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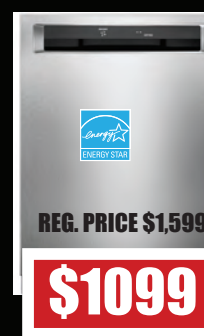
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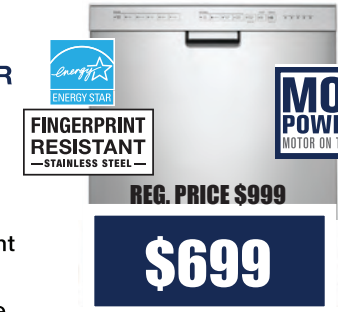
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Holiday serenade

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Maple Leaf School students helped the community usher in the holiday season by singing a few Christmas songs at Morden's annual tree lighting festivities last Friday night. For more photos, see Pg. 8.

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Morden-Winkler was up to the challenge

24 Hour Giving Challenge brings in over \$100K for local community fdns.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden-Winkler area proved Saturday that it is more than up to the challenge put forth by our community foundations

The foundations in Winkler, Morden, and Plum Coulee all reached new fundraising heights in this year's 24 Hour Giving Challenge.

All donations made to the local community endowment funds on Nov. 16 were stretched thanks to matching donations from the Province of Manitoba, the Winnipeg Foundation, and numerous area businesses.

When the clock struck midnight

Saturday evening, the Winkler Community Foundation had brought in a total (with matching funds) of \$50,236, the Morden Area Foundation raised \$33,155, and the Plum Coulee Foundation raised \$19,823.

"It was our best one yet," said Plum Coulee board chair Heather Unger, noting the tally was over three times the amount raised last year.

"We had a couple nice big donations this year, which was pretty cool," she said. "And we really pursued our local businesspeople prior to the event, which was probably what helped make the difference."

"It feels good to see the support come through."

Echoing that sentiment is Morden Area Foundation executive director Lynda Lambert, who was thrilled to see so many donors step up to support the foundation.

"We're very, very happy. There's more and more people catching on to



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler Community Foundation's Stacy Wiebe, holding daughter Raelynn, and Myra Peters set up a donation table at Winkler Co-op Saturday for the 24 Hour Giving Challenge.

this every year," she said. "Everybody is so excited about it."

This year's donations included two very generous ones from individuals who had received money from a loved one's estate.

"They wanted to pass it on behalf of the people who had passed away, in their memory, back to the communi-

ty," Lambert said. "That was awesome to see."

Many smaller donations poured in throughout the day, she noted, both in-person and online.

"It's one guy giving \$20, one guy giving \$100, then \$1,000 here, and

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Holly Jolly Breakfast raises \$8K for Cheer Board



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By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board hosted one of its most successful Holly Jolly Breakfast fundraisers in years last weekend.

Hundreds of people came out to enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast, purchase a stuffed animal to be included in the care hampers going out next month, and enjoy music from talented local youth choirs and solo performers Saturday at the Southland Mall.



Cheer Board president Kris Derksen said on Monday that the breakfast raised \$5,800. Scotiabank committed to matching up to \$3,000 raised that day, which gives the Cheer Board \$8,800 to spend on groceries.

"That is huge for us," she said "It does go a long way.

The Cheer Board is kicking things into high gear over the next few weeks as it prepares for its hamper delivery night on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

They expect to distribute 360 hampers that day, each filled with groceries and, for families with children, gifts to help get them through what can be a difficult holiday season if you're struggling to make ends meet.

Volunteer delivery drivers will be needed that day starting at 4 p.m. at the Winkler MB Church on Pineview Dr. Advance sign-up is not required.

Between now and then, the Cheer Board will continue its donation drive. Monetary donations can be made at the Winkler Co-op grocery store. Many local schools and churches are also organizing food drives of non-perishable items to help fill the hampers.

Meanwhile, hamper applications are available from the Central Station Community Centre at 545 Industrial Drive.

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• GUEST COMMENTARY

Province needs to bring more specialties to BTHC

By Dr. Chandy Jacob

It has been 12 years since MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) was established in Boundary Trails Health Centre.

At the inauguration of BTHC 18 years ago, Dr. Bob Menzies mentioned the need for an MRI to achieve our goals. We made presentations regarding that need, explaining the reasons and benefits to our region and Manitoba as a whole. The government at the time reviewed our presentations, had a meeting with us, and then approved the establishment of MRI at BTHC.

Now that the MRI has been running for over a decade, it would be helpful to analyze how it helped improve the medical care in this region and what other services might have the same kind of impact:

1. Recruitment and retention of specialists

There was one surgical specialist and four radiology specialists before MRI started at BTHC.

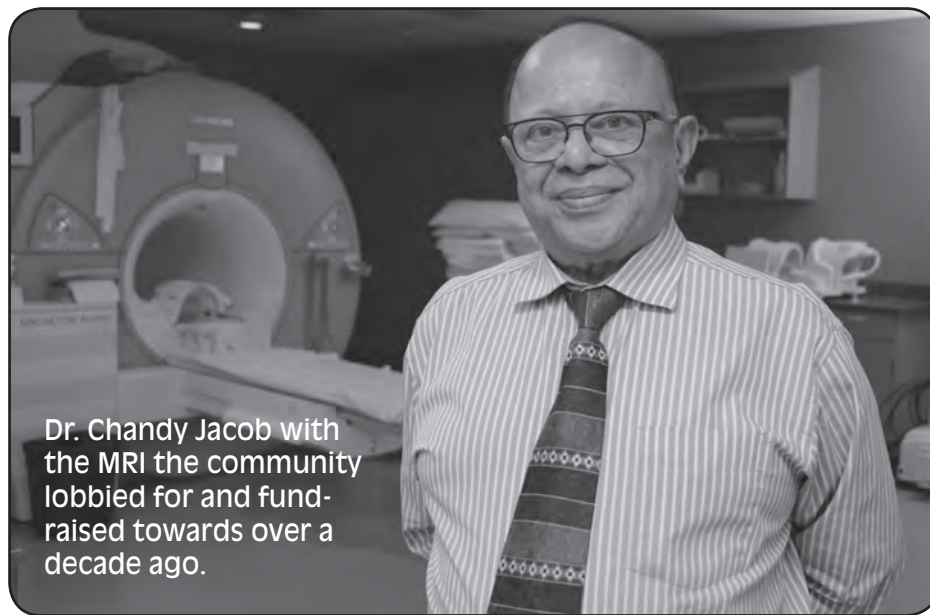
We now have three orthopedic surgeons, five general surgeons, and three specialists in obstetrics and gynecology, in addition to five radiology specialists at BTHC. There is one specialist in pediatrics in Morden and also an internal medicine specialist.

It is our hope that we would be able to recruit additional specialists if we get approval from the government.

We have a real possibility of increasing this service and tackling the overcrowding and the lengthy wait lists in Winnipeg. That means we have to have an extra OR, which was painfully taken away when our initial hospital plan was cancelled by our health minister, who was also our own MLA at the time.

Adding three gynecology and obstetrics specialists was possible because of advanced facilities. When BTHC was built “they” calculated that we would do up to 500 deliveries in one year. Eighteen years later our delivery rate is 1,000 per year.

Taking the growth rate into consideration in this area, this regional “sec-



Dr. Chandy Jacob with the MRI the community lobbied for and fund-raised towards over a decade ago.

ondary” centre needs some revamping right now.

2. Recruitment and retention of family practitioners

This goes hand in hand with specialist recruitment. Twelve years ago, before we had an MRI, we had 17 general practitioners in Winkler. In 2019, we have 32 family practitioners, one nurse practitioner, and one physician assistant. A similar increase occurred in Morden’s clinic. General practitioner numbers in Morden have increased from 10 in 2007 to more than 21 today.

Family practitioners appreciate the help of specialists locally for prompt consultation and help with management. We have shown that we can recruit if proper facilities are here.

3. Cost savings and less stress for local people

Two main principles of the Canada Health Act are that medical care is free and accessible for all. If there is no access it does not matter if medical care is free or not.

