rudolph. His nose shone so bright that my eyes started to burn.

I gave Santa a hug and went to bed.

—Alissa Schenkel, Gr. 5,  
Bluemnfeld

### WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

What Christmas means to me is celebrating Jesus’ birth in the stable where the cattle ate and all the wise men [came].

I also like opening gifts and stockings!

—Dylan Peters, Gr. 4,  
J.R. Walkof School

### REINDEER SURPRISE

I woke with a start. Something red shone through the window. Why, it looked like a reindeer nose!

I jumped out of my bed and looked even closer. I was startled to see a reindeer with a bright red nose, kind of like a Christmas light.

I ran to the fridge to get some carrots. I quickly put on my boots and jacket. I crept out, careful of where I stepped.

I set the carrots in front of the reindeer. I was surprised to see he didn’t run. I carefully put my hand out. He LET me pet him!

—Raven Schneider,  
Gr. 5, Winkler



# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN



## Redskins double up on Royals

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler's Marcus Neufeld and Morden's Tyler Grove battle for puck possession in Saturday's game between the two SEMHL teams. The Redskins got the win 4-2.

### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins faced off against the visiting Winkler Royals on Saturday and sent the bottom-ranked Royals home with another loss to add to their SEMHL record.

Goals from Mike Rey, Cory Heide, and Tyler Grove had the Redskins up 3-0 heading into the third period.

There, Winkler's Brett Harder and Ryan Unrau scored to get the Royals in the game, but another Heide goal just minutes later cemented the Redskins' 4-2 victory.

Winkler netminder Devon Wiebe made a heroic effort between the posts, turning away 54 shots as the Redskins outshot the Royals 58-28. Across the ice, Morgan Wall made 26 saves for Morden.

With that, Morden remains in the top three with a 7-3-0-1 record and 15 points. They're tied in points with

the Portage Islanders and are one point back of the Warren Mercs in first, though the Mercs have a game in hand.

Winkler remains in last place at 2-9 for four points.

Morden hosts Carman this Thursday at 8 p.m. and Winkler travels to play

Portage Friday night before heading into the holidays.

The Royals then host Carman on Dec. 28 and Warren Dec. 29.

## Flyers lose three in a row

### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers lost three in a row this past week.

After breaking a six game losing stream with a 4-1 win over OCN Dec. 9, the Flyers backslid with two losses to the Virden Oil Capitals and one to Portage.

The first loss came at the MJHL Showcase in Winnipeg Dec. 11, with the Oil Capitals doubling up on

Winkler 4-2.

Despite outshooting their opponents 36-18, Winkler simply couldn't consistently crack Virden goalie Dalton Dosch.

Drake Burgin and Connor Beebe contributed goals in the first and third periods. Beebe's goal tied the game at 2-2 heading into the last 10 minutes.

Virden got the tie-breaker at 11:55 and then scored an empty-netter

with 31 seconds to go to secure the victory.

Riley Morgan made 14 saves in net for Winkler, who were 0-for-2 on the power-play and 4-for-4 on the penalty-kill.

The rematch three nights later saw Virden, bolstered by a hometown crowd, win by an even greater margin.

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# New members join 90+ curling club

The Morden Senior Curlers celebrated a special birthday last week. Harvey Stambuski (seated, middle) joined Jim Connor (seated, left) and Don Cram (seated, right) in the over 90 club. Between the three of them, they represent over 200 years of curling experience.

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## Hawks put an end to losing streak with win over Wildcats

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks halted a four game slide with a big victory Sunday over the Westman Wildcats.

The Hawks bounced back from a 3-2 loss Friday to the Central Plains Capitals by edging the first place Wildcats 2-1.

Pembina Valley connected twice in the first period in Portage only to see Central Plains tie it in the second and connect for the winner in the third.

Mikaylie Bibault and Tessa Odell scored for the Hawks, while Kady-nce Romijn stopped 32 of the 35 shots she faced in goal. Pembina Valley was only able to manage to send 24 shots the other way.

On Sunday in Hartney, the Hawks spotted Westman the opening goal in the first period but then held them at bay the rest of the way.

Keanna Clark and captain Kaila Powell scored in the second period to give the Hawks the win, while Romijn made 23 saves as shots overall were 24-22 in favour of the Wildcats.

