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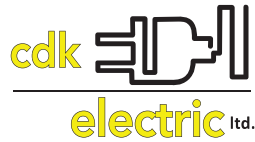
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# GVC students put their 'skillz' to the test

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate students got the chance to put their classroom smarts to the test last week at the first ever GVC Skillz Competition.

Students enrolled in some of the Winkler high school's technical vocational electives spent Jan. 16 completing challenges in the areas of business, clothing and design, digital filmmaking, digital photography, and foods and nutrition.

"We wanted to see how we could better engage our grade nines and tens with the elective courses that they're taking right now," said Rhonda Kezema, a GVC business teacher and member of the PLC (Professional Learning Community) that spearheaded the competition's creation.

Forty-eight students stepped up to participate. It's a number Kezema hopes to see grow next year.

"This is great for our first time doing it," she said, pointing out they limited this year's event to Gr. 9-10 but will consider expanding it in the future. "I know a lot of grade elevens and twelves wanted to get involved, but we wanted to start smaller and then go from there."

"And we'd love to maybe open it up further," she added. "This is our one

group, but there are other [fields of study] in the school that could easily tap into this."

The participating courses tested students on what they've been learning this semester through practical challenges.

The business students had to create a business plan for a new food truck, complete with menu and an elevator pitch; the clothing and design category challenged students to take articles of old clothing and transform them into a new outfit; film students shot and edited a commercial for Time-Out Sports Excellence; the foods and nutrition participants whipped up creative meals utilizing the same core ingredients; and the photography students were brought to Bethel Heritage Park and Southland Mall to shoot photos that showcased their understanding of composition and theme.

The competition got the thumbs up from teachers and students alike.

"This is fabulous," said clothing and design instructor Jenna Nussey. "I've seen a lot of excitement and buzz not only from the students participating but others in the school wondering what's going on today."

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Isabella Neufeld and Jacinda Young at work on a new outfit made from recycled clothes in the first annual GVC Skillz Competition Jan. 16.

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The team of Nathaniel Fedack, Annica Bauer, Abigail Wall, and Daniel Rempel share a laugh while preparing their menu for the GVC Skillz Competition last week. The school hopes to make the competition an annual event.

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## > SKILLZ COMPETITION, FROM PG. 3

"There's a lot of interest," agreed business teacher Susana Hawryshko. "I think next year we'll get even more kids involved."

Hawryshko hopes those competing in this inaugural contest walked away with skills they can use outside the world of academia.

"Yes, it's a scenario that we're creating, but in real-life you would have to work in a team, you would have to work collaboratively, you would have to make decisions, learn to think critically, analyze a problem, find a solution. Hopefully they can take all that with them from here."



Digital film student Arlen Peters, Gr. 10, puts the finishing touches on his team's commercial for Time-Out Sports Excellence.

Photography instructor Darren Crane also noted that this gives kids a taste of competition that he hopes will entice them to consider getting involved in the Skills Manitoba program, which pits vocational students from across the province against one another.

"We wanted to bring it home for some of these kids and give them that same kind of experience," he said.

"This is just the beginning," Crane said, "and we'll see how it grows from here."

For the teens, the GVC Skillz Competition was a welcome change of pace.

Gr. 10 film student Peter Enns noted that it was a busy morning.

"I could miss half a day of school, so why not [take part]?" he said, chuckling, but added that shooting footage at the sports store was a fun challenge, as was trying to get the finished commercial polished up on such a tight deadline. "It is a lot to do in three hours."

"It's just a good time and a good opportunity to display your skills and what you learn in your classes," added teammate Arlen Peters, Gr. 10. "It's not just fooling around the whole time; you're learning something useful."

Gr. 10 clothing and design team-

mates Kara Wall and Viola Kraemer caught the competitive bug at an in-class event last year.

"It was kind of something different ... we liked it and was really fun and wanted to do it again," said Wall, explaining that for this competition the pair transformed an old pair of jeans and a shirt into a new skirt outfit.

For photography student Chloe Neufeld, the competition was a way to stretch her creative muscles under a deadline.

"I kind of want to be a photographer when I'm older, so I thought it would be fun to do something like this because it's something different and it's a chance to get out all day and shoot pictures," the Gr. 9 student said.

The youth spent the morning tackling their assignments and then were judged by school staff and a few outside guests after lunch. The day culminated with an awards ceremony mid-afternoon.

First-place trophy winners included Flora Penner, Abbey Peters, and Charise Wall in the business competition; Juliane Baltik and Anna Froese in clothing and design; Samuel Wall and Rylan Thomas in digital filmmaking; Adria Toews in photography; and Kaetrin Huetber, Melanie Janzen, Marlene Mirau, and Mirna Hildebrand in foods and nutrition.

# Winkler Police hires new chief from within its ranks

## Ryan Hunt steps into deputy chief role immediately, becomes chief in April

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Police Service has found a new chief from within its own ranks.

The search for a successor to Chief Rick Hiebert when he retires as of March 31 led the Winkler Police Board

to current officer Ryan Hunt.

"We had a number of conversations with him that ultimately led us to believe that he was our best candidate," said city councillor and police board chair Henry Siemens. "We spent the better part of a year looking for an ideal candidate, and where we ultimately

ended up that the best person for the position for us was Ryan was exciting."

To aid in the transition, Hunt starts immediately as deputy chief to work alongside Hiebert until April.

"Being able to learn from him and spend a couple months with him is nice," said Hunt. "Learning from the guy who's been doing it for so many years, I'm really excited about that."

Ryan Hunt will step into the role of Winkler Police Chief this spring.



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# Morden & District United Way campaign raises \$70K

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District United Way fell short of its goal for the 2017 fundraising campaign, but is grateful for the community's support.

With what directors had termed as an optimistic target of \$90,000, the campaign ended up at \$70,500, though that money is going a bit further this year because there were also less agencies that came calling for a piece of the pie.

"This year we had a few less agencies apply, but that's allowed us to be a little more generous with some of the agencies," said president Alex Fedorchuk, noting there are 21 agencies receiving funds as opposed to the usual 28.

"We are still pleased with the results," he stressed. "We always wish there was more available, but again it is very gratifying to see the generosity of the area."

Among the agencies receiving support is Morden Youth For Christ, which was presented with \$9,500 last week.

YFC director John Rempel said they really appreciate not only the financial contribution but the involvement and interest of the United Way beyond the funding.

"It's so important, and not just because they send us a cheque," he said. "They bring it to us and they ask what are they investing in ... they follow up. They ask us to show them what is happening and what is it that we invest in here."

The funding helps support YFC programs like the Young Moms initiative as well as its lunch program and supper club.

"We want to try some new initiatives in the area of teaching," said Rempel, noting their aim is to be more proactive in the community rather than reactive.

He also sees the United Way as playing a role in building relationships locally among the various agencies it supports.

"These different agencies work together, and the more that you connect, the more you realize that we're really connecting."

Fedorchuk said they very much appreciate the efforts of Youth For Christ. "They do such incredible work for the community. We're so pleased to be able to support them," he said.

The United Way has aimed high with its campaign in recent years because the need never lessens, Fedorchuk said.

"We've been told by some agencies



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Representatives of the Morden and District United Way met with Youth for Christ in Morden last week to present a \$9,500 grant from the 2017 fundraising campaign.

that they exist because the United Way helps them," he said. "We are blessed to be in such a wonderful community, but we can't forget about those who need help.

"It's difficult to say why we do or don't [meet our target] ... there's a lot of factors out there that come into play," Fedorchuk said, noting there is a lot of demand on the charitable dollars that are available in the community. "I'm told there is 160,000 registered charities in Canada ... and everybody's looking for a piece of the pie.

"We'll do the

best we can for about two dozen agencies. There's two new ones this year," he noted. "We focus on the local agencies first and then the provincial, then the federal. The big ones have additional means of raising money."

Every penny of the donations collected in the community goes to support the non-profits on the United Way's list.

You can find more information online at [unitedwaymorden.com](http://unitedwaymorden.com).

# Fashion show on the move

The Katie Cares Fashion Show is on the move this year.

Organizers of the popular fall fundraiser announced this week that the 2018 show will take place on Sept. 29 at Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

"The fashion show has experienced tremendous growth over the last few years," said organizer Ruth Reimer, who notes this move will allow the repeatedly sold-out show to sell more tickets than ever.

"NPC is spacious, we will be able to have a live

event video, acoustics will be improved, and we will be able to involve more school groups," she added.



To that end, the event will involve students from NPC's culinary arts, cosmetology, and Youth in Philanthropy programs.

Katie Cares sends out thanks to the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church for hosting the event the past six years and to NPC for allowing them to make the high school their new home.

More details about the seventh annual show will be released in the coming months.

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# Central Stn. takes on Winkler Affordable Housing

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Central Station Community Centre is branching out into a new area this year.

Effective Jan. 1, the community centre assumed control of Winkler Affordable Housing Inc.

As a result, the agency is now in charge of managing the city's 24 affordable housing units as well as, with the support of On Point Properties, the 67 Manitoba Housing units located in Winkler.

"Central Station is excited at the opportunity to manage and build relationships with the tenants currently living in these housing units" said board chair Frank Elias. "Our objective is to provide more than afford-

able housing, revealing options to equip, empower, and educate."

Central Station executive director Bev Wiebe said this has been in the works for some time now and they're thrilled to see the change come to fruition.

"We're very excited to take this on," she said. "We see it as an opportunity to connect with more families in our community and connect them to our resources here at Central Station.

"We expect to build on the connections we already have with tenant families utilizing our services," she said. "It will assist Central Station to better know and understand the needs and situations of these tenants."

Winkler Affordable Housing Inc.

took over managing 66 local housing units from Manitoba Housing in late 2016. It had previously managed a 24-unit building since 2012.

The move, a pilot project for the province and the city, was touted as being able to provide closer-to-home response to the needs of tenants, who previously had to reach out to offices outside the community with management questions.

This next step fits in well with the city's community-led housing strategy, said Mayor Martin Harder.

"This integrates perfectly into the City of Winkler's Safe Communities Initiative and we are looking forward to the additional benefit it will represent to the community," he said.

# Family Literacy Day carnival this Friday

By Lorne Stelmach

It's primarily a fun time for families, but there is also an important aspect to the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre's event this Friday afternoon.

The annual Literacy Day carnival offers a variety of games and activities aimed at promoting not only literacy but early childhood education.

"It's getting a literacy focus out there as early as possible, that's the goal," said program co-ordinator Janine North.

The carnival runs from 4:30-6 p.m. in the Minnewasta School gymnasium.

It's geared towards families with children aged up to seven, but older

children are also welcome to join in on the fun.

"This year we're going to have a sports theme," said North.

As a result, this year's guest readers will include local hockey players. The activity stations will also be sports-themed.

"They move through different stations, and at the end they receive a prize," said North. "And there will be some sport demonstrations too, so there's lots of fun, active things for the whole family."

There will also be door prizes, face painting, a photo booth, and a craft table along with free hot dogs and granola bars.

Literacy bags will be available for

families to sign out and then return to the centre to exchange for a new one once completed. The bags are filled with games and activities to do, all related to a story or theme.

The carnival is held in conjunction with National Literacy Day on Jan. 27 and it also leads into I Love To Read Month in February, so North sees it as a good way to help build more awareness of the importance of building literacy early.

"We just want families to come together and have fun and learn in a bit of a different environment," she said. "It's a fun event, but we definitely have a literacy focus with it."