In our area, 54 per cent of people have to go to Winnipeg for medical

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Thanking our nation’s veterans

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Local councils mulling over shelter's funding request

By Lorne Stelmach

Genesis House is looking to the region that it serves to help bolster the non-profit family shelter's financial future.

Over the past several weeks, shelter representatives have been meeting with municipal councils to make a pitch for three-year funding commitments.

Winkler and Stanley councils heard from them earlier this fall, and there were visits to the Morden and the RM of Roland councils last week.

Genesis House is only asking for 50 cents per capita (which would mean just over \$4,300 from the City of Morden and around \$6,000 from the City of Winkler), but it would still go a long way toward helping the shelter remain financially viable.

"Our [provincial] funding has been

stagnant for 12 years," executive director Ang Braun said following her presentation to Morden council.

Braun suggested that the organization is in somewhat dire straits, especially with provincial support not increasing to keep up with the rising costs that come with an increased need for services and new programming.

"I think we've lost probably two and a half positions over the course of the last 12 years, slowly eroding away at how we are able to staff with the amount of money that we have," Braun said. "I think if all 16 councils came through, it could fund a full-time position for us."

She would also like to be able to do more outreach into the far reaches of the region they serve—an area that stretches west to Crystal City and Pilot Mound, north to Treherne and

"I THINK IF ALL 16 COUNCILS CAME THROUGH, IT COULD FUND A FULL-TIME POSITION FOR US."

St. Claude, and east to the area along Highway 75.

Genesis House has met with eight local councils so far this fall and plans to address the remaining eight in the new year.

"That has actually been good for us because I think that we've learned a lot on the way as well," Braun said, stressing that having the opportunity for discussion is vital.

They've received a positive response thus far, she added, noting the shelter's request will be reviewed as the various municipalities begin their

budget-making processes over the next few months.

She also likes the idea that arose from a local council to have the municipalities write to the provincial government on this issue.

"When we talked about sharing your voice, we hadn't put it down into something specific like that ... and I think that will be effective," said Braun. "I think it's when they hear from the larger community that they say, 'This is something we should be worried about, we should be thinking about this.'"

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care that is not available locally.

The main reason is that 95 per cent of specialists are located in Winnipeg because all the facilities are put there by the government.

If there are new advances like PET scans they will be put in Winnipeg, and we understand that, but there are specialties like orthopedics that could go to a secondary centre, thus reducing the extra cost rural people have to shoulder for treatment.

Before we established an MRI centre at BTHC, everybody from this area had to go to Winnipeg for MRI examinations.

Last year from April 2018 to March 2019, 8,983 MRI examinations were

done at BTHC. Conservatively speaking, if the average patient is paying an average of \$225 to go into Winnipeg for an MRI (that includes expenses like gas and parking fees as well as lost wages for time off work), then having an MRI at Boundary Trails creates over \$2 million in savings for local people each year. Over the past 12 years, that's more than \$20 million saved. That is money that stays local.

Local access also equals less stress for seniors and sick patients. Each trip into Winnipeg is stressful in that they possibly have to arrange somebody to drive, pay for car expenses and parking, etc. Stress is not good for you, especially when you are sick.

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The Woods-Gordon report stated that 38,000 people in the area could support an ophthalmologist. BTHC draws an area of 60,000 and the region draws much more.

It will be possible to have an oph-

thalmologist only if the government puts the facilities at the secondary centre like BTHC to provide general ophthalmology and cataract surgery. Three thousand cataract surgeries per year should keep three ophthalmologists busy.

As we did with the MRI, we will raise local money if we have to (we raised \$3 million for MRI). If the health minister says that is what we have to do, we have no choice.

All we need is space and special instruments.

If we as a community are losing \$2.25 million a year by going to Winnipeg, we can recoup that in two years.

The health minister has to be proactive and say this is a fair request.

Dr. Chandy Jacob is general surgeon who has been practicing medicine in the Winkler area for over 50 years.

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Northlands Parkway Collegiate has had a Remembrance Day ceremony every year to honour the fallen and active soldiers, doctors, and nurses of Canada.

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PVHS monthly donor drives falls short, but BSI steps up

By Lorne Stelmach

A campaign to sign up more monthly supporters may not have reached its target, but the Pembina Valley Humane Society is still pleased with what it did accomplish.

The Drive to 100 initiative supported by BSI Insurance had set the ambitious target of getting 100 new monthly donors for the society over a one month period ending Nov. 15.

BSI Insurance pledged that for every new monthly donor that registered it

would donate \$10 up to \$1,000 to the humane society, and the company came through with the full amount in the end regardless of how the campaign turned out.

"It went better than we thought but not quite as good as we had hoped," said Holly Thorne, public relations chairperson for the society.

"We finished off with 36, which is still 36 more than we had before, which is awesome. That works out to be about an extra \$500 a month for the shelter or about \$6,000 per year,"

Thorne estimated.

"That \$500, that's a couple spays and neuters, that's vaccinations for a good chunk of our cats and dogs. So just knowing that we have that extra \$500 per month that we get to use means that we can move on to other projects that need to be addressed."

Thorne is thankful for the support of BSI Insurance.

"BSI Insurance has been amazing. They stepped up to the plate ... the fact that they stepped up to really give us that extra push that the shelter needs is such huge thing, and we couldn't be more grateful."

BSI representative Paul Wiebe said they were pleased to lend the society a helping hand.

"We've got the Because We Care

program going on so that we can donate to programs around the community that are important to the local people," he said. "Pembina Valley Humane Society is something that's very important in the community."

Thorne noted that simply having the opportunity to bring more attention to the idea of monthly donations was beneficial, and it is something they will continue to promote.

"It's something that we are always looking for, it's something that people can always register at any time of the year to do," she said. "With Christmas coming around, a lot of people do have donations set aside for charities to help out with various causes, so hopefully people will think about us."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Holly Thorne, public relations chair for the Pembina Valley Humane Society, receives a \$1,000 donation from Paul Wiebe on behalf of BSI Insurance. The funding came through the BSI Insurance Drive to 100 campaign to attract more monthly donors for the society.

Province issues thin ice advisory for southern MB

A thin ice advisory for rivers, streams, and lakes in southern Manitoba has been issued until full freeze up.

The Hydrologic Forecast Centre of Manitoba Infrastructure warns that many water bodies in southern Manitoba are still in the process of freezing over, ice is still very thin, and larger rivers still have open water in some areas.

The centre cautions:

- snowmobilers, skiers and others are advised not to venture onto rivers and lakes if at all possible due to the

danger of falling through;

- thin ice is often covered by snow, which produces weak spots due to its insulating effect;

- areas of fast-flowing water tend to have thin ice which may not be visible; and

- ice conditions on the Assiniboine and Red rivers may be dangerous now through mid-December.

Once full ice cover is achieved, levels of the Red River and other rivers in southern Manitoba are not expected to change much during the rest of this winter.

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then back to \$20," she said. "The thing that I love about this ... is with our [community endowment fund] it really has been the community building it. There's been so many people involved with little amounts. But that's the thing: they add up to a big amount."

The Giving Challenge total in Winkler, meanwhile, has come a long way indeed from the first year six years ago when just \$3,000 was raised.

"Each year it's been climbing," said Winkler Community Foundation executive director Myra Peters, noting their goal was \$50,000, so they're thrilled to have surpassed it.

"We're very excited for what this means," she said. "Our community endowment fund is a fund our local charities can apply for funding from, so this gives us a little more money to give back."

Peters said volunteers who set up donations tables in two locations

Saturday got the chance to chat with a lot of people throughout the day. The foundation also set a new record for online donations.

"It's definitely something we're excited to see," Peters said. "We nearly doubled the online donations this year over past years."

"We just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated and all our matching sponsors," she said. "We appreciate all the support."

RCMP continue search for man wanted in Texas for murder

The RCMP is continuing to ask for the public's assistance in locating Derek Whisenand, a 28-year-old American who is wanted in Texas for murder.

Police say that during the week of June 24, 2019, Whisenand illegally crossed into Canada near the village of Haskett, south of Winkler.