Pembina Valley remains in sixth place with a 7-6-2 record for 16 points, which has them just one up on the Winnipeg Ice while remaining four back of the Eastman Selects and Winnipeg Avros. Westman leads the league at 27 points followed by the Yellowhead Chiefs at 22 and Central Plains at 21.

The Hawks will aim to close the gap this weekend with a pair of home games to wrap up 2018. They host the Avros Saturday night and then welcome Central Plains Sunday afternoon.

In other team news, it was announced last week that veteran Hawks' forward Maiya Aschberg will attend and play for Minot State University next season.

The Morden native has served as an assistant captain this season and is

known for her speed and work ethic. In her career with the Hawks she

has scored 22 goals and added 26 assists in 142 games.

## Canucks capitalize on Twisters' mistakes

By Lorne Stelmach

Mistakes cost the Pembina Valley Twisters Friday as the St. James Canucks capitalized on them for a 5-2 win in Winnipeg.

It was the team's first regulation time loss in 13 games after they had seen their 11 game win streak halted last weekend with a 7-6 overtime loss to the St. Vital Victorias.

The third place Canucks came to play and came out strong as the Twisters dipped to 16-3-3 for 35 points, slipping into second place—one behind

the Raiders and one up on St. James at the top of the MMJHL standings.

Tyler Meixner did most of the damage for the Canucks, picking up a hat trick to bring him to 17 on the season as St. James took period leads of 3-1 and 4-1.

After hitting two posts in the opening six minutes, the Hawks tied the game at one when Ethan Carels, who was stepping into the lineup as alternate, got the puck in the slot, dangling a defender before roofing the puck.

Trailing 5-1 then in the third period, the Twisters finally scored again

when Tristan Day connected with just over seven minutes remaining. But that would be as close as the Twisters would get this night.

Shots on goal were 30-23 for the Canucks. Travis Klassen took the loss in net with 25 saves.

The Twisters hosted the Charleswood Hawks Tuesday and then they head into the Christmas break after visiting the Stonewall Jets Friday and hosting the St. Boniface Riels on Sunday.

## Hawks fall to Wild, best Capitals

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks continue to at least maintain their place in the middle of the pack.

It was another weekend of mixed results for the AAA Hawks as they fell 4-1 to the powerhouse Winnipeg Wild but then rebounded on the weekend with a 5-3 win against the Central Plains Capitals.

It kept their slim hold on seventh place with a 13-10-2-1 record for 29 points, leaving them one ahead of the Winnipeg Bruins and five up on Kenora while remaining nine behind Brandon and 10 back of Southwest.

On Dec. 11, the Hawks dropped their fourth and final meeting with the top-ranked Wild, who have only lost three

times in regulation in 26 games so far.

Goaltender Dylan Meilun heroically kept Pembina Valley in this game, as the Wild fired 20 shots his way in the first period on their way to a tally of 53 overall.

The Hawks managed 29 shots on the Winnipeg net. Riley Goertzen was able to prevent a shutout with a goal with just 26 seconds remaining in the first period to tie the game at 1-1, but Winnipeg scored the eventual game winner in the second and sealed the deal with two more in the final frame.

Special teams drove the Hawks to the win over Central Plains a few nights later, as they not only went three for seven on the powerplay but also connected shorthanded as they extended a 2-0 first period lead to 3-2

after two.

Michael Hlady scored twice including an empty netter to drive in the final nail, with other goals coming from Tyler Park, Andrew Boucher, and Derek Wiebe. Hlady had a four point night overall, while Tyson Allison chipped in with three assists.

Shots were 49-33 in favour of the Hawks. Brock Moroz earned the win with 30 saves.

The Hawks had another good test Wednesday as they were in Winnipeg to take on the Thrashers, who are in second place.

They are in Teulon Friday to face the Interlake Lightning and then end 2018 by hosting the Bruins Saturday in Morden.



# Morden rink hosting Learn to Skate sessions

By Lorne Stelmach

If you've always wanted to learn how to skate but never had the chance, the City of Morden has got you covered this holiday break.

The city's rec. department is hosting a Learn to Skate program during the week between Christmas and New

Year's Day.

"It's great to be able to provide the opportunity," said recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck. "We have quite a few adults who come out to learn ... it's always very encouraging to see them coming out."