## > POLICE CHIEF, FROM PG. 4

Hunt steps up into the new role with strong experience in policing in Winkler.

"I've been here 16 years, so I know how the organization works and I know the city quite well," he said. "I've grown up in the area and I'm just quite familiar with how everything works here.

"It is exciting. I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be a bit of a challenge, but I'm looking forward to a challenge."

Hunt noted Hiebert, who has been chief since 2000, will leave behind some big shoes to fill.

"He's done a terrific job over the years that he's been here, and it's nice to have a foundation like that to work from," he said, adding he very

much plans to follow the lead of Hiebert in placing priority on areas like community policing.

"I think it's a great community, and I just want to build on community relations between the police service and the city of Winkler, just make more connections in the community ... that's really going to be my focus ... community policing."

Siemens said they really liked that Hunt presented a strong plan for the police service that included enhanced training for members and a vision for community-involved policing that complements the board's strategic plan.

Siemens said those are key areas as they move into a new era of policing in Winkler, including having

three new members just starting their field training as well as new initiatives like the four platoon patrol system.

"I think where it was really driven home to us was when we started getting down into some of his philosophies in terms of what he would be looking for in the community and was looking for in enhanced training for the members to ensure they're prepared for opportunities," Siemens said.

"As our community continues to grow, there are going to be other opportunities," he added. "We want to make sure that our officers are ready for them, we want to make sure that they are able to serve their community."



# Representing Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Throwing the ceremonial rock at the Viterra Championship next week are four generations of Winkler curlers.

Abe Suderman, Henry (Hank) Klassen, Ross Derksen, and Brennan Kezema will step out onto the ice at the provincial mens curling championship's opening ceremonies on Jan. 31.

Viterra host committee chair Louis Tanguay said the foursome were selected because together they represent curling success at the local, regional, provincial, national, and international levels.

"It's like curling through the ages in Winkler," he added of the multi-generational group, which ranges from the 15-year-old Kezema to 91-year-old Suderman. "We've kind of spanned the ages and that's what we really wanted to cover was curling as a lengthy sport and a lifelong sport."

Suderman has been a member of the Winkler Curling Club for 60 years.

Although he's no longer able to step out onto the ice himself, his love of the game comes through loud and clear.

"[I curled for] over 56 years," he said, explaining he first picked up the broom at the urging of family members looking for a teammate. "I played in a bonspiel my first time, a local bonspiel. I was playing first and after a couple of ends I was playing second. I got promoted. Then I got hooked, I guess."

When he started, curling, technique and equipment were very different from today, Suderman recalled.

"Everybody threw the rock the way they felt like doing it. No big slides or anything like that," he said, adding players often owned their own

rocks so sometimes games were played with rocks of differing sizes and makes. "So you chose two of the same size for yourself. That's the way it was."

The sport's camaraderie and competitiveness kept him coming back for more all those decades, Suderman said, recalling the joys of travelling to bonspiels all across Southern Manitoba as a younger man.

"That was lots of fun," he said, adding he's excited to see the sport being embraced in Winkler by the next generation of curlers.

"I see the kids curling and I hope they keep it up."

Curling has been a lifelong activity for Hildebrand as well.

**"IT'S LIKE CURLING THROUGH THE AGES IN WINKLER."**

"I started curling in high school and at that time I was too small to play hockey and too small to play basketball, so that kind of limits what you can do," he said, adding he'd grown up seeing his father curl and decided it was something he wanted to give a go.

He's since been a member with the local club for over 40 years and has

had a celebrated run as a 10-time club champion, three-time South Eastern Super League champion and a Labatt Tankard participant in the 1980s.

Today he curls alongside his son on a much less busy schedule.

"We play once a week and we play the odd bonspiel here or there but nothing too serious anymore. I've done that," said Hildebrand. "I've had those years where we played up to ... 170 games in one year. Did a lot of travelling, a lot of hotels, a lot of restaurant food, gone most weekends and stuff like that. Do I regret it? Not for one minute."

"I enjoy the sport. And I also like getting together with the guys," he



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Brennan Kezema, Ross Derksen, Henry (Hank) Klassen, and Abe Suderman will represent Winkler at the provincial mens curling championship's opening ceremonies on Jan. 31.

said. "The social aspect of the game is great because how many other sports do you see the two teams that have just played each other sit down and visit after the game? It's not very common, but it is in this sport and it's actually promoted in this sport."

For Derksen, the challenge of curling is what has kept him involved as both a player and a coach.

"I enjoy the sport and I love the strategy of it and I love the competitiveness of it," he said.

Derksen was a junior provincial, national and world champion with Team David Hamblin in 2002 and a national mixed champion with Team Sean Grassie in 2008. More recently he's coached Team Brooke Friesen, which won the 2014 Manitoba Winter Games.

Representing Winkler next week will be an honour, Derksen said.

"I've been around curling for a long time so it's special to be part of the big event in the hometown," he said.

"I'm nervous too because I think I'm throwing the rock," Derksen added with a laugh. "So I'm a little bit

nervous with all the people. You don't want to mess that up. But it will be fun."

Rounding out the foursome is Kezema, a Winkler Junior Curling Club member who recently competed at the 2017 Manitoba Canola Junior Championships with Team Jayden Rutter.

"I'm really excited for this," he said, adding his selection came as a welcome surprise.

An avid curler for several years now, the sport means a lot to Kezema.

"It's been in my family for a long time, so [I'm] just carrying on the tradition ... I one day plan to be in the Brier," he said, adding he's really looking forward to "hanging out with my friends and just watching the games" at the championship next week.

"It's nice to see the community's starting to pick up curling a bit more than it has in the past," he added.

The Viterra Championship takes place at the Winkler Recreation Complex Jan. 31 to Feb. 4.

## Spirit of Sandra Scholar passing the hat at Viterra draw

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A young curler from Winnipeg will be doing a crowd sweep at the Viterra Championship next week in support of the Sandra Schmirler Foundation.

Spirit of Sandra Scholar Hayden Forrester will be passing the donation bucket at the evening draw on Thursday, Feb. 1.

Forrester, who is studying science at L'Université de Saint Boniface, was one of just six junior curlers in Canada last year to receive the Spirit of Sandra award, which honours the memory of Olympic curler Sandra Schmirler.

"It's a curling/academic scholarship. So they look at your curling achievements and academic achieve-

ments and community involvement," explained Forrester, adding that the team he skips won the U18 provincials in 2015 and went on to win the U18 World Championship.

Team Forrester competed at the past two Viterra Championships but failed to make the cut for the Winkler competition. Still, he's excited to be here representing the foundation.

"I wanted to partner with the Viterra Championship just because I know the last two years that I've been there's always great crowds and a lot of local support that comes out," he said.

In addition to canvassing the crowd for donations in the third or fourth



# Shoppers Drug Mart supports SCCR

By Lorne Stelmach

South Central Cancer Resource is again the beneficiary of a Shoppers Drug Mart charitable campaign.

The Morden pharmacy presented a \$1,131 donation to the organization last week from its Tree of Life fundraiser.

The campaign is connected to the Shoppers Love You program in support of women's health that is now in its 17th year nationally.

For one month each fall, the store collects donations from customers with different levels of support represented by things like a leaf or a bird to make up the tree.

"Every year we do it for South Central Cancer Resource," said associate-

owner Zubair Mohammed.

"I appreciate the great community that we have in Morden, even though we are a small community," he said. "It's a great opportunity for us to interact with the community and give back to the community ... that's what Shoppers Drug Mart stands for."

"This donation is definitely a huge help for us," said South Central Cancer Resource board member Rachel Dell.

She stressed that contributions from the community are vital to the organization.

"We are not funded by the government in any way, shape, or form, so for us this is huge. It's all community support that allows us to have the programs and do the things we do for



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Shoppers Drug Mart in Morden recently supported the work of South Central Cancer Resource with a \$1,131 donation from its Tree of Life campaign.

people," Dell said. "It's going to definitely help us with our transportation costs ... we also have a wig program, we have a lymphedema program ...

so it helps us with all of our different types of programs."

# Journey for Sight raises nearly \$10K for Eye Bank

By Lorne Stelmach

The Journey for Sight is an annual winter fundraiser that happens the third weekend of January no matter what the weather offers.

Benefitting the Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, this area's snowmobile ride held in conjunction with the province-wide effort has seen all kinds of conditions.

"Every year is different ... but it's on that day, so you go," said Larry

Freund, an organizer of the local ride that took place Saturday.

"Last year, it was so foggy that you could hardly see, and the mist was building up on our helmets," he recalled. "The year before was so cold ... the year before that was a big storm."

"Last year, I had 16 people behind me. I was hoping to have more than 20 this year, but some people backed out ... they don't want to run their machines on dirt."

This year's the ride brought in just

under \$10,000 despite a crew of nine riders having to scrap their local route because of the lack of snow in the region.

"We dropped them down at Dominion City and we put 200 plus kilometres on out there. We found snow there," said Freund. "So I'm very happy with that."

In fact, this year's local effort beat out the 2017 fundraising total by a couple thousand dollars, despite having fewer riders.

Last year's ride province-wide brought in \$71,949, helping the campaign to top the \$2 million mark in fundraising since its inception.

The ride is part of the ongoing efforts of Lions clubs to help those who suffer with vision disabilities.

Journey for Sight originated in Birtle in 1983 with just one sled and rider collecting pledges for worthwhile causes.

Today it features snowmobilers from across Manitoba and northwest Ontario visiting various communities along their routes and collecting pledges.

The local route has varied, but in some years they have journeyed north to Carman, west to Roseisle, Notre Dame, Somerset, and Swan Lake, south into the valley to La Riviere, and back to Morden.

"I've been doing it for over 20 years now," said Freund, who personally raised about \$3,500 this year. He has a personal connection that has motivated him to keep coming back to this event year after year.

"My brother had a cornea transplant through the Lions Eye Bank. I've seen him go from it being hard to see to walk to driving a vehicle again," he said. "There are a number of people around here who have had cornea transplants. But when you've seen your brother hardly see enough to walk to driving a vehicle again, that meant a lot to me."



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Hayden Forrester will be doing a crowd sweep on behalf of the Sandra Schmirler Foundation at the Viterra Championship's Feb. 1 evening draw.

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end, Forrester will also be setting up a booth at the Winkler arena that day to share about the work of the foundation, which raises funds for the care of premature and critical ill babies across the nation.

It's a cause that resonates with Forrester, who was himself born premature.

"One of the biggest reasons that I'm so proud to be supporting the foundation is I was actually six weeks premature myself in 1997," he said. "I spent almost two months in the NICU at St. Boniface Hospital."

"So kind of hearing first hand from my family ... it really does put everything into perspective and I'm so happy that I get a chance to give back a bit."

Since its creation in 2001, the foundation has donated over \$5 million to 48 neonatal intensive care units in Canada.

"One of the really cool things as a Scholar is when I got a chance to volunteer at the Children's Hospital," Forrester said. "It was real neat to see where the money goes ... see the impact of it all."

"It's the nurses and the doctors and the equipment—that's what gives premature babies a chance to grow up to be champions, to be whatever they want to be."

If you'd like to learn more about the foundation, stop by Forrester's booth next Thursday or head online to sandraschmirler.org.



# Winkler church hosting Divorce Care programs

By Lorne Stelmach

A program in Winkler is helping families who are struggling through the experience of divorce or separation.