He was seen on June 26 at approximately 8 a.m. at the Wal-Mart in Winkler.

Later that morning, Whisenand made his way to Carman. RCMP are looking to speak to the person or persons who may have assisted him in getting to Carman.

On the afternoon of June 26, Whisenand got a ride from Carman and was dropped off at Junior's restaurant on St. Mary's Road at Fermor Ave. in Winnipeg at approximately 3:30 p.m. This was the last confirmed sighting of Whisenand.

Whisenand is described as Caucasian, 6' tall, 250 lbs, with brown eyes and brown hair. He was last seen with a black goatee. He has a tattoo on his left wrist of a pentagram. He was travelling with a medium sized,



RCMP PHOTOS

The hunt continues for 28-year-old Derek Whisenand, who police say crossed over illegally from the U.S. to Canada at Haskett this summer. Whisenand is wanted for murder in Texas. He has a distinctive tattoo on his left wrist and was travelling with a mixed breed dog.

mixed breed dog, possibly a mix of a German Shepard and pit bull or boxer, brindle in color.

He may be armed and is considered dangerous.

"We realize it has been several months since the last confirmed sighting of Derek Whisenand. Since then, we have received numerous

tips and have followed up on all of them," said Cpl. Julie Courchaine of the Manitoba RCMP. "We are hoping these new photos will once again generate new information about his time in the province and lead us to his current location.

"We're looking for any information to help our officers safely find and ar-

rest him."

If anyone has any information or believe they have seen Whisenand, contact the RCMP Integrated Border Enforcement Team at 204-324-9121 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477. You can also submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com

Winkler United Way campaign at \$15,000

There's still time to give: board president

By Lorne Stelmach

The outlook continues to brighten for the Winkler and District United Way this year.

Coming off a rebuilding year where the organization started over after losing nearly its entire board of directors following the 2017-2018 campaign, the agency this fall has already surpassed what it raised last year.

Directors announced last week that \$15,000 has been raised thus far in the 2019-2020 campaign.

"I'm feeling pretty happy, knowing that we still have a lot of community support for the Winkler and District United Way," said board president Kim Nelson.

She noted directors had not set a specific target for this year's campaign, but are pleased to see improvement over last year.

"We left it open this year again with

the intent to raise more than we did last year, which we did, and to continue to boost our community presence," she said.

"I'm hoping that we can still get more funds coming in," Nelson added. "We would really like to give as much money back to the local non-profit agencies as we can, so we're hoping for some more."

Throughout United Way Month in September, United Way volunteers got out into the community to connect with donors, manning donations tables at the Winkler Senior Centre, Winkler Co-op, and a Winkler Flyers game. Board members

also made the rounds with doughnuts to spread awareness in the business community and thank corporate donors for their support.

"We'd like to thank every single person and business owner who took a moment to give this fall," Nelson said.

"Every donation, no matter the size, will help non-profit agencies in our community continue to provide vital programs and services to our friends and neighbours."

She noted that they received about a dozen requests for funding from local non-profit organizations. The

board will decide on grant allotments in the new year.

"There's definitely a need for these dollars in our community," Nelson said.

"I do think that we are in a position to keep moving forward," she suggested. "Having to rebuild certainly provided some challenges to get the revenue that the Winkler and District United Way had been used to, but I do feel we are in the position to move forward and continue to support local agencies.

"It's not too late [for donations]," Nelson added, stressing that "all the funds that we raise go right back into the community."

Online donations can be made at unitedwaywinkler.com while cheques can be mailed to Winkler and District United Way, PO Box 1528, Winkler, MB, R6W 4B4.

If you'd like to make a donation in person, the United Way hosts its first Skate With Santa on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 12-2 p.m. at the Winkler arena. Everyone is invited to come enjoy free hot chocolate and treats and skating with both Santa and representatives of the Winkler Flyers junior hockey team.

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Kicking off the holiday season



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The community came together Friday night for the annual tree lighting party in downtown Morden. A large crowd turned out at the civic centre for the event that included outdoor bonfires and photos with Santa before culminating with the tree lighting and fireworks. Right: Personal Expressions Photography's Steve Hiebert with Denise Thiessen, who was on hand to collect food donations for The Hub Community Centre.



Man facing multiple charges

A man is facing nine charges after Winkler police were called last week about a violent individual causing extensive damage inside a building and assaulting several other people.

Upon arriving on the scene on Nov. 13, officers began questioning the suspect, who they say was behaving erratically.

Police say the man then assaulted several officers and continued to damage property before fleeing the building. He was caught and arrested after a short chase.

The man, whose name has not been released, is charged with mischief over \$5,000, obstructing a peace officer, four counts of assault with a weapon, and three counts of assaulting a police officer. He was remanded into custody.

A few other incidents of note in the weekly police reports include:

- Winkler Police arrested and charged a man Nov. 11 after receiving a report of a sexual assault that had just occurred. No further details were released.

- Morden Police conducted a Manitoba Public Insurance distracted driving campaign Nov. 12 and issued three tickets for using a cellphone or device while driving, which carries a fine of \$672 and a

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three day license suspension. There was also one notice for driving an unregistered vehicle, which carries a fine of \$298, and tickets for failing to move into the furthest lane and failing to slow down when passing an emergency vehicle.

- Winkler Police received a report Nov. 14 of a truck that was stolen from a local business sometime overnight. The truck was later located a short distance away.

- While on patrol Nov. 13, Morden officers stopped a vehicle for going 137 kph in a 70 zone. The driver was issued a speeding ticket with a fine of \$972 and a serious offence notice regarding a hearing for a driver's license suspension.

- A woman reported to Winkler Police Nov. 15 that she had received a cheque in the mail from a company in Ontario and believed it to be suspicious.

After checking online, she found that the company was legitimate, but upon calling the company was advised the cheque was a scam.

In the following days, she received a text message from an unfamiliar phone number asking if she had deposited the cheque. Police advised the female to not respond and to not deposit the cheque.

- Morden Police were contacted

Nov. 15 about a road rage incident. A driver told officers they were heading westbound into Morden when they passed a vehicle just before the lights at Thornhill Street and 1st Street.

While stopped at the light, the driver of the other vehicle approached the victim, motioning for him to roll down his car window. When the victim refused, the other driver proceeded to kick the driver's side mirror off the victim's car and then drove away.

Police were able to locate the suspect and issued him a verbal warning, as the victim did not want to proceed with charges.

- On Nov. 16, Winkler Police arrested and charged a man with four counts of assault after receiving a report from a woman who said she had been assaulted by her boyfriend several times over the past two years.

- Morden Police received a call Nov. 16 from a woman saying her sister kept calling and threatening her.

Officers tried to contact the sister, but she would not speak with police. After speaking to the caller more, police learned this was an ongoing dispute between the sisters but there was no immediate concern for anyone's safety. They suggested the caller not answer when she sees her sister calling.

- Morden Police are investigating

Morden Police warn of candy tampering

The Morden Police Service received a report of an object located inside a candy that was believed to be given out this past Halloween night in Morden.

Police were called after the discovery was made by a parent. The officers seized the candy and confirmed a one inch needle had been placed inside a sealed licorice candy.

Morden Police are reminding parents to check over their kids' Halloween candy and report any other suspicious items immediately.

Anyone with information regard-



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ing the above incident is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com, or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

what the driver of a suspicious vehicle was up to in Morden Nov. 17 after a resident reported seeing the vehicle slowly driving up Conner Hill Drive.

The driver appeared to be record-

ing houses on his phone. The car was described as a dark green late '90s Malibu.

Officers patrolled the area but could not locate the vehicle.

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NPC students bring *Shrek The Musical* to the stage

Show runs Nov. 28-30 at the Winkler concert hall

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate is bringing a modern-day fairy tale to the Winkler concert hall next week.

The student production of *Shrek The Musical* runs at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Nov. 28-30.

It's a story of a grumpy green ogre who sets out to rescue a princess and restore order to his beloved swamp home.

The play follows the popular Pixar movie pretty closely, but seeing the story brought to life is something else, say the cast.