The program, which is open to all ages, includes sessions Dec. 27-29

and Jan. 2 from 6:45-7:45 p.m. at the Access Event Centre.

Participation is \$15 per person or \$30 per family.

"We've run this program a few times now," said Dueck, noting it is a matter of finding blocks of available ice time to dedicate to these sessions. "It's over the Christmas holidays ... that's a time when there is more ice time available. During the regular season it can be challenging to get a weekday evening."

Carving out a block of time for skating rookies to have the ice to themselves is a valuable confidence-booster, Dueck noted.

"Public skating times can be very

busy, so it may not be the best time to learn," she said, adding volunteers will be on hand for every session to help people learn the ropes.

"We have volunteers of all ages, but we would really love to see some more volunteers come forward," Dueck said. "It's a great activity to do as a family ... there's no age requirements. We're just looking for people who know how to skate, and it's basically encouraging people while they learn."

"That's one of the rewarding things about being a volunteer for something like this. It's really heartwarming to be part of the process."

## > FLYERS, FROM PG. 20

This time around it was the Oil Capitals who won the shots-on-net battle, firing 42 Winkler's way while the Flyers managed 25.

Viriden made good on three of those shots in both the first and second periods, adding two more in the third.

Winkler, meanwhile, did all its scoring in the second courtesy of Ben Dalke and Erik Dahl.

Britt League and Morgan split the duties in net, the former making 16 saves on 20 shots while the latter stopped 18 of 22.

Winkler was 1-for-5 on the power-play and 2-for-5 on the penalty-kill.

Sunday night's game in Winkler against the Portage Terriers was a much closer affair.

The back-and-forth game saw Winkler take an early 2-0 lead off of goals from Griffin Leonard, only to then be down 3-2 heading into the first intermission.

Josh Kagan tied it up three minutes into the middle frame, but then Por-

tage pulled ahead once more at the 12:03 mark.

Jayden McCarthy got the goal that would force overtime midway through the final period.

There, it was Portage's Joey Moffatt who scored the game-winner at 1:25, giving the Terriers the victory 5-4.

Morgan was in net for the full 61:25 minutes, making 31 saves. Both teams had 36 shots on net. Winkler was 0-for-4 on the power-play and 3-for-4 on the penalty-kill.

The Flyers head into their last games of the year in ninth place with a 13-17-3 record and 29 points. Topping the MJHL standings are the Portage Terriers (54 points), Swan Valley Stampeders (51 points), and Steinbach Pistons (46 points).

After playing in Portage this Tuesday, this weekend Winkler hosts OCN (who are just two points behind them) for games Friday and Saturday.

They're then off until their Jan. 4 home game against Dauphin.

## Zodiacs shine at Winnipeg tournament

The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs captured the Bell MTS Iceplex High School Hockey Tournament for the second year in a row last week.

Playing in Winnipeg Dec. 13-14, the Zodiacs went up against teams from Manitoba and Ontario and came out of the round robin with a perfect 3-0 record.

They bested St. Thomas Aquinas 2-1, Sandy Bay 5-0 and Fort Richmond 4-2 before then defeating Fort Richmond 1-0 in the championship final.

In regular Zone 4 hockey action, meanwhile, the Zodiacs also posted a

7-4 win over the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks on Dec. 11.

NPC bounced back to beat the Carman Cougars 9-2 Friday night and then the Pembina Tigers 7-6 in a shootout on Saturday. On Monday, the Tigers got their revenge, downing NPC 6-4.

The Morden Thunder split a pair of games against the Mountain Mustangs, winning the Dec. 13 game 3-1 and then falling 8-3 on Sunday.

On Monday, Morden beat the Cougars 3-2.



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Farm Credit Canada supported the Winkler Christmas Cheer Board last week with an \$800 donation. The money comes through the FCC Community Investment Fund, which is used to better the communities that FCC staff live in and serve. On hand for the presentation were FCC reps Adam Boulanger (far left) and Cathy Sandercock (far right) with the cheer board's Francis Fehr and Kris Derksen.