Divorce Care and Divorce Care for Kids allow participants to walk alongside others who are on a path of reconciliation, say local leaders.

"I think in this community there's a lot of stigma surrounding separation and divorce ... maybe even more so than in some other communities," suggested Amy Warms, a leader of the program offered through the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church. "There needs to be a place where individuals feel like they're not being judged."

"It's incredibly intimidating to come to a course like this when you're in a place of hurt ... to make that initial step to come here is a hard thing to do, but it is worth it," said her husband Cory, who previously completed the program and now serves as a co-leader of the adult group.

The two Divorce Care programs are a faith-based support group offering a 13-week series that began on Monday. Participants are welcome to join at any time.

"It just allows people who are go-

ing through separation or divorce to have a place to talk and work through things and try to find some healing," said Warms.

"The program goes through a series of themes and issues that people who are dealing with separation or divorce may be going through and provides a place where they can talk with others who know how they are feeling and what they are going through."

Warms has led the adult program for the last three years in a row alongside Cory, who brings the perspective of having lived through the experience of divorce.

"Our goal is to provide the kind of support that Cory found and really felt was needed when he was going through separation and divorce. I have not gone through that myself but am a child of divorce, so I know the impact that can have on a family," she said.

"We just recognize that there is a lot of hurt and also lots of feeling of isolation ... so we just want to provide a place for them to come and share."

Cory sees the program as really "providing a path for healing."

"You really have a foundation to go on," he said. "It was very beneficial for me to be able to work through a



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Leaders for the Divorce Care support group program that got underway this week at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church include Amy and Cory Warms and Verna Hildebrand.

lot of emotional stresses. It wasn't a counselling course. It's more that it gives you direction and a path to follow and work through a lot of these issues yourself."

Having completed the program as well, Verna Hildebrand is now involved as a leader for the Divorce Care for Kids program, which she sees as playing a vital role in family healing.

"What the parents are learning ... for example if they're learning about anger that week, the children will have a children's version," she said of the program geared for children aged five to 12.

Hildebrand sees one of the biggest

benefits as coming "to know that you are not alone on this journey," she said.

"It was a big ball of emotions for me, and you never knew what you were feeling, but you were not the only one feeling what you were feeling."

"It gives you an idea of what to do next and how to do that healing part ... starting deep within and dealing with the hurts and pains that were there. It's a direction and a path you can build a foundation on, and it's a strong foundation."

For more information or to register for these programs, contact the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church.

# Police deploy stop sticks in Winkler vehicle pursuit

A police pursuit through the streets of Winkler came to an end Friday night when officers deployed stop sticks to blow the suspect vehicle's tires.

Just after 10 p.m. that night, Winkler police attempted to pull over a vehicle identified as having been reported stolen near Dufrost, MB.

The driver of the Dodge Ram failed to stop and fled at a high rate of speed south on 1st Street and west on Southview Dr.

A pursuit followed and came to an end when Morden police officers assisted with the deployment of stop sticks in an attempt to quickly and safely stop the fleeing vehicle.

Driving now on deflated side tires, the driver of the stolen vehicle was forced to stop a short time later on 15th St. north of Gemstone Dr.

The driver and one passenger exited the vehicle and fled into a nearby field while two additional occupants

remained in the vehicle.

Winkler police arrested the two occupants in the vehicle while officers from Morden, Altona, and Winkler set a perimeter around the field and quickly apprehended the two suspects who had fled.

A search of the vehicle found a quantity of methamphetamine, a .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle, and a quantity of ammunition.

Further investigation into this incident led police to a residence on 3rd St. South where they recovered a 2012 Ford F150 that had been reported stolen out of La Salle.

As a result of this incident, the driver of the stolen Dodge Ram, 28-year-old Alexey Eykhorst, is facing a litany of charges, including those in connection with three outstanding arrest warrants in both Morden and Altona.

The arrested passengers—24-year-old Benjamin Peters, 28-year-old Melanie Rudolph, and 30-year-old

Marina Lechner—are also facing charges.

Other notable items in the weekly Winkler and Morden police reports include:

- On Jan. 19, Winkler police pulled over a black Dodge Ram as part of a drug trafficking investigation.

A search of this truck and its occupants resulted in the seizure of \$230 cash as well as a quantity of cocaine with an estimated street value of over \$6,000.

The 23-year-old male driver was arrested at the time of the traffic stop and will be charged with possessing cocaine for the purpose of drug trafficking and possessing proceeds of crime.

The 24-year-old male passenger of the vehicle was also arrested and will be charged with possessing cocaine for the purpose of trafficking.

Their names were not released.

- Morden police were called to an

accident at the corner of Thornhill St. and Mountain St. around 9:10 a.m. Jan. 17.

A semi pulling a trailer was traveling west on Thornhill and attempted to turn north onto Mountain. The trailer of the semi caught the light standard and pulled it down, blocking the road. Traffic was diverted for a short time until the light standard could be moved. There were no injuries.

- On Jan. 17, Morden police received a call from the Family Services Offices around noon advising there was an intoxicated individual sleeping in their lobby.

Police arrived and located the man passed out on a chair. Upon trying to wake up the male subject, he became combative, refusing to comply with police requests and pulling away when police tried to handcuff him.

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# New home for Morden incubator business

By Lorne Stelmach

A local business that got its start in Morden's commercial incubator mall is making the move to a new home.

Work is underway on a new building for #1 Quality Vehicle Repair on Ninth Street South in the city's industrial park.

Wiebe's Steel Structures is working with the business to finance the development, which will give #1 Quality Vehicle Repair an increase from about 6,000 to 7,600 square feet.

"There is better access especially for semi-trucks and trailers ... for customers, they don't have to look for us," said owner Viktor Kunz, noting it gives them a more visible location as well.

"It will give us better ability to be

more efficient ... it's bigger, and we can do more with it. It will help to get the customer's vehicles in quicker and get them out faster."

Kunz moved to Canada in 2008 and started the automotive repair business in late 2009 in the incubator mall on Cochlan Dr. The space has served them well, he said, but it's time for them to move on and free up the space for another fledgling company.

"We needed space for ourselves," said Kunz, noting they hope to be open as soon as possible in the spring.

He expressed appreciation for the support that came through the Morden Community Development Corporation and community development officer Cheryl Digby to get their business off the ground.



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On hand Monday for a sod-turning on the new home of #1 Quality Vehicle Repair were community development officer Cheryl Digby, Mayor Ken Wiebe, Bernard Teichroeb of Wiebe's Steel Structures, owner Viktor Kunz and Barry Wiebe of Wiebe's Steel Structures.

"They supported us. They helped us to get the business growing," said Kunz, adding they felt good support from the community as well.

"For us, it was a new country, new

language ... everything was new for us," he said. "They started to bring us their vehicles, and we started to build up that trust."

# Local charities lament MCSC funding cuts

By Lorne Stelmach

Local non-profit organizations are lamenting the potential loss of a provincial program that provides them with vital funding support.

Representatives of various agencies in the area question the government's decision to cut the administrative support for the Manitoba Community Services Council.

It's a decision that could spell the end of the program that has provided over \$188,000 in grants in Morden and Winkler alone in the past four years and almost \$230,000 across the central region in 2016-17.

"I think that the government has to second guess some of these cost cutting things that they are doing. In some sense, they're very short-sighted ... what are they destroying in the community when they do that?" said Al Thorleifson of the Manitou Opera House Foundation.

"I think we have to look carefully when we are cutting, what are we cutting and who are we hurting?" agreed Ruth Reimer of Katie Cares and Katie's Cottage. "It hurts the little guy like the non-profits. It fills that void, and we need this."

The province recently served notice that effective April 1 the MCSC will no longer receive provincial funding to cover administrative costs.

"Right now, everything is gone, and

maybe the grants will come back to us if we can find the administrative funding," said MCSC chairperson Jay Boaz.

"They've given us an extremely challenging timeline," he said, suggesting they need to have other administrative funding in place by sometime in February. "But we have an extremely capable board and staff. I'm hoping that there is something that we can come up with ... we are exploring a few options ... I'm not going to say it's a slam dunk, far from it, but we're going to do our best."

Over the past 34 years, the council has supported over 10,500 community projects and they estimate they have leveraged over \$516 million from other sources to support community development.

In 2016-2017, the council supported over 200 organizations in rural and urban Manitoba by allocating \$2.2 million in grants. Around 10 per cent of that came to the central region.

As it searches for new sources of administrative funding, the council will continue to review applications, Boaz said, as funding has been received for the final fiscal quarter of the year ending March 31.

Without a new source of administrative funding, though, the council will have to cease operation, he said.

"I think we are very fiscally responsible," Boaz said, noting their ad-

**"I THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO SECOND GUESS SOME OF THESE COST CUTTING THINGS THAT THEY ARE DOING."**

ministrative costs come in at about \$280,000 or 11 per cent of their budget.

"I think one of the strengths of our organization is the regional representation we have across the province. Our volunteer board has experienced volunteers from all over Manitoba," he pointed out. "It's really helpful for us that we are able to understand the local issues across the province because we've got people living in the communities that we're funding."

Morden-Winkler MLA and Manitoba Finance Minister Cameron Friesen could not be reached for comment on this matter as of press time.

Representatives of a number of local beneficiaries are concerned they could be losing a vital source of support.

"This is extremely disappointing news to non-profits across the province," suggested Shuana Richards, executive director of the Pembina Valley Child Care Centres.

With facilities in Morden and Manitou, the day care recently received \$8,000 from MCSC towards furniture

and equipment.

"This program was how we were able to purchase new equipment and toys," Richards noted. "Without this funding, we will not be able to upgrade or replace our children's furniture and equipment, as our sources of revenue are limited, and we have not had an operating grant increase for a few years now."

"They often can fill a gap that others can't fill, and they are quite easy to work with," added Ang Braun, executive director of Genesis House.

Unlike other programs like Community Places, which funds only capital costs and just once a year, the community services council will support some capital as well as programming and operational expenses and does so several times a year.

The women's shelter recently was granted \$20,000 for a pilot project to help better serve newcomers, but when that project didn't pan out, the council was flexible enough to still make it work.

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# Celebrating the Year of the Bird

By Paul Goossen,  
Discovery Nature Sanctuary

Birds are found on every continent on earth and number over 9,000 species. They range in size from the nearly flightless three metre Ostrich to the tiny Bee Hummingbird which weighs less than a dime.

Some species number in the millions, others are on the brink of extinction. Their behaviours range from the simple to the bizarre and their plumages from the mundane to the exotic.

2018 has been identified as the Year of the Bird by National Geographic and several conservation partners in recognition of the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

With over 100 participating organizations, 2018 will be a year of celebrating the wonder and diversity of our feathered friends. Their vibrant colours, fascinating behaviours and ubiquitous presence delight those who appreciate these amazing creatures.

Birds also face many challenges as habitat loss reduces their living space. In the coming year, conservation organizations hope to inspire people to do something positive for birds.

In honour of the Year of the Bird, Winkler's Discovery Nature Sanctuary is launching a monthly article series which will focus on 12 species.

Each article will feature a bird that can be seen in southern Manitoba sometime during the year. Interesting facts about their biology will be highlighted, suggestions made as to where to look for them, and conservation ideas identified.

You can find some of these birds at the Discovery Nature Sanctuary, located in the northeast corner of

Winkler. With 32 acres of grassland, woodland and wetland habitats, the sanctuary is an excellent place to explore, photograph and enjoy birds.