"It is quite similar in terms of storyline but it does have a little more in-depth analysis of the characters," says Madison Fehr, who is taking on several roles in the show, including the Dragon.

"For the dragon it's been really interesting," she says. "She actually has a whole song to herself that wasn't in the movie. So it's been cool to actually analyze all the stuff that's going on beneath all the huffing and puffing."

Likewise, Luke Martens, who plays the comically villainous Lord Farquaad, has been having a lot of fun trying to see the show from the bad guy's point of view.

"It's very interesting to have a different angle on a storyline," he says.

Playing Fiona, a beautiful princess who is transformed into an ogre each night at sunset, is Madeline Peters, who has enjoyed depicting her character's fiery nature.

"Fiona is very sassy in a way, so it's been a lot of fun to bring that to the character," she says, noting she's been active in theatre productions in the past but this is her first musical in years. "It's a lot of relearning how to do things."

"There's lots and lots of music and dancing," says Martens, adding that he's relished the challenge. "I did a lot of acting back in my elementary school but never really a musical, so this is a completely new system for me."

A cast and crew of dozens of teens and school staff members have been preparing for this show for months. It's been a lot of work, but they'll miss it when it's over, says Peters.

"For me it's always about the people," she says. "Once it's over, I'm always sad that I don't get to see every-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

NPC drama students run through scenes for their upcoming production of *Shrek The Musical*, which runs Nov. 28-30 at the Winkler concert hall.

one again like we do now.

"It's great to have that kind of like, almost a family," agrees Martens. "Just to work together in this environment, it's fantastic."

If you have never seen *Shrek* live before, Fehr urges you to come check it out.

"I think it offers something for everyone, young and old, with the humour and also the in-depth stuff," she says. "And it's really relevant to life."

Shows run nightly at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the ticket office in City Hall, at NPC, or online at winklerconcerthall.ca.

Douglas Kuhl School of Music fall concert Sat.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Douglas Kuhl School of Music students take the stage in Winkler this weekend.

DKSM's Homeschool Harmony Children's and Youth choirs will perform alongside the Encore and Post Road strings ensembles at the Winkler EMMC on Southview Dr. this Saturday, Nov. 23, starting at 7 p.m.

All four groups have a mix of returning members and a few newcomers this season, says DKSM acting director Lin Fehr, who notes the program is a great chance for kids to meet other young performers from across the

region.

"We come from Gretna, other kids are from Altona, Coulee, Winkler, Morden," she said. "It's a chance to connect with a bigger community."

The annual fall concert is a highlight for the kids.

"It's a good opportunity for them to have an experience that they maybe wouldn't otherwise," Fehr said. "A chance to perform, a chance to experience singing in a group as well."

The concert is always well-received by the public at large as well, Fehr noted, pointing out they've had to move to a larger venue in recent years to accommodate everyone who wants

to come enjoy the show.

With longtime DKSM director Rochelle Drudge on sabbatical this season, the school has a few new faces working behind-the-scenes to keep its music programs running smoothly.

In addition to Fehr coming on board as temporary director, several of the choirs and strings ensembles have new people at the helm this fall.

For this week's concert, Sandy Plett is directing the Homeschool Children's Choir and Ainsley Kroeker is leading the Youth Choir.

For the strings ensembles, Dwayne Schott has picked up the baton for the

Encore group, while Jason Vanwynsberghe returns to lead Post Road.

DKSM also has three other strings ensembles—Twinklers, Allegro, and Da Capo—who will perform a concert in February.

The Winkler Senior Choir has officially come under the DKSM banner this year and will perform a Christmas concert at the Morden Menonite Church Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. and then alongside the homeschool choirs in May.

The school's popular Cadenza Summer Music Week is on hiatus for 2020 but is expected to return for 2021.

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ACU financial literacy program seeing success

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union continues doing its part for financial literacy across the region.

Its program of community workshops under the Each One Teach One initiative now has two years under its belt, and representatives see it playing a vital role in helping families and individuals build lives of financial stability and independence.

"We've heard many success stories from community members who have attended our workshops," said Janessa Unrau, who is now among 21 certified employees trained for the program since its introduction here in 2017.

The initiative is built around the idea that people's financial well-being depends on their ability to understand and use financial information in a way that helps them make good decisions.

Since training their own staff to be financial literacy trainers under the Each One Teach One program, Access CU has teamed up with community service organizations and employers across southern Manitoba to host 122 workshops, reaching over 1,700 com-



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Access Credit Union hosted its second annual trainer summit recently in honour of Financial Literacy Month. The Each One Teach One program trains ACU employees to be financial literacy trainers.

munity members in the process.

In honour of Financial Literacy Month, ACU last week hosted their second annual trainer summit where all certified trainers came together for a day of sharing success stories and challenges, learning from guest speakers, and growing their presentation skills.

"It's so rewarding to watch participants take the knowledge from our workshops and apply it to their own finances," said Unrau. "Everyone has

financial goals, and our financial literacy program empowers others to reach those goals, whether it be saving for a vacation, paying off debt, or purchasing a home."

For an organization like Genesis House, for example, teaching such topics as budgeting, debt smarts, and building a healthy credit history have proven to be valuable tools to help clients move forward.

Many local schools have also invited the program into their classrooms.

"As a personal finance teacher, I love the opportunity to host an Each One Teach One workshop each semester with my students," said Rhonda Kezema of Garden Valley Collegiate. "It is a valuable resource and a community connection that offers real life learning."

For more details about the program and a full list of the workshops offered, visit accesscu.ca.

Council okays PTH 14 greenhouse expansion

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler city council faced a half dozen planning matters at its Nov. 12 meeting, all as a result of development at and nearby a local business.

Although they were all routine, a number of issues arose in conjunction with the New Leaf Garden Centre's plans to build new greenhouses at its PTH 14 location.

There was a need to officially ap-

prove existing non-conformances as well as to subdivide a residential property and approve variances, including ones related to the planned construction of the greenhouses.

The property is zoned community reserve, which made both the existing commercial use and residential home non-conforming uses requiring approval.

The main part of the property is being rezoned for commercial highway

use. The residential property is being subdivided, as is another portion of land for other potential future residential development.

Future plans for the city in the area include extending Park Street north of PTH 14.

Meanwhile, variations related to the construction of two new greenhouses or non-conforming aspects of the existing development, and a conditional use was necessary to allow the com-

mercial use in the highway zoning.

In other council matters, the city has received a number of requests for funding in the year ahead.

Decisions on the requests from the Central Station Community Centre, Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, and Manitoba Crimestoppers will all be considered as part of council's budget deliberations for 2020.

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Event promotes what downtown Morden has to offer

Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas encourages holiday shoppers to think local

By Lorne Stelmach

It was the busiest night of the year for downtown Morden last Thursday.

The Morden chamber's annual Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas event had around 20 participating businesses enjoying the crowds that converged on the Stephen St. strip for an evening of shopping and a chance at prizes.

Now in its sixth year, it has become well-established as a community event aimed at promoting local businesses and encouraging people to shop locally. A number of merchants see it as a highlight of their year.

"It's our biggest night of the year," said Ashley Funk of The Olive Tree.

"We really hope it continues and increases in size and more people hear about it and come out and join the fun," she said. "We try to attract as many people as we can downtown because it doesn't always pull a lot of people in, so this is a good kickoff to Christmas."

Funk sees it as playing a role in helping promote and develop a good feeling around what downtown Morden has to offer.

"I think we have an insanely beautiful downtown. There's not many cities that have such a beautiful downtown," she said. "I feel that we could use a little more attraction downtown, and events like this definitely help, especially with so many new families who are moving to Morden. Events like this are kind of crucial to getting people downtown to see what's available and then

they'll be returning.

"I would love to see more retail downtown, but the shops that we have here are great," Funk added. "They're fun to work with, and we all seem to work together really well."

"Doing collaboration over competition should always be number one," she said, "because if we all work together, we're all going to benefit, and everybody wins."

"It's a great event for downtown Morden," agreed Charlene Friesen of Pharmasave, which played a key role several years ago in starting the celebration of local shopping.

