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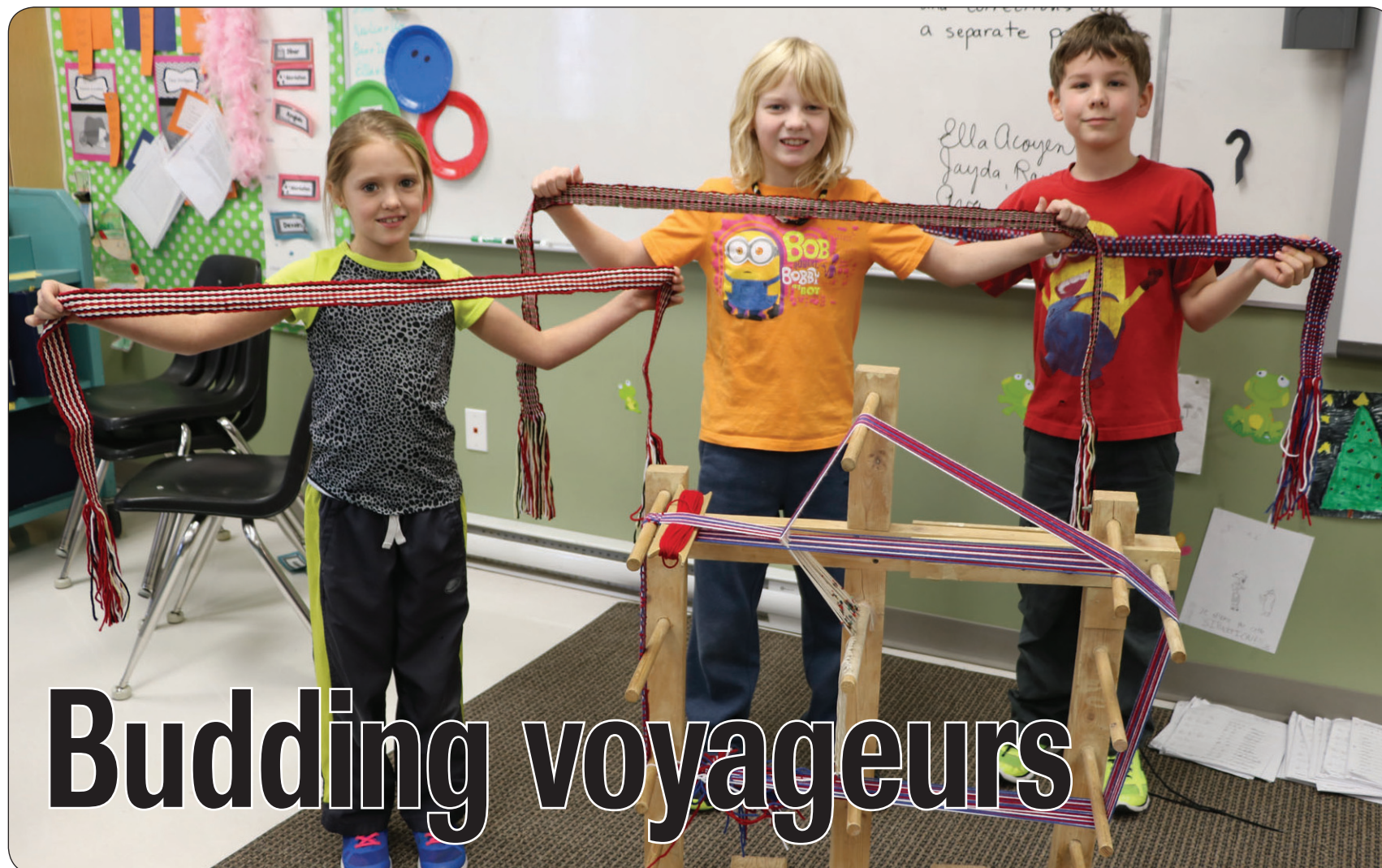
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Maple Leaf School French immersion students Ava Dalebozik, Keslen Martens, and William Stewart with the sashes they've created using an old-fashioned loom in preparation for attending the Festival du Voyageur next month.

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## Budding voyageurs

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Gr. 4 students at Maple Leaf School will be decked out in appropriate attire when they visit Winnipeg's Festival du Voyageur next month.

The kids have spent the last few weeks weaving

themselves ceinture fléchées, the colourful sashes worn by the early French-Canadian fur traders.

"It's to make them realize the old traditions. To realize how exactly people used to make these belts and why the voyageurs made them," explains French Immersion teacher Gisèle Rondeau, who

notes the students will be learning all about the voyageurs in the lead-up to attending the festival on Feb. 12.

The thick, colourful belts were used both as a

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# Food bank donations on the rise, but so is the need

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Food Cupboard had one of its most successful financial years ever in 2015, but the need for its services continues rise as well.

At its annual general meeting last week, the food bank reported that its total income from the year hit over \$132,000, a huge jump from the approximately \$81,000 it took in from donors in 2014.

That said, expenditures were also up, hitting nearly \$98,000—about \$9,000 more than the year before.

Still, the agency finds itself firmly in the black heading into 2016.

"It's the best ever. We've never had it this good," said secretary-treasurer Menno Giesbrecht. "I did not expect that we would be this far ahead, but we got some sizeable donations, which we're very grateful for."

Breaking it down for 2015, the food cupboard saw funding from 14 local churches rise by nearly \$10,000 to just over \$20,000, donations from businesses also increase \$10,000 to over \$39,500, and support from the community at large (including other organization like the United Way and the City of Winkler as well as personal donations) hit over \$72,000.

"We can't thank people enough," Giesbrecht said. "We can't do it without them."

Rising food costs means the organization is spending, on average, around \$10,000 a month on food.

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"The costs are always going up. And the need also goes up every year," Giesbrecht said.

The food cupboard served 569 families in all last year, a jump of 217 from the year before.

The vast majority of those families are coming from Winkler (495) with the rest spread out within about a half hour drive of the city, the bulk coming from Morden, Plum Coulee, and Roland.

Families are encouraged to come every other week to pick up a food hamper. They're given about 12 pounds worth of food per family member.

Most food cupboard users are temporary ones—people trying to put food on the table for their families while they look for work or those who are dealing with an injury or illness that makes working impossible.

"That's easily the majority," Giesbrecht said. "Most of them, they would rather be in a different position ... they are trying their best to make ends meet and it just doesn't work."



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Winkler and District Food Cupboard secretary-treasurer Menno Giesbrecht (left) and former chair Dave Reimer with some of the recent donations at the food bank.

"So they just need a bit of help to get through a rough time, and that's what we're here for."

## ON THE MOVE

Looking ahead to 2016, the big news for the Winkler Food Cupboard is that it will be moving house from its current Cargill Road location to the Central Station community centre in the heart of the city.

Central Station is getting to work on an expansion this summer that will create room for the food bank at 545 Industrial Dr.

"I think it's going to be a benefit to everybody involved," Giesbrecht said, noting they already work very closely with Central Station, which is one of the local social agencies that hands out vouchers to clients for the food bank.

"It'll be more space and it will be a lot more convenient, not to mention more efficient—we can set up two lines and we can zip people through there."

The hope is to have the food cupboard in its new home by the end of the year.

# Corn and Apple Festival named a "Star Celebration"

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's signature event is getting a welcome boost for its 50th anniversary this year.

The 2016 Corn and Apple Festival has received designation from the province as a "Star Celebration" in Manitoba.

"I think it's amazing. I'm excited," said festival administrator Cheryl Link, who notes that while the designation doesn't come with any funding, it does provide an extra promotional boost for the event.

"I'm excited because we have a Star Attraction in Morden [the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre] and now we have a Star Celebration," said Link.

"We're one of only 11 in the province. I think that's pretty special."

Manitoba Minister of Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Consumer Protection Minister Ron Lemieux said the Star Celebration initiative recognizes long-standing and major attractions and events that help build the province's cultural fabric.

It is a new program created to recognize marquee events and community celebrations known for providing immersive and authentic

experiences that are reflective of our roots.

It is "only awarded to festivals and events that meet specific criteria, provide a superior visitor experience and engage visitors in unique experiences and local culture," said Lemieux. "Manitoba is where 'Canada's Heart Beats' and showcasing the festivals and events that Manitoba families enjoy will demonstrate the heart of our communities and the diversity of our culture as well as attract new tourism opportunities."

**"WE'RE ONE OF ONLY 11 IN THE PROVINCE ... THAT'S PRETTY SPECIAL."**

The designation is also recognition of the importance of the festival even far beyond Morden, said festival president Dale Stambuski.

"The profile of the Morden Corn & Apple Festival has taken another leap forward provincially and nationally," he said. "The festival, by virtue of its international reputation, significantly contributes to the image and appeal of Manitoba as a tourism destination."

"Our main target market is Winnipeg, but our event attracts visitation from all over Manitoba, into Saskatchewan, Ontario, North Dakota, Minnesota and throughout the world."

The 50th annual Morden Corn and Apple Festival homecoming weekend will be August 26-28.



# Gr. 4s to hone French skills at Festival du Voyageur

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fashion accessory and as a way for fur traders to prevent back injuries and hernias when they carried their heavy loads across challenging terrain.

Using two borrowed looms, the Morden students have been taking turns weaving their own sashes since they returned to school after Christmas break.

It takes a full day of recesses to finish one belt, Rondeau says, which is why they started on this project a full month before the festival.

Although quite a bit thinner than the intricate ones worn by the fur traders, the children's creations still catch the eye with their colourful designs.

Judging by the enthusiasm seen during a lunch hour looming session last week, the students are having a blast with the project.