## The Funnies

### PLANET GARRY

By: Garrison Droll  
Inspired By: Bill Watterson





# Agriculture

## Pork quality competition feeds the hungry

Over 9,000 lbs of meat donated to food banks

By Harry Siemens

Jason Care, the manager of Manitoba Hog Grading, said the Prairie Livestock Expo Pork Quality Competition that wrapped up in Winnipeg last week allows the pork sector to showcase the product it provides to the consumer while also supporting Manitoba food banks and charities.

Care said the criteria for the event is a reflection of what the pork processing plants want to supply their customers.

"The judging criteria we set out, we look at actual grading data which we use in the plants. We base it off ... what they would call a perfect marketable hog," he said. "It's a measurement of back fat, a measurement of loin muscle mass. They take into consideration the belly and the muscles groups that are in it with the fat balance that you have. We look at the colour of the meat after processing, at the loin size and marbling on the loins, too.

"It's a finite criterion with specifics," Care said. "So they want to match that to the quality of pork that we are shipping to the plants which end up on the plates."

Barrickman Colony near Headingly took the top two positions in the competition, winning both the \$5,000 Grand Champion prize and the \$4,000 Reserve Champion. The prize money—which totalled \$28,000 in all—all went to Manitoba charities, as did the meat.

"We had 42 entries with over 9,000 lbs of pork donated to Siloam Mission and Winnipeg Harvest just in time for the Christmas season," said event emcee and organizing committee member Darren Bates. "Since 1996 we have donated over \$400,000 to charity and over 135,000 pounds of pork to local food banks."

Care, who has judged these competitions since 2006, noted that this is the first year where seven placements in the top 10 tied.

"They've learnt the show and the criteria," he said. "I mean, they're the managers of their barns and they know what to pick and the right pigs to hit the criteria ... these producers are right on target.

"This competition is the first time we had 100 points out of 111 points for the show," he added. "I've never seen them have a show where they meet 90 per cent of the criteria of what they

would classify as a perfect, marketable hog."

When asked what their secret to winning the top prizes was, Barrickman Colony's Walter Hofer said it's simply a matter of doing "what you have to do.

"Honestly, not much. You can't do much really," he said. "You go out ... and you figure you are just selecting out the best [pigs] you've got and go

from there. There's probably lots in the barn, but you gotta find the best one."

Hofer said the seven workers in the barn and the nutritional company representative work together find the right pigs to enter in the carcass competition.

The colony runs a 900-sow farrow to finish operation.



## Adjusting to the new normal

By Harry Siemens

Christmas 2018 and going into 2019 takes on a different perspective for our family and me because of the passing of my good wife Judith more than seven months ago.

The new normal that people talk about in situations like this keeps changing and sometimes feels like an ever-revolving target.

However, the reason for the season and the celebration of the birth of the Saviour doesn't diminish because it is through my faith in that living Saviour and learning anew that God is good all the time, plus church and family, that sees me through the lowest valleys, often propelling me to even higher mountain tops.

I digress as I take you now to a Bolivian jail cell where I met 24-year-old Jacob Schmitt Wall earlier this year—not in person but through Facebook.

This young man, his newfound girlfriend, and his seven-year-old son Maikal celebrated a reunion of sorts that is hard to describe.

Jacob responded to my friend request on Facebook and told me a

little of his story and how he ended up in jail six years ago.

The reason I include this in my annual Christmas message is the fact Jacob told me how he came to be in a Bolivian prison when only 17 years old and how he used the six years in prison to better himself.

He told me how Jesus Christ, the Christ of Christmas, had found him, forgiven his sins, helped find his young son and a loving girlfriend who was able to help him with much-needed paperwork.

When I spoke with Jacob last Friday he was with his girlfriend and parents driving home some six hours away to reunite with his son.

Oh, what joy I could hear in his voice, a free man after spending six years in jail.

Above all else, Jacob told me the most crucial part of his time imprisoned was that he found Jesus Christ, whom he intends to serve with his life.

What an excellent story of what the Christian world celebrates during this season: the love of Jesus reaching down into a Bolivian jail to find an 18-year-old-boy and help him

turn into a young man ready to serve the God who saved him for all eternity.

It's clear to me as well the fact that God in all His wisdom is good all the time.

I'm finding that a non-believer mopes and a believer in Jesus Christ cries. Believe you me: I shed tears every day, sometimes rejoicing in all the right things I have, sometimes realizing how fortunate Judith is to be spending Christmas with the One she loves the most.