"We just saw that there was an opportunity to do something for the Christmas season, and it's grown from there. Every year customers are coming in and they're asking when it is," she said. "We're really excited that the rest of the community has tagged on with us and done this event with us."

"It's great for the community," Friesen continued. "It just gets people to spend their money in the city here, and that is always a win-win situation for everybody involved."

The evening also draws a lot of people to the Pembina Hills Gallery and its gift shop, said Laurie Wiebe, administrative co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

"It's a very good event for us. I think we had 321 people through last year ... in the one evening, so it's been very well-attended," she noted. "It gets people through our doors, and in some cases they



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Shoppers filled the aisles at Pharmasave and other downtown businesses Nov. 14 for the sixth annual Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas event.

don't come through into the gallery any other time. It's because they're doing the strip, going around to the shop.

"It gives the downtown a really lovely vibe, and it's the start of the holiday season ... it gets people in the mood," Wiebe added.

"Morden has a lot to offer. People don't have to go Christmas shopping in Winnipeg. They can actually stay in Morden to do that here."

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Getting Down to Business

Have a taste of Jer's Cuisine

The chef behind Jer's Cuisine comes to the new Morden-based business with 15 years of experience in the industry.

It is the realization of a dream for Jeremie Verrier to be operating the catering and banquet service from redeveloped space within the old Tabor Home building.

"After a couple years of working in this area, I finally just took that step and started on my own," said Verrier, who moved here three years ago. "I really like the area, and that's kind of what drew me here ... I just want to be part of the communities and invest here.

"I've always wanted to have something like a banquet hall because I love hosting. I like to provide that service, and I love serving people, like to be hands-on," said Verrier.

He saw the opportunity to make it happen when he learned about the availability of what had been the kitchen and dining space of the former personal care facility.

"I've updated it a little bit, changed the colours, renovated the banquet hall ... slowly but surely turning it into something," he said.

"With big dreams, it's small steps to get there," he continued, noting there was an advantage with the space not only in terms of its size but also in having the kitchen basically set up and ready to go.

The banquet room can serve up to 150 people, but Verrier is also offering a catering service for all sizes of groups—everything from intimate functions with just a handful of people all the way up to 250 guests for weddings, conferences, and other larger events.

Verrier has been visiting local businesses to introduce himself and his services, and he has already catered a number of events recently in the community.

He is anxious to introduce people to his cuisine, which he emphasized will always be authentic but can also come with some more exotic touches.



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Chef Jeremie Verrier of Jer's Cuisine enjoys bringing his own creativity to every dish he serves.

"I'm just trying to bring my creativity and my joy in making food and bringing it to this community," said Verrier, who is also introducing his own line of dressings and vinaigrettes

"I'm super excited to bring in my flavours and my creativity to typically traditional dishes and just putting in that wow factor," he continued. "I love to work with smoked meats, seafood, and Caribbean dishes. I've had training in Jamaica, which brings out a whole new dynamic in the flavours that I bring to the table.

"Even just with something as simple as a turkey dinner, I'm putting my flavours into it," he added. "Everything is fresh. I make everything in house, every sauce, every dressing. That's my passion."


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Central Region Juried Art Show cancelled for 2020

By Lorne Stelmach

A long running regional art show will not happen next year, but area arts groups hope to revive it for 2021.

The Central Cultural Council announced earlier this month that it will postpone hosting the 2020 Central Region Juried Art Exhibition.

The show has long been a joint project between the Golden Prairie Arts Council in Carman, Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden, Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment in Portage, Tiger Hills Arts Association in Holland, and Winkler Arts and Culture.

A brief statement by e-mail from Laurie Wiebe, administrative coordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council, attributed the decision to a funding shortage.

"The juried art exhibition is hosted annually by these arts councils on a

"EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCES ..."

rotational basis and has provided regional artists the opportunity to network and showcase their work for 38 years," she said, adding that "every effort will be made to investigate alternative revenue sources to secure the future of the exhibition."

Winkler Arts and Culture only joined the council and participated in the juried art show for the first time this past year, but executive director Wendy Klassen sees the value in it



The Central Juried Art Exhibition, which brought together artists from across the region each year, has been cancelled for 2020 due to funding issues.

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and remains optimistic it will be revived.

"One of the things that I thought was really unique was it gives artists a chance to show their work in other art galleries that they normally wouldn't," she said. "I noticed that we had probably 90 per cent of the art was artists that we had never shown here before."

"So it's kind of opening new doors in that way, which is really nice. It's good for our community to see new artist's work being featured, and it's

nice for those artists to have their work showing in new galleries."

The juried art exhibition has been hosted annually by the participating arts councils on a rotational basis.

PHAC played host in 2019 with the adjudication of the entered artwork in Morden before a few dozen selected pieces began its season-long tour in May.

In past years, about 10 pieces from the show have gone on to take part in the Rural & Northern Juried Art Show in Winnipeg in the fall.

Students support Legion



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Morden Legion president Bob Frost received a \$200 donation last week from local students Mollie Wheeler, Ashlyn Kropp, and McKenna Nicholls. Kropp said they chose to do fundraising for the Legion because they provide funding and support for the Morden Air Cadets in addition to supporting local veterans and the community at large. "So I wanted to return the favour," she said. "We decided to do it at school by holding a raffle with the intention of raising awareness for the Legion and what it does for the community." Frost said the Legion is "very appreciative of these three young ladies and their efforts to promote our branch."

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Winkler goaltender Dylan Meilun keeps a close eye on the bouncing puck in Saturday's game against Swan Valley, which the Stampeders won 3-2 after a shootout. The Flyers got their revenge the very next night, defeating Swan Valley 5-4.

Flyers climb up standings

Now in 2nd place behind Steinbach

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers have jumped to the top of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League standings.

At press time on Tuesday the team were in second place with a record of 15-6-0-2 and 32 points, trailing the first place Steinbach Pistons by two points and ahead of Portage and Waywayseecappo by just one.

The team bolstered their record with two wins and one loss last week, starting with a 2-0 blanking of the Blues in Winnipeg Nov. 12.

That match saw Winkler outshoot Winnipeg 29-20, with Jayden McCarthy and Carson Pawlenchuk successfully finding the back of the net early in the first period. Dylan Meilun denied all comers in goal for Winkler.

A few nights later, the boys hosted Swan Valley for a close game that needed a shootout for a decision.

Everett Bestland drew first blood just four minutes in, but the Stampeders got that goal back before the first intermission and then took the lead early in the second.

That lead held all the way until the final four minutes of the game when Mateo Albinati scored for Winkler to force overtime.

The scoreless extra period solved nothing, sending things to a shootout that saw all of Winkler's shooters fail to score. Swan Valley's third shooter found his mark for the 3-2 win.

Dorin Luding manned the net for Winkler this game, making 27 saves as the Flyers outshot the Stampeders 31-29.

Winkler got another crack at Swan Valley the very next night.

This time around it was the Stampeders who opened scoring seven minutes in, but Griffin Leonard and Jayden McCarthy made it a 2-1 game just minutes later.

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Hawks win streak comes to an end

By Lorne Stelmach

A three game win streak came to a halt this weekend with a pair of losses for the male Pembina Valley Hawks.

After a big 4-3 win over the first place Winnipeg Wild last Wednesday, the Hawks fell 3-1 Saturday to the Eastman Selects and then dropped a 3-2 overtime decision Sunday to the Winnipeg Thrashers.

The Hawks handed the Wild their first loss of the season. Brock Moroz backstopped Pembina Valley to the victory, making 41 saves as Winnipeg outshot Pembina Valley 44-25.

The Hawks got goals from Roux Bazin, Derek Wiebe, Andrew Boucher, and Trent Penner as they held period leads of 2-0 and 4-1 and held off a third period push by the Wild.

There was no scoring until the final frame Saturday

when Justin Keck gave the Hawks the lead and then a powerplay marker kicked off three unanswered Eastman goals. Shots on goal were 40-34 for the Hawks. Reid Dyck made 31 saves.

The Hawks and Thrashers traded goals in the second and third periods. Winnipeg got the winner just 36 seconds into overtime.