When Rondeau's class was asked if they liked making the belts, the answer was a resounding "YES!"

Student Ryan Khattabi explains that getting the knack for weaving takes some doing, but once you figure it out it's smooth sailing.

"It's kind of hard for the people who are starters, but for whoever's already made some it gets pretty easy," he says, adding he's excited to wear his sash at the festival.

Ella Plett notes that the task is made even easier if you do the work with a friend who can help ensure the design is on track.

"I liked how I got to hang out with my friend doing it," she says.

Plett has been at the Festival du Voyageur before, but says she's looking forward to enjoying it again.

"I liked the little maple syrup things and I liked seeing the olden day jail," she says.

Rondeau says the kids will also have a valuable opportunity to practise their language skills at the festival, as they're going specifically on one of the days where the event's student programming is provided in French.

The entire outing will help bring the French culture alive for the students, she says.

"They need to realize that learning a language is difficult but there's a lot of fun aspects about it, too. They have to keep that in mind so that they're encouraged to continue."

Maple Leaf School Gr. 4 students Ryan Khattabi and Lincoln Bezan at work creating their own voyageur belts to wear to the Festival du Voyageur next month. PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE



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# ACU donates \$60K to Katie's Cottage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Katie's Cottage respite home got a major funding boost courtesy of the Access Credit Union this week.

On Tuesday, the financial institution presented Katie Cares' Ruth and Randy Reimer with a \$60,000 donation representing the \$30,000 raised at the Access charity golf tournament last year and a matching donation from Access itself.

"This donation resonates with all of our staff, so we were happy to step up and match the contributions of all of the supporters of the golf tournament," said Access president and CEO Larry Davey.

Ruth Reimer said the donation brings the project's fundraising total to \$530,000. They're aiming for \$650,000 to complete the home just across the road from the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

"Somebody said to me that when you have a good project people will get behind that project, and that's what I feel to me this is," Reimer said, noting she has been humbled by the outpouring of community support the respite home has received.



Access Credit Union staff presented Ruth and Randy Reimer of Katie's Cares with a \$60,000 donation on Tuesday in support of the Katie's Cottage respite home.

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A PLACE OF WELCOME  
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MANY PEOPLE."**

"It will benefit so many people," she said, stressing that anyone with a family member receiving treatment at BTHC will be able to use the home as a refuge, be it for only a few hours or overnight. "Not only in Winkler-Morden, but everybody that comes to Boundary Trails can come across the street and have a warm cup of coffee and a place to just relax."

"That's why it's such a good fit with Access," noted Davey, "because it impacts all of our members across all of our communities."

When the Reimers were caring for their daughter Kaitlyn, Katie's Cares' late founder and namesake, they wished they could have had such a close place to retreat to during long hours spent at the hospital.

"When Randy and I were taking care of Kaitlyn and we were rested, we could go back to the hospital and take proper care of our daughter," Reimer said.

Kaitlyn recognized that as well, and the respite home was very much her idea.

"The cottage is a very unique idea and it comes from Kaitlyn herself. She wanted this. We're only following what she wanted," said Reimer. "The house will, I think, be a place of welcome. You are home. Here you are to relax, rejuvenate."

Construction of the home is being done by Grandeur Housing at their factory in Winkler. Reimer says they expect to have it completed by late February and plan to move it to the site when the weather cooperates this spring.

## New Holland dealership opening in March

By Lorne Stelmach

North America's largest independently owned and operated New Holland dealership is expanding into south central Manitoba.

Mazergroup will open a new location on Hwy. 3 west of Morden in the RM of Stanley this spring.

The company that began in 1959 with a single agriculture dealership in Brandon is responding to a need that New Holland saw to have more of a presence in the Pembina Valley.

"It's a very significant area and

there's stiff competition," said Bob Mazer, Mazergroup president and CEO.

"We know it's going to be a challenge," he added, noting the south central area of Manitoba has been without a local New Holland dealership for quite some time.

"We're approaching it a little conservatively," said Mazer. "We need to earn our way back into that territory with New Holland products. We think there's a legacy, a loyalty in the community from some producers to the New Holland product line."

"We've got a full product line ... this is a very competitive line," he added. "So this is a little different than someone coming into town and trying to set up shop."

"We intend on earning our way into the marketplace with not only our New Holland products, but we will also be offering some tremendous products like Hyundai and Kobelco construction equipment, the Mahindra line of tractors, Toro turf management and several short lines that are not available in the area today."

Mazergroup will be setting up in a 4,000 square foot building with three acres of land.

The Morden facility is expected to open in March. They already have a senior technician based in Morden and they anticipate having at least two sales staff and two parts people.

Mazergroup now operates 15 locations across Manitoba and south-eastern Saskatchewan offering a full line of agricultural, construction and turf equipment sales, parts and service.



# A toast to improving your public speaking skills

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For many people, the very thought of getting up in front of a large audience and delivering a speech sends chills up their spine.

Most of the members of the Pembina Valley Toastmasters club are no different—except they're tackling that fear head-on.

The club meets every week at the Winkler library to spend an hour or so honing their public speaking skills.

It's not as scary as it sounds, insists long-time member Tim Penner.

"In our culture there's this general fear of public speaking. I think people have the memories of public speaking out of school where they were sort of traumatized and so that's the only memory they have of it.

"The advantage of coming to Toastmasters is that you get a different side to public speaking ... after you've done it awhile you get used to it, you get to find your own voice and, as you do that, then you start to find ways of having fun with it."

The group's members spend each meeting taking turns running through several communication exercises.

For example, each meeting has a Word of the Day that speakers are encouraged to work into their presentations on the fly.

Table Topics is another regular activity, in which members get up for an impromptu presentation on a topic picked for them that same evening by another member (who isn't off the hooking speaking—they have to get up and explain the topics they've chosen to the group).

For those who love public speaking, Table Topics is a fun challenge.

Less experienced orators, however, often have a different opinion of it, at least the first few times they have to step up to the podium.

"In the past, people have said they really dreaded Table Topics because you have no warning," Penner says. "You get a topic and it can be anything and so you have to come up and try and talk and make as much of a speech out of it as you can, trying to get to about two minutes.

"But for people who said they didn't like that part of it at the beginning, once they found how to do it in a way they were comfortable, then they saw ways they could have fun with it. Then your attitude changes a lot."

Meetings also include other prepared speeches, each



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Pembina Valley Toastmasters member Tim Penner speaks at a recent meeting. The club meets every Tuesday to hone their communication skills in a supportive environment.

working through the skills outlined in the Toastmasters workbook.

"You pick the topic but each speech focuses on a different aspect of public speaking," Penner explains. "For example, one of them will be gestures, another will be more about vocal variety—you work through all the different parts of being a better public speaker."

Of course, all this speaking doesn't mean much without feedback, which is a huge part of the Toastmasters program.

"It's so important to give and to receive helpful constructive feedback," says Penner, noting members take turns evaluating each other on both the good and the bad of their speeches. "That's how you learn."

## 'YOU GOTTA GRAB THIS BY THE HORNS'

The club's members today—there are about 10 or so who attend meetings regularly—run the

gamut from people who were once petrified to speak in front of a group to comfortable speakers simply looking to learn how better to get their point across more succinctly.

Andre Vigier joined five years ago after he found himself heading up an organizational committee in his community, which suddenly required him to do a great deal more public speaking than he was prepared for.

"When I was going to school I was dead scared to stand in front of the classroom. It was terrible. It was almost ridiculous," he says. "And I figured, 'You know, Andre, you're a grown man now ... you gotta grab this by the horns.'"

It was nerve-racking at first, Vigier admits, but he's gradually worked up both his speaking skills and his comfort level in front of large groups.

"I've really found that it helps me out a lot, especially doing Table Topics," he says. "It gets your mind going and you know you're on the spot and it just helps build confidence."

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# O'ba Yo Film Fest in Winkler on Louis Riel Day

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler is trying something new to get people out of the house on Louis Riel Day.

This year's Winkler Winterruption event is the first annual O'ba Yo Film Festival (a Low German play on the "Yes Winkler!" marketing brand)

The P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall will be showing a variety of 1950s-themed films from 2-9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15. Admission is free.

"I was trying to think of something

new that we haven't done before or offered before," said city events coordinator Deb Penner. "With the great venue that we have in the concert hall it sort of makes sense that why don't we have a film festival?"

"It's something I hope we can nurture and grow into something that becomes a bit of a tradition."

This first go at it will include short films, sports mash-ups, and commercials made by local high school students as well as showings of classic episodes of *I Love Lucy* and *The Ed*

*Sullivan Show*.

"We have some of the first episodes of *I Love Lucy* and some of the classic musical performances from *The Ed Sullivan Show* ... the Beatles' first appearance, Elvis, some of those people who became legends after appearing on the show."

There's also a free claymation workshop being held from 2-5 p.m. in the concert hall basement.

Representatives from Freeze Frame Manitoba will help participants create a stop animation movie that will

be shown in the auditorium at 5 p.m.

"There's only 25 spots and I have about 10 filled already," Penner said, noting you can sign-up for the workshop by calling 204-325-5600.

While many of the homegrown short films are being created by high school students, Penner invites anyone who wants to share their film talents with the community to contact her to be included.

"If anybody else has something they'd like to show, we're open to that," she said.



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# 'Building confidence'

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Club president Tracy Mullet joined Toastmasters to help her with her studies.

In applying to begin training as a midwife, she realized she needed to work on her communication skills to prepare for the competitive program's interview process.

"I realized if I just sit and listen in the interviews that's not going to express who I am and it's not going to express how passionate I am about getting in. So I joined Toastmasters so that I would have to be forced to speak to a crowd.

