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## Ahoy there, 2018!

Students of the Russian Cultural and Educational Center LEADER program in Morden acted and danced in favourite costumes as part of the new year's celebration at the Morden Activity Centre Dec. 30. The celebration included visits from Grandfather Frost and his granddaughter Snowmaiden to presents gifts.

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# Viterra curling championship looking for more volunteers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Organizers have put out a final call for volunteers for the upcoming Viterra Championship in Winkler.

The mens provincial curling event takes place at the Winkler Recreation Complex Jan. 30 to Feb. 4.

Thirty-two teams will do battle on the ice, with a spot at the Tim Hortons Brier, the Canadian mens curling championship, on the line.

Hundreds of people have already stepped up to volunteer at the event.

"We're looking for about 300 volunteers and we're at about 250 right now," said

volunteer coordinator Sheila Reimer, who adds, however, that people are still needed for roles in ticket sales (though there's only a few spots left there), parking, and access control.

Access control committee co-chair

Chris Kalansky figures they could use about 50-60 more people to help out with security that week.

Volunteers will work four hour shifts, rotating between various locations in the arena.

"They'll be able to watch some parts of the games and they'll be in other

parts of the building as well throughout their shift," said Kalansky. "We're looking for people to fill at least two shifts during the week."

Access control volunteers need to complete both a criminal record check and the Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries online Smart Choices certification program, noted co-chair Cindy Kalansky.

"Because part of the facility will be licensed, part of our responsibility will be to ensure that everybody's following Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries licensing regulations," she explained, adding security volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

"Basically our job is to ensure everybody has a safe and enjoyable experience," Cindy said. "Everybody from athletes to coaches to officials to spectators to other volunteers. It's access control's job to ensure that people are all where they're supposed to be and not getting access to places they're not supposed to be."

**"WE'RE LOOKING FOR ABOUT 300 VOLUNTEERS AND WE'RE AT ABOUT 250 RIGHT NOW."**

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From left: Viterra Championship organizing committee chair Louis Tanguay, Access Control co-Chairs Chris and Cindy Kalansky, and volunteer chair Sheila Reimer have put out a final call for volunteers.

"In addition to access control volunteers inside the building, we're also looking for about 20 volunteers to help us with parking duties outside," Chris said. That role will be a stationary one and does not require the Smart Choices certification.

The Kalanskys are confident the volunteer shifts will all be filled by month's end.

"We've held a series of large scale events in the past few years and every time the community stepped up and helped out," said Chris. "We want to get that last rush of volunteers and really make this a fun event and a successful event."

Volunteers who sign up soon will receive a free event hoodie in thanks for their time.

If you're interested in volunteering, stop by Jordan Driedger's office at the Winkler Arena during business hours to pick up an application form or email [jdriedger@cityofwinkler.ca](mailto:jdriedger@cityofwinkler.ca).

## PLANNING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Organizing committee chair Louis Tanguay says planning for the Viterra Championship is on track.

Many of the people involved in organizing the 2015 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Winkler returned for this event, making for a smooth year of planning, he noted.

All that's left now, really, is to complete the finishing touches and wait for the games to begin.

"I would say it's ahead of schedule," Tanguay said of the behind-the-scenes work.

"We've got an earlier start on it this time," he said, adding that's led

to some committee chairs to feeling, three weeks out, "like you should be doing something, but pretty much everything is in place. We've just got to let it unfold now."

One area organizers would like to see pick up is ticket sales.

"Ticket sales have been a little bit slower than we would like," Tanguay said, explaining that about 100 tickets have been sold thus far but that with sponsorship tickets the draws should each have about 700 spectators right now.

That still leaves plenty of seats—for now, anyway.

"I would certainly encourage people not to wait until the end to buy their tickets," Tanguay stressed, pointing out that those who did that at the Scotties more often than not found themselves disappointed.

"We had people as far away as Neepawa and Beausejour and Winnipeg and they got turned down at the door," he said. "It sold out in 2015 and we're expecting very strong attendance with this one."

Tanguay expected a rush of ticket sales to follow the regional qualifiers that took place across the province last weekend. The championship's final berths will be decided at qualifiers held the week before the event.

Tickets to the Viterra Championship include regular event passes for \$120, day passes for \$30, and evening passes for \$10.

To get your tickets, head online to [winklercurlingclub.ca](http://winklercurlingclub.ca) or the Viterra page at [curlmanitoba.org](http://curlmanitoba.org).

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# First Minds in Motion program a big hit

## Second session slated to run in spring

By Lorne Steilmach

The strength of a program for people living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia is that it involves their caregivers as well.

Minds in Motion took place in this region for the first time last fall with the support of the Morden Area Foundation.

The program combines physical activity, socialization, and mental stimulation for people living with early to mid-stage Alzheimer's disease or other dementia, and south central regional co-ordinator Kathy Fehr sees it playing a role in "normalizing their lives and knowing that they are still able to take part in their community."

"They are able to socialize with peo-

ple who are going through the same emotions and the same feelings and the same disease," said Fehr. "It's just being able to feel a connection to not only the community but especially to the group."

The Morden Area Foundation Power of the Purse event last March provided the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba with a grant of \$4,108.46 to support the program, which ran at Homestead South in Morden. Twenty-two people, or 11 pairs, took part.

"It was received very, very well and we are gearing up to start another one in the spring," said Fehr, who noted the grant really helped make it possible. "It definitely got us off to a good start ... and we have a few dollars left over to put towards the spring pro-

gram ... so we'll continue to work at it and build it."

The first portion of the program focused on physical activity that was modified so everyone was able to join.

Taking part in physical exercise helps blood circulate to the brain, nourishing it and encouraging the development of new cells and new connections.

Another portion was spent making puzzles, playing board games, and trying everyday activities in a new way that challenges the brain. This also helps to develop cell connections and maintain emotional and intellectual functions longer.

The last portion of the afternoon was coffee time for socializing with other participants. Knowing you are not alone goes a long way in managing stress, Fehr said, and the group shared many stories and a lot of laughter.

"And that is important not only for the people who are diagnosed with this disease but also their caregivers," she added.

"Often, caregivers may feel bored

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Last week, the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's Kathy Fehr (left) received a \$4,108.46 grant from Lynda Lambert MacLean, executive director of the Morden Area Foundation, toward the Minds in Motion program.

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A story in our Dec. 21 edition on the City of Morden's 2018 Financial Plan included an error.

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is in fact seeing a decrease in funding from the city, not an increase as was stated.

The museum is slated to receive \$184,480 in city funds, down from \$188,480 the previous year.

The Voice sincerely apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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# PTM reports record attendance in 2017

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum is coming off a banner year as it prepares to mark a major milestone in 2018.

The pioneer village between Winkler and Morden completed a number of significant projects in 2017, which also produced a sixth straight year of increased attendance.

It led representatives to express high hopes for the year ahead as they celebrate the museum's 50th anniversary.

"We hope the upcoming season is record-breaking again," manager Kim Striemer said at the annual meeting last Thursday.

With visitation having climbed to over 8,400 in 2017, she and the museum's board of directors expressed hope that the museum could perhaps reach 10,000 in this anniversary year.

President Howard Thiessen, who

**"VOLUNTEERS ARE HUGE. IT TAKES A LOT OF HARD LABOUR TO MAINTAIN AN OUTDOOR MUSEUM LIKE THIS."**

returns for another term in the role, said it is encouraging for them as volunteers to see attendance continue to increase.

"It's surprising when people come here and how many times you find a local person comes in here and says, 'You know, I drove past this thing a thousand times ... I knew it was a museum but I never knew what you all had here. I'm totally amazed what's all here,'" observed Thiessen.

"Fifty is a pretty significant number



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The Pembina Threshermen's Museum's 2017 season was full of highlights, says president Howard Thiessen (right), including the opening of a new wildlife exhibit (above).



in a lot of ways," he said, adding it is to the credit of the many volunteers who have kept the museum going.

"It's a long time that we as a board, this museum has been trying to get this place looking attractive and making antiques look appealing to people," Thiessen said. "I think we're doing fine. Kim has just tons of ideas ... we all have good ideas."

PTM came out of 2017 with just a slight deficit on revenues of around \$146,000 and expenses over \$148,000.

The past year saw the restored Braun Log House reopen on its new location on the museum grounds as well as the addition of a building to house a brand new wildlife exhibit.

In addition to all of the ongoing maintenance and repairs, volunteers continued work on repainting many of the buildings and planting trees to further beautify the grounds.

"Things just worked out better than I had anticipated," said Thiessen, noting the addition of a corn maze really went over well. "The corn maze worked out much better than I had really anticipated. That corn maze was a big attraction."

Looking ahead, Thiessen said there aren't any significant additions to the pioneer village in the works for the museum, at least in the short term.

"We have nothing major that I know of, at least right now, that's scheduled building-wise."

That said, there is always some work they want to do on the existing buildings.

"The elevator too needs a fair bit of work," Thiessen said. "It looks pretty rough ... we want to do some more work inside to make it a more tour-

able kind of place."

A key consideration for them every year is what their volunteers can handle, Thiessen added.

"We get offered all kinds of things," he said, noting they had been contacted at one point about taking on another barn, but he suggested it would have needed a lot of work and there was uncertainty about where they could have even located it. "I just didn't think that we could do it."

Wrapping up the meeting, Thiessen and Striemer thanked the many volunteers involved with the museum.

"Volunteers, of course, are huge. It takes a lot of hard labour to maintain an outdoor museum like this," said Striemer.

"Sometimes, I'll stop in the middle of the yard and just observe people who are running around the place ... doing a little thing here, a little thing there ... by the time they're done those little things, what a difference it makes to the whole place," said Thiessen.

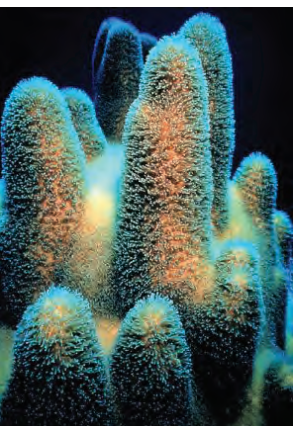
"A lot of us spend a lot of energy, a lot of imagination ... and just a lot of hours. It's hard to imagine that they really spend that much time here, but they do."

## Complex - But No Evolution

*from Creation Moments Radio Program*

**Psalm 46:10**

**"Be still, and know that I (am) God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."**



According to evolutionists, coral is one of the earlier creatures on the evolutionary time line. If evolutionary theory were fact, one would expect the corals to be very simple. One would also expect them to have changed a lot in over half a billion years of life.

However, corals are not at all simple creatures. The stinger used by coral polyps to immobilize prey is very complex. It is produced by a highly specialized cell in the polyp itself. At one end of the stinging capsule is a poker, covered by a protective cap. At the other end of the capsule there is a hollow tube, coiled like a rope. The capsule itself is filled with a powerful poison.

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Coral is "surprisingly" complex to be so near the bottom of the evolutionary ladder. In addition, the earliest corals in the fossil record - over half a billion years old by inflated evolutionary counting - are the same as those found today! So again, the scientific evidence fits well with the biblical story of creation.