Boucher scored twice for Pembina Valley, which got 33 saves from Moroz as the shots on goal were 36-34 in Winnipeg's favour.

The Hawks remain in fourth at 11-4-2-0 for 24 points, which has them one up on Southwest and three ahead of the Winnipeg Bruins while sitting five behind the Thrashers.

Pembina Valley has a pair of rematches this weekend as it hosts the Eastman Selects in Morden Saturday night and then head to Winnipeg Sunday to take on the Thrashers.

Hawks keep coming close, but no cigar

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks have been competitive, but they're still struggling to add to their win column so far this season.

The AAA Hawks saw their losing current slump extend to five games this weekend as they dropped a pair of one goal decisions in falling 3-2 to the Winnipeg Ice Friday and then 2-1 to the Winnipeg Avros Saturday.

Pembina Valley gave up a pair of third period goals to the Ice in what had been a 1-1 tie going into the final frame. Anika Braun and Abbi Conrad scored for the Hawks, while Tria Enns made 27 saves as the Hawks outshot their opponents 32-30.

On Saturday, the Hawks couldn't quite come back from a 2-0 first pe-

riod deficit against the Avros.

Abbey Bourdeaud'hui scored the lone goal for Pembina Valley in the second period. The Hawks had a slight 18-17 edge in shots, with Enns making 15 saves.

The Hawks remain mired in seventh place at 2-8-0 for four points, which is one up on the Interlake Lightning and one behind the Central Plains Capitals. The bottom three teams are far behind the leaders. The Winnipeg Avros have the number one spot with 20 points, Westman is second at 16 points, and Winnipeg Ice and Eastman are tied at 14 points.

The Hawks are at home in Morden this weekend for a pair of afternoon games against the Ice Saturday and the Westman Wildcats on Sunday.

Pembina Valley Twisters make it 11 wins in a row

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters remain on a roll with two more wins this past weekend.

A 5-3 victory over the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins Friday and a 5-4 defeat of the Raiders Sunday extended Pembina Valley's winning streak to 11 in a row.

Now having come out victorious in 12 of their first 13 games of the 2019-20 season, the Twisters are tied for the league lead with the St. Vital Victorias at 24 points. They have a game in hand over St. Vital. Their 12-1-0 record is also a notch better than the Victorias' 11-1-2.

Pembina Valley fired four third period goals Friday in what had been a 1-1 tie until the final frame.

Sven Schefer, Travis Penner, Jeremie

Goderis, T.J. Matuszewski, and Wyatt Sabourin all scored for the Twisters. Martin Gagnon made 25 saves as Pembina Valley outshot their opponents 31-28.

A strong finish also propelled the Twisters to victory on Sunday as they overcame a 3-1 first period lead for the Raiders.

Elijah Carels fired home a third period hat trick, putting him at 12 goals on the season, while Matuszewski and Nico Vigier also scored for Pembina Valley, which outshot the Raiders 37-31. Luke Zacharias earned the win in net with 27 saves.

The Twisters are in Winnipeg to take on the Charleswood Hawks this Friday night and then are back home in Morris Saturday to welcome the St. Boniface Riels.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winnipeg Ice and Pembina Valley Hawks players battle for puck possession behind the Hawks' net Friday night in Morden. The Hawks were wearing Genesis House's white Peace Begins at Home jerseys to raise awareness about domestic violence. The ice got the win 3-2.

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Leonard scored his second of the night early in the middle frame. Sullivan Shortreed also scored for Winkler in a period that saw two goals scored by Swan Valley, making it 4-3 heading into the final 20 minutes.

Shortreed scored again two minutes into the third to give Winkler a comfortable two-goal cushion.

The Stampeders tried to chip away at that lead by firing 15 shots at net, but a lone goal in the fifth minute was all they could manage, giving Winkler the win 5-4.

The Flyers won the shots battle once again, this time 37-31. Meilun made 27 saves in net.

This week the Flyers hosted Selkirk on Tuesday (results were not available at press time) and they travel to play in Neepawa on Friday before hosting the Kings Sunday night.

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Stonewall junior curling team keeps rockin'

For the second time in three weekends, Stonewall's Team Bijl won a major junior men's curling bonspiel.

Last Sunday, Bijl soundly defeated Team Krahn from Morris 7-2 with brothers on each team facing each other (Johnny Trinke on Team Bijl and Luke Trinke on Team Krahn team) at the Pembina U18 Junior Bonspiel.

Team Bijl won in just five ends to take the championship and another nice cash prize.

The bonspiel attracted 16 junior men's teams.

Team Bijl had a hard fight in the round robin, being behind in all three games, but fighting back hard to win

all three to advance to Sunday's playoffs.

After a quick win in the quarter-finals, Team Bijl then faced Team Ehnes with Stonewall's Autumn Good, coached by John Good, in the semifinals.

Team Bijl kept on a roll and won again to advance to the finals.

Just two weeks ago, this young team won the Manitoba Junior Curling Tour's U21 Quality Inn Winkler Junior Classic, featuring 12 junior men's teams. Team Bijl won the championship and the \$600 winnings.

Team Bijl plays in Stonewall Men's Tuesday League as club members.

From left: skip Matt Bijl of Winnipeg, third Elias Huminicki of Winnipeg Beach, second Johnny Trinke of Winkler, lead Liam Wachal of East St Paul, and coach Darrel Argan of Stonewall. Winnipeg Beach's Tyler Giesbrecht, the team's fifth, is not pictured.

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Local projects receive provincial funding

Morden-Winkler got a piece of the more than \$6 million in provincial funding announced last week for community development projects.

The Manitoba government Nov. 12 announced 203 projects being spearheaded by municipalities, non-profit, and community-led organizations will receive support under the new Building Sustainable Communities Program.

"Our government is committed to building thriving communities that

provide a high quality of life for Manitobans," said Municipal Relations Minister Rochelle Squires. "The funding announced today has a focus on increasing our community capacity and promoting sustainability for our non-profit organizations."

Locally, Regional Connections will receive \$65,622 towards renovations to its programing space in Winkler, the City of Winkler is getting \$20,000 to review and update its zoning by-

law, and the Morden Community Curling Club received \$10,000 to replace its shingles.

Elsewhere in our region, the Altona and Area Recreation District received \$35,000 for an ice plant condenser, the RPGA Planning District in Altona received \$26,000 for zoning consolidation, the Boyne Regional Library received \$73,700 for an accessibility ramp, and the Carman Minor Baseball Association received \$75,000 for new ball diamonds,

The next application intake for the Building Sustainable Communities Program is open now until Jan. 15.

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, charitable organizations, municipalities, and northern affairs community councils. The program will provide a maximum provincial contribution of up to 50 per cent of total eligible project costs to a maximum grant of \$75,000.

For more information visit www.manitobago.ca.

Nominate your favourite local charity at Mr Mikes

For the seventh consecutive year, Mr Mikes SteakhouseCasual is inviting Canadians to kick off the season of giving with the return of the Deeds Well Done Campaign.

From now until Dec. 31, customers at each of the restaurant's 44 locations, including Winkler's, are invited to nominate their favourite registered local charity for a chance to win a piece of \$22,000.

The winning charity in each area will receive \$500 towards their cause, a group dinner at the restaurant, and community-wide recognition. In exchange for their nomination, every guest will receive a \$25 Mr Mikes

bonus gift card.

"We have chosen to take this approach to charitable involvement as opposed to picking one main cause because it gives us an opportunity to recognize unsung heroes and more deeply connect with the communities that we have restaurants in," explains company president Robin Chakarbarti.

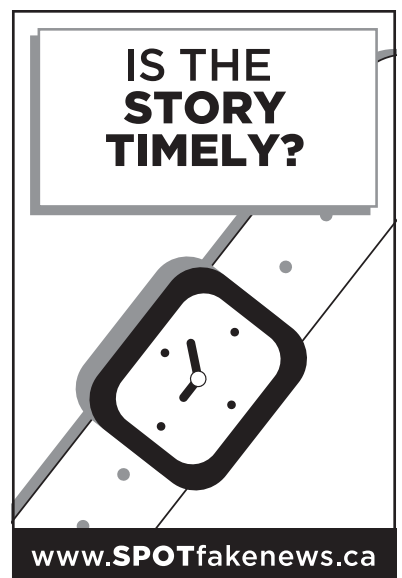
"Our restaurants are meant to be a place for everyone to come together and enjoy, so we think it's only fitting that we're making donations to align with what our guests care about."