"I found it was pretty risk-free. I can still get knocking knees while I'm up here, I can still speak really quickly and jumble my words together, but it's a safe environment."

"What more can you ask for then to learn in a safe environment where people are like-minded?" agrees fellow member Neil Hamm. "We all have sort of a common goal. We're all here to improve ourselves."

Penner urges anyone interested in developing their communication skills to come check out a meeting.

"It's something where if you're really good at public speaking already, that's great, we give you an audience," he says. "But if you're like most people ... we give you a place to come and improve your skills ... to get to the point where you can feel more comfortable, to feel more like yourself when you're up there."

The group meets every Tuesday from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Winkler Centennial Library.

You can also contact Penner at 204-362-0807 or send him an email at [tjpenner@gmail.com](mailto:tjpenner@gmail.com) for more information.



**PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE**  
Andre Vigier shares the "Word of the Day" at a Pembina Valley Toastmasters meeting.

# Morden Area Fdn. hits \$50K goal with nine months to spare

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden was up to the challenge, with the Morden Area Foundation being the beneficiary.

The organization recently met the fundraising challenge issued by the Thomas Sill Foundation last year.

Last spring, the Winnipeg foundation pledged to hand out \$25,000 to every Manitoba community foundation that raised \$50,000 by fall of 2016.

The Morden Area Foundation was among close to 50 organizations that accepted the challenge and is one of just 18 to have reached it before the end of 2015.

MAF reached its goal in part through regular fundraising efforts, but executive director Lynda MacLean noted, "We've also worked a couple of extra projects and did more calling people and organizations to donate to help raise the money."

MacLean said the campaign got an

additional boost through the 24 Hour Giving Challenge organized by Endow Canada in November. The target in that instance had been \$10,000 and the Morden Area Foundation raised \$21,000, which was also able to count towards the Sill challenge.

"So that really helped give us a boost right there."

In the end, what put Morden over the top was a surprise substantial donation that came from someone in Winnipeg who knew about Morden because of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

"He donated just about \$4,500, so that pushed us over," said MacLean. "It was wonderful. It just goes to show you never know where the money is going to come from and how and why."

She noted the Thomas Sill Foundation had no strings attached to how the money is used.

"We have the choice of putting it

**"YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM AND HOW AND WHY."**

into our general endowment fund or grant it all straight back into the community or use it for projects to help create more money."

MacLean sends thanks out to everyone who has supported the foundation in its drive to do good in our community.

"There are so many organizations out there that are needing money," she said. "When people catch on to the foundation, though ... it seems they want to give and make things happen."



# Prairie Oils and Vinegars celebrates

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Prairie Oils and Vinegars officially cut the ribbon on its new Winkler location last Saturday morning.

The city's first oil and vinegar tasting room opened its doors in Harvest Plaza on 1st St. in November.

"We really wanted educate people on what extra virgin olive oil really should taste like," said owner Bev Penner. "The grocery store stuff is often adulterated with other oils or it's already old by the time you're buying it."

In contrast, Prairie Oils and Vinegars regularly gets in fresh product from all over the world, and customers can taste everything right there in-store before they buy.

"People come in and find either a salad dressing or a marinade or they're looking for a healthy oil and we just love to be able to help them out," Penner said.

"We love seeing their faces when we get them to drink the olive oil, because that's a very weird concept ... but then they sip it and their eyes just light up and they're like, 'Oh my

**"THEY SIP IT AND THEIR EYES JUST LIGHT UP AND THEY'RE LIKE, 'OH MY WORD, THAT'S AMAZING.'"**

word, that's amazing."

The store offers a huge variety of products, Penner said, and its staff can help you find the perfect mix for your cooking plans.

"For the flavoured oils we probably have about 15. We have around eight extra virgin olive oils ranging from mild to robust. And the flavoured balsamics we have probably about 30 dark and white balsamics," she said. "And then we carry a variety of other gourmet food products just to enhance the cooking."

The company got its start with its first location in Steinbach a few years ago.

"We were the first oil and vinegar tasting room to open" in Manitoba,



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: MLA Cameron Friesen, Prairie Oils and Vinegars owner Bev Penner, manager Katherina Michnik, and Mayor Martin Harder cut the ribbon on the new store in Harvest Plaza Saturday.

said Penner. "The next location, when we started looking, Winkler seemed a really good fit. We had a lot of customers coming from this area and they kept asking, 'When are you going to open in Winkler or in Morden?'"

"I wasn't really interested in a big city like Winnipeg or something like that. I wanted to stay smaller."

So far the response from the community has been great.

"It's been amazing. We had an awesome first ... six weeks," Penner said. "We've just had so much positive feedback."

Stop by Prairie Oils and Vinegars at 585 1st St. or check them out online at [www.prairieoils.ca](http://www.prairieoils.ca).

## Many Hands, Donate Love joining forces

By Lorne Stelmach

Two community organizations are coming together under one roof to support families who need a helping hand in Morden.

As of Jan. 1, the Many Hands Resource Centre moved from its downtown location to share space with the Donate Love organization.

They will work together there to provide their food banks and related assistance to the community.

"Why are we working as separate groups when we could be stronger by joining together and focussing our efforts together?" said Many Hands chairperson Heather Francis.

It's the kind of community partnership that Donate Love is keen on developing, said coordinator Denise Thiessen, noting they are also helping out with the weekly community meal at Winkler's Central Station.

"That's what we've always kind of been about ... working together with everyone ... being able to pull people together," Thiessen said. "Communication is the big key. It's not always easy. There are ups and downs ... but it is awesome to see the outcome when things come together."

Thiessen noted each group will remain individual organizations but will co-operate by working out of the same location.

"We've got very common goals that we're working together to reach, which is going to be fabulous ... strength in numbers," she said. "That is what I am looking forward to ... being able to be stronger in our community together."

Francis called it a win-win situation for the community.

"We have a lot of the same goals, same ideas for how we can be of assistance in our community, so we

decided that it was really a good idea to put our efforts together and join up," she said, noting this move has been discussed for some time now.

"I think both of us are obviously concerned with food security in our community," Francis said. "Seeing first-hand that lots of our families are making due with not enough ... that's of concern to us ... so that's kind of our primary starting point."

"What both of our groups want to see happen is working together to get at the deeper roots of the matter of food security and other issues of need and belonging," she continued.

"So while our primary goal is to access enough food and nutritious food, I think our deeper goal is to walk along side them, to support them in whatever it is they need in order to make a better life for themselves and for their families."

Francis noted none of the Many Hands programs are impacted in any way as a result of the move.

Many Hands has a community meal every third Tuesday at the Alliance Church as well as a community kitchen program that runs there every Friday at lunch time.

"We're still doing our programs out of the Alliance Church the same way that we have been," she said. "Our community kitchen program and our community dinner program are still held at the Morden Alliance Church kitchen."

Meanwhile, Donate Love helps out at Central Station's Café 545 weekly community meal every Monday from 5-7 p.m.

To help out by volunteering with food preparation, serving at the meal, set-up and/or cleanup, contact Marian Hildebrand at [marianhildebrand@hotmail.com](mailto:marianhildebrand@hotmail.com).



## New waste bins rolled out

The first wheeled waste/recycling/compost carts were rolled out to Morden residents last week.

The arrival of the city's new wheeled carts started ahead of schedule on Jan. 20.

"Rolling out the delivery of the wheeled carts a bit earlier than initially expected is good news for the City of Morden to ensure that we meet the timeline as indicated in the 2016 collection schedule," said Mayor Ken Wiebe.

The new three stream waste system will divert upwards of 700,000 kg of waste from the landfill each year, the mayor said.

"The City of Morden takes pride in being a good steward of the environment. Diverting material from the landfill is paramount to ensure the natural beauty of Morden today can still be enjoyed by future generations."

Municipal Waste Management began automated collection of the new carts this Tuesday in Zone 1.

A few tips in using the new carts:

- Pickups begin at 7 a.m., and residents are reminded to have their carts placed at the curbside prior to that.

- Place the cart at the end of your driveway at least three feet away from any obstacles, parked cars, or boulevard trees.

- If the boulevard trees are mature, do not place your cart beneath any low hanging branches.

- The cart lid should be closed, but able to open up toward the street. In most cases this means the wheels of the cart would both face toward the house.

Collection schedule reminders are free and available to sign up at [bit.ly/mordenreminders](http://bit.ly/mordenreminders).



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Municipal Waste Management delivered thousands of the new waste/recycle/compost bins to Morden residents this past week.

## Morden council welcomes new youth member

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden city council will have a more youthful perspective again for the next year.

Councillors welcomed Payam Salimi as the new youth council member on Monday.

Salimi said he wants to play a role to see that youth "are being factored into the decisions and discussions."

Born and raised in Morden, the 17-year-old Morden Collegiate stu-

dent would seem to be a natural choice for the job given his involvement at the school level.

"I'm already student body president at our school ... and I thought it would be a great way not only to represent the youth in our school but also at a city level," he said. "I thought it would be a great way to be involved in the community and a great way to represent the youth."

"And not only that, but it's also a very interesting opportunity to get to

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know how the city functions," he added. "I definitely have a lot to learn. I'm eager to learn ... hope to have a great experience here."

Salimi has also had some involvement in the community at large.

"I'm a regular volunteer at Boundary Trails Health Centre. It's a great experience. I recommend it to everyone," he said.

As for his future plans, they are uncertain, although he said he has a lot of interest in science and possibly medicine.

For now, his focus is on school as well as his new role with council.