The first bird in this series is the Snowy Owl. This phantom of the north shows up in southern Manitoba in late fall after having spent the summer on its Arctic breeding ground.

Life on the tundra for this large northern owl is challenging not only because of unpredictable food sources and weather conditions but also because of potential nest predators like Arctic foxes, wolves and bears.

The female Snowy Owl constructs her nest on the ground. Fewer eggs (3-5) are laid in years when food is scarce and more (7-11) when food is abundant.

Eggs are laid every second day, and after 32 days of incubation, the young begin to hatch every other day. The result is a wide range of ages among the ever hungry owlets.

The advantage of this span of ages is that in year of plentiful food (mostly lemmings) most or all of the young will survive. In years when the food supply is poor, there may be a chance that at least a few young will fledge.

Southern Manitoba is a regular wintering ground for both adult and juvenile Snowy Owls. Males are almost pure white while females and young are white with dark barring.

Snowy Owls prefer wide open country like snow-covered fields. The best place to look for them is on hydro and telephone poles from which they have a 360 degree view of surrounding fields to scan for prey.

On rare occasions, these owls are seen in urban environments. One was reported earlier this month landing on a sign near Winkler's Superstore.

All owls including the Snowy Owl

are protected under legislation. Shooting them is unlawful. Precaution should be taken when driving in open country to avoid collisions with Snowy Owls, which may flush from roadside ditches.

If you have any interesting sightings of Snowy Owls or other birds, let DNS know through email at [discoverynaturesanctuary@gmail.com](mailto:discoverynaturesanctuary@gmail.com) or Facebook.

**PHOTO BY MIKE FISHER**  
This watchful Snowy Owl was photographed northeast of Plum Coulee.



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Eventually the subject was brought under control and arrested under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act. Police found on his person two small bags of marijuana and some prescription drugs.

The man was brought to BTHC for a medical assessment and kept in overnight for observation.

The 21-year-old from Winkler was released the next morning and issued a Promise to Appear in Morden Provincial Court in February.

He is charged with two counts of breach of probation, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, and resisting arrest.

- Police received a report from loss

prevention personnel of Superstore regarding three suspicious males inside the store, one of whom was recognized from a previous incident of theft.

Store staff observed one of the males leaving the store with a shopping cart full of stolen merchandise and advised police, who were staged outside the store.

A short foot chase followed in which officers were able to apprehend and arrest the suspect, a 37-year-old man from Winnipeg, who was charged with theft under \$5,000.

The total value of the merchandise recovered was \$1,279.53.

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# Countdown is on to 10th annual Winterfest

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's annual celebration of not only the winter but the community's multiculturalism marks a milestone next month.

Planning is in high gear for the 10th annual Winterfest, which takes place Saturday, Feb. 17 indoors and out at the Access Event Centre.

"I think this is a true community event," suggested organizing committee co-chairperson Lynette Froese.

"Our main hope is that the folks who have lived here a long time and the newcomers who have arrived in the last number of years will all feel like this is their festival ... that we can all share that multicultural feeling," said Froese in explaining what she feels makes it work each year. "It's a big part of what our community is, and this is to celebrate that ... that our community is a place where all people can feel at home."

The Winterfest offers a variety of events and entertainment with outdoor activities such as horse-drawn sleigh rides and hockey and indoor fun including cultural displays, food, and entertainment.

For a third year in a row, the local Polar Plunge in support of Special

Olympics will also be held in conjunction with Winterfest.

## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

In addition to making the most of the winter season, the day is also about celebrating Morden's growing diversity.

Froese said they simply hope it brings people together from the different cultures and gives people a chance to experience the joys of winter.

She pointed out that Winterfest has been growing over the years with an increasing variety of cultural groups taking part.

"Each year, we've been growing a little bit, and each year we've had more and more community support," Froese said.

"What's neat is groups are now coming to us asking if they can have a table," she added, noting they usually have space to have about a dozen countries represented. "We have some new countries represented, so we hope to get them on board."

While they have a few ideas of things to add to Winterfest each year, for the most part it will be more of the tried



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Mark your calendar for the 10th annual Winterfest in Morden on Saturday, Feb. 17.

and true favourites people have come to expect.

"We're trying to showcase some of the things that we've done over the years as well as adding some new things to make it exciting for everyone," Froese said.

One aspect of the festival that is growing this year is having a wide array of ethnic snacks available to try.

"We're looking at having also some food vendors where people can actually purchase some ethnic foods ... so people can have a chance to taste some food from different countries,"

said Froese.

Visitors can also pick up a Winterfest passport to collect stamps as they travel "around the world" for a chance to win prizes.

As Winterfest coincides with the February long weekend, Froese hopes to see lots of families out enjoying the fun.

"We're hoping lots of people will take the opportunity to come and spend time here with their families," she said. "Hopefully, the weather will co-operate with us."

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## Canadian Brass delights at SMC show



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On Jan. 14 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church, Southern Manitoba Concerts welcomed back the world-famous Canadian Brass for an entertaining afternoon of music. Next up in the SMC series is the Proteus Saxophone Quartet in Winkler Feb. 18 followed by Black Umfolosi March 9 in Morden.



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Feb-01 Thursday		
1:00-6:00pm	Music Man	
6:15-7:45pm	Lakes and Pines	
8:15-11:00pm	Music Man	
Feb-02 Friday		
1:00-6:00pm	Music Man	
6:15-7:45pm	Asham Stompers	
8:00-11:00pm	Music Man	
Feb-03 Saturday		
11:00-11:30am	Music Man	
12:00-1:00pm	Monochromatics	
1:00-8:00pm	Music Man	
8:30-10:00pm	The Pylons	
Feb-04 Sunday		
12:00-2:00pm	Music Man	
2:15-3:45pm	Steve Dueck and Link Neufeld	
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# Winkler Viterra host committee ready and raring

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a year of intense planning, Winkler organizers and volunteers are champing at the bit to get going on hosting the 2018 Viterra Championship.

"If we could get the ice made today, we could probably start tomorrow," said host committee chair Louis Tanguay last week. "I think we're ready."

Thirty-two teams arrive in Winkler next week to vie for the provincial mens curling title and a spot at the Tim Hortons Brier, the Canadian mens curling championship.

The Winkler Rec. Complex will be transformed into a giant curling rink for the event, which will see games taking place Jan. 31 to Feb. 4.

"There's a draw but there's no names attached to it yet," said Tanguay, explaining that the last three teams were slated to qualify for the event on Jan. 22, so the final seeding and firming up of the schedule had yet to take place at press time.

That said, next week Wednesday through Friday will see four draws per day—morning, midday, late afternoon, and evening games—while Saturday, Feb. 3 will have three draws leading into the final two playoff games on Sunday, Feb. 4.

There are a few ticket options for curling fans: an event pass for \$120, day passes of \$30 each, and \$10 evening passes.

To get your tickets, head online to [winklercurling-club.ca](http://winklercurling-club.ca) or the Viterra page at [curlmanitoba.org](http://curlmanitoba.org). To arrange in-person ticket purchases, email [viterrat2018tickets@gmail.com](mailto:viterrat2018tickets@gmail.com).

Tanguay hopes Winklerites take advantage of the high-level competition taking place right in our own backyard.

"It's something that you're not going to see here very often," he said, pointing out communities across Manitoba compete to host these events and so it could be years before the championship returns to Winkler. "We were quite fortunate in '15 to get a Scotties and then three years later to get a Viterra. I don't think that happens very often."

The Viterra represents the best in mens curling in Manitoba, Tanguay stressed.

"Mike McEwen and [Reid] Curruthers, Pat Simmons, these are all curlers that have curled at the highest level," he said. "It's a quality of curling that you're just not used to seeing here on a regular basis."

**Off-ice fun**

While the action on the ice all happens at the arena, next door the Winkler Curling Club hosts the week's food and beverage vendors as well as the entertainment line-up.

The music schedule includes performances from Music Man, Lakes & Pines, Asham

Stompers, Monochromatics, The Pylons, and Steve Dueck and Link Neufeld.

As well, a live feed of the championship final will air from 3-6 p.m. in the curling club on Feb. 4.

No ticket is needed to stop in to enjoy the off-ice festivities, noted Tanguay.

"The Original 16 Saloon, which will be held in the Winkler Curling Club ice surface ... that's open to anybody. You don't need a ticket to get to that."

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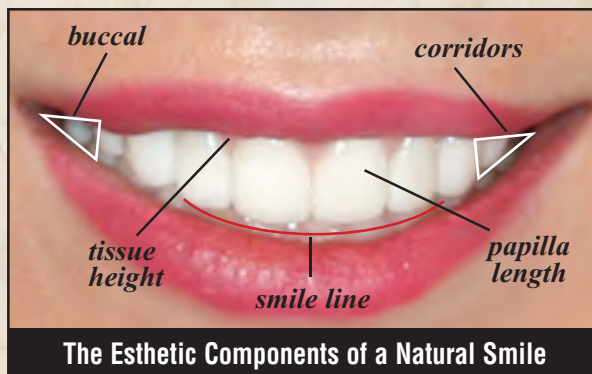
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# Bit by the pickleball bug

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When she first picked up a pickleball paddle, Morden's Rose Sawatzky never imagined she was starting down a path that would take her to tournaments and training opportunities across North America.

Sawatzky took those first steps two years ago while vacationing in Arizona.

"I usually like to do all kinds of hiking, but the weather wasn't great, so I was looking for indoors sports to do," she recalls. "Somebody asked me if I wanted to try pickleball."

The unique name gave her pause.

"I remember thinking, 'Do I need a bat and a cucumber?'" Sawatzky laughs. "But I played for all of five minutes and I just got addicted right away."

"It's basically overgrown ping pong," she explains, adding the sport also has elements that will be familiar to anyone who's played badminton or tennis.

With a net and some basic equipment, you can play pickleball "pretty much anywhere," says Sawatzky. "You can put tape down wherever you can ... and play it in a gym, a community hall, or even on the street."

"It's easy on the joints and anybody can play, really," she stresses. "And it's very much a social environment that people really love."

Since being bit by the pickleball bug, Sawatzky has played in tournaments across the Western Canada and North Dakota, earning 10 gold medals in 10 competitions.

"So my success has been 100 per cent so far," she says, adding she's also picked up a sponsor in Manta World Sports. "I was a little apprehensive at first about going to tournaments, but it's been a lot of fun."

She headed into her first competition self-rated at 3.5 on a 5.0 scale. She was soon bumped up to a 4.0 and anticipates she'll reach the 4.5 level after her next assessment in February.

Personal success on the court aside, Sawatzky has also been doing her part to get others into the sport.

"I took my level one coaching in August 2017 and then I coached 10 different clinics in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and B.C. and then I brought it back to Manitoba," she says. Sawatzky has recently hosted several free workshops in Winkler and Morden for both new players and those interested in teaching pickleball.

"There have been total beginners who had to be taught how to hold the paddle and all the basics right up to a few people that have been playing for a little while now," she says. "Everybody's had a lot of fun."

She hopes to host more workshops in the months ahead, especially after she receives her final certification from the USA Pickleball Association and the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association later this month.