Since the inception of the Deeds Well Done campaign in 2013, the

restaurant chain has recognized more than 280 charities in 40 communities across Canada.

This year, the restaurant will mark more than \$100,000 total in donations. In 2018, the campaign resulted in 1,900 nominations from 40 communities in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario.

To learn more about the Deeds Well Done initiative and nominate a charity in your community, www.mrmikes.ca/deedswelldone or follow the restaurant on social media @MrMikesOnline.



Agriculture

National effort needed to control spread of wild pigs

By Harry Siemens

Dr. Ryan Brook, a scientist with the University of Saskatchewan, says controlling wild pigs in Canada will require nationally coordinated aggressive and immediate action.

The ongoing spread of African Swine Fever in Africa, Asia, and Europe has drawn attention to the potential for wild boar and wild pig populations in North America to harbour and infect commercial pig populations with the disease.

Dr. Brook, an associate professor in the university's Department of Agriculture and Bioresources, said that although the problem has emerged across Canada since the mid-1980s, the industry has done very little about it.

"There is no national strategy or plan, and so each province has its perspective on things," he said. "Alberta has a program where they are

trapping animals and removing them, and they have a plan, which is good, so certainly, Alberta is at the forefront of being proactive.

"Saskatchewan has a program through the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Program. If you have issues and complain to SCIC, they will send out teams to either ground trap, shoot, or snare wild pigs. They are doing some of that, and it is a good model for sure.

"Manitoba, to my knowledge, is not doing anything, and no other provinces are taking any action removing pigs."

Brook said the efforts are pretty haphazard at best amongst the provinces and pretty limited in scope and scale. Without plans and strategies and aggressive broad-scale efforts, he stressed, there is no chance of eradication.

"The big gap is the overall and fundamental lack of leadership from

any organizations that I'm aware of in taking this on as a real recognized emerging crisis," Brook said. "Without leadership, I don't think we're going to get too far any time soon."

Brook said the industry needs more research and a greater ability to track and test wild pigs to address the risk of disease transmission from wild pigs to domestic pigs.

While the industry recognizes North America is African Swine Fever free now, people do know from other places it can infect wild pigs and help spread the disease.

"I think the specific role that wild pigs play in this is probably not entirely clear, and it depends on a lot of factors," he said. "Some evidence and modelling work from Europe suggest that the role is relatively little in places where they don't move very much. But in areas where they are highly mobile and cover large areas, their potential role would change quite

dramatically. The only option, if there is an outbreak anywhere globally, is to try and eradicate the disease."

Brook said any animals that will harbour it like domestic pigs and any free-ranging wild pigs have to be found and removed and eliminated. There has to be the capacity to do the testing to determine the disease status of these animals.

"I would say that thinking about the risk to Canada; we can't say definitively at this point what exactly the risk is of the wild pig herds," he said. "I think it's pretty clear we need more research, and we need more capacity in our ability to test these animals should this disease arrive."

Canada needs to be able to assure its trade partners, "That we are doing things right," Brook said. "Having a handle on wild pigs has become that much more important."

Morden council meetings return to Mon. evenings

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden city council is now back to holding its regular monthly public meetings in the evening after having moved them to Monday mornings for the past six months.

The change had been made tem-

porarily starting in May as a result of Mayor Brandon Burley stepping in to coach his daughter's youth soccer team and as a result being busy Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The switch to Monday morning meetings stirred some debate on

social media around issues of accessibility, but Burley feels it was an acceptable compromise, as council took the step to offer online videos of council meetings to make them more accessible for people to view.

"Online videos of council meetings of course were a big step forward. No

matter what shift they work, you can have access to council," Burley said after the Nov. 18 evening meeting.

"It has been well used, well received, and we've had lots of communication back from people who have watched the videos online and had questions and comments," he said. "Being able to get feedback from people who were not able to make meetings is very valuable to us."

The next regular meeting of council will be Monday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m., while the normal schedule for committee of the whole meetings will continue to be the first Mondays of the month at 9 a.m.

In other business, council approved the installation of a new crosswalk that will go in the vicinity of the new Pembina Valley Child Care Centre location on Rampton Street.

That area will also get a reduced speed zone with a 30 km/hour limit.

"It's obviously a very important spot to be careful ... slowing traffic down



Monday's Morden city council meeting was the first for youth representative Mollie Wheeler (centre). Council is back to meeting in the evenings after a summer and fall of morning council meetings.

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BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

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• HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

• In Zone 4 hockey action this past week, NPC fell to Portage 12-1, Morden downed the Carman Cougars 4-2, and GVC lost to Carman 4-3.

The Zodiacs were the consolation winner at the Thunder's home tournament over the weekend. After losing their first game to Sanford 2-1, GVC went on to best NPC 7-0 and Morden 3-2.

• The NPC varsity boys volleyball team knocked the Louis-Riel Voyageurs out of the Zone playoffs Nov. 13 in four sets and then went

on to fall in the final Monday night against the Westgate Wings in five hard-fought sets.

GVC's varsity boys team fell in three sets to Brandon Nov. 14 in the interzone game but have earned a wildcard spot at the AAA provincials this weekend. The female Zodiacs also lost their interzone match in three that night.

Morden's boys and girls varsity teams both lost to the Aces in the Zone 4 playoffs in three sets on Nov. 12.

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is a good step, especially right from the corner [with First Street]," Burley said. "It's important to us to do what we can to help see that nothing unfortunate happens there."

The council meeting Monday also

marked the first one for youth representative Mollie Wheeler. The Grade 12 student at Morden Collegiate is also serving this year as student council president at the school.

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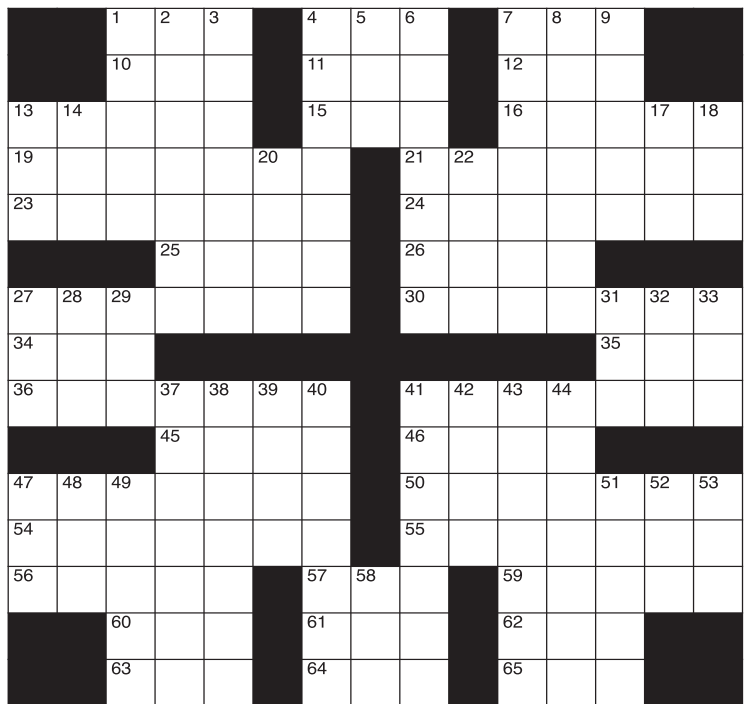
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- City in Iraq
- Car mechanics group
- Shrimp-like creature
- Majestic
- TV detective
- Central Canadian province
- Causing to wind around
- Wise man
- Knicks legend Willis
- Muscular weaknesses
- John Stockton compiled them
- South American plant
- To some extent
- Where manners are displayed
- Showy
- Fall down
- Shoelaces are often this
- Disease-causing bacterium
- Egg-shaped wind instrument
- Sufferings
- One who noisily enjoys
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- Low velocity grenade
- "In Living Color" comedian
- Veterans battleground
- Expression of creative skill
- Midway between northeast and east
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Something useful



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29. Cool!
31. Female sibling
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38. Forbidden by law
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All those wishing to be on the agenda to speak must register at the beginning of the meeting.