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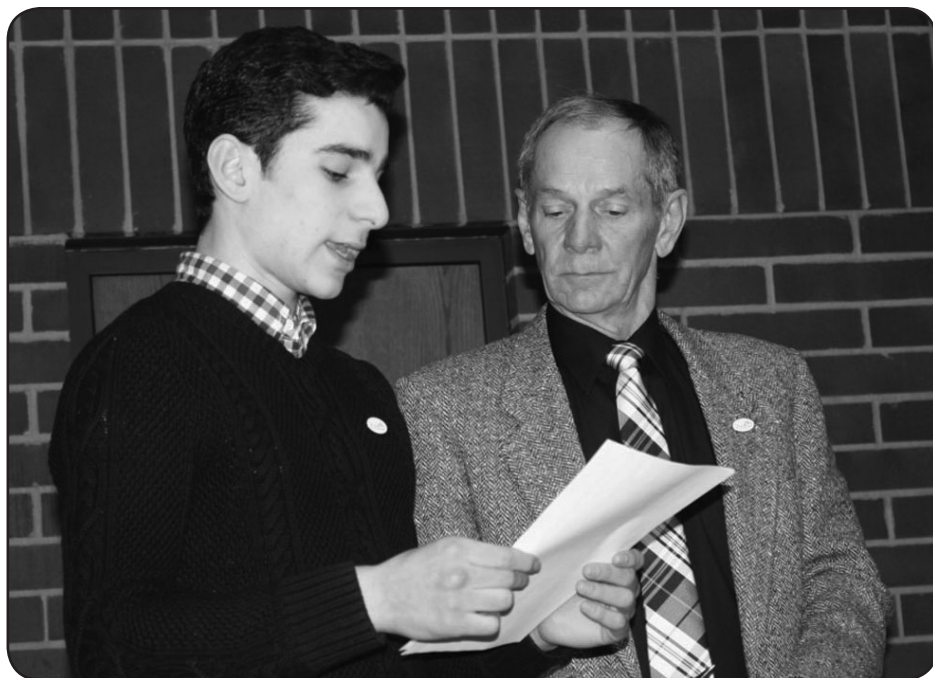


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Mayor Ken Wiebe swears in Payam Salimi, Morden's new youth council member, at Monday's council meeting.

## 'Thaw Your Paws' for PVHS

Get your tickets for Feb. 6 social

By Lorne Stelmach

Beat the mid-winter blues while supporting a worthy organization at an upcoming fundraising social in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

The PVHS holds its second annual Thaw Your Paws staycation social Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Morden Legion.

"Last year we raised just over \$2,000, so we're hoping that this year we might hit at least the \$2,500 mark," said board member and fundraising co-chair Megan Rodgers.

The society relies heavily on fundraising to support the continued operation of the shelter, so events like this are vital, she stressed.

"This year, we're going to find that some of vet expenses are going up a bit. We're going to be testing for a few

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# Exhibit highlights the beauty of motherhood

By Lorne Stelmach

A new art exhibit coming to Morden is very much inspired by the artist's own experiences and struggles as a mother.

The photographic exhibition coming up at the Pembina Hills Gallery brings to light the beauty of a mother's body and the intensity of her emotional connection to her child.

There is a deep personal connection to this collection for photographer Holly Michelle Klassen.

"What led me to this particular work and this project would be motherhood itself ... going through birth and all of those changes," Klassen said of *Beautiful Momma: a Photographic Exhibition*, which runs from Feb. 2 to March 31.

"I know after my second child I suffered postpartum depression. It was quite severe," Klassen recalled.

"I remembered feeling so alone and so private about it ... kind of felt my struggles were my own. And it isn't something everybody talked about.

"I kind of went out on a limb one day and made a public post about it," she continued. "A few months after that, women got back to me ... one saying, 'Because of this post I went and sought help.'

"So I thought if we all shared our stories so openly and showed the reality of motherhood, we could all reach out. We could all be helped."

Klassen said she has always been interested in photography, taking a few classes along the way and spending time in her grandfather's darkroom.

She feels learned a lot just from shooting as much as she could while also getting some valuable instruction from a mentor.

While developing a career as a massage therapist, she took the leap about a year ago into doing some photography professionally.

Although she has also done photography of nature and other subjects, she so far has been especially drawn to the emotion and rawness of birth photography.

"As a photographer, if I was to market myself to only where I wanted, it would certainly be birth and motherhood would be the direction I would want to go right now," said Klassen.

She sees this work ultimately as being about getting these personal stories out there.

"Seeing the reality of it ... a women's body goes through a lot of change when we have babies. We gain weight, we gain stretchy skin and messy kitchens and scars and stretch



PHOTO BY HOLLY MICHELLE KLASSEN

February's exhibition at the Pembina Hills Art Gallery features a collection of photos by Holly Michelle Klassen showcasing the theme of motherhood.

marks," she said.

"These images are directed ... as opposed to covering those things, we're showing them. And we're showing you you're still beautiful, even with all of these things. In fact, you're more beautiful."

Klassen would like an exhibit like this to connect especially with women and mothers who struggle with body image.

She noted the creative process for her varies with each subject and situation, but she has moved away from a studio setting.

"What I've learned over the time of

shooting this project is shooting these women just in their environment and doing what they do ... mothering their babies in front of their messy kitchens in their dirty clothes ... just shooting them in their reality," said Klassen.

"So the process is pretty easy: I sit and talk to the woman while she does what she does."

You can find out more about Klassen's work at [www.hollymichellephotography.ca](http://www.hollymichellephotography.ca).

There is an opening reception for *Beautiful Momma* at the gallery on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## > AN ARTIST'S LIFE

# Things to think about when choosing a music teacher

**W**ith the beginning of a new year, many parents and students will be contemplating the decision to begin music lessons over the next year.

With many different instruments, styles, and instructors to choose from, knowing where to start can be difficult. Read on to learn more about what to look for in a music instructor and some questions to ask when making your decision.

First, be sure your prospective teacher has the right qualifications! Look for an instructor with a minimum of an ARCT diploma or an undergrad degree in the instrument they are teaching. Equal proficiency in multiple instruments is rare, so unless a teacher can provide evidence of a diploma or degree in each instrument they are teaching, chances are that they will not be the right choice.

Second, check to see if the teacher completes regular criminal



By Candace Hamm

record and child abuse registry checks. Your children will be spending hours of one on one time with their instructor, so safety is important.

Third, ask about pedagogy training. Pedagogy is the study of how to teach music, and many musicians can attain a high level of proficiency in their field without knowing how to teach effectively. Pedagogy training helps to ensure that your instructor has the technical and educational knowledge to ensure your child has the best possible experience.

Fourth, ask about a teaching contract and read it carefully. Ask about make-up lessons in case of an absence, instrument requirements, when lessons begin and end, payment options, and any other ques-

tions you may have. Both you and the teacher will have a much easier time during the year if these aspects of lessons are agreed upon in advance.


A good teacher will expect that lessons be given the same priority as other extra-curricular activities and will also ask that you commit to regular practice time and understand that music should be enjoyable but also requires persistence.

Ask your teacher about any information you need to ensure that you understand the commitment you are making in choosing to enroll in lessons.

Fifth, ensure your teacher will both provide and value performance op-

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# Board members needed

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new things in our cats especially. So every dollar raised is very important to the shelter."

The evening will feature local band The Crayon Professors and will include a 50/50 draw and a raffle as well as a number of prizes.

Tickets are only \$10 and are available at Thornview Grocery and at the shelter.

If you are interested in what all is happening with the humane society in general, you can also plan on taking in its annual general meeting on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Morden Library.

Rodgers noted they could use some new faces on the board in the year ahead.

“We are looking for some additional board members, so if anyone is interested, they can go to [pvhsociety.ca](http://pvhsociety.ca) for more details.”

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cussion and make sure that I can have youth represented," he stressed.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- City council approved a conditional use order that clears the way for Gateway Resources to improve and expand on one of its group homes in Morden.

The organization is looking to add a new building on the site of its Mountain St. facility known as the roundhouse and eventually replace the existing building.

- City council also approved a conditional use and a variation order for a new automotive and RV sales and repair shop on the west end of Morden.

The business proposed for Loren Drive is a conditional use in the commercial highway zone and also required a variation for the site as well.

- Council also renewed the appointment of councillor Irvin Wiebe as deputy mayor.

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opportunities for your child. Performance is an integral part of lessons. Recitals should be a yearly occurrence and should be included in your lesson fees. Ask about other performance opportunities such as music festival, party classes, church offertories or preludes, playing at a care home, or any other opportunities your teacher may offer.

Sixth, take a look at the teaching environment your child will be taking lessons in. While many teachers work out of their home or do not work full time, a professional attitude is still essential for lessons to be successful.

A good teacher should provide a well maintained instrument and space for lessons, tax receipts for eligible arts tax credits, should participate in professional development opportunities, and should handle payment and rescheduling needs in a timely, professional manner.

Lastly, ask your child how they feel about their prospective teacher! A good teacher will in most cases ask to meet both parents and the prospective student before making a decision whether to accept the student. This meeting is also your opportunity to check to see if your child and the teacher will be a good match. While some children may feel unsure or be shy, if they have serious reservations about lessons with a teacher those feelings should be taken into account.

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# Celebrating family literacy



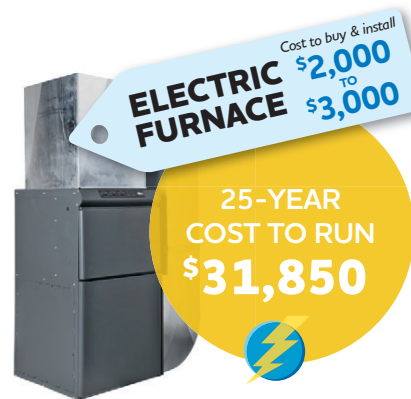
Children took part in a variety of fun games and challenges at the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre annual Family Literacy Day Carnival Jan. 22 at Minnewasta School. The carnival was aimed at families with children aged up to seven to promote the growth and development of literacy at a young age. This year's carnival had about 225 people attend, including around 150 children, making it one of the biggest ones yet, said co-ordinator Karen Wowk. "it was a huge success. People were so enthusiastic. We had families dressed in costumes. I was thrilled."