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# TiAnna's Café raises over \$1K for Genesis House

By Ashleigh Viveiros

TiAnna's Cafe and Bakeshop presented Genesis House with a late Christmas gift last week: a cheque for the \$1,085 raised through the cafe's Jingle for Genesis Craft and Vendor Sale held for three weekends in December.

TiAnna's customers also filled a giant trunk with donations of clothing and other items for the women's shelter.

"I don't think any of us knew what to expect," said TiAnna's Rolanda Heinrichs. "But once people caught on what it was about we got loads of donations."

Heinrichs said they wanted to support a worthy local cause and Genesis House fit the bill.

"We wanted to help local women,"

she said.

That support was most welcome.

"It was absolutely awesome," shelter executive director Ang Braun said. "It brings together community and a good cause at the same time and also generates some discussion about it, which I think is just as valuable."

For the woman and children who turn to the shelter for help in escaping abusive situations, knowing the community is looking out for them goes a very long way, Braun added.

"It's that idea that people care about them, that people they don't even know are thinking about them and are gifting us with things that we can pass on to them," she said. "It means a lot when the community steps up and says, 'Yeah, that's a service and we're glad that it's there.'"



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

TiAnna's Cafe and Bakeshop's Rolanda Heinrichs and Anna Wiebe presents Genesis House executive director Ang Braun with a donation of \$1,085 raised through the cafe's Jingle for Genesis Craft and Vendor Sale.

## Friesen says tax changes will provide relief for Manitobans

By Lorne Stelmach

The province is touting tax changes coming into effect this year as helping provide some relief for Manitoba families and businesses.

Finance Minister and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen maintains the changes will not only benefit thousands of Manitobans and businesses but are also an important step towards ensuring the tax environment becomes more competitive and affordable.

Friesen said their aim is to provide some tax relief while they continue to work toward fixing the finances and securing the province's sustainability into the future.

The province is raising personal income tax brackets and the basic personal exemptions and also indexing them to inflation.

The bottom line will be a minor difference in the short term for Manitobans, but it is a step in the right direction, Friesen stressed last week.

"This is a very significant issue of tax fairness," he said. "It looks like it's not a lot ... over time, it becomes very significant."

The basic personal amount for 2018 will be set at \$9,382, which is up from \$9,271 in 2017 and \$9,134 in 2016.

With the indexing, the first tax bracket level rises to \$31,843 from \$31,465 in 2017 and \$31,000 in 2016.

The second tax bracket is now at \$68,821, which is up from \$68,005 in 2017 and \$67,000 in 2016.

The province estimates the cumulative effect of the savings from indexing the personal income tax brackets and basic personal amount to inflation over 2017 and 2018 will be \$67 for a single individual making \$35,000 and \$199 for a family with a \$75,000 income.

They estimate it will remove an additional 1,700 Manitobans from the tax rolls and save residents over \$17 million in 2018. Friesen said indexing has removed 2,100 individuals and saved Manitobans about \$21 million. By 2020, an estimated 11,100 individuals will have been removed from the tax rolls and Manitobans will have cumulatively saved \$113 million, he added.

"It was a change that was a long time in coming," said Friesen, noting that Manitoba under the NDP had one of the lowest basic personal exemption levels (the base level at which you begin to pay tax) at under \$9,000. Saskatchewan, by comparison, was around \$16,000.

"You think about what a difference that means to a household of marginal income, what it means to a single income earner just starting out on a career, what it means to a university student ... or what it means for a senior on a fixed income," Friesen said.

"It's important because it allows them to keep more of their money

before they start paying tax," he said. "It's all part of our overall commitment to lower taxes for Manitobans. We pay enough tax in this province."

As well, to support growth and investment in the economy, Friesen noted the 2017 budget extended the manufacturing investment, mineral exploration and book publishing tax credits.

In addition, as a red tape reduction initiative, under the Insurance Corporations Tax Act, corporations will only be required to pay taxes when filing an annual return and will be able to do so more efficiently using the online tax filing system.

**"WE PAY  
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just because of the change that is happening in their world or in their life ... they aren't able to go out and participate in programs and especially programs together, be it with a spouse or a grandparent or a mom or dad.

"This normalizes their lives for at least those few hours together."

Fehr noted there were very positive

comments from the participants.

One care partner observed that "it was relaxing for me. I didn't have to be in charge." Another said that "right from the start, I was surprised as how engaged my husband was." And one individual living with dementia said, "It's great to see and socialize with everyone. I have lots of laughs."

Dates for the Minds in Motion program this spring will be announced soon. If you're interested in taking part, call Homestead South at 204-822-1237 to put your name on the list.

They are also looking for two or three volunteers to help with the program. For more information on that front, contact Fehr at 204-325-5634.



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## Why right now?

**I** am a proud person. The roots of my pride are complex and not worth going into. Suffice to say it is there and more often than not an obstacle.

As a proud person I sometimes like to assert myself and I like to be right about things. I like to prove I am right and I like it when people know I am right. This can affect my decision making. It can cause me to think a lot about when I choose to express myself, where I choose to, and how I choose to, etc.

I fight quite hard against this tendency because I recognize it is neither constructive nor beneficial. I have to actively engage with my decision making process to

ensure I am acting in a way that is appropriate toward others and myself.

To put it bluntly, my instincts can tend toward being a jerk if I am not careful. It is easy for me to dismiss others and their thoughts and concerns in the face of my own because of this pride.

For a long time one of the ways my pride would work itself out is in the who, what, when, where, why, and how of my communicating various issues and concerns.

When I come to learn that someone has erred in some thing or another that affects me, alarm bells immediately go off in my head alerting me to ask myself certain questions before I confront a person or their superiors (depending on the circumstance) regarding the error or concern.

1. Why do I care? Is it REALLY important to correct a person or organization about this or is this just an opportunity for me to be right and feel good about myself?

2. Who should I talk to about it? Have I spoken with the person I think is wrong first before I run straight to their boss/parent/board?

3. Where should I present this challenge? Should I call them out in front of their peers or should I consider doing so privately?

4. Most importantly, I must ask myself why right now? Why do I need to be right here, in this place, at this time, in this way? Is this about me or the truth? Can I effect the same intended change privately and if so why do I seem to need to do so in such a public fashion?

I have learned that while I may be right, how I present myself and this correctness says a lot about me and my motivations. It also affects how people receive me and what I have to say. If I am not careful I can become the insufferable jerk I know I am capable of becoming and people will simply dismiss me regardless of whether I am right or not.

Ultimately, simply being right or correct is not enough, we need to consider how we choose to deliver that info because the important thing about truth is not that you have it but that you do not become a barrier to others receiving it.



**By Peter Cantelon**

## Letters

### Mixing up scientific facts with theories

In the column "We need to be shot" (*Voice*, Dec. 14, 2017), Mr. Peter Cantelon encourages us to "challenge dubious statements with science." He goes on to provide what he calls a "few facts backed by science." Unfortunately Mr. Cantelon has mixed up and interchanged several key things.

First of all, he has mixed up science with scientists. However true science is, science does not write textbooks or papers, people do. And people (even scientists), being human, not only make honest mistakes, they are known to lie and fudge from time to time.

Second, Mr. Cantelon takes for granted the "reality that the climate

is changing." By saying as much he has mixed up scientific facts with theories about science. Most science textbooks briefly touch on the original experiments that led to our current theories, but then they spend the bulk of the time describing our current theories. For example, in a course on Special Relativity, mention might be made of Mr. James Bradley's experiment in which he observed stars at certain times of the year. The experiment established facts of where the stars were. But Bradley and those that followed him used those facts to develop the theory of the "aberration of light." The facts and the theory are two distinct

things. Facts (unless fudged) never change. Theories come and go. Climate change is only a theory made by scientists. It is based on scientific observations, but it is not fact and certainly not reality.

Third, Mr. Cantelon argues that because vaccinations have successfully worked on certain diseases in the past, we should therefore embrace all vaccines for all diseases in the future. By saying as much he has mixed up experimental facts with extrapolation.

Scientists are generally unable to do enough experiments to estab-

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# Dr. Idris Elbakri back for Diversitas talk Jan. 24

By Lorne Stelmach

Diversitas is going back to the speaker who started the ongoing series over two years ago.

Dr. Idris Elbakri kicked off Diversitas in November 2015 as president of the Manitoba Islamic Association speaking on Islam and Muslims in Canada and the world.

He returns Jan. 24 to address growing up Palestinian in Israel. It will be a timely topic given current world affairs, but it was no different for Elbakri when he first came to Morden and addressed an audience of 160 people.

"It was just a week after the Paris massacres when he spoke," said organizer Peter Cantelon, noting they had no idea what to expect then given the sudden circumstances, but they wanted to have an open forum for dialogue. "There were plenty of people in that crowd who were exceptionally anti-Muslim ... he was so good at disarming and respectfully communicating that we had one of the best presentations that we've ever had."

In addition to now being the past president of the Manitoba Islamic As-

sociation, Elbakri is an imaging physicist and adjunct professor of physics and astronomy and an assistant professor of radiology at the University of Manitoba.

A Winnipegger who emigrated from Jerusalem as a young adult, Elbakri's first presentation here touched on such aspects as the core beliefs of Islam and the pillars of the faith, including testimony, fasting during Ramadan, being charitable, undertaking a pilgrimage to Mecca, and praying five times a day.

This time around his address will follow a more personal path, though Cantelon observed the state of Palestinian and Israeli affairs is as divisive today as it has ever been.

He sees Elbakri as being an ideal choice to bring a level of humanity to the dialogue around these issues.

"He's an incredibly engaging speaker. He's very knowledgeable and a pretty significant leader in the Muslim community and in the Canadian Palestinian community as well," said Cantelon.

"When we thought about what we should be talking about in 2018, one of the things that is at the forefront of



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Dr. Idris Elbakri (left) speaks with an audience member after his Diversitas presentation in Morden two years ago. Elbakri is back later this month to speak about growing up Palestinian in Israel.

discourse these days on social media as well as politically continues to be Israel and Palestine," he added. "We realized we hadn't had that conversation, had not spoken about Palestine ... we haven't specifically spoken to the Palestinian perspective especially."

Joining Elbakri will be a representative from the Mennonite Central Committee to touch on their initia-

tives around Palestine and Israel.

The time and location for this presentation was still being finalized at press time. Those details can be found online at [www.diversitas.ca](http://www.diversitas.ca).

The Diversitas lineup for 2018 also includes presentations on Sikhism, anti-Semitism, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and the impact of residential schools on First Nations in Canada.

# Woman armed with knife unlawfully enters house

A woman remains in custody on charges including possession of a dangerous weapon and being unlawfully in a dwelling as a result of a Jan. 2 incident in Morden.

Police were called around 11 p.m. after the 29-year-old woman entered the Morden home holding a pair of scissors and a knife, claiming she was being chased by someone.

The homeowner, concerned especially because he had two young children asleep in the home at the time, called police after the female locked herself in his bathroom.