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The Rural Municipality of Stanley purchases water from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC) to supply water to portions of the Municipality. The Public Utilities Board approved a rate increase for PVWC for \$0.18/1000 gallons, effective January 1, 2020. This rate increase reflects a "pass through" rate increase of \$0.18/1000 gallons for RM of Stanley consumers.

Public notice is hereby given that the water rate increase will be \$0.18/1000 gallons for the March 31, 2020 quarterly billing in the Rural Municipality of Stanley. That being from the present rate of \$12.33/1000 gallons to \$12.51/1000 gallons.

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OBITUARY



**Frank Blatz
1930 - 2019**

Frank Blatz was born February 17, 1930 at home in Hordean, Manitoba, the third child of Frank G. and Mary Blatz. Frank had two sisters, Dora and Anne and three brothers, Henry, Jake and Norman. Frank was baptised in the Kane Bergthaler Mennonite church upon confession of his faith. Frank married Mary Heinrichs on September 26, 1954. They had four sons and three daughters. Four children died in infancy- Dianna at eleven months, Lloyd and twins, Larry and Garry at the age of one day. Frank is survived by his children, David, Joan and Linda. Sadly, Mary passed away on July 14, 1967 and has always been remembered by her family for her quiet gentleness and strong Christian faith. Frank farmed together with his brother, Norman for 50 years near Kane, MB.

Brothers, Henry and Jake and brother-in-law, Hank, lived in the area and they all helped each other out in busy harvest seasons. Frank and Norman retired from the farm in 2002. Frank had four grandsons: David and Judy's sons, Matthew, Gregory and Kenton and Linda's son, Danon. The grandsons enjoyed many visits to the farm playing with trampolines, quads, motorcycles and snowmobiles. In 1994, Frank married Elaine Robinson, an exceptional woman of faith. She was a guidance counsellor at a Winnipeg high school but had grown up on a farm at Weyburn, Sask. so the farming life was not a complete surprise to her. She introduced her new family to her relatives and friends who are still close to Frank's children. Together, Frank and Elaine enjoyed visiting with friends and travelling. After 14 years on the farm at Kane, they moved to Winkler. Frank had six great-grandchildren whom he loved very much - Matthew and Jennifer's children, Ashlyn, Carter and Kallie and Kenton and Krystal's children, Aubrey, Emmery and Henry. After Elaine's death on August 30, 2010, Frank moved to Lindenwood Manor in Winnipeg where he made many new friends. As his health declined, he was transferred to Carman Hospital for nine months and then to Tabor Home in Morden where he lived for five years. He passed away at Tabor on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. with family around him. Frank lived his faith through his work, farming with his family and doing machinery repairs for neighbours. He was generous with those who needed help at stressful times. He enjoyed socializing with friends and family and participated in a bowling team, social groups and various Christian organizations.

Left to celebrate the life of their father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother are children, David (Judy), Joan, Linda; grandsons, Matthew (Jennifer), Gregory (Christine McKinley), Kenton (Krystal), Danon (Annie Fehr); great-grandchildren, Ashlyn, Carter, Kallie, Aubrey, Emmery and Henry; brother, Norman (Elva); sister, Dora (Hank Hildebrand); sisters-in-law, Helen Blatz and Eva Heinrichs; brother-in-law, Vern Robinson (Sharon) as well as numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Winkler Emmanuel Mennonite Church with interment prior at Rose Farm Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the many relatives and friends who visited Frank over the years. Special thanks to the phenomenal staff and health care aides at both Lindenwood Manor and Tabor Home.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Frank's memory to either Tabor Home designated to air support mattresses or to Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA).

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OBITUARY



**Siechmund (Sig) P Falk
1933 - 2019**

Siechmund (Sig) P Falk passed away peacefully with family at his side on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Sig is survived by his wife, Ruth (of 63 years); daughter, Karen (Jim Thiessen) and their family; Duane (Ramona); Darryl (Darlene) and their four children; Trevor (Tina) and their daughter; son, Ron (Brenda Untereiner-Falk) and their family; Gabriella Untereiner-Falk (Mackenzie Hancock) and daughters; and Michael Untereiner-Falk: daughter, Myrna (Don Bergen) and their family; Matt (Elya) and Luke (Jana-Lyn). Dad is also survived by one brother, Art and two sisters-in-law, Annie and Marge. He was predeceased by his parents, one sister, three brothers and one brother in infancy, one

brother-in-law and three sisters-in-law.

He was born to Peter and Katharina Falk on September 27, 1933 in the RM of Louise south west of Clearwater. He was the youngest of six children. At the age of four, the family moved to a farm south west of Morden and he went to the Mountain School until the age of 10. At that time, his parents moved the family to a farm in the Elm Creek area and he went to the Wingham School until Grade 10 at which time he quit school to farm with his dad. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith in the Wingham Mennonite Church in 1954. Together with his wife, Ruth, they were very involved in the Crystal City Mennonite Church for many years and later (2006) in the Morden Mennonite Church. On October 6, 1956, he married Ruth Loewen of Morden and they took over the Elm Creek farm. Together they farmed there for eight years before moving to the Clearwater farm in 1964. His children, Karen and Ron were born while they lived in Elm Creek and his daughter, Myrna, was born after they made the move to the Clearwater farm. In 1991, his farming career came to an end, they sold the farm and moved to Crystal City. In their retirement, they enjoyed many years of travelling to Texas with friends, as well as lots of time fishing with their boat. In 2006, they moved into a condo in Morden. They enjoyed life there until 2016 when health concerns forced them to move to Homestead South. In April of 2018, he was diagnosed with cancer and through the next year and a half, his health declined. He had numerous admissions to Boundary Trail Health Centre to assist him in dealing with the effects of the cancer, with the final one being the last seven weeks of his life.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Morden Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Southside Cemetery.

We, as a family, are grateful for the incredible care provided by Dr. Kevin Earl, the amazing staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, the numerous homecare workers, as well as the great Homestead South staff and residents.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Sig's memory to the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

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OBITUARY



**Helen Dyck (nee Janzen)
1927 - 2019**

Helen Dyck, born June 13, 1927, in Nikolaidorf, South Russia passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Helen's early years were during a time of unrest and turmoil, and the family frequently endured hunger and cold. In September 1943, two years after the beginning of the Second World War, Helen along with her parents and sisters fled their homeland into the unknown. The following years were filled with insecurity, hunger and fear. Helen had many stories about these harrowing years, as so many people did who endured the terror of that time. In August 1948, Helen, with her parents and two sisters emigrated to Canada. Helen married John J Dyck on October 8, 1950. They

purchased land and moved to Greenfarm in 1952, where they spent the next 46 years farming. They moved to Winkler in 1998.

Helen Dyck was predeceased by her husband, John (2002); daughter, Katy (2002); daughter-in-law, Mildred (2018) and infant son, David (1971). She is survived by children: John, Jake (Esther), Alf (Val), Anita Epp (David) and son-in-law, Jake Unrau (Judy) and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

We would like to thank Dr. Lehman and the palliative care staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre for their excellent care and compassion and Wiebe Funeral Home of Winkler.

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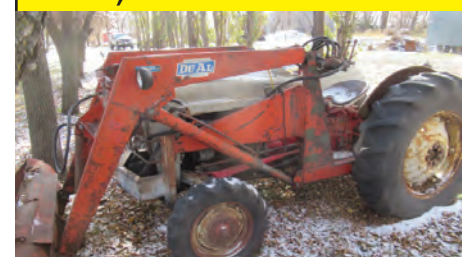
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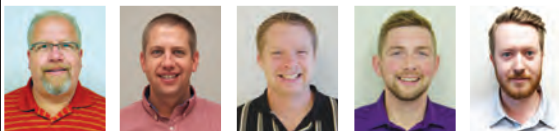
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