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Fourteen teams came out for the Winkler Family Resource Centre's '80s-themed Quiz Night at NPC last Friday, many decked out in appropriate attire, including Team 50 Shades of Neon (right). Left: NPC Youth in Philanthropy students served up Pac-Man cookies and Rubik's Cube brownies as brain fuel.



## Quiz Night raises \$2,100 for Family Resource Centre

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The second Winkler Family Resource Centre Quiz Night was a resounding success last Friday night.

Fourteen teams of eight—double what came out the year before—gathered at Northlands Parkway Collegiate to spend the evening showing off their trivia smarts.

Board president Ang Braun said that the event raised about \$2,100 for the centre's free family programming.

"That is awesome," she said. "Last time we barely broke even."

With twice the teams and more sponsors this go around, the Quiz Night is starting to shape up into the kind of event the resource centre was aiming for when they first invited Manitoba "quiz masters" Robin and Maria Allan out to host the first one back in late 2014.

"We're really hoping that this will be our signature fundraiser," Braun said, adding that they would love to see 30 teams or more take part next time, and they're already working on

**"WE'RE REALLY HOPING THAT THIS WILL BE OUR SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER."**

booking the Allans for a third Quiz Night either late this year or early in 2017.

Clinching the trophy for the second time was a team who this year dubbed themselves "The Trebekfast Club" in keeping with the evening's '80s theme.



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## Red downs White in All-Stars match

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Arena hosted the Zone 4 All-Star game last Sunday afternoon, bringing out the best high school hockey players from across the region.

Representing Morden Collegiate at the event on Team White were defencemen Joey Baker and Jordan Blatz and forwards Cade Kowalski, Keane Boucher, and Finley Wheeler.

From Northlands Parkway Collegiate on Team Red was defenceman Jayden Wiebe, forward Sam Voth, and goalie Griffen Dyck.

And from Garden Valley Collegiate, also on Team Red, was forward Noah Friesen and defencemen Levin Meier.

Team Red scored six goals in the first period en route to their 9-4 victory over Team White.

Wheeler drew first blood just minutes in for Team White, but Team Red bit back with their unbroken string of goals, including one courtesy of GVC's Friesen, who would go on to have a two-goal night.

Each team scored once more in the second frame and twice more in the third, giving the game to Red by a wide margin.

Dyck got just over 30 minutes in net for Team Red, giving up three goals on nine shots.

The afternoon also gave the boys a chance to show off a bit by taking part in the annual skills competition.

Morden-Winkler winners included the Thunder's Jordan Blatz, Joey Baker, and Finley Wheeler in the puck control relay (running the course in 50.38 seconds), GVC's Noah Friesen in the showdown event (scoring three goals and two more in the play-off), and GVC's Levin Meier in the hardest shot event (firing an 86 mph shot).

Other winners included Mountain's Jeremie Goderies as fastest skater, the Portage/Pembina trio of Tyler Grantham, Tyson Dyck, and Kyle Liv-



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Above: At the Zone 4 All-Stars game Sunday, the quick glove of NPC's Griffen Dyck isn't quite enough for this shot in the skills competition. Right: Under his teammates' close watch, a Thunder player works his way through the puck handling course.

ingstone in the scoring relay, Altona's Jayden Bergen in accuracy shooting, and Mountain's Justin Jamault as the top goaltender.

In league action this past week, the GVC Zodiacs downed the CNMPTM Tigers 8-2, the Morden Thunder fell to the Mustangs 8-4 but then bounced back with a 7-4 victory over Carman, and NPC blanked the Tigers 2-0 and then fell to Altona 7-1.

On Monday, the Nighthawks and the Thunder went head-to-head, with Morden coming out on top 2-0 with goals from Tyler Peters and Keegan Fraser. Luke Sheldon got the shutout in net.

### ON THE COURT

Meanwhile, in high school basketball action, the Zodiacs boys varsity team downed the Redhawks 89-18 while the girls won their match 52-11; the Morden Thunder teams fell to Carman 90-743 (boys) and 51-22 (girls); and NPC's boys bested Renards 71-64 and the Voyageurs 64-57.





# Hawks end losing streak

By Lorne Stelmach

It was one step forward but two steps back for the Pembina Valley Hawks this past week.

They ended their eight game Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League losing streak with a 3-2 win Wednesday over the Southwest Cougars.

Their efforts fell short on the weekend, though, in suffering losses of 4-2 to the Brandon Wheat Kings Saturday and 5-3 to the Interlake Lightning Sunday.

"I don't think anyone left really with a good taste in their mouth," coach Rylan Price commented Monday. "So we've got to refocus everyone in practice this week and make it be a little more fun coming to the rink."

"I'm expecting us to work hard and get better every game."

The victory over Southwest came thanks largely to Aaron Brunn, as the Pembina Valley goaltender stole this one from the Cougars, who outshot the Hawks 50 to 16 including 17 in the first period and 24 in the second.

They exchanged second period goals, with Everett Bestland opening scoring for the Hawks and then connecting a key shorthanded marker 5:59 into the third to make it 2-1.

The Cougars then tied it on a powerplay at 7:07, but Pembina Valley gained control right off the faceoff, leading to Travis Penner's winning goal at 7:18.

Tye Turner also played a key role in the game, drawing assists on all three Hawks' goals.

"It was very nice to get a win," said



The Hawk's Wyatt Sabourin uses his speed to get past Brandon's Lynden McCallum in Sunday's 4-2 defeat.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Price. "They've had a lot of games where they worked hard and they were really close, but it didn't turn up on our side. It was good to have high spirits in the dressing room."

And he had praise for the work of Brunn.

"He kicked out nearly every puck that came his way. He was really solid in net," said Price, adding that "our goalies have always given us chances to win games."

The Hawks got a pair of second period goals Saturday from Bestland and Nicholas Hatley to hold a 2-1 lead after two against Brandon.

The Wheat Kings, however, tied it early in the third on a powerplay and then put the game away with two late goals, including an empty-netter with

24 seconds remaining.

Brunn made 22 saves as the Hawks outshot Brandon 32-26.

"I don't really like the way we came out in the first period," said Price. "I thought we were pretty mediocre against Brandon. We thought that was a game we should have won."

On Sunday the Hawks let another one get away from them.

Tye Turner had given them a 1-0 lead after one. Then Wyatt Sabourin scored in the second period, which ended with the game tied at 2-2.

After falling behind early in the third, Travis Penner had tied it 3-3 at 13:19. But goaltender Matthew Thiesen couldn't hold back the Lightning, who fired 23 shots in the final frame and scored the winner with two and

a half minutes left and then added an empty netter.

Shots ended up 46-29 in favor of Interlake.

"I thought we had control of the game for two periods," said Price. "We had one little break down at the end of the second period, and it was a tied game and things started to slip away from there."

The Hawks remain in 11th place in the 12 team league at 6-27-0-1-1 for 14 points.

Pembina Valley closes out the month with a visit to Portage Saturday to meet the Central Plains Selects and then host the Winnipeg Wild in Morden Sunday afternoon.

# Flyers down Stampeders, fall to Terriers

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Flyers extended a short winning streak but then saw it end on the weekend.

The Flyers came back from a slow start in a 5-4 come from behind victory over the visiting Swan Valley Stampeders Friday night.

The string ended at three in a row Sunday, however, as the Portage Terriers capitalized on Winkler mistakes

for a 7-3 win.

Tied 3-3 after 20 minutes, the Flyers gave up two in the second and two in the third against the first place Terriers.

The Flyers were off to a bad start, down 2-0 early in the game until Scott Gall scored his 20th of the season before the four minute mark, cutting the Terriers' lead to 2-1.

Winkler pulled even four minutes later thanks to Zak Hicks' one-timer

with an assist from Tristan Keck that extended his point streak to eight games.

With 3:50 left in the opening period, the Flyers coughed up the puck behind the net for a Portage goal but got that one back before the intermission when Keck picked the corner for his team leading 29th goal of the season.

The Flyers fortunes did not improve in the second as two goals in 22 seconds pushed Portage in front 5-3. Two

more early in the third period put the game away.

Connor Slipp (14-4) took the loss in goal for Winkler and was replaced by Nathan Warren after the Terriers' seventh goal. Three of Slipp's four losses have come against Portage, who outshot Winkler 32-16 overall.

Three power play goals then helped

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# Morden hosts stick curling bonspiel

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a version of curling that is easier for all ages and abilities to play.

In particular, stick curling gets people out to play who for health reasons or other factors might not be able to participate otherwise.

"If you don't want to sweep, you don't have to," commented Dave Korotash, an organizer of the annual stick curling bonspiel that took place at the Morden Curling Club last Saturday.

"The biggest thing is that you don't have to bend down. You've got the stick, so you don't have to get on your knees."

Stick curling features teams of two curlers with one member at each end of the rink.

Sweeping and brushing is allowed by the delivering team only from the hog line to the back line or by the opposition team from the tee line to the back line at the playing end.

Each stone is delivered with a curling or delivery stick from a standing

position or sitting in a wheelchair.

The two delivering curlers alternately deliver six stones each per end, while their teammates skip that end. Then the roles are reversed.

The first three stones delivered in an end may not be removed from play before the delivery of the fourth stone of that end. If that happens, the delivered stone is removed from play and all other stones are returned to their original position.