Officers arrived and spoke with the female, who appeared to be under the influence of a substance. She was on a recognizance with conditions not to use any intoxicating substances or to own, possess, or carry any weapons.

She was arrested and charged with three counts of failing to comply with a recognizance, unlawfully in a dwelling house, and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Due to her past record and charges,

she was remanded into custody and transported to Winnipeg to await her next court appearance.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports:

- Winkler police were notified Jan. 2 of a break-in to an apartment build-

ing on Royal Cres. The vacant apartments received damage due to being exposed to the cold temperatures.

- Morden police received a report Jan. 2 of a hit and run to a vehicle Dec. 17 in front of the Chicken Chef restaurant. The 2008 grey Hyundai San-

ta Fe had damage to the rear driver's side bumper.

- While on patrol Jan. 3, Winkler police stopped a vehicle driving around without a muffler. While speaking

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lish all the facts. Thus, an experiment might produce two points on a graph. By extrapolation a scientist might guess that the two points should be joined with a straight line. But there may be a hidden spike in nature, or a strange curve. For example, an "S" curve exists in a graph showing aerodynamic drag. The curve happens when the speed of the air flowing over the wing approaches the speed of sound.

Mr. Cantelon claims it is a fact that

vaccines do not cause cancer. But the statement is an extrapolation of known facts. It would be a difficult thing indeed to prove such a statement.

Fourth, Mr. Cantelon concludes by saying: "Of course you need to be shot." By saying as much he has mixed up science with religion and morality. Just because something works by the laws of physics, that is no proof that it is morally acceptable. For example, killing your brother

may indeed stop him from bothering you, but it is nonetheless unacceptable because murder is wrong.

Likewise, some people have moral convictions against vaccines because by definition a vaccine puts harmful poisons or potentially deadly diseases into an otherwise healthy body. If someone kills me, they are guilty of murder. But if I kill myself, I'm guilty of suicide.

Thomas Pierre  
Verduyn, Roland





Morden Police are reminding drivers that the groomed skating trail at Lake Minnewasta is off-limits to vehicles, including snowmobiles.

## Police warn drivers to stay off lake skating trail

Lake users are being warned about driving on the public path created this winter at Lake Minnewasta.

Police have issued a reminder that the groomed path around the lake is intended for public ice skating and not for vehicles or snowmobiles.

"They're probably not aware ... we just want them to be aware that's not the intent of that trail," said Cst. Chris Flook of the Morden Police Service.

"The trail is intended for the public to be using ... having vehicles or

snowmobiles on that trail definitely causes a safety risk," he added.

"We have gotten a couple complaints," Flook said, stressing that "cars can go on the lake if they're ice fishing, but we don't want them on that trail because it's made for people."

Police noted that anyone driving vehicles on the path could be subject to possible fines and being banned from the Lake Minnewasta property.

## Western SD continues to push for new school

By Lorne Stelmach

Local officials pay close attention every time the Manitoba government decides to build a new school in the province.

Each time, it further adds to the case that the needs of Western School Division continue to be overlooked.

"We keep track here of the other announcements that are happening," superintendent Stephen Ross noted following a recent meeting with the Manitoba Public Schools Finance Board in Winnipeg.

"It's pretty overwhelming to think that the school division with the second largest need in this province has been overlooked," Ross said after officials yet again discussed their five year capital plan with a new school as first priority. "We have shared that information with our MLA so that he's aware of that information as well. We have had no assurances from government that people understand the need here."

The school board's Dec. 18 meeting highlighted not only the immediate need for a new school but for additional space at existing schools in Morden as well as a permanent space for the new piping trades vocational program.

These needs continue to be driven by the ever increasing enrolment that has already pressed the existing WSD classroom space to capacity and beyond with portable classrooms being added on an ongoing basis.

Ross said their case is backed up by the fact that Western for the last 10 years has consistently ranked second for the lowest square footage of space per student in the province.

"It's hard for us to understand how we continue to not have a school announcement while other places that have been significantly further down on that list get announcements," he said.

"We cannot understand how that is not happening for us. We've asked the questions, 'How is this going to happen? What needs to happen for that school to be announced here?'"

Ross noted at École Morden Middle School, which has 156 students going into Gr. 5, they have just 24 classroom spaces available.

"The problem is in K-4 right now, the kids that are going to be in middle school in a few years, there is 39 home rooms of kids. So you can see the dramatic increase in student pop-

ulation that is going to push its way to the middle school, and we know this community does not want 15 more portables at the middle school to accommodate that," he said.

"It's the not best solution, it's not the cheapest solution, and it's certainly not the best long term solution for the province or these kids."

The continued pressure on the system now not only sets out the immediate need for one new school but likely a second one in the near future, Ross added.

"We needed one yesterday and we need another one in a few more years because as these kids push up, we just don't have the space for them anywhere," he said, noting that the division hopes the province would at

least fast-track an expansion to the high school/middle school complex to help free up space for Gr. 5-8.

Having again received no indication from the province that a new Morden school is likely, Ross said they wonder if greater pressure from the community is needed.

"I'm not sure what more we can do," he said. "We've tried to encourage our community to write letters and be actively supportive ... sometimes it feels like it's easy for the powers that be to ignore ... maybe ratepayers are the ones who are going to make the difference in getting this community a new school. We haven't had one for almost 30 years."

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with the driver, officers noted drug paraphernalia including a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle.

The 19-year-old driver received a verbal warning for possession as well as a warning to have the muffler replaced.

- Winkler police received a report Jan. 3 from a resident of 2nd St. about extension cords repeatedly stolen from her parking spot. The complainant also stated that the most recent incident involved her block heater cord being cut as well.

- Morden police were called Jan. 5 about a possible impaired driver leaving Rock's Bar & Grill.

Officers caught up to the vehicle turning off South Railway to 9th Street South and followed it into a

parking lot.

While speaking with the driver, police observed signs of impairment. He was arrested for impaired driving. A search turned up small quantity of marijuana as well as several open containers of liquor in the vehicle.

The 41-year-old Mordenite has been charged with impaired driving, drug possession, and breach of an undertaking on another matter dating back Nov. 9 when he was ordered to abstain from alcohol or other intoxicating substances.

- An off-duty officer Jan. 5 notified Winkler police about a backpack inside a business that had a strong odour of marijuana about it.

Officers located the owner of the

backpack, which had one ounce of marijuana inside, and the 22-year-old resident of Schanzenfeld was arrested but later released without charges.

- Winkler police received a report Jan. 6 of shoplifting from Superstore that occurred Dec. 28.

According to video surveillance, a woman left the store without paying for an amount of merchandise and then re-entered the store with an empty shopping cart and gathered more merchandise.

She then approached a second woman, but shortly after they both abandoned their shopping carts containing merchandise inside the store and left together. The incident remains under investigation.



# Elvis is in the building

## Tickets on sale for SCCR benefit concert

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley stepped up in a big way a few years ago to help the Stardust Drive-In keep its doors open by funding the purchase of a new digital projector.

Now, one of the last surviving outdoor drive-ins in Manitoba is teaming up with Morklers to give back to the community in thanks, hosting a fundraising concert in support of South Central Cancer Resource.

"We want to give back to the community because the community is the reason the drive-in is still here," the Stardust's Marlene Nelson said recently in promoting an upcoming benefit concert featuring Elvis tribute artist Corny Rempel. "It was a substantial amount, and if we hadn't been able to get people to step up to help us do it, we would not exist."

"We said if we were able to continue that we would give back to the community," she said, adding that SCCR's work certainly resonates with her and her family. "It's one of those things that's near and dear to you because you want to be able to give back and support ... we did lose my mother-in-law to brain cancer."

South Central Cancer Resource, which provides local cancer patients with a myriad of support programs and services, is a vital organization, Nelson stressed.

"And knowing they're not government funded ... they rely on the support and the fundraisers to be able to serve the community."

The concert, which also includes Morden's Lunitix as the opening act, will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26 at the Access Event Centre.

Corny Rempel is an award-winning Elvis tribute artist and comedian who has performed across North America for 17 years.

He recently won first place in the Penticton Elvis Festival in B.C., earning him a spot in the top 20 Elvis tribute artists in the world at the Ultimate Elvis Festival at Graceland.

A morning radio host and DJ in Steinbach, Rempel is also featured in a documentary *That Mennonite Joke*, which has been picked up by Bravo and has shown at film festivals across Canada.

Tickets for the SCCR fundraiser are \$20 and are available at the agency's offices in Morden, Monklers, or from Nelson at Freunds Auto Parts.

People are encouraged to come in 1950s or 1960s costume for the evening, which will also celebrate a milestone birthday for SCCR clinical resource co-ordinator Deb Thiessen, who happens to be a big fan of Rempel's.

"He's actually become a very good friend. I've followed him to quite a few of his concerts," said Thiessen.



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Corny Rempel will put on his blue suede shoes to portray Elvis at a special fundraising concert being held Jan. 26 in support of SCCR.

She is always moved when the community takes the initiative to support the organization, adding that Dave Destoop at Morklers has "always been a very big supporter of us."

"We are just so appreciative for the community putting on fundraisers for us," Thiessen said, stressing their importance to the organization. "We are not funded by government. We are not funded by any cancer associa-

tion, so it is all by donations or foundations that have jumped on board with us."

"It just always warms our hearts as far as the fundraisers that have taken place ... without them, we couldn't function," she said. "My heart just fills up when I hear there's going to be another fundraiser for us because without them we couldn't survive."



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Carter Unger (centre, in shorts) bade farewell to 2017 in style with a New Year's Eve party at the local cinema with his friends. The group checked out the Jumanji sequel in 3D. The Gr. 5 student's story "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was one of two grand prize winners in the Voice's annual Christmas Writing Contest. We hope you enjoyed the show, Carter!

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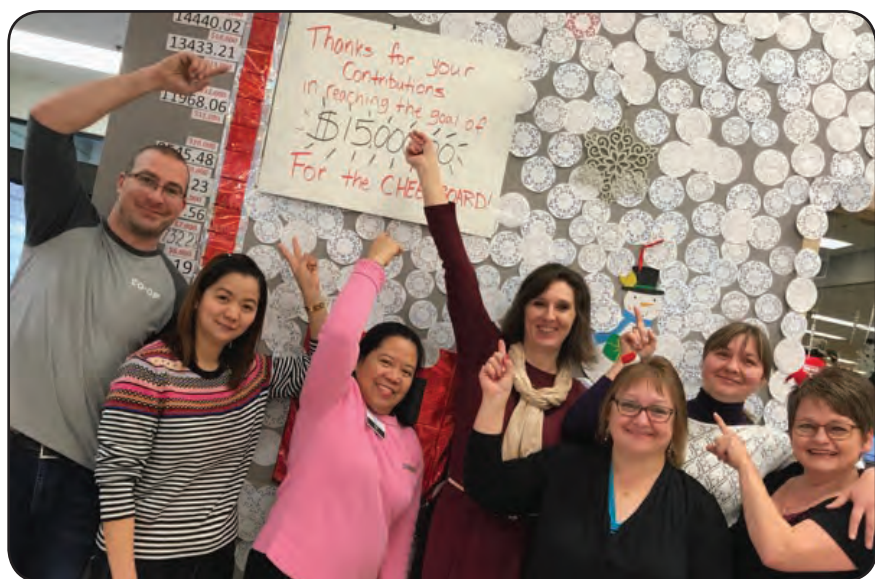
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## Co-op Christmas Cheer Board drive hits new heights

The Winkler and Morden Co-op food stores collected a record-breaking \$25,000 for the local Christmas cheer boards this fall. Winkler's store staff, shown above, celebrated hitting their goal of \$15,000, while Morden raised the \$10,000 they were aiming for. Co-op sends its thanks out to the communities for their generosity.