"I'll be the first in Manitoba to achieve that," Sawatzky says, explaining that it's quite a process. "There's exams to do and then you have to go out onto the court and perform 20 different shots. You have to get eight out



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Rose Sawatzky (far left) runs through the basics with some pickleball rookies at one of the recreation nights in Morden recently. Both Morden and Winkler have pickleball leagues running two times a week.

of 10 of them right ... and if you miss too many you have to start over and re-register."

If you'd like information on upcoming pickleball workshops, contact Sawatzky at r-sawatzky@hotmail.com or 204-822-9561.

To check out the local pickleball league schedules, head online to [www.winkler.ca](http://www.winkler.ca) or [mordenmb.com/aec](http://mordenmb.com/aec).

## MORDEN HOSTING FIRST TOURNAMENT

Sawatzky is organizing Morden's

first annual spring pickleball tournament at the Access Event Centre and Morden Collegiate this spring.

The two-day event will feature 18+ women and mens doubles competitions the morning of Saturday, March 10, mixed 18+ doubles that afternoon, and a 50+ mixed doubles event the afternoon of Sunday, March 11.

Registration, which begins Feb. 1, is \$15 for a first event and \$5 for a second event.

For more information or to register as a player or a volunteer, contact Sawatzky at the email or phone number listed above.

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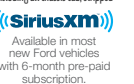
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# Lions Club teams up with police to keep kids safe

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual project of the Morden Lions Club is as much about the social interaction as it is about the protection of local children.

The service organization was at Minnewasta and Maple Leaf schools last week for the annual child identification kit program.

The program provides parents with a booklet to fill out with information about their children that could prove vital in the event of an emergency situation.

Morden police officers were also on hand to fingerprint the tykes and talk to them about being safe.

"I think it was around 100 kindergarten kids at one time ... this year we've got about 165," said Lions Club member Rob Lawrence.

"We just thought it was a good way for the children to have more of a comfortable feeling of what the police are there for," he said, noting the ID kits are usually done in November, but the club postponed it to January

this year because they were busy with hosting a provincial convention in Morden.

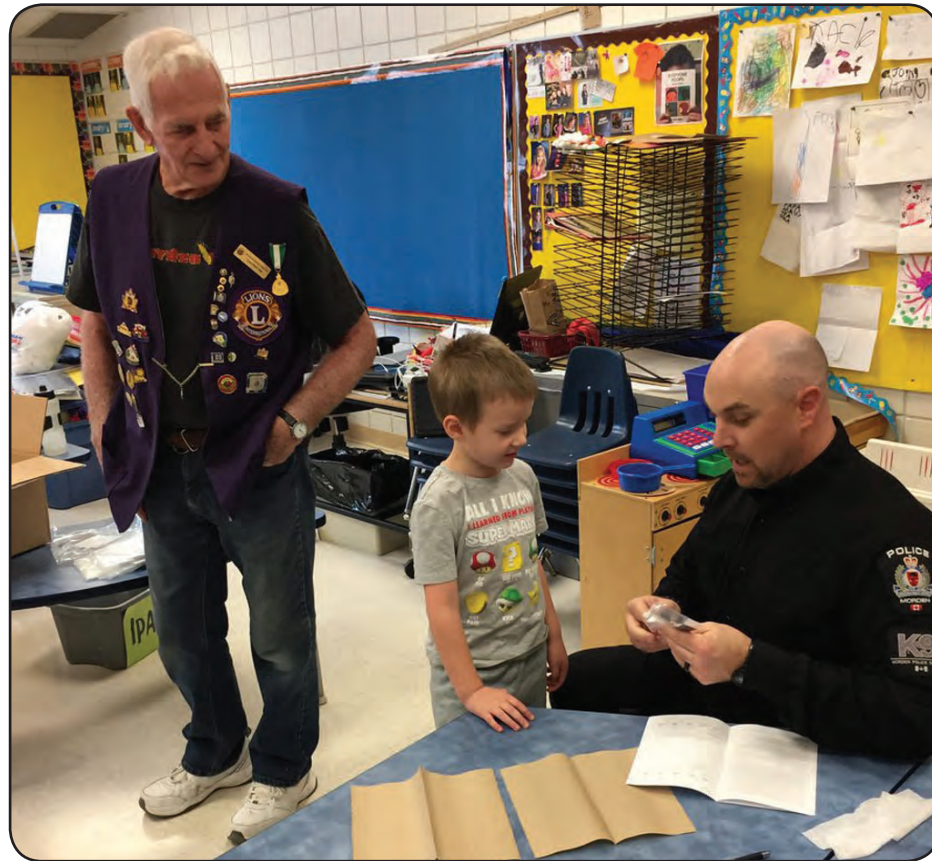
Lawrence said they see this as an important project for the organization as they prioritize initiatives that benefit local children.

Acting Sargeant Chris Flook with Morden Police said the department is always pleased to get involved with this project.

"We really like the program. It's a good thing for the parents to have," he said. "We appreciate the Lions Club doing this, and we love to help them with it."

"We like that it gives a way to identify children in those unfortunate events where maybe they go missing ... but it also gives us a great chance to interact with the kindergarten students," added Flook.

They get to talk to us ... all the members like to joke around, and we can have a lot of fun with them ... pose for pictures. We answer all of the silly questions, and we ask some silly questions.



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Paul Link of the Morden Lions Club looks on as Minnewasta School student Scott Allan gets fingerprinted by Morden Police Service Cst. Scott Edwards as part of the annual Lions ID Kit safety initiative.

"The kids get to see the police on a lighter side. It gets them more comfortable with us," he said. "That's part of the program too is that they can approach us and ask us questions ... know they can approach a police of-

ficer.

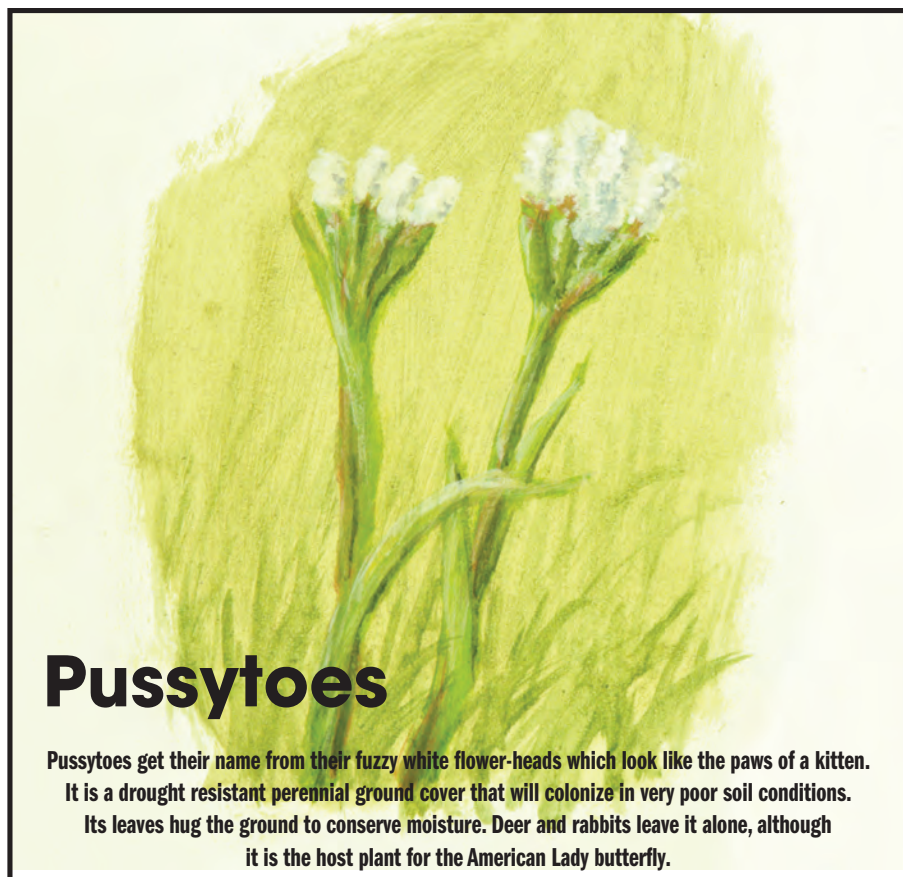
"It's just fun to interact with them," Flook said adding, though, that "there's a serious part, and we hope the parents take the seriousness of it in context."

## Royal Bank gives back



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The Morden Activity Centre recently thanks to the RBC employee volunteer grant program. Sandra Lawrence (left) and Rosanne Reichert (right) made the presentations to Neha Kohli. RBC provides the donations through employees to help build better communities and encourage volunteer involvement. The activity centre plans to use the funds for its new coffee lounge area.



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## Royals, Redskins, falter

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals struggled on home ice against the Notre Dame Hawks Sunday night.

The Royals did all their scoring at the end of the opening period, with Marcus Neufeld scoring at 14:06 to tie things at 1-1 and Jon Gaudet following suit to tie the game at 2-2 at 15:30.

Notre Dame managed three more goals before the final buzzer, one late in the second period and two early in the third to take the game 5-2.

Matt Krahn took the loss in net, making a heroic 49-save effort as the Hawks outshot the Royals 54-24.

Winkler rivals the Morden Redskins fared no better in their lone game of the week.

The Redskins found themselves at the losing end of a 4-0 rout Friday night in Warren.

Mercs goaltender Travis Bosch stymied every Morden attempt to score, while his teammates slipped singles in the first and third and two in the second period past Redskin net-minder Morgan Wall.

With that, Morden is in third place in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League with eight wins and seven



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Winkler Royals battled hard against the visiting Notre Dame Hawks Sunday night, but to no avail. The home team fell 5-2. Elsewhere in the SEMHL, the Morden Redskins bowed to the Warren Mercs 4-0.

losses for 16 points. That puts them just one point up on Carman and trailing Notre Dame in first (26 points) and Warren in second (22 points).

Winkler is in the bottom of the standings in seventh and last place with a 4-12 record and eight points.

This week, Winkler travelled to play

Carman on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Morden, meanwhile, hosts Altona on Saturday. Puck drops at 8 p.m.

## Winkler Flyers fall to Oil Caps, best Terriers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers were on either side of 3-2 games this past week.

On Friday, the junior team kicked off a stretch of four games in six days by hosting the Virden Oil Capitals.

The two teams battled to a 1-1 draw after 20 minutes, Virden drawing first blood at the 8:18 mark and Winkler's Matt Christian slamming one home at 18:51.

Weiland Parrish pulled the Flyers into the lead 12 minutes into the second period, but it proved to be

the last time Winkler would find the back of the net, while the Oil Capitals regained the lead with goals at 14:07 and 15:36.

Winkler spent the rest of the match fighting for the tying goal and failing to find it, despite outshooting Virden 18-7 in what ended up being a scoreless final period for both sides.

Troy Martyniuk took the loss as the Oil Capitals outshot the Flyers 39-34.

Things swung the other way for Winkler two nights later in Portage.

Winkler did all the scoring in the first period, courtesy of Christian and

Brett Opperman. Parrish then made it a 3-0 game just 57 seconds into the middle frame.

Portage scored two to finish off the period, and then it was Winkler's turn to fend off the equalizer for the rest of game, which they did successfully for the 3-2 win.

Martyniuk was a wall in net in the third period, slapping away all eight shots he faced. Overall he made 22 saves for his 21st win of the season. Winkler outshot the Terriers 29-24.

At press time Tuesday the Flyers were in fourth place in the standings

with a 27-16 record and 54 points. They trail the first place Steinbach Pistons (70 points), Portage Terriers in second (61 points), and Virden Oil Capitals in third (58 points) and have the Selkirk Steelers behind them in fifth with 52 points.