Often through tears of sadness, looking at pictures, reminiscing with friends, reliving grand times, and just feeling so very much alone, I do have the odd pity party. But as the great motivational speaker and Christian brother Zig Zigler once told us in Winnipeg: if you need to have a pity party, let it all hang out, but set an alarm clock for when this party is to end, and then stop it.

Thanks for your support, love and prayers. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, the blessings of the season, and the love of the Saviour whose birthday we celebrate, now and always.

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# Holiday fun and games

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The Winkler Family Resource Centre wrapped up its first Fun With Seniors program at the Winkler Senior Centre Dec. 17 with a morning of Christmas crafts, carols, and a little bit of magic provided by Buhler Active Living Centre chef Martin Evans (right, getting some help pulling a rabbit out of the hat). The weekly program gave pre-schoolers the chance to spend quality time with seniors playing games, making crafts, and sharing stories.

## take a break > GAMES

### SUDOKU

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Sudoku Answer

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## CROSSWORD

#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Thick piece of something
  5. Engine additive
  8. Anticipated arrival time
  11. French commune
  13. Cigarette (slang)
  14. Nobleman
  15. Ghana capital
  16. Adam's wife
  17. Most popular student
  18. Where you currently are
  20. Increase motor speed
  21. Queen of Sparta
  22. North, South and Central
  25. Churchgoer
  30. Russian empress
  31. Female daredevils organization
  32. Relating to music
  33. Female body part
  38. Tyrion Lannister
  41. Honored
  43. Argentine footballer
  45. Novices
  47. Wings
  49. Doctors' group
  50. Packers' QB
  55. Qatar capital
  56. Unpleasant noise
  57. Lovable elephant
  59. Sleeping
  60. Lute
  61. Weight of a liter of hydrogen
  62. Crimson
  63. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
  64. Employee plan
- #### CLUES DOWN
1. Helps little firms
  2. Type of curtain
  3. Online stock exchange
  4. Irish castle

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5. Audio-system
6. Places to grab a drink
7. What's coming
8. Designed chairs
9. Stepped on
10. Genus of birds
12. Consume
14. Ancient Syrian city
19. Australian brewery
23. Not present
24. Necktie
25. What part of (abbr.)
26. Type of compound
27. Jogged quickly
28. Roth is one type
29. Mineral
34. Purpose
35. Financial term (abbr.)

36. Orange is the New Black character
37. Used to cut and shape wood
39. Bullfighter
40. Top of the line
41. Hill
42. Greek mountain
44. Angola's capital
45. Expressed pleasure
46. Fermented honey beverage
47. Month in the Jewish calendar
48. Frontal is one type
51. Basics
52. Uncommon
53. Broad kimono sashes
54. European defense organization
58. Box score term



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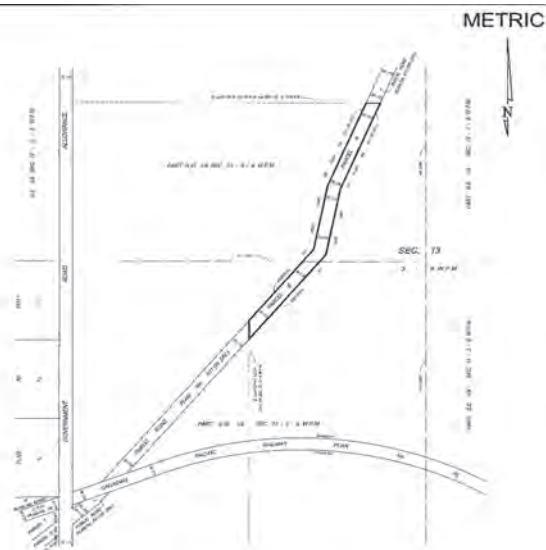
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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter: RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY BY-LAW NO. 12-18, being a By-law to close a municipal road.