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## Juniper

The Common Juniper is an evergreen shrub with great variations, and has perhaps the largest range of all woody plants. In the Pembina Valley it prefers hot and dry exposed areas. It is very slow growing. Its green, berry-like cones may take 18 months to ripen and turn a purple-black color when mature.

- Excerpt from *Footprints of Hope* by Henry Martens. Illustrated by Raymond Klassen.

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# CFDC welcomed nearly 13K visitors in 2017

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre had another record year in 2017 with attendance increasing seven per cent to nearly 13,000 people.

That's also doubled from 2013, and executive director Peter Cantelon sees a few factors driving the continued growth of the museum.

"It has been just a few years of focused effort on a couple of key areas," he said. "We've been really making an effort to change the exhibits, add new exhibits ... make the CFDC a place people want to return.

"We've increased our prices, but we've added value," Cantelon added. "We added two new mobile apps last year that people can use that enhances their experience as they go through the museum. We added our photo booth ... we added our theatre.

"Combine that with what's happening in the community and we're starting to see the city and business and residents starting to connect really well with the brand," he said. "More support just in general I think has led to increased word of mouth, which is really helpful for us.

"The other thing we've been doing is just heavily focusing on Winnipeg as a market, building our brand there," Cantelon added, noting more than 85 percent of their visitors come from outside of the region. "This is a fantastic statistic for a region like ours that wants as many people as possible from outside the area to experience our communities and see what we have to offer."

The CFDC has welcomed almost 158,000 visitors in the past 20 years. They estimate that translates into more than \$9 million of tourism revenue injected into the local economy.

In the past year, the CFDC attracted visitors from 47 countries, 38 American states, and every Canadian prov-

ince and one territory.

Cantelon stressed they see all this as just the tip of the iceberg in terms of their potential. Based on their market research, the demographics suggest the CFDC's visitation could be closer to 60,000 people a year.

"We're still only a fraction of that," he said.

Attendance aside, another highlight for 2017 included the unveiling of a giant, life-sized statue of an Archelon turtle on Morden's western entrance. After having received hundreds of suggestions for names, Archie the Archelon emerged as the clear choice for the statue.

The year also saw the museum establish the Dr. Elizabeth 'Betsy' Nicholls Award for Excellence in Paleontology and unveil a new dinosaur exhibit featuring an Allosaurus sculpture.

Their new augmented reality fossil discovery game and digital audio guide have also been very well received, Cantelon noted.

The year ahead will bring more important exhibit development that is in the works as well as further improvements in technology and expanding their programming.

Cantelon said they are also looking longer term really take the CFDC to the next level.

"We are starting to quietly look into a new facility again," he said. "We want to do this in a very responsible fashion, and it has to be supported at the city level. It has to be supported at the provincial and federal level.

"We have come close to that place where we have maximized all possible benefit from the facility that we are in now," he concluded. "As phenomenal as this facility is, it's not next level facility. It's not above ground, it has no facade that anybody can see ... it makes it very difficult to market."

## Over 100 charged with impaired driving this holiday season

Over 100 people were caught driving impaired during the RCMP's 2017/2018 Holiday Checkstop Program.

Throughout the month of December and through Jan. 1, police conducted 176 checkstops across the province,

pulling over 8,333 vehicles.

The stops led to 117 people being charged with impaired driving and 51 alcohol related driving suspensions.

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# Registration on now for Home & Life Show

By Lorne Stelmach

Now in its seventh year since being brought back by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce, the Home and Life Show is well established here again, organizers suggest.

"I think it's a great event for the community," said executive director Candace Olafson as registrations continue for the March 2-3 event at the Access Event Centre.

"We always get a good crowd out to the show, and I think it's something people look forward to," she added. "It's at the beginning of March, and people are ready to get out and about and maybe are thinking about some projects."

Home and Life is the major trade show of the year in Morden, offering an opportunity to visit numerous area businesses under one roof and see what products and services they have to offer.

The two day event is free for the public to attend and has a little something for everyone, said Olafson.

"It's a showcase of what's all available here in the Pembina Valley," she said. "What's really unique is you get all of these things under one roof."

The show usually is full with just un-

der 40 exhibitors spread throughout the hall and foyer.

"It's all kinds of exhibitors ... we see everything from home decor and flooring and window furnishings right to health and beauty. We have also things like hot tubs, ATVs, and summer outdoor stuff ... we've got some general contractors there, plumbing and heating," Olafson said.

"It's just really a little bit of everything," she continued. "It's not really meant just for the person who is building a house or renovating a house, it's a little bit of everything ... whether you're looking for a new barbecue or some outdoor lawn equipment."

For the exhibitors, Olafson suggested it is a great way for them to connect with people and to attract potential new customers.

"It gives businesses really a chance to show what they have to offer and connect with many people face to face," she said, pointing out the show attracts upwards of 1,700 people each year.

Existing or new members of the chamber of commerce have first opportunity to book booth space and also receive a discounted rate.

The exhibitor rates range from \$200



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The seventh annual Morden Home & Life Show takes place at the Access Event Centre March 2-3. Business registration is now open.



for a basic table display up to \$1,200 to be a featured display.

"We've already started booking some booths ... and it is a show that does sell out as far as space availability, so we really do encourage people

to get in touch early to book their space," Olafson said.

Registration packages are available online at [www.mordenchamber.com](http://www.mordenchamber.com).

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## Arts festival deadline nears

Registration deadlines are nearing for the 43rd annual Morden Festival of the Arts.

Registration forms for the 2018 festival are available at all local schools as well as at the South Central Regional Library in Morden and online at [www.mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org](http://www.mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org).

Jan. 18 is the post-marked deadline for entry forms by mail. Registration also takes place Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Maple Leaf School, Jan. 24-25 at Minnewasta School to Mrs. Wirth, and Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at École Morden Middle School, where Morden Collegiate students can also hand in their entries. Piano and strings

registrations are generally done through private music teachers. Jan. 25 is the final deadline for all festival entries.

There is a small fee for each entry to help cover the cost of adjudicators.

The Morden festival uses the provincial syllabus 2015 edition for all class names and numbers. Copies can be found at all Morden school libraries and at the Morden library. Copies of speech arts selections are available at the school libraries.

The festival begins with band Feb. 13-14 followed by strings March 11-13, sacred music March 18, piano March 19-22, vocal and choral April 12-13, speech arts April 17-19, and the wrap-up highlights concert April 29.

Anyone interested in assisting at individual sessions is asked to call Marlene Britton at 204-822-5794.

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## Methods to treating arthritic knees

Osteoarthritis of the joints can affect people of all ages, but is one of the leading causes of disability in the aged population in the United States. A study published in the *Caspian Journal of Internal Medicine* found incidence of knee OA is rising by increasing average age of the general population. Age, weight, trauma, and repetitive movements are common risk factors for the condition.

According to Dr. Scott Paris of Central Jersey Spine and Wellness, more than 27 million people in the country suffer from knee arthritis. An estimated 37 percent of Canadians aged 20 or older who had been diagnosed with arthritis reported osteoarthritis, with 29 percent occurring in the knees, states Statistics Canada. Knee arthritis occurs when there is a degeneration of articular cartilage that covers and protects the patella (knee cap) at the knee joint, offers the online resource Arthritis-Health. Since

this cartilage has no nerve endings, some people can experience arthritis but feel no pain. However, pain may occur when doing specific activities that cause impact between bones, like jumping, walking up stairs or certain sports.

Over time, knee arthritis may become worse, and pain can be accompanied by stiffness and loss of mobility. This may be accompanied by knee locking or buckling.

Those who suffer from knee OA may seek treatment. In 2014, the Osteoarthritis Research Society International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting osteoarthritis research and treatment, updated its recommendations for the treatment of osteoarthritis targeted to different patient characteristics. The main categories of treatment include non-drug treatments, medication, injections, and surgery.

• Non-drug treatments: Examples

of non-drug treatments include exercise, stretching and range-of-movement strategies. Weight loss can alleviate excess strain placed on the hips and knees and reduce pain. Braces, sleeves and orthotics may help reduce pain and joint stiffness when directed properly through a specialist.

• Medications: Many medications are geared around reducing inflammation and pain and include over-the-counter pain relievers and NSAIDs, such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen and naproxen sodium. Topical NSAIDs may be tried, and these can reduce the risk of gastrointestinal side effects from oral medications. OARSI also found that the antidepressant duloxetine may help with chronic knee pain.

• Injections: The Arthritis Foundation says that some doctors can inject corticosteroid compounds directly into affected joints. Use of hyaluronic acid injections can supplement the

natural substance that gives joint fluid its lubrication and viscosity. These injections may help relieve pain and improve mobility.

• Surgery: In cases when the aforementioned treatments are unsuccessful, doctors may suggest surgery. The Arthritis Foundation says joint lavage and arthroscopic debridement, which involve flushing the joint with a sterile saline solution and the surgical removal of tissue fragments from the joint, are controversial but may help some people achieve short-term relief. Partial knee replacement may be another option that offers a similar improvement in function, but fewer complications than a total knee replacement.

Osteoarthritis in the knee can be painful and restrictive. Working with a qualified doctor, individuals can develop a treatment plan that works for their specific conditions.

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## Why every woman should have her own will

Making a will is a sensible and worthwhile task that everybody, whatever their age or financial status should do. However, there are five special reasons why women need to make a will of their own.

Women usually live longer than their husbands. It's a good idea for each of you to have your own will when you're both alive. After the death of one spouse, changing circumstances may mean you want to write a new will, but having a will in the first place is an important step.

Planning for children or other dependents is something that women usually want to pay special attention to.

Taxes and legal concerns — especially if there was a previous marriage or other dependents — should be looked at.

Many women will want to make special arrangements for the distribution of family heirlooms, jewelry, items of historical or sentimental value, and their own property.

Continuing the support for groups and organizations that many women generously support during their lifetimes may be a consideration in preparation of a will. For individuals who feel they cannot afford to make a large donation to a cause they support during their lifetime, a bequest in a will

can be a good way to make a lasting contribution.

If you do not have a will, now is the time to prepare one. While it does not need to be a complicated document, it is always advisable to contact a lawyer or trust company to help you. The peace of mind that comes from ensuring there are no small mistakes or omissions that can cause difficulties in the future is well worth the cost of such services.