The Flyers had a pair of mid-week games scheduled for Tuesday against Selkirk and Wednesday against Steinbach. Results were not available at press time.

On Friday they travel to Portage to play the Terriers.





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# Zodiacs down Thunder

Zone 4 high school basketball is in full swing.

Last week, the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs varsity boys downed Morden 91-48 and Altona 91-55.

The Zodiacs girls were also on fire on the court, besting Morden 79-27 and Altona 75-28.

Morden's boys also posted a close 54-50 loss to Carman, while the ladies won their match by a decisive 61-21.

In the South Central Athletic Con-

Morden's Erik Buchsmann goes for the basket through GVC defenders TJ Matuszewski, John Cabuhat, and Darryl Klassen. Winkler got the win 91-48.

ference, meanwhile, the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks girls varsity basketball team fell to the Lancers 76-35 Monday night. The male Nighthawks lost their match 121-63

In Zone 4 high school hockey action this past week, NPC downed Carman 4-2; Morden posted wins of 6-4 over Portage, 10-1 over GVC, and 5-3 against Mountain; and GVC also fell to Mountain 6-5 and Altona 8-2.

Finally, the GVC curling team of Reece Hamm, Johnny Trinke, Brennan Kezema, and Trevor Heide won the zone curling championship. The foursome had a record of 4-1 on their way to winning the banner.

# Hawks win streak halted by Winnipeg Wild

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks saw a three game winning streak come to an end on the weekend, but they weren't far off from taking down the mighty Winnipeg Wild to extend their run.

The first place Wild, with only three regulation losses through 37 games, needed a shootout to vanquish the Hawks 7-6 Sunday in Morden.

The defeat followed a 7-2 win over

the Interlake Lightning Saturday and a 6-3 victory over the Winnipeg Thrashers Jan. 17.

Tied at three after two periods, the Hawks scored two quick goals in 30 seconds to open the third and took a 6-3 lead only to have the Wild storm back and force overtime with just 21 seconds left.

Nicholas Hatley had a pair for the Hawks with other goals coming from Travis Penner, Ethan Carels, Svan Bazin, and Spencer Kaminsky. Martin

Gagnon made 30 saves as Winnipeg outshot Pembina Valley 36-26.

The Hawks bolted out of the gate Saturday against Interlake, scoring four by the 4:26 mark of the first and leading 5-1 by the first intermission.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Kaminsky, Tristan Day, Jayden McCarthy, Sven Schefer, Kolton Shindle, Michael Hlady, and Tyson Allison. Moroz was solid in goal with 36 saves.

The Hawks scored three third period goals including a final second empty netter last Wednesday to put away the Thrashers.

Special teams made a difference this night with a pair of powerplay goals as well as one shorthanded marker,

while Moroz made 37 saves off of 40 shots.

Nathan Ayotte scored a pair of goals for Pembina Valley with singles coming from Schefer, Penner, Allison, and Shindle.

The Hawks continue to hold down sixth place on a record of 19-13-0-2-2. Their 42 points leave them just one behind the Thrashers and four up on Yellowhead.

This week the Hawks hosted the Winnipeg Bruins Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Over the weekend they host the Kenora Thistles for a doubleheader Saturday and Sunday.

## Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE																					
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OTL											
Steinbach Pistons	44	34	8	1	70	208	99	Pembina Valley	36	19	13	2	42	147	141						
Portage Terriers	44	29	12	1	61	182	114	Yellowhead	36	18	16	2	38	128	118						
Virden Oil Capitals	43	28	13	2	58	187	134	Southwest	36	18	17	1	37	122	121						
Winkler Flyers	43	27	16	0	54	147	112	Central Plains	35	13	17	2	31	137	150						
Selkirk Steelers	43	24	15	3	52	152	139	Parkland	36	13	20	1	29	121	157						
OCN Blizzard	42	23	14	5	51	153	137	Kenora	36	12	20	0	28	118	141						
Winnipeg Blues	43	20	17	4	46	152	163	Interlake	35	8	25	2	18	85	182						
Neepawa Natives	43	19	21	2	41	160	174	Norman	37	3	33	0	7	101	272						
Swan Valley Stampeters	41	17	19	5	39	125	143	MANITOBA AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE													
Dauphin Kings	44	10	32	1	22	102	202	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA							
Waywayseacappo Wolverines	44	6	35	2	15	105	256	Cougars	27	19	5	0	41	151	84						
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE											Chiefs	29	19	9	0	39	141	92			
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Rangers	28	16	9	2	35	123	112
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	34	28	2	4	60	145	64	Hawks	27	12	12	1	27	107	107						
Charleswood Hawks	33	24	6	3	51	94	58	Capitals	31	7	22	1	16	101	192						
Transcona Railer Express	33	22	8	3	47	137	92	Wheat Kings	29	7	22	0	14	77	132						
Stonewall Jets	34	20	12	2	42	119	92	Wolves	33	6	25	0	14	120	272						
St. James Canucks	33	16	14	3	35	111	100	MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE													
Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins	33	16	16	1	33	96	87	GP	Reg	W	Reg	L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts					
St. Vital Victorias	33	15	18	0	30	112	140	Winnipeg Avros	26	15	5	-	6	-	42						
Pembina Valley Twisters	33	13	17	3	29	130	140	PV Hawks	24	13	8	-	2	1	31						
St. Boniface Riels	34	11	20	3	25	98	128	Yellowhead Chiefs	24	10	8	-	3	3	29						
River East Royal Knights	34	2	31	1	5	50	191	Westman Wildcats	22	11	7	-	1	3	27						
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE											Eastman Selects	25	12	10	-	-	3	27			
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Central Plains	25	8	13	-	1	3	21
Notre Dame	16	12	2	1	26	81	57	Interlake Lightning	24	2	20	-	1	1	7						
Warren	14	11	3	0	22	72	39	HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY													
Morden	15	8	7	0	16	58	48	GP <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>OTL</th> <th>PTS</th> <th>GF</th> <th>GA</th>	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA							
Carman	16	7	8	0	15	68	72	W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	18	15	3	0	30	121	40						
Altona	13	5	7	0	11	47	57	Morris Mavericks	19	15	4	0	30	98	67						
Portage	14	5	8	0	11	44	53	Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks (Winkler)	18	12	6	0	24	81	65						
Winkler	16	4	12	0	8	51	95	Prairie Mountain Mustangs	17	11	5	0	23	88	77						
MANITOBA AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE											Cartwright/Nellie McClung/Pilot Mound Tigers	18	9	9	0	18	64	72			
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Morden Thunder	16	8	8	0	16	66	54
Wild	37	32	3	1	66	224	80	Carman Cougars	20	5	13	2	12	63	81						
Brandon	37	32	3	0	66	203	85	Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs (Winkler)	19	4	12	1	11	56	111						
Bruins	35	24	9	1	50	146	107	Portage Collegiate Institute	17	2	14	0	5	53	123						
Eastman	37	22	11	2	48	154	125	Trojans	17	2	14	0	5	53	123						
Thrashers	37	21	15	1	43	142	149	STATS AS OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 23													

# Lady Hawks head into home stretch with wins

By Lorne Stelmach

They didn't come easy, but it was a pair of wins nonetheless for the female Pembina Valley Hawks, boosting them into second place.

Pembina Valley edged both the Interlake Lightning and Eastman Selects 3-2 Saturday and Sunday to gain a slight edge on the tight pack in the standings.

Sitting at 15-8-1 for 31 points, the Hawks are just two up on the Yellowhead Chiefs and only four ahead of the Westman Wildcats and Eastman as they go into the stretch run with six

games remaining.

Makenzie McCallum scored once and assisted on the other two goals Saturday as the Hawks were challenged by a game Lightning squad.

Sage McElroy-Scott and Hannah Petrie scored the other goals and also picked up assists for the Hawks, who got a 20 save performance from Kady-nce Romijn, while Emma Plett made 33 saves in goal for the Lightning.

It was McCallum and McElroy-Scott again Sunday, with each picking up a goal and an assist for the Hawks,





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Skaters from the Winkler (left) and Morden skating clubs (right) competed at the Central Regional Star Skate competition in Carman Jan. 13.

Area skaters had strong showings at a recent regional competition.

Skaters from Winkler and Morden headed into Carman Jan. 13 to compete in the Central Regional Star Skate competition

The following were the results for local skaters:

*Winkler*

- Tayra Harder: silver interpretive - gold; star 5 elements - gold
- Talia Harder: star 3 free skate - bronze; star 3 elements - silver
- Camryn Harder: star 2 free skate - silver; star 2 elements - bronze
- Sofya Polynko: star 4 free skate - fourth
- Madelyn Toews: star 2 free skate - bronze; star 2 elements - bronze; pre-

intro interpretative - bronze

- Rebecca Giesbrecht: star 4 13 and over free skate - bronze
- Brookelyn Kuhl: star 4 13 and over - silver; star 4 elements - gold
- Jessica Heinrichs: star 4 13 and over - gold; star 4 elements - 5th
- Daniela Heinrich: star 4 under 13 - silver; star 4 elements - silver

*Morden*

- Camri Turner: star 1 flight D - bronze
- Camryn McGill: star 2 free flight B - silver; star 2 elements flight A - bronze
- Nicole Rouire: star 2 free flight C - bronze; star 2 elements flight B - bronze
- Melanie Rouire: star 2 free flight

C - silver; star 2 elements flight B - silver

- Kate Ginter: star 4 U13 free - 8th; star 4 elements flight A - 5th
- Lauren Ginter: star 5 elements - 4th; bronze interpretive - 3rd
- Annika Roberts: star 7 elements - 2nd
- Sarah Kagan: star 7 elements - 1st
- Alison Convery: star 5 elements - 2nd
- Gabbi Hildebrand: star 4 U10 free - 1st; star 4 elements - 3rd
- Jessica Kagan: star 4 U10 free - 2nd; star 4 elements - 1st
- Halle Smith: star 4 U10 free - 4th; star 4 elements - 4th
- Ky-Lynn Jenner: star 4U10 free - 5th
- Molly Cowan: star 4 U10 free - 6th;

star 4 elements - 4th

- Lenaya Roberts: star 2 free - bronze; star 2 elements - silver
- Kierra Penner: star 2 free - bronze; star 2 elements - silver
- Karlyn Roberts: star 2 free - merit, star 2 elements - bronze
- Lyla Smith: star 2 free - bronze; star 2 elements - merit
- Sinead Convery: star 2 free - bronze, star 2 elements - bronze
- Lauren Weselak: star 1 free - silver; star 2 elements - bronze
- Vera Vorobyeva: star 1 free - gold
- Johanna Abigail Maier - star 1 free - silver
- Summer Fehr: star 1 free - silver
- Rebecca Kagan: star 1 free - silver; star 2 elements - bronze
- Carys Jenner: star 1 free - silver.

# Junior Slam winners



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Winkler Junior Curling Club hosted its annual Quality Inn Winkler U15/U18 Junior Slam earlier this month. Tops in the event's U18 category were Team Ross from the St. Vital Curling Club, made up of (at left, from left) William Smythe, Johnny Trinke, Grady Currie, and Calum Ross. The foursome beat fellow St. Vital Team McDonald for the number one spot. First place in the U15 event was Team Wachal, also from St. Vital, who beat Winkler's Team L. Krahn. Pictured above is coach Wachal, Liam Wachal, Seth Boschmann, Riel Dufault, and Micah Boschmann.