All games are six ends, barring tie-breakers, and things can move pretty fast, Korotash said.

"Sometimes, you can be finished in 20 minutes," he said.

There was a full slate of 24 teams from all over Southern Manitoba participating in last weekend's bonspiel.

Korotash noted the game has steadily gained popularity and has especially benefitted many rural curling clubs that may not be as so busy otherwise.

"Pretty much every town has got a stick spiel going on," he said.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A full slate of 24 two-person teams were on hand for the annual stick curling bonspiel Saturday at the Morden Curling Club. Organizer Dave Korotash said the sport has been steadily gaining popularity.

# Scotties a learning experience for Morden curler

By Lorne Stelmach

They shared the spotlight all week with the best in women's curling in the province.

For a young foursome still fresh off competing in their first Manitoba junior championship, competing in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts no doubt could have been an intimidating experience.

The Altona-based team of skip

Mackenzie Zacharias, 16, third Morgan Reimer, 15, second Emily Zacharias, 14 and Jenessa Rutter, 17, instead just tried to enjoy the experience and soak it all in.

Reimer said the whole week was an awesome experience for the team and a great opportunity to learn from a number of talented older teams.

"We played against some pretty awesome teams," the Mordenite commented after the foursome finished

the tournament round-robin with a 1-6 record.

"We had an awesome crowd cheering for us all the time," she said. "It was such nice ice, too. It all was just so much fun."

Their lone victory came in front of a big crowd Friday night when they were able to convert on three three-enders and beat Kim Link 10-3.

Reimer said there was a lot of attention on their team because of their age—they were the youngest team at the event—but they tried not to focus on that as much.

Ultimately, she noted, they had won their region and earned their way there.

"The best teams made it there, and I think that is what counts."

She said there was a lot that they could take away from the experience.

"They can make those high end shots ... they call an amazing game," Reimer said of the teams they faced over the five days at the Sun Gro Centre in Beausejour.

"It was a challenge to get used to the way they play. They don't miss shots

very often. They put their rocks right where they need to be.

"It makes you try to play to the best level you can play at," she added. "We all picked up our game, and I think we all played really well the whole week."

"You just want to push aside what level they're at," she reiterated. "You play your own game and do the best you can. You've got to block it all out and play your game."

The foursome will be able to apply the lessons learned at the Scotties very soon as they compete in the central region U18 playdowns in Carman.

Reimer said they were confident their first Scotties could help them take their game up another level, and she would love to have another shot at it one day.

"Because we kind of know what to expect now," she said. "We kind of went into it not knowing what to expect. I think now that we've been there ... I think we could go into it a little more confident."



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From left: Jenessa Rutter (lead), Emily Zacharias (second), Morgan Reimer (third), and Mackenzie Zacharias (skip) at the Scotties.



# Training harness to help skaters reach new heights

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Young figure skaters learning something new will have a little extra confidence thanks to a new training harness installed at the Winkler rink this winter.

The Winkler Skating Club recently purchased a \$4,300 harness that will take some of the worry out of trying a jump or spin for the first time.

"If you're first learning to skate an axle or a double sal you have no idea what it should feel like," explains coach Janelle Friesen. "So we get them in here to get them feeling the snap and the squeeze and what the fully rotated jump should feel like."

"We can use it for any age. So whether you're working on singles or doubles or triples, it just helps you with that rotation," she added.

The club was able to get the harness thanks to a grant from True Sport which covered 75 per cent of the costs. The remainder was covered through a grant from the Winkler Community Foundation.

"We just want to say thank you to everyone who donated for making this possible and to the city for donating their time to install it," Friesen said.

City recreation staff installed the harness before Christmas and the



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Skating Club coach Janelle Friesen holds tight as Autumn Wieler, 12, tries a jump using the club's new training harness.

kids having been putting it to good use ever since.

"I love it," says skater Autumn Wieler, 12, who notes the harness takes some of the fear out of learning new moves on the ice. "Especially some of

the harder jumps."

The Winkler Skating Club has 13 skaters learning and competing this season.

The club will be sending skaters to the regionals taking place in Portage

la Prairie next weekend.

They'll then wrap up the season in March with the StarSkate championships and the club's annual carnival.

## Hawks earn important point in shootout loss

By Lorne Stelmach

With the four teams all in the thick of the battle for the top in the Manitoba AAA Midget Female Hockey League, each win or loss has an impact on the standings.

For the Pembina Valley Hawks, mixed results this past weekend left them in second place—three points out of first, but with others only one and two points behind them.

The Hawks gave up 1-0 and 2-1 leads Saturday but still gained an important point even as they fell 3-2 in a shootout to the Winnipeg Avros.

Coach Dana Bell said the Hawks were dejected after the loss as they felt that they deserved a better fate.

"It was a game where the better team didn't win," said Bell.

"We outplayed them, we outshot them. For most of the time, we dominated in their end. A couple really bad bounces cost us. They weren't

pretty goals."

The important thing was to build on the positives from that and carry it over into the next game, and that they did.

They rebounded Sunday in Warren with Taylor Reimer getting her third shutout of the season in blanking Interlake 7-0 to hand the winless Lightning their 19th loss.

Sage McElroy-Scott had a pair of goals while Ginny Grenier had a goal and assist with Katelyn Heppner and Mackenzie Heide chipping in two assists each for the Hawks. Other goals came from Jenai Buchanan, Chelsea Dearsley, Lindsay Michiels and Megan Neduzak.

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Heppner scored first and second period goals for the Hawks Saturday in Winnipeg.

The first came inadvertently when an Avros defender accidentally knocked the puck down into her own net. The second marker came off a rebound off the end boards.

After Winnipeg tied the game with just over three minutes left, overtime solved nothing, sending the game to a shootout. McElroy-Scott was the only Hawk to connect as the Avros won it on the fourth shooter.

Pembina Valley now hold down second place with a record of 17-4-1 for 35 points. Leading the league are the Yellowhead Chiefs at 18-1-2 for 38 points. Close behind are the Westman Wildcats at 15-4-4 for 34 points and the Cen-

tral Plains Capitals at 16-4-1 for 33 points.

Further back are the Winnipeg Avros at 24 points, Eastman Selects at 15, Norman Wild at seven, and the Interlake Lightning in the cellar.

The Hawks have a great opportunity to take aim at first place this weekend as they head north to Thompson for a pair of games against Norman Saturday and Sunday.

### TOP GOALIE

The MFMHL Goalie of the Month for December was the Hawks' own Taylor Reimer.

The third-year goalie from Morden (who has committed to play for the University of Waterloo next season) was 2-0 with a GAA average of 2.00 and a save percentage of over 950.

To date, Reimer is 6-4-1 with a GAA of 1.55 and .948 save percentage.



# Royals, Redskins both split week's games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals are hanging onto the number two spot in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League standings as the regular season winds down.

Winkler is 10-8 for 20 points as of last week's games, which saw them fall to Carman 6-4 and then bounce back with a 6-1 win over Notre Dame.

The Jan. 23 game against the Beavers got away from the Royals in the second period, which they started on top 3-1 (first period goals from Mitch Doell and Dwight Heppner and a goal from Craig Cornelsen midway through the second).

Carman scored two late goals to tie and then took the lead with an early goal in the third period.

The final period also saw Winkler's Marlin Froese try to chip away at the gap, but the Beavers added two more in the final three minutes to cement their victory.

Matt Krahn got the loss in net, making 32 saves as the Beavers outshot the Royals 37-28.

Sunday's game at home against the Hawks went considerably better for

Winkler.

Mitch Doell was on fire with a hat trick, Mark Hildebrand scored two, and Mitch Fehr added a single while Krahn made 50 saves in net, giving up just one goal to Notre Dame in the final minute.

The Morden Redskins hadn't fared so well against the Hawks the night before.

Derek Holenski got the Redskins in the game in the opening period after Notre Dame had scored two goals. Steve Mullin and Jay Fehr bookended period two, with a Hawks goal sandwiched in between to head into the final period tied at 3-3.

There, Notre Dame got two more goals past Morden's Jesper Dyck.

Steven Mullin brought the Redskins within one of tying with less than a minute and a half to go. But pulling Dyck for the extra man only allowed the Hawks to score two empty-net goals for a 7-4 win.

A few nights earlier Morden downed Portage 6-3.

Scoring honours that time around went to Ryan Maynard and Keith Bially in the first, Kelby Friesen in the second, and Clint Olson, Bially, and

Derek Holenski in the third, while Reed Peters made 19 saves in net.

The Redskins are nipping at Winkler's heels in third place with 18 points, a 9-8 record, and a game in hand. Altona and Portage are also at 18 points with games in hand over Winkler. Carman's in first place with 30 points.

This week the Redskins host Altona on Thursday and then face-off against the Royals in Winkler Saturday.

# Raiders steal win out from under Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

They were tantalizingly close to knocking off the league leading Raiders, but the Pembina Valley Twisters again came up just short.

They gave up the game tying goal with about two and a half minutes left and then the winner just 10 seconds into overtime to fall 4-3 to the Raiders Friday in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action.

Pembina Valley has been competitive with the Raiders this season but have now dropped three of their four games against them with one more coming up in February.

The Twisters fell behind 2-0 in the second period and then came out strong in the third, getting a pair of powerplay goals from Colin Grenier

at 1:42 and at 9:56 from Fraser Mirreles with his team-leading 25th of the year. Eric Lebrun then gave them a 3-2 lead with his 10th at 17:02, but it was a lead that lasted only 22 seconds for the Twisters.

Morgan Wall had a good night in net with 35 saves for the Twisters, who were outshot 39-22 overall.