## Did you know?

Retirement can seem like it will never come for young professionals. But time can be a sieve, and retirement age can arrive in the blink of an eye. Young adults who have not planned accordingly for retirement can find themselves in financial straits at a point in their lives when they want to kick back and enjoy themselves. Financial experts from Money, CNN and The Motley Fool advise that financially solvent people should begin saving aggressively for their retirements early on. Ideally people should start saving in their 20s when they first leave school and begin their careers. The sooner one saves, the more time money has to grow. Vanguard says that the person who saves \$4,500 per year over a career spanning 45 years can reach a goal of having more than \$1 million in savings by the time he or she retires. Compounding interest and investment matches from employers can further secure professionals' financial futures.

## Safety renovations for seniors' homes

Feeling safe and secure at home is a priority for any homeowner. But safety is of particular concern for aging men and women who are at greater risk of being involved in accidents at home than younger men and women.

Harvard Health Publishing says that accidents at home are among the leading causes of injury and death in the United States. The chances for fatalities increases as one ages, and by age 75 and older, men and women are almost four times as likely to die in a home accident as people a decade younger.

As people age, their balance, eyesight and general physical abilities can begin to diminish. Furthermore, a fall or incident that may only bruise a younger individual can cause more serious breaks or damage for seniors, resulting in potentially lengthy recovery times.

The Home Care Assistance organization says that one million elderly people are admitted to the emergency room for injuries every year. People concerned about the safety of their homes or the homes of their aging loved ones can retrofit such properties to make them safer.

### Falls

According to The Senior Social Club, which offers care and community services to seniors, falls are the most common accidents affecting seniors. One out of every three seniors aged 65 and older falls at least once a year.

In addition to working with doctors to improve mobility and

modify medications that may cause unsteadiness, changes around the home can help. Grab bars placed in bathrooms and high-traffic areas can help seniors get stay more stable when changing from sitting to standing positions.

Potential tripping hazards should be assessed. Area rugs without nonskid backings, clutter on floors, extension cords that extend into walking areas, and uneven flooring pose tripping hazards. Anti-slip coatings can be added to floors to reduce the risk of tripping.

Poorly lit staircases and entryways also can contribute to falls. Consider the installation of motion-activated lighting so that dim areas can be automatically brightened when necessary. A nightlight or LED lights placed near molding can help guide seniors to the bathroom during midnight visits.



### Physical limitations

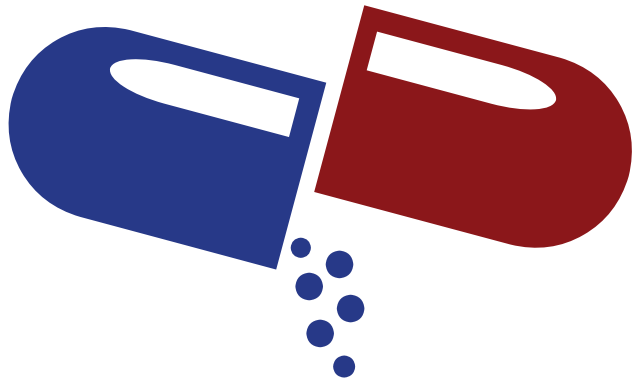
Arthritis can impede seniors' ability to turn on and off appliances, water faucets or handle certain kitchen tools. Kitchen and bathroom modifications can include the installation of ergonomic and user-friendly handles and spigots.

Task lighting can make it easier to prepare meals, and appliances that automatically turn off after a certain period of time can be a safety feature for forgetful individuals.

Reorganize kitchen cabinets to make commonly used items as accessible as possible.

### Smart Homes

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## How aging adults can maintain their mental acuity

Aging is associated with or linked to a host of mental and physical side effects. For example, many adults expect their vision to deteriorate as they grow older. Such a side effect can be combatted with routine eye examinations that may indicate a need for a stronger eyeglass prescription, a relatively simple solution that won't impact adults' daily lives much at all.

While physical side effects like diminished vision might not strike much fear in the hearts of aging men and women, those same people may be concerned and/or frightened by the notion of age-related cognitive decline. Some immediately associate such decline with Alzheimer's disease, an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys memory and cognitive skills, ultimately compromising a person's ability to perform even the simplest of tasks. But age-related cognitive decline is not always symptomatic of Alzheimer's disease. Learning about Alzheimer's and how to maintain mental acuity can help

aging men and women better understand the changes their brains might be undergoing as they near or pass retirement age.

### Is Alzheimer's disease hereditary?

The National Institute on Aging notes that only a very rare form of Alzheimer's disease is inherited. Early-onset familial Alzheimer's disease, or FAD, is caused by mutations in certain genes. If these genes are passed down from parent to child, then the child is likely, but not certain, to get FAD. So while many adults may be concerned about Alzheimer's because one of their parents had the disease, the NIA notes that the majority of Alzheimer's cases are late-onset, which has no obvious family pattern.

### Can Alzheimer's disease be prevented?

Studies of Alzheimer's disease are ongoing, but to date there is no definitive way to prevent the onset of the disease.

### How can I maintain mental acuity as I age?

Researchers have not yet determined a way to prevent Alzheimer's disease, but adults can take certain steps to maintain their mental acuity into retirement.

- Exercise regularly. Routine exercise may be most associated with physical benefits, but the NIA notes that such activity has been linked to benefits for the brain as well. For example, a 2011 study published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* found that aerobic exercise training increases the size of the hippocampus, leading to improvements in spatial memory. The NIA also notes that one study indicated exercise stimulated the brain's ability to maintain old network connections and make new ones vital to cognitive health.

- Read more. Avid readers may be happy to learn that one of their favorite pastimes can improve the efficiency of their cognitive systems while delaying such systems'

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decline. A 2013 study published in the journal *Neurology* by researchers at Chicago's Rush University Medical Center found that mentally active lifestyles may not prevent the formations of plaques and tangles associated with Alzheimer's disease, but such lifestyles decreases the likelihood that the presence of plaques or tangles will impair cognitive function.

- Stay socially connected. Maintaining social connections with family, friends and community members also can help women prevent cognitive decline. Epidemiologist Bryan James of the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center studied how social activity affected cognitive decline, ultimately noting that the rate of cognitive decline was considerably lower among men and women who maintained social contact than it was among those with low levels of social activity.

The idea of age-related cognitive decline strikes fear in the hearts of many men and women, but there are ways for adults to maintain their mental acuity well into their golden years.

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# Deadline for Just Watch Me contest Jan. 23

By Lorne Stelmach

Rural Manitoba entrepreneurs with a physical disability have a chance to enter a unique contest aimed at celebrating their successes and encouraging others.

The Just Watch Me video contest launched a month ago to coincide with the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

It is an initiative that can provide a number of benefits to a participant, says a former local resident who took part in the contest offered through

the Community Futures Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program.

Former Mordenite Lisa Gandier of Alexa Media was one of the finalists

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## > FESTIVAL, FROM PG. 12

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## > CHECKSTOPS, FROM PG. 10

Another 2,153 charges were laid under the Highway Traffic Act, police report, the majority for speeding and failure to wear a seatbelt, along with 130 warnings for various other offenses.

In addition, police dealt with 45 Liquor & Gaming Control Act offenses, 31 other Criminal Code driving offenses, and one traffic related fatality.

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## Merces double up on Redskins

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Morden Redskins goaltender Morgan Wall gets a pad on a Merces scoring attempt in Saturday's 4-2 Morden loss. The Redskins are in third place in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins kicked off 2018 with a loss to the Warren Merces in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action last weekend.

Playing before a hometown crowd on Saturday, the Redskins bowed to the Merces 4-2.

Jordan Neduzak's lone Morden goal in the first period was drowned out by three from Warren in the second. Victor Knaub brought the Redskins within one of a tie with a goal midway through the third, but the Merces put the final nail in at 18:53 for the win. Morgan Wall made 27 saves in net for Morden.

The Winkler Royals also had a losing start to the year, falling to the visiting Carman Beavers 10-2 Saturday.

Cody Friesen scored Winkler's goals in the first and third, while Carman

made it a 4-1 game after 20 minutes, 6-1 after 40, and then scored another four in the final frame.

Splitting netminding duties for the Royals was Matt Krahn, who made 32 saves and gave up eight goals, and Devon Wiebe, who came in for five minutes and gave up two goals on 10 shots.

Winkler is in seventh and final place in the standings with a 4-9 record for eight points, trailing Altona, Portage, and Carman, who all have 11 points.

Morden, meanwhile, has a hold on third place at 14 points and seven wins, five losses. Rounding out the top three is Warren in first (9-3 for 18 points) and Notre Dame in second (8-

2-1-1 for 18 points).

This week Morden hit the road for an away game in Carman on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Winkler plays in Warren on Saturday and then the Redskins and the Royals face off in Winkler Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

## Winkler Flyers drop two of three

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers are looking to stabilize things after dropping two out of their first three games after the holiday break.

The junior team started the new year in Virden on Jan. 3.

That 5-2 defeat saw goals from Colty Bates and Matt Christian for Winkler, while Troy Martyniuk took the loss in net, making 36 saves off of 41 shots on goal as the Oil Capitals outshot the Flyers 41-29.

Things went better for the Flyers a

few nights later playing Dauphin on the road on Saturday.

The Kings had a 2-0 lead after two periods when the Flyers finally got on the scoreboard thanks to a goal from

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# Avros stymie Hawks with pair of shutouts

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks have yet to solve the riddle of how to beat the Winnipeg Avros.

The front running Avros maintained their hold on first place in the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League with a pair of shutout wins over the Hawks last week.

The 1-0 and 2-0 defeats Wednesday and Sunday were sandwiched around a 2-0 Pembina Valley win over the Central Plains Capitals Saturday.

The Hawks had earlier closed out 2017 with a three game win streak that included a pair of big wins of 4-0 over Central Plains and 5-2 over Eastman that had temporarily lifted them into second. But they then opened 2018 with a slim 1-0 defeat at the hands of the Avros, who have won four over the Hawks so far this season.

Goaltender Halle Oswald kept Pembina Valley in this game as she blocked all but one of 31 shots on goal. The only one to get past her was a second period goal by Ashley Keller of the Avros, who got a 15 save shutout from goalie Danielle Bonot-

Pembina Valley's Hannah Petrie uses her speed to get past the Avros' Breanne Dondo in Sunday's 2-0 Hawks loss.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT



Schmidt.

Hannah Petrie scored for the Hawks Saturday and assisted on a goal by Tessa Odell, while Sage McElroy-Scott got helpers on both goals as well and Oswald picked up the 24-save shutout

for the Hawks, who have swept their four games so far with the Capitals.

Pembina Valley was then stymied again by Bonot-Schmidt Sunday as the Avros goalie earned a second straight shutout over the Hawks with 28 saves. Oswald again kept it close for the Hawks in stopping 35 of 37 shots.

Now sitting at 12-8-0-1, the Hawks remain in the battle in the standings

that now sees Pembina Valley, Yellowhead, and Westman all at 25 points with Eastman just three back at 22 followed by Central Plains at 18. Interlake brings up the rear at 2-17-0-1 for five points, while the Avros reign on top at 16-5-0-0 for 32 points.