# Agriculture

## Winkler company wins Inventor's Showcase

By Harry Siemens

When Tim Penner spoke about his new invention last August, he had no idea how far and how quickly his hard work and that of his partner Henry Elias and other staff members would pay off.

Penner and Elias of Soaring Eagle Grain Equipment in Winkler took home first place in Manitoba Ag Days Inventor's Showcase last week in Brandon.

The annual competition features new inventions and products that will assist in farm operations. This year's showcase featured 14 inventions and 17 new products.

"It was a great honor to take home first place in the inventors showcase! Nice to see all the hard work and dedication paying off," tweeted Penner after the big win.

The company won for their Ultimate Swinging Drive Over, which they've been producing in their facility in Winkler for the past 12 months.

This unit either for an auger or conveyor allows trucks to drive over it, replacing the usual method of swinging a hopper underneath the grain box.

Penner said it's a belting system that transitions into flighting with a shallow profile, only 2.5 inches, has self-cleaning rollers, and the belt even moves canola. It will clean the belt so the it doesn't get gummed up with oil products. It also includes a safety shut-off feature in case of an emergency.

Penner said this idea has gone much further than he and his partner ever imagined.

"We worked hard to make a product like this so the industry has something to use that is very user-friendly," he said. "We're very optimistic this product could take off now with interest shown at our booth in Brandon."

The owners of Soaring Eagle Grain Equipment make sure the product is what they say it is, making changes to improve it where possible.

"Growing up on the farm, I've seen the need that farmers have and wanted to make an outstanding feature they can use with augers and conveyors," said Penner. "I think that guys

have always struggled with something like this to put underneath the truck and get the grain from the truck to the auger or conveyor."

This swing unit is not an auger or a conveyor that reaches to the top of the bin, but a standalone unit that attaches to the conveyor or an auger.

When visiting with Penner at his booth in Brandon, others were telling him that it was so good of an invention that it would make the first prize for the best design.

"After the first day, I saw it that we have an excellent chance in something like that," he said. "I didn't expect it, going to the show until after the first day. I couldn't believe the interest that we had on the unit itself and even the guys in the booth beside us, they couldn't believe it themselves. So we knew that we had a pretty good product."

Penner hopes to see farmers using the product this upcoming harvest.



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By Harry Siemens

I've watched the soybean industry rise and fall going back to the late '70s and early '80s. Then the industry had several basic varieties that needed many more days to mature than the 100 plus new Roundup ready varieties farmers are growing today.

I sat down with Mr. Bean, a.k.a. Dennis Lange, provincial pulse specialist for Manitoba Agriculture, at the St. Jean Farm Days as to whether the honeymoon for growing soybeans in Manitoba as it pertains to disease is still ongoing.

"You know, I think the honeymoon is still moving along. We are starting to see a few little hiccups every once in a while with things like root rot, for example," Lange said. "Some fields we've seen a little bit more root rot this year, has it affected yield, probably not quite yet."

He said moving forward down

## Will soybeans become king crop in MB?

the road, Manitoba soybean farmers may be looking at other pests, such as soybean cyst nematode. That's something that is in North Dakota, and because the nematode can move through soil particles and move through flood waters, at some point it may get here. The good news is Manitoba has a good scouting and program surveying every couple years to look for soybean cyst nematode and so far they have not found anything.

"But for the most part, we haven't had any killing frost the last seven, eight years. That's helped with the growth in western Manitoba," said Lange. "We're seeing a lot more soybeans in western Manitoba this past year compared to in 2011 where five percent of our acres in western Manitoba. In 2016 we had 45 percent of our acres in western Manitoba. So it's been good for the producers. Yields have been good."

He said the more significant chal-

lenges with yield sometimes are the dry conditions at the wrong time. In 2011, soybean yields dropped to 26 bushels an acre because of lack of moisture in July and August. This year it was reasonably dry in July and August, but not as bad, and the potential average is expected to be somewhere around 34 bushels an acre, close to the ten year average of 35 bushels per acre.

In Manitoba, soybeans are competing for other acres, but the other crops are also competing for the soybean acres.

"When you grow 9.6 million acres of crop in Manitoba, there's only so many acres to go around," Lange said. "With canola acres, number one, wheat number two, and then soybean is number three, at some point you're gonna see some of those big acre crops maybe shift down. I'm

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# Insects to watch for when growing soybeans

By Harry Siemens

Manitoba Agriculture entomologist John Gavloski talked about soybean aphids, thistle caterpillars, diamondback moth, scouting thresholds, and the role of natural enemies in soybeans at the recent St. Jean Farm Days.

The soybean aphid had much higher levels than the previous several years, while some fields had higher levels of diamondback moth than expected, Gavloski said.

There was also the Painted Lady Butterfly that migrated in, he noted, which also, as a secondary host, feed on soybeans and sunflowers.

Gavloski said the best way to scout for aphids is to look for insects on the leaves and estimate numbers because it is impossible to count what's on a plant when levels get high. There are some excellent resources on the internet that can help the farmer improve his estimating.

"Keep an eye on things and as the numbers rise to 250 per plant and the population still increases is the magic number we use for the economic threshold," said Gavloski. "Now, the level where they do economic damage, where the yield loss equals your control costs, that's around 670 per plant. We don't want you waiting that long to decide to control them."

Gavloski said that is very healthy number developed through studies at 19 different sites and three states over a three year period. So it's a pretty robust threshold.

There is a group of about six or seven generalist predators or natural enemies that can eat a lot of soybean aphids. There's also a parasitic wasp that can do a good job too.

"So when we do start seeing high numbers, there are ways we can factor that into our decision making," said Gavloski. "There's now an app available called Aphid Advisor where the farmer needs to do additional counts of lady beetles, green lacewings, pirate bugs, aphid mummies or parasitized aphids. There's a group of insects, beneficial insects that you need to be able to identify, and then you can add that data to your app, and that will basically do the math for you, and it readjusts the economic threshold."

"We used it as a test situation last year, where we had roughly 300 aphids per plant, on average, but we were finding at least one or two lady beetle larva per plant. We entered that into the Aphid Advisor [and] it recommended not to spray, even

though aphid numbers were above what would traditionally be the economic threshold."

Gavloski urged farmers to scout their crops because surprises occur from year to year.

"It's hard to predict what could come in a given year; we got caught by a few things last year," he said. "So scout your crops, know what's going on, don't panic too early when you

## > SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 22

expecting soybeans to be around the two million acre mark, down from about 2.3 million this year. So going into next year, I think things are pretty positive for the most part. Most growers I've talked to this year are quite happy with their yields. In some instances maybe a little disappointed because they came off a year like 2016 where the average in Manitoba was 42 bushels and some growers were even higher than that. So it just kinda brings things back into perspective."

Lange touched on several other challenges, namely problems with dry seed and extended soybeans.

"Growers could be looking at some drier seed issues this year. Not every lot will have dry seed, but it's a good idea to talk to your seed supplier, find out what your seed moisture is like so you can make adjustments to your equipment to make sure you get a good stand coming up," he said. "You don't want to find out you planted dry

seed after the beans after the fact potentially dropping from 160 thousand plants per acre down to 80 thousand plants."

Lange said soybean farmers would also face some challenges as companies develop new technologies in soybean systems and varieties.

"Monsanto released Roundup Ready 2 Xtend® soybeans in 2017 in Manitoba, dicamba tolerant, so they're tolerant to dicamba and glyphosate. So it gives growers more weed control options," he said. "But with this new technology, you have to understand there are different use patterns. You want to make sure that when you're growing these new technologies that you pay attention to things like potential drift issues, wind speed, nozzle size, all those things have to pay attention."

He said growers must be even more aware of remembering what other farmers are growing next to them.

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800 acres. Last year 2.3 million acres were planted.

"This is our fourth year that we've had soybean aphids more widespread and at an economic level," said Gavloski. "So we've had a few of them, but yeah, we do have a set of pests that we do need to be scouting for. Soybeans, great crop to grow, it's a good value crop for farmers, but you do need to be scouting."

"Don't assume that the field right next to you is the same as what you're growing. If you had sprayed Xtend beans this year, assuming that the field right next to you is also Xtend beans, and you drifted, you would see some damage to those RoundUp bred soybeans, if different."

"So all those things coming into play down the road. We will see the new 24D tolerant soybeans, the Enlist soybeans coming down the road. So another technology in the growers' toolbox to help battle some of those problem meets."

A far cry from 1980 when a handful of farmers had one basic variety, maybe two, and one early frost shut down the thought of even growing soybeans for several years.

It's a real testament to the industry that in 2017 producers were able to grow 2.3 million acres in Manitoba, third only to wheat and canola.

## > SERVICES COUNCIL FUNDING, FROM PG. 10

"They were willing to listen to another need and let us keep the grant money to use it for another project," said Braun, who added support like that is crucial because the shelter haven't seen increases in other grants from the province for a number of years. "So we rely more and more on other sources of grants just to keep things going."

"I think it's very unfortunate. We really benefitted from it," said Reimer, who saw Katie Cares receive \$18,000 for furniture, appliances, and a lawn mower.

"They were very generous, and so it made a huge difference for us in getting things going," she said. "They fill a huge gap ... where do non-profits go otherwise ... many don't fit into the criteria other granting programs have."

The other beneficiaries in this region vary widely and represent quite

a cross section:

- Winkler Arts and Culture: \$6,000 for equipment, furniture, technology and operating costs.
- Winkler Heritage Museum: \$5,000 for operating costs.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Morden-Winkler: \$3,500 for program costs.
- South Central Cancer Resource: \$5,000 for furnishings and website upgrades.
- Miami Children's Facility: \$5,000 for appliances and technology.
- Winkler Day Care Centre: \$4,000 for equipment.

The Manitou Opera House Foundation received \$15,000 for a classroom and kitchen, and Thorleifson said there is a ripple effect given how they are in turn supporting youth arts programs in the community.

"Grants like this help us to support these programs so we can keep the costs down ... we want kids to be able

to afford to be part of them," he said.

"I really wish that they had more of a sense of the oneness of community that we have in these small towns ... it's just so short-sighted," Thorleifson added of the provincial government. "It's a broad perspective that [MCSC has] taken, and it really has helped a lot of organizations."

Boaz encouraged residents to make their voices heard if they value what the council supports.

"The government needs to hear from Manitobans how this has improved the lives of the people they serve," he said, urging "anyone that has been touched by funding support from MCSC to reach out to their local MLA and to Minister Jeff Wharton, Minister for Municipal Relations ... let them know how impactful the help of MCSC has been and how devastating the loss of program funding would be."



# Twisters battle Stonewall to shootout loss

By Lorne Stelmach

Gaining a point from a shootout loss Saturday is small consolation for the Pembina Valley Twisters.

It leaves the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League team in a four game losing skid and mired in eighth place heading into the final weeks of the season.

An 8-1 loss to the Raiders Friday followed by the 6-5 defeat at the hands of the Stonewall Jets Saturday leaves Pembina Valley four games at 13-17-3 for 29 points, which is just four up on the St. Boniface Riels. However, they are also not far out from moving up in the standings, with the St. Vital Victorias just ahead by one, Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins up by four and the St. James Canucks five in front.