**HEARING LOCATION:** R.M. of Stanley Council Chamber, 23111 PTH 14W  
**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, January 10th, 2019 at 9:15 a.m.  
**GENERAL INTENT OF THE BY-LAW:** To close a portion of Public Road Plan 611 (W Div) MLTO shown as Parcels A and B on a Plan prepared by Albert G. Degner (Deposit No. 1068/2018) in W 1/2 of 13-3-6W.  
**AREA:** W 1/2 of 13-3-6W in the R.M. of Stanley



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The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

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## OBITUARY



### Elizabeth Margaret Eileen Pauls (nee Janzen) 1938 – 2018

It is with celebration and heartache that we mourn the passing of our Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma, Elizabeth Margaret Eileen Pauls, nee Janzen. She was born at the Altona Hospital on August 23, 1938 and named after both her grandmothers. Being the daughter of a teacher, she lived in many school districts including Silberfeld, Broad Valley, Rosenhof, Mountain City and several more. At the age of six she suffered the devastating loss of her mom. She was reading books at age four and would tutor her dad's students that were sent over from school. And thus, began her love of reading. At the age of 16 she started her working career

with her first job as a mother's helper at Jake and Helen Goossen's, then later for Bob and Donna Dobson at Manitou. She worked for Dobsons for four years in summer and during the winter attended and graduated from Winkler Bible School. At age 18 Mom was baptized at the Winkler MB Church. While attending the Manitou MB Church, a Mr. Epp held services there and she rededicated her life to the Lord. While serving coffee and tea at a wedding Mom met Dad and, in her words, "I held the cups and he poured, and WOW"! She then told Helen Goossen, "I met the man I want to marry"! After an intense courtship, (seeing each other twice a month) Mom and Dad were married July 9, 1960. They first lived on a farmyard 1/2 mile west from Johnny's parents, close to Purves. Timothy Weldon was born in 1961 and Angela Marie arrived in 1963. In 1964 they moved to Johnny's parents farm. In July 1966, in the middle of haying season Steven Kennedy arrived. And lastly, Jeremy John was born in 1969. Mom realized she had a lot to learn about being a farmer's wife, firstly, learning to drive, and that meant all vehicles, including double clutch grain trucks, and she embraced it all. Life on the farm meant many hard jobs, including milking, sewing, gardening, canning, dairy, unloading hay bales and so much more. She would also try and sneak in a chapter or two or maybe a whole book before it was time to cook up another meal. She also served on many different committees in the Purves community and also church at Manitou MB, including many years of teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir. One of her favorite "jobs" was to do readings for community events or church programs.

She was Dad's biggest curling fan, rarely missing a game. Dad passed on his love for curling and carefully groomed his boys for the game, (he gave up on Angie). Mom was also able to enjoy watching her grandkids learn the game. She probably watched more ends than Ray Turnbull. Mom and Dad worked hard but also enjoyed their 33 years on the home farm. In 1997 they built a house in La Riviere, Manitoba and enjoyed 15 years together there. Dad passed away in July 2012. In January 2018 Mom reluctantly made the move to a condo in Morden. She soon settled in nicely with the friendly community at Garden Courtyard. In August we celebrated her 80th birthday with her whole family.

In October 2018 Mom suffered a stroke and she was welcomed home by her Saviour on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Mom was predeceased by her husband, Johnny in 2012 and her son, Tim in 2014. She is survived by her daughter, Angie and Wes; son, Steve and Carole; son, Jer and Cindy; grandchildren, Josh, Jeremy (Amy), Sara (Nathan), Russell, Matthew, Samuel, Levi and Emily, great-grandchildren, Andrew, Vivienne and Autumn. We know Mom would say she had a full, rewarding life. She loved her Lord and loved to read and study her Bible. Every year for many years she would read the Bible to completion. She prayed for her family and others every day. We look forward to that day we are re-united. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 106:1

Memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at the Cornerstone Ministries Church in Crystal City.

Donations in Eileen's memory may be made to the Billy Graham Association or Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Palliative Care.

We would like to thank Dr. Kevin Convery for his years of gentle caring for mom. She appreciated him so much. Also, to the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, the Rehab ward, Palliative Care and Chaplain Stephen Siemens, thank you.

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## OBITUARY



### Johan (John) Peters 1951 – 2018

On Tuesday, December 12, 2018 at the Heritage Life Personal Care Home in Niverville, MB, John Peters age 67 formerly of Winkler went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Helena (nee Wiebe); two daughters; three sons and their families.

Funeral service was held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made in John's memory to Parkinsons Canada.