This week the Hawks play in Portage on Friday and then host Interlake Sunday afternoon in Morden.

## > FLYERS, FROM PG. 18

Nolan McGuire 1:35 into the final period. That was followed by the tying goal from Brady Puppy at 11:38 and the game winner from CJ Corazzin with less than 30 seconds still to go on the clock.

Martyniuk made 31 saves this game as Winkler took the lead on shots 44-33.

The tables turned once again the very next night in Waywayseecappo, with the home team getting a 5-1 victory over Winkler.

The Wolverines were up 4-0 before Winkler made its mark via a goal from Pupp midway through the second period. Waywayseecappo made it 5-1 before the period was out, though, scoring what ended up being the last goal of the game.

Martyniuk made 22 saves on 24 shots while fellow Winkler goalie Aaron Brunn made 10 saves out of 13 shots during his 10 minutes in net.

That drops Winkler to fourth place with a 24-14 record and 14 points as of press time. They're tied in points

with both OCN and Selkirk and trail the third place Virden by two points, second place Portage by five, and first place Steinbach by a full 16 points.

This week Winkler hosted Steinbach on Tuesday and then headed into Winnipeg on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

On the weekend the team host Dauphin Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Next week Monday and Tuesday, several Flyers are bound for Regina to take part in the MJHL/SJHL Showcase.

Goalie Troy Martyniuk and defensemen Mitch Dyck and Collin Caulfield will be joined by forwards Weiland Parrish, Collyn Bates, Matt Christian, Will Blake, and Nolan McGuire on Team Belfour. Forward Brody Mofatt and defenseman CJ Corazzin will also be making the trip to play for Team Garbutt.

Flyers head coach Ken Pearson and assistant coach Steve Mullin will also be behind the bench for Team Belfour.

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## Nordic Race Team takes to the trails

The Boundary Trails Nordic Race Team held their own at the first race of the season in Kenora just before the holidays. The Dec. 17 event saw first place finishes from Isaiah Vandenberg (PeeWee Boys 3 km), Naomi Wiens (PeeWee Girls 3 km), Ben Wiens (Midget Boys 3 km), and Joel Vandenberg (Masters Men, 7 km). Other finishes included Mia Sawatzky (3rd place, Midget Girls 3km), Alice Wiebe (8th, Midget Girls 3km), Aaron Warkentine (2nd, Juvenile Boys 7 km), Thomas Wiebe (9th, Juvenile Boys 7 km), Matt Klassen (3rd, Juvenile Boys 7 km), and Steven Wiebe (3rd, Masters Men 7 km).

## Hawks embarrass Northstars in Thompson

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks came home from a weekend road trip to Thompson with some less than flattering statistics for their hosts.

A total of 108 shots on goal by the Hawks over the two games with Norman Friday and Saturday saw Pembina Valley fire 25 goals including eight powerplay markers and a shorthanded tally to boot as they embarrassed the last place Northstars 9-5 and 16-1.

The lopsided victories left the Hawks ensconced in sixth place at 16-13-0-1-1 for 34 points, while the Northstars fell to a woeful 2-28-0-0-1 for just five points.

Game one remained tight through two periods with the Hawks holding slim leads of 3-2 and 5-4 before firing home four more in the third period to put the game away.

Travis Penner had a pair of goals, while the scoring otherwise was spread between Brayden Klippenstein, Tristan Day, Spencer Kaminisky, Tyson Allison, Nicholas Hatley, Jayden McCarthy, and Svan Bazin.

Shots on goal were 48-35 for the Hawks, who got 30 saves from Brock

Moroz, and Pembina Valley took 15 of the 27 penalties called this night and gave up a pair of powerplay goals.

Things were chippy again in game two with a number of hitting to the head penalties, and it really cost Norman as they gave up seven powerplay goals on 10 opportunities for the Hawks.

The score mounted to 5-1 and 10-1 at the intermissions with the shots on

goal ending up 60-19 in favour of the Hawks, who gave Martin Gagnon an easy night with only 18 saves.

Travis Penner and Tyson Allison each had a goal and four point nights, while Wyatt Cobb, Kolton Shindle, Tristan Day and Sven Schefer each had a pair of goals and three point nights. Also scoring were Brayden Klippenstein, Ethan Carels, Nicholas Hatley, Svan Bazin, Riley Goertzen,

and Nathan Ayotte.

The Hawks now sit three points up on Yellowhead and Southwest while remaining seven back of the Winnipeg Thrashers.

This week the Hawks hosted Central Plains on Wednesday. Game results were not available at press time.

Over the weekend they host the Eastman Selects on Saturday.

## Twisters kick off 2018 with wins

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters kicked off the new year on a winning note with a pair of wins last week.

Pembina Valley snapped out of a four game losing streak that ended 2017 by edging the Stonewall Jets 3-2 last Wednesday and then doubling up the River East Royal Knights 4-2 Friday.

The Twisters survived a late push from the fourth place Jets on home ice in Morris.

A scoreless first period saw Twisters

goalie Travis Klassen especially sharp in the second half of the period as the Jets kept the puck in Pembina Valley's end for extended periods of time.

The Twisters scored early in the second as Elijah Carels tipped home a shot from the point. James Van de Velde then banged home a rebound to make it 2-0.

The Jets got one back, but Quade Froese restored the two goal lead with his seventh on a powerplay. Stonewall pulled within one in the third, but Klassen barred the door from there

with the final shots 42-30 for the Jets.

Special teams made the difference Friday after Pembina Valley gave up a first period goal and then another 3:55 into the second period against the last place Knights, who now have only two wins through their first 29 games.

Carels got the Twisters on the board with his fifth of the season on a powerplay at 5:57. Steve Young tied it up at 16:03 with a shorthanded marker.

Young became the hero of the night, connecting for his second of the game and third of the season 5:01 into the third. Dylan Dacquay sealed the deal with a last second empty net goal.

Shots on goal were 37-23 for the Twisters. Griffin Dyck earned the win on 21 saves.

Pembina Valley is in seventh place at 13-14-2 for 28 points, which leaves them four up on the St. Vital Victorias at 24 and three back of both the St. James Canucks and Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins at 31.

The Twisters host the third place Transcona Railer Express Saturday and then visit the St. Vital Victorias in Winnipeg Sunday.

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# Agriculture

## Hog prices remain strong thanks to demand

By Harry Siemens

Tyler Fulton, the director of risk management with h@ms Marketing Services, says demand for pork will be the critical factor influencing hogs markets during 2018.

"The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture Hogs and Pigs Report indicated we could expect market hog supplies to range between two and three percent higher than the year ago levels over the next four months or so," said Fulton. "That was pretty much in line with expectations, but that level of growth can pressure markets, so a lot will depend on the demand side."

He said thing started off on a positive note with most of the futures contracts trading up near contract highs. There's an air of optimism. Packer margins are very firm.

With greater competition as hog supplies start to tighten up into the spring and summer timeframe, packers will have a little bit of room to bid up the price of hogs. Generally speaking, things look pretty solid for this next year.

Fulton said that although there were fewer hog slaughter days during the holidays, the industry saw the most extensive hog slaughter leading up to the end of December, pushing close to 2.6 million hogs. Packers were aggressive, and producers were very current with their marketing.

"I think as far as the impact to cash prices, it's going to be a little bit less than what we have seen in years past," he said.

With hog production increases the demand factor is crucial.

"For 2018, we once again ask if hog prices can be higher with a 3.5 per cent increase in supply and with sizable increases in competitive meats as well. The lean hog futures market is currently saying, 'Yes!'" said Chris Hurt, Department Of Agricultural Economics Purdue University.

"Why might the futures market be correct? The foundation of the argument lies with demand. In 2018, the U.S. economy will grow more rapidly. The unemployment rate will drop modestly and is already at the lowest level since 2000. With the economy growing and most people working,

wage rates will rise more rapidly. Also, the new federal income tax law is likely to increase the size of the average paycheck (but certainly not for every family)."

Fulton agrees demand will probably be the critical feature of 2018.

"To maintain a good profitable trajectory on the cash market, we need the demand to continue to fire along," he said. "Early evidence suggests that the U.S. economy is in good shape. That's probably the single biggest factor that would impact pork demand."

The trade question and how the three countries resolve NAFTA is possibly the most uncertain demand function this coming year. In particular, how NAFTA gets decided. Mexico is the most significant export destina-

tion for U.S. pork and so if there are any hiccups in those negotiations then it's possible that we could start to see some impacts on the pork market as a result of that significant relationship, Fulton said.

Hurt said avoiding supply expansion to a point where prices are not profitable is the goal for the total animal industries.

Secondly, the 2017 crops are now the fourth consecutive year of excellent yields and low feed prices. History suggests that these forces will not continue forever.

Finally, for those pork producers who believe hog prices cannot be higher again in 2018, the lean futures market is currently providing strong pricing opportunities.

Fulton agrees.

"Right now we think that forward prices are good value. Generally speaking, we think that it makes some sense to cover as much as 1/3 of spring and summer production. Even touching into that, maybe even that September and October timeframe," he said. "We've got a little bit of time there yet, and there is not strong evidence that we're going to be under serious pressure as we come the end of the summer."

"But for the most part, we think that if hog producers can move through the May through August timeframe with prices better than \$185 per 100 weights or CKG, then we think that that's a pretty good starting point for getting some protection."



By Harry Siemens

## Looking back and looking forward

It is always challenging and expanding when other media people ask me to respond to the events of the past year and how things look going forward. While I don't pretend to know more than anyone else, I do get the benefit of others who I talk to regularly who have a much better handle on the issues than I do.

On our way to Vancouver after Christmas, Hal Anderson of CJOB called to get some year-end thoughts on farming in 2017 and looking forward to 2018.

Hal: How about the year that is just about done, for Manitoba farmers.

Harry: 2017 has been an outstanding year for the majority of farmers. Naturally, because of weather conditions and market conditions and so forth, not everybody falls into that category, but we had a great crop.

The hog prices are looking pretty healthy going forward, Hylife at Neepawa is just finishing off their plant expansion where they'll be doing two million hogs a year, starting in April. They've built two new barns at Killarney and looking forward, the hog industry is right, the cattle industry is pretty good, and the grain

farmers right now are looking for some price rallies. We've seen some lower prices in wheat, but we still have soybeans and canola and all in all, I would give it a 3.5, four stars, out of 5.

Hal: Yeah, which is fantastic because farmers have struggled in recent years. This past year, and there have been some people out there, some farmers, some producers that haven't had a great year, but overall, generally speaking, 2017 was an outstanding year.

Harry: Yes. It was an excellent year. The crops that some farmers took off the fields, I know a field that I farmed back in 1967, a record wheat crop on that field was 40 bushels an acre. My brother took 91, 92 bushels an acre off of that same field this year and it has to do with weather, it has to do with production techniques, and improved varieties. So it's looking excellent this year, for many guys it was just a great year.

Hal: And now let's look ahead to 2018, Harry, because 2018 could be another good year, but there is that storm cloud that's brewing called NAFTA. Are you worried at all for your farmer friends?