The Twisters came out flat Friday,

giving up three goals in 37 seconds as they fell behind 6-1 after one period.

Steve Young's fourth of the season was the lone Pembina Valley goal, while the Twisters were outshot 56 to 23. Travis Klassen started in goal, giving up six first period goals on 21 shots, then Griffin Dyck allowed two more on 35 shots through two peri-

## > HAWKS, FROM PG. 20

ods. Pembina Valley had taken a 5-3 lead after two periods against Stonewall, but Brendon Burnett scored twice for the Jets in the third to force overtime, then Stonewall won it in the fifth round of the shootout.

Braeden Beernaerts, Alex Tetrault, Jeremie Goderis, Brendan Keck and

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top corner.

Oswald made 25 saves for the Hawks as Pembina Valley held a 33-27 edge in shots on goal overall.

The Hawks have a key three game weekend ahead of them including two teams they are battling with for position in the standings.

After a make-up game with the Interlake Lightning Friday night, Pembina

Elijah Carels scored for the Twisters, while Griffin Dyck made 48 saves. Shots on goal were 53 for each team.

The Twisters are at home in Morris Saturday to face the St. Boniface Riels and then in Winnipeg Sunday to take on the Charleswood Hawks.

Valley heads west to Hartney Saturday to take on the Westman Wildcats and then home in Morden Sunday to welcome the Yellowhead Chiefs.

The regular season closes out the following weekend in Morden with a Westman rematch Friday followed by the first place Winnipeg Avros Saturday and Yellowhead Sunday.

# take a break

> GAMES

## SUDOKU

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

# CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Warm-blooded vertebrates
8. Semitic peoples
13. Supervise
14. Historical German territory
15. Sweat
19. The Wolverine State
20. China
21. Violent disturbances
22. A way to commemorate the dead
23. Midway between east and southeast
24. Bird genus
25. Trim
26. Disparaged
30. More coherent
31. Abnormal rattling sounds
32. Healthy appetizers
33. Partner to "shocked"
34. French pianist Pascal
35. Jokes
38. Marks to omit print
39. Tall
40. Coverage
44. "A Death in the Family" author
45. Role of highlights
46. Fixed-radio access
47. Partly digested food
48. "Lamb Chop" puppeteer Lewis
49. In support of
50. Aluminum
51. Reduction in value over time
55. Running events
57. Portuguese region
58. Slovenly women
59. Strongly criticized

### CLUES DOWN

1. Wiped up
2. Opposed to
3. Macon, GA, university
4. Wife

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5. Small viper
6. Polynesia garland of flowers
7. Saw-like author
8. Maltese-Italian composer Girolamo
9. Moved faster than walking
10. Commercial
11. Covered with mud
12. Marksmen
16. Buenos
17. Tailless amphibian
18. Belonging to a thing
22. Mars crater
25. Most fair
27. Citrus fruit
28. Awkward
29. Brews
30. Beloved late broadcaster Craig
32. All alone

34. Copies
35. Poster
36. Symmetrical
37. Grew older
38. Makes tractors
40. Not the front
41. State as fact
42. Long, narrow cut
43. Worked hard for
45. Indicates position in a box score
48. Tax
51. "Lookout Weekend" singer Debbie
52. Unhealthy
53. Imam name Khan
54. A woolen cap of Scottish origin (abbr.)
56. The Golden State



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Application for On-Premises Sign (Commercial) adjacent to P.T.H. No. 14 at its intersection with P.T.H. No. 32 and P.R. No. 428, Parcel A, Plan 59154, S.E. ¼ 9-3-4W, City of Winkler.

### 2/032/211/AB/17 - PACKING &

### PALLETIZING COMPANY INC.

Application for Building, Gravel Parking Area, Sidewalk and Access Driveway onto Road 10N (Commercial) adjacent to P.T.H. No. 32, S.W. ¼ 27-2-4W, R.M. of Stanley.

### 2/032/095/S/17 - PACKING &

### PALLETIZING COMPANY INC.

Application for Fascia Sign & to Legalize Temporary On-Premises Sign (Commercial) adjacent to P.T.H. No. 32, S.W. ¼ 27-2-4W, R.M. of Stanley.

The Highway Traffic Board will be prepared to consider all submissions, written or oral, on the above applications by contacting the Secretary prior to or at the hearing.

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- Opening and closing each house;
- Collecting admission;
- Over seeing gift shop operation;
- Answering questions and promoting the area;
- Grounds maintenance;
- Cleaning.

The successful applicants must:

- Have a genuine interest in Nellie McClung and promoting local attractions;
- Be 18 years or over;
- Be available to work some weekends (Tues - Sunday);
- Possess entry level knowledge of Nellie McClung;
- Be comfortable with computers, especially Microsoft Word & Excel;
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- Answering questions and promoting the area;
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- Grounds maintenance, cleaning.

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- Be available to work some weekends (Tues - Sun);
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- Be willing to learn Google Docs and Accounting software;
- Be willing to occasionally dress in period appropriate attire (provided);
- Drama experience an asset.

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## NOTICES

### NOTICE UNDER THE EXPROPRIATION ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Winkler has passed a Declaration of Expropriation under s.4(1) of *The Expropriation Act CCSM c E190* in respect of the lands legally described as: Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 2388 MLTO in NW 1/4 4-3-4 WPM, consisting of a parcel of land of 7.63 acres (the "Lands"). The City intends to expropriate the entire freehold interest of the landowner in the Lands for the purposes of assembling and acquiring the lands required on which to construct the proposed Meridian Exhibition Centre and associated parking.

This Notice is given pursuant to Schedule A of *The Expropriation Act CCSM c. E190*. The following is section 3 of said Schedule:

Section 3: The owner of any interest in the land who objects to the intended expropriation may, within 30 days from the date notice of the intended expropriation is served upon him or within 30 days from the date publication is made pursuant to section 1 of this Schedule, whichever is the later, serve upon the Minister of Justice and the confirming authority a notice of his objection in writing stating his name and address, the nature of his objection and the grounds upon which it is based, and the nature of his interest in the matter of the intended expropriation.

The Council of the City of Winkler is the confirming authority referred to in section 3 above. The address for service of the City of Winkler is:

185 Main Street  
Winkler, Manitoba R6W 1B4  
Attention: Barbara Dyck, City Manager

THE CITY OF WINKLER

Please govern yourself accordingly.

Per: "Barbara Dyck"

Dated: January 16, 2018

Barbara Dyck, City Manager

## NOTICES

### Public Information Meeting Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street January 29, 2018, 7:00 pm

The Citizens of Winkler are invited to a Public Information meeting at City Hall. The information session will include an overview of the proposed construction of a Waste Water Treatment Facility, as well as provide opportunity for questions and comments from the public.

Come and join us for coffee Monday, January 29th, at City Hall, 185 Main Street, at 7:00 pm.

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## NOTICES

### Western School Division

#### Kindergarten Registration for September 2018

Parents are requested to register their children for Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year by coming to the appropriate school office from **January 26 to February 2, 2018**, between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Children born in 2013 or earlier are eligible to enrol. All parents are asked to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate when registering.

Please enrol in the school within whose catchment area your residence is located. For Kindergarten program and registration information, call the schools directly.

Catchment areas are:

**Minnewasta School**, 1 Academy Drive, Mr. Andrew Volk, Principal, 204-822-4580  
• Area south of North Railway; area west of Mountain St.; and all rural students.

**Maple Leaf School**, 225-12th Street, Mr. Mike Keith, Principal, 204-822-4458

• Area north of South Railway St.; area east of Mountain St.; and all early years (K-4) French Immersion students.

#### OPEN HOUSE

Western School Division will be holding a Kindergarten Parent Information session on **January 25, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Maple Leaf Elementary School.** We look forward to seeing all the new Kindergarten parents on this evening.

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.

## SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT



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- First Aid and/or AEC with CPR certification required

#### LIFEGUARDS / INSTRUCTORS\*

- Minimum age 16
- Current NLS, WSI
- First Aid and/or AEC with CPR certification required

\* Please include photocopies of all certifications for all above positions.

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Above positions may require some weekend and evening work.

Forward Resumes by February 17, 2018 to:

City of Winkler, Attn: Mr. Jordan Driedger,

185 Main Street Winkler, MB R6W 1B4

E-mail: [jdriedger@cityofwinkler.ca](mailto:jdriedger@cityofwinkler.ca)

We thank all that apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

## REGISTRATION



Morden Minor Baseball Association

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**OBITUARY**



**Abram (Abe) AW Friesen**  
1915 - 2018

Our father, Abe Friesen was born near Glencross, MB on March 14, 1915 to Abraham and Katherina Friesen. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; four children, Harvey (Linda) Friesen, Murray (Donna) Friesen, Doreen (Max) Friesen and Mavis (Randy) Russell; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Anne; one daughter and one son; two grandchildren and one son-in-law (Neil).

Dad grew up and went to public school in the village of Reinland, MB. After rural school, he attended a University of Manitoba Agricultural Scholarship. He loved sports and excelled in hockey. He often mentioned that he was prone to spend a fair amount of time in the penalty box. The term he used was "sin box". After dad married our mother, Anne Thiessen, he embarked on a farming career. He rented farmland in the Snowflake, MB area. Several years later, he was able to purchase the Mason farm closer to home; just eight miles south of Morden, MB. Here, he gradually turned his mixed farm into a well-run dairy. He developed a herd of registered Holstein cows which made him successful in the milking business for many years. When dad finally decided to semi-retire, he sold the farm along with the cows and milk contracts. Soon after this, dad had an opportunity to go into custom harvesting in the USA which he stayed with for approximately ten years. Sometime after mom died in 1984, dad got remarried to Dorothy Svanhill, a wonderful stepmom. They lived in Schanzenfeld for several years until they moved into the Crocus Condos in Winkler. Dad really enjoyed living there. He had somewhat of a green thumb and spent a lot of time in the garden. He raised many a huge pumpkin and found success in propagating up to five different apples on one tree. He regularly took the time to go down to the restaurant and have coffee with the "old timers". He remained active working out at the fitness room, walking early in the mornings before breakfast and on many occasions during the winter months, he went ice skating with Dorothy. Dad also got involved at the MCC store in Winkler for many years. He was a "fix it" type of person so they were very happy to have him. As time went on, he started to find it harder and harder to get around and to take care of himself. In 2016, he was able to take up residency in the Salem Home in Winkler. It was here on Monday, January 15, 2018 where dad passed away into eternity to be with the Lord. We will all miss him.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Abe's memory to either Gateway Resources or to the MCC.

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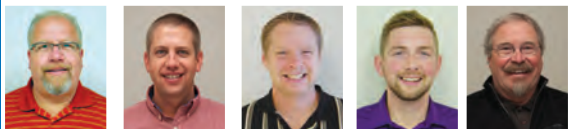
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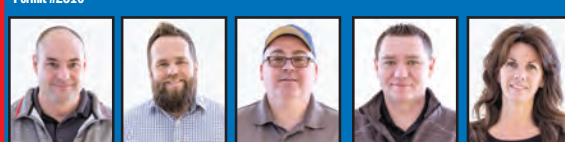


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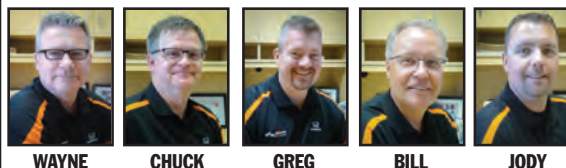
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