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## OBITUARY



### Hughie (Hugh) Jacob Dyck September 27, 1939 – December 12, 2018

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our husband, father, grandfather and friend, peacefully on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, at the age of 79.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie Dyck; his son, Clayton; his daughter-in-law, Eliza; granddaughters, Laura and Hannah; his brother, Roger and numerous close extended family members.

Hugh was born, raised and schooled in Morden. In his early years he worked as a gravel truck driver in his father's business. He met his wife Jessie in 1959 and they married in 1961, beginning 57 years of a deeply devoted relationship. He eventually started work

as a bookkeeper at Canadian Propane, progressing quickly to a manager with the company for over 25 years before early retirement due to illness. Through much of his life, he was actively involved in hockey, baseball, curling and golf, and he enjoyed fishing trips up the Winnipeg River (and elsewhere) and hunting trips in the fall. He dedicated a great deal of his time to his wife and family, both at home and on the many trips they and extended family took across Canada, the US, and to Mexico and Hong Kong. He dedicated the latter part of his life to family, friends and community. He welcomed his daughter-in-law, Eliza with open arms and dearly loved his time with his granddaughters, Laura and Hannah. A proud Mordenite, he was active in the Morden Elks Lodge, was a founding member of the South Central Cancer Resource, volunteered at his church for many years and served on his condo strata council. He will be remembered fondly by all his family and friends for his openness of spirit, a sense of decency and (especially) a great sense of humour, and he will be dearly missed.

The family would like to thank Dr. Kathryn Martin and the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre for their excellent, compassionate care over these past two months.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018 at Westside Community Church in Morden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Hugh's memory to the Agassiz Medical Centre Building Project and to South Central Cancer Resource.

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## OBITUARY



### Ernest Peters 1936 – 2018

Dad was born on February 16, 1936 to Cornelius and Maria Peters (nee Fast) in Gnadenthal, MB. He was the 5th of seven children. He went to his eternal home at 7:25 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre. He left this world surrounded by his family.

He attended school in Gnadenthal from grades 1-9 and finished his education at MCI in Gretna, where he graduated in 1954. He attended church in Gnadenthal where he made the decision to be baptized upon the confession of his faith in 1953. Attending church and being involved was important to Dad. He lived out his faith day to day. He met the love of his life at a Jugendbund Christmas party in 1954, and started dating her in June of 1955. They were married

three years later, on July 6, 1958. He started his working career at CVO in Altona. He then moved on to the Garment Factory, Valley Rehab Centre, and finally to Triple E where he worked for over 30 years. Dad loved the outdoors, whether it be gardening, mowing, cutting wood, camping with his family, or loading up the family car and hauling the camper to B.C. His favourite past time was spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They loved to spend time with him. To dad, children were a blessing. Children were always drawn to him and he loved getting a smile from them.

Dad leaves to mourn his wife, Eva (nee Wieler); and his children, Harvey married to Dorothy (nee Braun), Alvina married to Gordon Penner, Nancy married to Randy Warkentine, Kevin married to Ronda (nee Toews), and Andrea Hoepfner; 17 grandchildren (and eight spouses) and 13 great-grandchildren. He is survived by three sisters, Marie, Erna, and Pauline. He was predeceased by his parents, Cornelius and Maria Peters; his brother, Cornie; two sisters, Martha and Clara, and one grandson, Bradley.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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**OBITUARY**



**Gloria Darlene Collins  
(nee Derksen)  
1945 – 2018**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear Mother, Gloria Collins on Monday, December 10, 2018, with her family at her side. Gloria was born in Winnipeg to Aron and Helen Derksen on May 23, 1945 and resided in Morden for most of her life.

Gloria will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her children, Jeff Collins (Dalavanh), Rachel Collins (Michael), and Erin Barrion (Roan); her cherished granddaughters, Claire Collins, Jadalyne Collins, and Maisie Barrion; her sister, Beverly Dale and brother, Ron Derksen (Muriel). She was predeceased by her

parents, Aron and Helen Derksen and her brother-in-law, Jack Dale.