The Twisters were to have hosted the Stonewall Jets Saturday, but that game was postponed to a later date.

Pembina Valley now sits in third place at 20-8-4 for 44 points, trailing Charleswood by a lone point and the Raiders by six points.

Pembina Valley has a good chance to gain a bit of ground Friday when they host the ninth place St. Boniface Riels. They then head to Winnipeg Sunday to take on Charleswood.

## > FLYERS, FROM PG. 14

the Flyers on Sunday, with Scott Gall scoring the game winner with 24 seconds left in regulation to help Winkler win their 29th game of the season.

It was a rough start for the Flyers as they quickly found themselves down 2-0 just 4:40 in.

Winkler got one of those back just over two minutes later. After Nico Labossiere saw his shot stopped, Jordy Williamson potted the rebound to cut Swan Valley's lead to 2-1.

In the second period Scott Gall carried the puck around the Stamps' net on the powerplay and picked the top corner, tying the game 2-2.

The visitors took the lead back with a powerplay goal of their own with 3:02 left. The Stampeders then extended their lead to 4-2 early in the third.

The Flyers finally got to work then, coming within one with 10:40 left on Kayden Jarvis' eighth of the year on the powerplay and then tying the game with just over eight minutes to go when Keck fired home his team leading 28th goal.

With just over two minutes left, Winkler went back on the powerplay. After a number of consistent shifts of steady pressure, Gall circled the puck back down the left wing side and fired a perfectly placed wrist shot to give the Flyers their first lead with just 24 seconds left.

The win improved the Flyers record to 29-10-3 overall and 19-3-2 at home. Nathan Warren (5-3-1) made 28 stops in the win as the Flyers outshot the Stampeders 46-32.

The Flyers continued their five game road trip Tuesday against the Selkirk Steelers. It's then a rematch with Swan Valley Friday before a double-header with the Waywayseecappo Wolverines Saturday and Sunday.

Manitoba Hockey Standings										
MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE										
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Portage Terriers	49	41	6	2	84	214	101			
Steinbach Pistons	47	36	9	2	74	191	113			
Winkler Flyers	43	29	11	3	61	178	111			
Winnipeg Blues	47	24	17	6	54	169	140			
Virten Oil Capitals	43	26	17	0	52	147	100			
Swan Valley Stampeders	45	19	21	5	43	132	154			
Selkirk Steelers	44	19	23	2	40	158	179			
OCN Blizzard	48	19	27	2	40	141	177			
Dauphin Kings	43	16	25	2	34	130	172			
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	45	12	29	4	28	113	191			
Neepawa Natives	44	8	35	1	17	94	229			
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE										
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	33	24	7	2	50	125	91			
Charleswood Hawks	32	20	7	5	45	126	87			
Pembina Valley Twisters	32	20	8	4	44	138	103			
St. Vital Victorias	32	20	11	1	41	127	108			
St. James Canucks	34	20	13	1	41	134	118			
Stonewall Jets	31	15	14	2	32	117	105			
River East Royal Knights	33	14	17	2	30	95	110			
Transcona Railer Express	32	13	17	2	28	115	136			
St. Boniface Riels	34	12	19	3	27	107	138			
Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins	33	5	19	2	12	77	165			
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE										
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Carman	18	15	3	0	30	100	54			
Winkler	18	10	8	0	20	62	68			
Morden	17	9	8	0	18	64	62			
Altona	15	9	6	0	18	60	45			
Portage	16	9	7	0	18	73	75			
Notre Dame	18	6	8	4	16	67	76			
Warren	18	2	13	1	7	75	121			
AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE										
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Eastman	36	34	0	1	70	186	71			
Wild	35	29	4	1	60	144	61			
Yellowhead	35	23	7	0	51	118	82			
Thrashers	34	24	9	1	49	163	83			
Central Plains	36	20	11	2	45	123	94			
Southwest	36	18	16	1	38	119	117			
Brandon	35	17	17	0	35	102	108			
Kenora	35	16	17	2	34	126	142			
Parkland	35	14	17	0	32	125	144			
Interlake	35	8	27	0	16	90	172			
Pembina Valley	35	6	27	1	14	71	165			
Norman	37	3	32	2	8	100	228			
AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE										
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Brandon Wheat Kings	27	23	4	0	46	169	39			
Central Plains Capitals	28	17	10	0	35	133	127			
Parkland Rangers	26	15	11	0	30	139	132			
Yellowhead Chiefs	26	12	9	2	29	110	104			
Pembina Valley PV Hawks	27	10	12	2	25	131	141			
Southwest Cougars	28	9	18	0	19	87	104			
Norman Wolves	30	1	29	0	2	47	296			
MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE										
	GP	W	L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts			
Yellowhead Chiefs	21	16	1	-	2	2	38			
PV Hawks	22	15	4	-	2	1	35			
Westman Wildcats	23	14	4	-	1	4	34			
Central Plains	21	14	4	-	2	1	33			
Winnipeg Avros	24	7	11	-	4	2	24			
Eastman Selects	21	6	13	-	1	1	15			
Norman Wild	21	3	17	-	-	1	7			
Interlake Lightning	19	-	19	-	-	-	-			
HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY										
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Prairie Mountain Mustangs	17	17	0	0	34	124	35			
Portage Collegiate										
Institute Trojans	19	14	5	0	28	88	52			
Morden Thunder	19	12	5	1	26	107	60			
Morris Mavericks	20	10	8	1	22	90	72			
W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	18	10	7	1	21	70	68			
Carman Cougars	18	7	11	0	14	46	70			
Northlands Parkway Collegiate										
Nighthawks (Winkler)	18	6	11	0	13	51	86			
Garden Valley Collegiate										
Zodiacs (Winkler)	20	5	14	0	11	49	123			
Cartwright/Nellie McClung/										
Pilot Mound Tigers	21	4	14	2	11	30	89			
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# Agriculture

## Steve's Livestock Transport honoured

By Harry Siemens

Started in 1987 by a young entrepreneur, with a single truck and trailer, Steve's Livestock Transport today is the largest commercial livestock carrier in North America and a leader in the transportation industry.

Each week their fleet of 130 transports more than 2,500 head of cattle and 150,000 pigs throughout Canada and the United States.

Steve's has locations in Blumenort and Brandon and in Acme and Red Deer, Alberta, which is also home to their commercial washing and large equipment repair service facilities.

At the Banff Pork Seminar on Jan. 14, the company was named one of two winners of the 2016 Frank X. Aherne prize for Innovative Pork Production.

Sam Gelowitz of the Prairie Swine Centre in Saskatoon received the award for an innovative carcass removal cart, while Steve's Livestock Transport won for a new hydraulic lift deck trailer.

The all-aluminum deck system has a powerful hydraulic lift cylinder and stainless steel cable system that raises two full length decks into locked position.

It acts as an elevator to lift livestock into different deck levels, which eliminates ramp usage to enter or exit the trailer. That reduces animal fatigue, stress, and injury during movement and improves meat quality.

Other features include superior ventilation through the trailer and the common contamination areas are easier to wash out. Biosecurity is enhanced. Heavy duty gates contain and separate loads. The design is also physically easier on drivers.

Owner and founder Steve Brandt said biosecurity remains key for the company.

"We've been blessed with opportunity ahead of us in the transportation industry particularly if we're willing to do what our clientele is asking us to do when it comes to biosecurity," says Brandt. "That has definitely helped us grow in our business."

"If you don't do it right, you don't have a business," he adds. "Our herd health that we have here in Canada is something that we need to protect. You look at our friends to the south,

they have many more challenges when it comes to diseases. Thanks to our industry, they care about biosecurity and that is what has helped us lead on that front."

Being a leader means making sure ever driver knows the ins and outs.

"I think [the key is] understanding and training so people understand why they're doing what they are doing," Brandt says.

It is one thing to train the driver as an employee, but his company deals with the producer, too.

"The training starts in our office with a policy that everyone has to go on a ride-along once a year with a truck," says Brandt. "That is where it starts, teaching people right in the office so they understand why biosecurity is so important and what actually happens

at the farmgate. From there to teach our mechanics, our wash bay staff, and our drivers and then go back to our customer and ask them how can we work together on this and making it better.

"People are our most valuable resource, and we take our responsibility for our customers, drivers and staff as seriously as we take our strict standards for humane animal handling, safe transport and on-time delivery," says Brandt. "We are committed to creating value for our customers and thereby enhancing the success of our customers, employees, community and stakeholders. We will drive change in our industry by pursuing innovation and focusing on 'where there's a will, there's a way.'"



Steve Brandt of Steve's Livestock Transport with his Frank X. Aherne prize for Innovative Pork Production.



By Harry Siemens

While at the Banff Pork Seminar this month, I participated in a conference call with Canada Ag Minister Lawrence MacAulay as he discussed his first official meeting with Tom Vilsack, the U.S. secretary of agriculture.

MacAulay, in his first official visit to Washington, met with Vilsack with the goal of strengthening Canada's long-standing, bilateral partnership with the United States, while advancing the interests of Canadian agricultural producers, processors and exporters.

He says discussions revolved around a shared commitment to growing agricultural trade between the two countries.

"Secretary Vilsack and I had a very productive relationship so far and I'm looking forward to building on that," he says. "Canada deeply values agricultural trade relations with the United States. We are an integrated market which serves both countries well."

"In 2014 we shared \$50 billion dollars in agricultural food trade. Can-

## MacAulay talks ag with Vilsack

ada exports over half of that to the U.S. That is over \$1 million dollars in agriculture and food trade every day. The government of Canada is committed to keeping this relationship strong."

MacAulay says Prime Minister Trudeau has asked him to work hard to make the relationship with the U.S. more effective.