Harry: You know, that's an excel-

lent question. I had a chance to visit with Orion Samuelson, who's a premier farm broadcaster in the United States just before Christmas. He interviewed the Secretary of Ag, Sonny Perdue, in the United States, who felt that NAFTA from their perspective was looking to make it work for Mexico, Canada, and the United States. But what Prime Minister Trudeau does with NAFTA here in Canada, on our behalf, we're not exactly sure. I think that's probably one of the more iffy things as to whether we're going to make that deal from this side.

Hal: Any other potential bumps on the road for producers here in Manitoba, in the new year?

Harry: I believe that the commodity prices are always dependent on the weather, right? Supply, demand, weather. One of the dark clouds has been Russia. I have a real good contact who does Russian reports out of Ukraine, and out of Russia. Mike Lee. And they had a tremendously big wheat crop in Russia. The second record in a row. Ukraine wasn't quite as good, but he tells me if they would just tune up their seed varieties just

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## Locals win big in Elks Cash Lottery

Glenn Ritchie of the Morden Elks presents the \$10,000 cheque to Dale and Dianne Lambert of Morden, winners of the 2017 Elks cash lottery. Other winners included Morden's Howie Link and John Murray, who took home \$2,000 for second, and Selkirk's Murray Hamm, who won \$1,000 for third. The money raised from the lottery will be used to support numerous community projects. In 2017, for example, the Elks donated \$10,000 toward a new picnic shelter at the Morden Park splash park and \$12,000 for equipment at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

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## Know your farmer, know your food

By Harry Siemens

Recently, Hopcott Premium Meats in Pitt Meadows, B.C. added a new bistro section open to serving their customers breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week while taking in panoramic views of the farm.

Fred and Jane Hopcott, both born and raised in Ladner, B.C., bought the Hopcott Farm in 1932. While never farmed, small trees covered it for 25 years and the dairy barn built in 1934 still stands on the farm today.

In 2015, Hopcott Meats unveiled their expansion, increasing the total store to 17,000 square feet including more retail space with more extended fresh meat cases, a commercial kitchen, and a sit-down bistro and outdoor patio.

"We are a third generation family-run butcher shop located on our family farm, committed to bringing quality, local, farm-fresh products direct to your table," they say on their website.

During a recent visit to the area, Mike Lindsey, the general manager, and head butcher, took time on a busy morning to talk about the farmer to consumer business.

Lindsey, who started at the store 11 years ago—almost from the start watching the business grow—knows why they're successful.

"It is because we're all about the local aspect feeding our animals the non-GMO corn, raised without the use of antibiotics, no hormones, and the icing on the cake is that we dry-age our beef 28 days," he said. "It breaks down the enzymes in the meat, making it more tender, more flavorful. It's tough to find that kind

of product these days, and especially when we're dealing with one farmer, and that's it. So, the consistency is there, because the ratios for feeding the animals are always going to be the same."

Lindsey said many people look at them as the honest butcher because they tell it the way it is.

"We don't hide how we do things," he said. "It is what we do, and people love it. When the customer sees a piece of meat it is wholesome meat."

Lindsey said much of their meat is triple-A marbling which gives the subtle sweet flavor and adds to the tenderness. When customers ask him how they get their beef to taste the way it does it's just the consistent quality. Being third generation farmers the business is all about the beef.

"The hardest thing is moving the whole animal out the door. Because you've got to move the trim, you've got to use the strip loins. And especially when you're in winter time, no one's buying up steaks. You always

have to figure out how to move everything," said Lindsey. "Obviously, sales is a big key point. In our deli department we do pepperoni that's pure beef, so a lot of the trim goes to our pepperoni, hot dogs, smokies, farmer sausage or Ukrainian sausage."

A good part of their last expansion included the kitchen where they can now do lasagnas and various meat pies with whole meal replacements.

Lindsey talked about their chicken products, which comes from seven local farmers in the Abbotsford and is processed locally, too. They also carry B.C. Johnson's quality pork.

"And we have a lot of compliments on just how we present everything, and it's all about the art of butchering. Making sure, if it doesn't look good to the customer, then they ain't going to buy it and that's, the proof is in the pudding," said Lindsey.

The key to being a successful butcher is to have an eye for detail, he added.

"You think about the average butcher, and you always want to be better.

So if there's things that they weren't trimming or their strings were loose, or their roast looks sloppy, I don't mind trimming extra. I don't mind carving things a whole lot more than the typical butcher would. Just because I want the presentation to be a whole lot better, and I know that's what our customers expect. And it seems to be working for us, anyways.

"You need staff. Good, excellent staff and well trained, because they are the face of the store. They streamline the front of the store for you, and they let you know what customers are looking for, and I think that's something, a key point for sure a 100 per cent."

In this case, all staff gets to tour the farm so they know how they raise the animals on the other side.

Most of the customers never see "the other side," but still have a lot of questions and want to know where their meat is coming from, how they feed and raise the animals that produce their meat.

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a little bit, he says they could double production in Ukraine. So the wheat prices have dropped, they were as high as nine, they've been low as, as little as four and five dollars a bushel. So that's an issue, but that's only one of the crops that farmers grow. One other point, and that's transportation. I know I spoke with a representative from CN just before Christmas, and they've had some challenges with weather, they've had some problems because of the other commodities that are also picking up, and they also want to get their product moved,

like yesterday, or today. So right now we're seeing some things there.

*Hal:* Let me ask you about the Port of Churchill. You're watching what's happening with Churchill. What do we have to do to keep Churchill relevant going into the next several years?

*Harry:* I believe that the governments of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba and the federal government should get behind the Port of Churchill. They should get a company involved that knows how to run the railroad and grain port and fix that up because we need to keep that port

going. Not just because of exports as far as agriculture's concerned, those companies are ok, but just to make sure that the people in Churchill, the Port of Churchill, I mean, I've talked to people that go hunting in Churchill, the tourism and all of that. But right now it's difficult when you have to fly everything in and out; you can't move anything in by train. So I believe that's what really should happen. The governments should get behind with private enterprise and make that thing work.



# "It provided an excellent opportunity for exposure"

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in the 2011 competition, in which she spoke not only of her experiences following a 2007 car accident that left her severely injured but also the challenges of starting up a small business in the midst of it.

"One of the things that I emphasized in that was not to focus on your disability but to focus on your abilities," said Gandier, who today operates Alexa Media from the west coast.

"It provided an excellent opportunity for exposure," she said of the competition, noting that her company had just started out at that point. "It also provided opportunity to make really good connections."

Last year's winner, Lucy Fouasse of St. Malo, successfully launched her

own business after recovering from a serious head injury that limited how many hours she could work and the types of jobs she could do.

"Being my own boss has been a really awesome experience," said Fouasse, who owns Lil' Steps Miniatures and Wellness Farm, an equine-facilitated wellness centre for children and youth.

"After my injury, I really had to focus on not looking at my limitations but on my strengths, and that is really what being an entrepreneur is all about," she said.

In Canada, it is estimated about one in five people have a disability and close to 500,000 people with disabilities are job-ready, so that makes self employment a viable employment solution, particularly in rural Canada,

observed Susan Bater, manager for the Community Futures' Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program.

"Owning a small business offers people with a disability or health condition the flexibility, control, and freedom to set their own hours and create their own work environment ... important tools for success," she said. "Our annual video contest is just one way we celebrate and showcase the success of rural entrepreneurs with disabilities or health conditions."

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Methaqualone pill (slang)
5. Religious service
9. Woodland gods (Greek myth.)
11. "Where Is My Mind?" rockers
13. Deliberately contrary states of affairs
15. Inflection of the voice
16. "Great Expectations" character
17. Becomes a butterfly
19. Spoke
21. Tennis player Sharapova
22. Midway between northeast and east
23. Afrikaans
25. No instruction set computing
26. Pacific Standard Time
27. Relaxing places
29. Confiscates
31. Gladys Knight's fellow performers
33. Witnesses
34. Taking place in a series
36. Satisfy
38. Freshwater fish of N. America
39. Laments
41. "Girls" creator Dunham
43. Indian title of respect
44. Cocoa plum
46. Network of nerve cells
48. Link together in a chain
52. Cool 70s crew "The \_\_\_ Squad"
53. Persons engaging in energetic pursuits
54. Accumulation of glacial debris
56. Fastened
57. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
58. Whiskey and bread are two

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59. Scottish tax

dress and manners

### CLUES DOWN

1. Rope used to lasso
2. Idyllic places
3. Field force unit
4. Guitar great Clapton
5. Slang for type of skirt
6. Figure skating jump
7. Innocent
8. Mathematical ratio
9. Slowly drinks
10. Line where edges meet
11. Offices of the pope
12. Dry or withered
14. "\_\_\_ the Man" Musical
15. Difficult situations
18. Greek goddess of discord
20. Marked by smartness in
24. Habitat
26. Annoy constantly
28. Full of life
30. Great energy
32. BBQ and soy are two
34. Virtuous
35. Not fatty
37. Foes
38. Merchandiser
40. Dishonest scheme
42. Repents
43. Protective crust
45. Native American people
47. Any place of bliss or delight
49. Bring up
50. Birds
51. Geological times
55. Consumed



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Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the R.M. of Stanley intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2018 at a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Municipality on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Financial Plan, as provided. Copies of the 2018 Financial Plan will be available for review prior to the Hearing at the Municipal Office at 23111 PTH 14W in the Rural Municipality of Stanley.

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More detailed information is available online at [www2.westernsd.mb.ca](http://www2.westernsd.mb.ca), at the schools, or at Western School Division Office, 204-822-4448.

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Sincere thanks to all who supported our family during Bob's illness and at his passing. The cards, visits, food, flowers, prayers and many other acts of kindness are greatly appreciated. We would like to especially thank the Palliative Care team of Dr. Cornie Woelk and Karen Schaak, as well as Dr. Kevin Earl and Betty Dong. Their support made it possible for Bob to spend his final days at home surrounded by family.

-Kathy Menzies and family

## OBITUARY

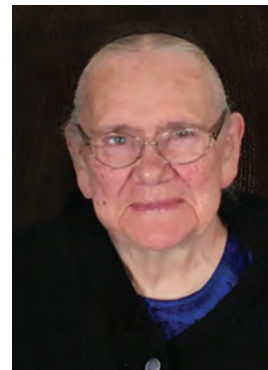
### Helena Neufeld (nee Wall) 1933 - 2017

On Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Helena Neufeld of Winkler, formerly of Osterwick, aged 84 years went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing, eight daughters, six sons and their families. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Jacob W. Neufeld in 2007, her parents, three daughters, one son-in-law, one daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

Mom, you have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith. We love you more than words can express. You will be forever in our hearts!

Funeral service officiated by Bishop Abe Rempel was held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at the German Old Colony Mennonite



Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Kiley Wilson and staff at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler as well as Dr. Woelk, Dr. Kroeker and all the staff involved with her care at Boundary Trails Health Centre and the Homecare staff. The Family

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## OBITUARY

### Stacey Rachelle Helps 1986 - 2017



Stacey Helps delighted the world by entering it on September 1st 1986. She was the second child of Lorraine and Rick Helps and joined her brother, Derek as the final addition to our family. Proud grandparents, Elgin and Joan Helps and Pete and Mary Wall were excited to have another grandchild enter their lives.