Gloria will be best remembered by those who knew and loved her for her quick smile, kind heart, and positive outlook on life. She was a long-time employee of Canada Post and was a familiar face to many at the Morden Post Office. Gloria dedicated her life to raising her family and providing care for her parents in their later years. Nothing gave Gloria more pleasure than spending time with her family and her dear friends; many adventures were had. Gloria bravely fought a fifteen-month battle with cancer, trusting in her faith and remaining positive until the end. During this time, she shared many special times and made countless memories with her family.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Woelk and the many health care providers involved in her care for their compassion during this difficult time. A special thank you also goes out to Mom's close friends and to our Aunt Bev for the emotional support and love they shared for our Mom.

A private Celebration of Life and interment will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations can be made in Gloria's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation, designated to Cancer Care.

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**OBITUARY**



**James Robert Skubovius  
1940 – 2018**

James Robert Skubovius, 78 years, of Owen Sound, Ontario, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at his home.

Jim was born in Morden, Manitoba on March 14, 1940. He was the son of the late Arthur (1979) and Mary (2018) Skubovius.

Jim leaves behind two daughters, Angela (Dan) and Lisa Skubovius and son Greg Smith (Virginia) and two granddaughters. He was predeceased by his wife, Lois (2015); brother, Donald (1952) and infant son, Gregory James (1968). He also leaves behind brother, Ernest (Peggie) and sister, Marilyn as well as nephew, Bill (Yvonne) and his four children, and companion Margaret Vanderzweerde.

Jim was a caring father and man of strong faith; his hearty laugh and gentle soul will be remembered fondly by many. He was known by his family for his great handyman and contraption invention skills, as well as his love of driving – trucks, cars and motorcycles. He always threw a good pun into the conversation and belonged to several groups (Knights of Columbus, Silver Cs, Y Boxing Club, Parkinson's Support, Grief Group), where he freely shared his special spirit.

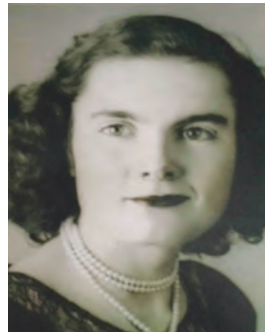
Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 21, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Parish, 2 Academy Dr. in Morden, MB with ash interment at the Hillside Cemetery in Morden.

Donations may be made in Jim's memory to either the St. John The Evangelist Roman Catholic Parish Building Fund, Parkinson Canada or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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**OBITUARY**



**Lorraine Anne Chesney  
(nee Blythe)  
1933 - 2018**

Anne Chesney of Tabor Home in Morden, Manitoba passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at the age of 85 years. She was born in Brandon on August 24, 1933. She lived in Brandon, Winnipeg and retired to Morden.

Anne was predeceased by her husband Ernie in 2002; parents, George and Mary Blythe and sisters, Jeanette Kille, Marie Franklin and Betty Carnahan. She will be greatly missed by her children, Vonnie (Lloyd) Hemminger, Val Stephens, Kevin (Lynn), and Kelly (Sarah Torrible); her grandchildren, Robyn (Sarah Jesberger) Hemminger, Karla (JP) Vigier, Amber Hemminger, Amanda (Brent) Soloway, Dan and Scott Stephens, Rhys (Laura) Chesney and Megan, Owen and Leah Chesney; her great-grandchildren, Maddie and Olivia Vigier, Eve and Alice Hemminger, and Logan Soloway.

Anne found her calling when she went into teaching, first in kindergarten and later as a school librarian. She retired from Beaumont School in Charleswood in 1987. Passing on a love of books and reading was very important to her. She was always reading to her grandchildren and passed that love on to them. Anne enjoyed watching hockey, curling and baseball, reading the daily newspaper and puzzling. She loved cardinals and therefore the St. Louis Cardinals. Her cooking and baking skills were always on display at family get-togethers. Everyone loved her cream puffs and her turkey dinners. Her grandchildren were her joy.

A family gathering will be held at a later date at Hillside Cemetery

in Morden.

Donations in Anne's memory may be made to the Tabor Home Foundation Morden, MB or to the Agassiz Medical Centre Morden, MB.

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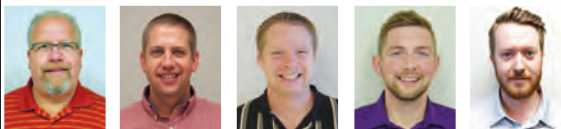
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