As a little girl Stacey enjoyed all the things that little girls like to do; birthday parties, sleepovers, playing in the park with grandparents, family camping and especially swimming. She enjoyed t-ball and gymnastics as well as being a member of the local Brownies. She enjoyed her Sunday School classes and loved doing activities with her friends. Pets played an important role in Stacey's life and she had many. Hamsters and rabbits were a

mainstay for many years and most recently her cherished dog, Brady and cat, TeeTee. Stacey was a member of Air Cadets for 6 years, ages 12-18. During this time she got to experience many new things including traveling to Nova Scotia as well as being employed as a Staff Cadet at Penhold Air Cadet Summer Training Centre. During her school years, Stacey developed many lasting friendships, many of which she maintained to this day.

After graduating Stacey was employed locally serving in restaurants and working reception desks at local hotels. It was during this time that she was diagnosed as a Type1 diabetic. At the age of 24, she decided to spread her wings and moved to Winnipeg. She worked at the Osbourne Village diner and loved her job, meeting so many new and interesting people as well as developing new friendships. Her dad would often go to Winnipeg and visit at the diner and would later enjoy spending time together shopping, going to a movie or just hanging out. While living in the city, Stacey began to fall ill and this eventually caused her to move back home as she was unable to deal with the disease on her own. With Stacey back at home, she developed a passion for cooking family meals. Hours were spent scouring recipes, of which she would "tweak" to her satisfaction. She anxiously awaited the arrival of the local papers so she could go through all the grocery flyers to seek out the best deals for buying supplies. Her weekly shopping ventures in Winkler always included lunch at Grandma Wall's, which was a very special time to her.

Stacey was able to remain very active during the next several years, enjoying motorcycle trips with her dad, family camping, going to all sorts of odd restaurants in Winnipeg on what she called Daddy/Daughter days. She loved spending time with our Mom around the backyard fire pit on summer nights, either at our home or our good backyard neighbour friends. Stacey truly enjoyed her time volunteering at the Pembina Valley Humane Society and continued to do so up until she was unable to physically do so. Family time became so very important to Stacey. She was very insistent that the family spend more time together and to greatly value that time. She loved going to her brothers' house for late night cook-offs and just hanging out.

Stacey's health began to deteriorate during 2016 and 2017, spending over 30 weeks in Winnipeg hospitals and BTHC. Just prior to this Christmas, she became critically ill and on December 27th she was rushed to Winnipeg HSC. On December 29th she was finally released from her worldly pain.

She is survived by her parents, Rick and Lorraine Helps; brother Derek; grandmothers, Joan Helps and Mary Wall; aunts, Janet Boxell, Sharon Wall and Patricia (Andrew) Prokopchuk and eight cousins. Predeceased by her grandfathers, Elgin Helps, Peter Wall and Uncle Randy Helps.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at Westside Community Church with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to all the doctors, nurses and specialists who provided treatment to Stacey over the years. Special thanks to the staff at the dialysis unit and ER at BTHC. Thanks to our family and friends for providing support during Stacey's difficult journey. Thanks to Wiebe Funeral Homes, Westside Community Church, Rev. M. Vincent and to all those that helped make Stacey's goodbye so much easier for us. Donations may be made in Stacey's memory to the BTHC Foundation (designated to the Dialysis Unit).

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## OBITUARY

### Sidney George Scammell 1927 - 2017

It is with saddened hearts we announce the passing of Sidney George Scammell at Pembina Manitou Health Centre December 8, 2017 at sunset at 90 years of age.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edwin and Ada Scammell of Darlingford, MB; his sister Beatrice (John Coates) of Winnipeg; sister, Dorothy Clark; brother, Ron and Morris Marshall of England. Remaining to cherish his memory are his sister-in-law, Frances; nieces, nephews and many wonderful friends.

Sid loved life. He did what he wanted to do. He worked for small pay and made it go far.

Thank you to the community of Darlingford for the way you cared for Uncle Sid in his last years with food, rides to appointments to hospital, etc. Thank you to BTHC doctors, nurses and staff for the wonderful care. Also to Pembina Manitou Health Centre for your great care and wonderful food. To all the people that visited him in hospital and the care home.

In keeping with Uncle Sid's wishes there will be no funeral service. The family will mourn his passing privately. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Uncle Sid's memory to the charity of one's choice.



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## OBITUARY

### Brittany Giesbrecht 2011 - 2017

On Friday, December 29, 2017 at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg, MB, Brittany Giesbrecht aged 6 years of Winkler, MB passed away.

She leaves to mourn her passing her parents, Jake and Tina Giesbrecht and two brothers, Ricky and Alex. She was predeceased by her twin sister, Jessica in 2011.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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## OBITUARY



### Abe (Abram) Hiebert

**November 14, 1927 – December 21, 2017**

Abe (Abram) Hiebert was born to Frank and Margaretha Hiebert (nee Banman) on November 14, 1927 as a middle child of a family of 13. He passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre on the morning of December 21, 2017, leaving to mourn his wife Helen (Hildebrand); children Ken (Diane), Sharon (James) and Laurie (Garry); six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Abe Hiebert was pre-deceased by his siblings Jake, Frank, Susan, John, Henry and Ike and is survived by his sisters Margaret Doell and Anne Wiens and brothers Neil and Peter.

Memorial service was held at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church December 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Donations in memory may be made to MCC.

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## OBITUARY



### Eunice Elroy Seller (nee Horrill)

**1925 - 2017**

Eunice Seller, born November 6, 1925 in Cartwright, MB went to her eternal rest on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre at the age of 92 years.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, one step-daughter and one step-son. She was predeceased by her son Greg in 2009, three sisters and one brother.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 29, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment prior at Hillside Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Eunice's memory to the BTHC Foundation (designated to Palliative Care).

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## OBITUARY



### Shirley Olfert (nee Wiebe)

**1949 - 2017**

On Tuesday, December 26th, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Shirley Olfert aged 68 years of Winkler, MB went to her eternal rest.

Shirley was baptized upon confession of faith at the age of 18 and lived her life with compassion and kindness. She married Jake P. Olfert in June of 1969. Together they built a life around family, farming and country living. In later years, Shirley and Jake moved to Shamrock Bay in Winkler where they made a neighborhood of friends. A close church family was also built over the many years serving as church custodians. These friends and family were of great importance to Shirley, especially after Jake passed away at the age of 64. She enjoyed quilting, flowers, peppermint tea, and movie nights. Most of all, she loved being with family and friends, here at home or travelling to new places. Her joy and love was felt by all, particularly her grandchildren will remember their special times together.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Joline and Paul Toews of Winkler, Andrea and Clint Fehr of the Morden District, Natalie and Eric Kang of Calgary, AB; seven grandchildren, Matthew, Joshua and Mackenzie Toews, Tyler and Jesse Fehr, Winston and Liberty Kang; three brothers, Don and Mabel Wiebe of Ontario, Wayne and Janice Wiebe of Winkler, Menno Wiebe of BC; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Harry and Linda Hildebrand of Altona, sisters-in-law, Helene and Arnold Kuhl of Winkler, Marge and John Penner of Reinfeld, brother-in-law, John and Irene Olfert of Winnipeg.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jake P. Olfert; her parents, Jacob C. and Katherina Wiebe; her sister, Marilyn Hildebrand; her parents-in-law, Peter and Helena Olfert and brother-in-law, Herbie Olfert.

Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment at Rosenbach Cemetery prior to the service.

Special thanks to our extended family, friends and church family for their support; to the staff at BTHC and Health Sciences Centre for their care. Donations may be made in Shirley's memory to Cancer Care through the BTHC Foundation (bthcfoundation.com) and/or to the Health Sciences Centre Cancer Care Unit.

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## OBITUARY



### Deanna Helen Wolfe (nee Sawatzky)

**1947 - 2017**

On Monday, December 25, 2017 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, Deanna Wolfe aged 70 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Calgary, AB passed away.

She leaves to mourn her passing, two daughters, Brenda and husband, Murray Webster (granddaughters, Jennifer, Breanna), Joanne Wolfe (grandson, Jordan); two sons, Rob and wife, Julie (granddaughter, Amber, grandson, Tyler), Chris Wolfe.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life for Deanna will take place at a later date.

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## OBITUARY



### Florence Irleen Dunseath

**(nee Fleming)**

**1932 – 2017**

Florence was born in Birch Hills, Saskatchewan, on December 21, 1932. She was born to Roy and Minerva Fleming who were pastors of the Pentecostal Church there. She was the eldest of four children. Because of her father being a pastor, she moved a number of times while growing up. After living in Birch Hills, she lived in Moose Jaw, Star City and graduated from high school in Melville. After graduation she went to Business College and worked at the Royal Bank in both Melville and Saskatoon. It was while working at the Royal Bank in Saskatoon that she met Elton through friends in 1959. In the fall of 1960, she started Teacher's

College. Her first teaching job was in Lloydminster, Alberta. After marrying Elton in 1962, she moved to Thompson, Manitoba, where he was working for the mine. She taught grade 5 for two years before her first child was born. She had three children, Brenda, Donna and David and was a fantastic mother. She returned to teaching full-time in 1984 after many years of substitute teaching. Shortly after that she finished her Bachelor's degree from Brandon University. She retired from teaching in 1992. While in Thompson she was a charter member of the Pentecostal Church and was actively involved in both children's ministries and as an adult Sunday School teacher. Her favourite hobbies in Thompson were fishing, quilting, photography, bird watching and entertaining. She and Elton moved to Winkler in 2006 and soon started attending the Alliance Church in Morden. Most summers were spent at their cabin on Setting Lake just outside of Thompson. She continued with gardening, quilting, photography and travelling while living in Winkler.

She was admitted to Salem Home on November 29th and passed away on December 29th shortly after celebrating her 85th birthday. She is now with her Lord and Savior whom she loved very much. Her faith was always an integral part of her life being included in everything she did. She accepted Christ as her savior at the age of 4 and was baptized at the age of 13. Three of her favourite verses were Romans 10:9, Ephesians 2:8, and Colossians 3:2-3.

She was predeceased by her parents, Roy and Minerva (Miller) Fleming and her brother-in-law, Laverne Clary. She is survived by her husband, Elton Dunseath; her daughter, Brenda and husband, Ned Shuman of Fair Oaks, California; her daughter, Donna Dunseath of Calgary, Alberta and her son, David and wife, Lori of Winkler, Manitoba. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Mackenzie, Riise, and Camryn Dunseath and Matthew and Jonathan Shuman. She will be mourned by a sister, Ruth Clary of Surrey, BC, a sister, Myrtle and husband, Bentley of Nanose Bay, BC, a brother, Ron and wife, Brenda of Edmonton, Alberta and an Uncle Harvey and wife, Diane Fleming of Denare Beach, Saskatchewan as well as many nieces, nephews and friends who also mourn her passing.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the Morden Alliance Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Florence's memory to the Gideon Memorial Bible Plan.

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