"Our government is very pleased with the U.S.'s decision to repeal COOL for beef and pork," he says. "The resolution removes significant longstanding disputes between our two countries."

"It will allow industry on both sides to reap benefits off our integrated markets. We can look forward to restoration of our integrated supply chain for beef and pork. The government of Canada strongly supports free trade as a way to open markets and create good paying jobs for Canadians. As partners, as good neighbors, Canada and the U.S. must bolster cooperation."

MacAulay says, through the new Canadian government's renewed focus on this relationship, Canada's farmers and food processors can

look forward to the opportunities to come.

This was my first newser conference call with the new Ag. Minister. I find it intriguing how he and Canada's new Liberal government feel they will do even better in trade with the U.S.

I wonder what "opportunities" MacAulay is referring to, and what it will mean for Canadian farmers and food processors.

I'm all ears. Any improvement in that renewed relationship resulting in more trade for Canadian farmers a food processors will be welcomed indeed.

While listening to others ask questions, two stuck out to me.

The first one: will the repeal actually happen and what if it should be voluntary COOL at the end of the day? MacAulay says in no way shape or form does he and Canada support a voluntary COOL.

The second question: did you discuss GMO labelling at all?

Again MacAulay said, he couldn't recall. It wasn't even on the table. Good for him.



# Great strides made on Lizard Lake upgrades

By Lorne Stelmach

It is widely heralded now as a wetland conservation project with wide-spread benefits.

Back in time, though, a site like Lizard Lake was not seen as being nearly as beneficial.

"It was a wetland back in the 1800s, and it was drained. The hope was to make it more productive," said Cliff Greenfield, manager of the Pembina Valley Conservation District.

"In terms of the services it provides, it is tremendously productive, of course, but just not in a way that a lot of us would have recognized."

The 588 acre wetland site in the Pembina Valley today has a new lease on life with the completion of work started last fall that replaced and renewed its infrastructure.

The site had been working well since its inception in 1985-86, but the deterioration of the water control gated culvert meant it needed a significant investment to refurbish the project.

During the fall of 2015, the two control culverts with stop logs in the backflood cell were replaced.

The purpose of the 1,569 acre back-

flood cell is to allow for the temporary flooding within its borders, which in turn contributes to the optimum growth of grasses and sedges.

Once the water level is lowered in late May and the hay land has dried out sufficiently enough for hay operations, there is an abundance of quality hay produced.

"The farmers are very happy with this project ... it works well for them as well as for the environment," said Greenfield. "The local landowners benefit from the hay production."

Further work will continue this fall when controls within the ring-diked central or marsh cell will be replaced to ensure the continued presence of the wetland and wildlife habitat.

The wetland acts like a sponge filtering the water that goes into the Lake Winnipeg Basin.

That is a key to the project, said Greenfield, noting how wetlands in general are tremendous water purifiers while also promoting biodiversity and a myriad of ecological benefits.

"Lizard Lake has been referred to as a four-way win," he said. "The environmental impact of this site includes biodiversity, wildlife habitat,

**"IT HAS BEEN THE BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK."**



**SUBMITTED PHOTOS**

Lizard Lake has a new lease on life thanks to ongoing work being done to improve the wetland's infrastructure, including refurbishing the stop log gates (right).



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# Canadian beef industry getting greener every year

By Harry Siemens

Canada's beef industry continues to improve efficiencies that lessen its environmental impacts, with production of one kilogram of Canadian beef creating 15 per cent fewer greenhouse gas emissions in 2011 compared to 1981, says a new study.

Continual improvements in production and feed efficiencies, crop yields and management strategies, resulting in reduced emissions and resource requirements are largely responsible for the significant decrease in environmental impact, according to the first results of a comprehensive five-year (2013-2018) study examining the Canadian beef industry's en-

vironmental footprint.

Tom Teichroeb, a cattle producer at Langruth, says Clayton Robins is an expert on some of the research on sustainability and how using beef cattle on conventional grain land has improved topsoil conditions in almost every aspect.

Further research shows that with improved feeding and management techniques, the carbon footprint is virtually negligible.

"I had a conversation with Clayton at Ag days in Brandon and he was a keynote speaker (pertaining to this very issue) in the US just a couple weeks ago," says Teichroeb.

Secondly, he says there is excellent research from the University of Man-

itoba courtesy of Dr. Kim Ominski. As an aside, the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation has recognized the benefits of sustainable production practices in their projects by including livestock on most of their projects.

"Why is this so important to myself as well as the beef industry?" Teichroeb says. "Growth of the beef industry. That is very hard to achieve long term when there is a perception that the beef industry is harmful to the environment. And that is why the beef sector is in a win win situation when there is research that supports beef cattle are not detrimental to the environment."

Conducted by researchers at the University of Manitoba, Agriculture

and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Lethbridge and Environment Canada, the study found there is a 15 per cent decrease in methane, 16 per cent decrease in nitrous dioxide, and 13 per cent decrease in carbon dioxide from beef production in Canada over the past 30 years.

Comparing the same time periods, it took 29 per cent fewer cattle in the breeding herd and 24 percent less land to produce the same amount of beef.

Funded by the Beef Cattle Industry Science Cluster, the study explored the entire production system, from cow-calf to feedlot.

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## &gt; LIZARD LAKE, FROM PG. 19

water quality conditioning, reduced downstream flooding, erosion and sedimentation prevention.

"The infrastructure within the RM's of Thompson and Pembina also benefit from the reduced flood peak and stream flow reduction."

Walter McTavish of the R.M. of Thompson agrees the Lizard Lake project has been a real success story.

"It has been the best bang for the buck," he said. "Without the flood gates during the spring thaw, the downstream flooding would become a serious issue. The R.M. would be looking at repairing and or replacing the infrastructure on a continuous basis."

Both McTavish and Greenfield praised the cooperation of all the partners involved with this project.

They said the teamwork and commitment of all of the partners ensure

that this project remains productive for both waterfowl and producers.

It exemplifies what a group of determined people can do when they put their minds to it, noted Dave Dobson of Ducks Unlimited Canada.

## &gt; CATTLE, FROM PG. 19

Future phases of the study will assess the impact of Canadian beef production in areas such as water use, biodiversity and provision of ecosystems services.

When confronted with the question as presented at the recent Banff Pork Seminar, the farming community must be careful it doesn't get duped into thinking and believing and being told by other non-farmers how to farm according to their beliefs.

"Yes, we can prove that our practices are good for the environment, and as

"Without the partnerships and cooperation of all of the parties involved, this project rebuild would not have happened," he said. "We had 18 landowners, the R.M. of Thompson, Municipality of Pembina, the Pem-

bina Valley Conservation District, and DUC along with Enbridge all working together to replace the infrastructure to ensure this project continues to function and provide the benefits for at least another 50 years."

producers you are doing everything within your power to make a living sustainably," says one Banff observer.

Teichroeb says he's on the same page.

"I did not mention hogs or grain farming directly, but, for the most part, all three sectors have sound science behind them," he says. "The aforementioned people that I suggested are the people who support the ag sector with science and we the people in the industry are working with them collaboratively to tell real

story. And that is what I believe we need to achieve."

Teichroeb, who has fought long and hard to save his own ranch against man-made floods, isn't about to let those who know nothing about cattle ranching take away the potential of real growth in his industry using information not based on fact.

"The information based on solid research showing we more than do our part to sustain our environment by raising cattle is what the public needs to read and hear," he says.

# take a break

> GAMES

## SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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9	1	4	2	7	8	6	5	3
8	2	3	6	5	1	7	4	9
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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Soybean paste
5. Unit of time
8. Watering holes
12. Joint
14. Certified public accountant
15. Mater, one's school
16. Resells tickets
18. Batter's objective
19. Past participle of lie
20. State of Islands
21. Fed
22. Cause cell destruction
23. Daily Show host
26. Diagrammed
30. Cat sounds
31. Most sorry
32. Do wrong
33. Coral reef and lagoon island
34. That (Middle English)
39. Electrically charged atom
42. Nassau is the capital
44. Frogs, toads, tree toads
46. Marjoram
47. Where the Donald lives in NYC
49. Whale ship captain
50. A way to emit sound
51. Comparable
56. Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
57. Businesswoman
58. A way to split up
59. Solo Operatic piece
60. No (Scottish)
61. In a way, tears
62. Bridge breadth
63. Single Lens Reflex
64. Thou \_\_ protest too much

### CLUES DOWN

1. Korean War TV show
2. South American Indian
3. Cape at tip of Denmark
4. A podrida cooking pot

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	47						48					
49					50			51		52	53	54
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5. Russian sourgrass soup
6. Perfect example
7. Supplier
8. Unhealthy looking
9. Spanish beaches
10. Am. follower of the Mennonite Bishop Amman
11. Well-balanced
13. Outer surface cells
17. Fathers
24. Sun up in New York
25. Dweller above the Mason-Dixon
26. Young women's association
27. Tell on
28. Bustle
29. Poundal
35. An ugly, old woman
36. Doctors' group
37. \_\_ Ling, Chinese mountain

- range
38. Volcanic mountain in Japan
40. Leaves parentless
41. Existing in or produced by nature
42. Inclination
43. Extents
44. Peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
45. Language of Nile
47. Twyla \_\_, US dancer
48. Card game
49. River in E. Turkey to the Caspian Sea
52. Scored 100%
53. Tonight's former host
54. \_\_ and ends
55. Notable exploit



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## FARMLAND FOR SALE

Land for rent in the RM of Stanley beginning April 1 2016 for a 3 year term. SE 28 2 5 W 120 acres cultivated. NE 32 2 5 W 120 acres cultivated. Land cannot be subleased, and all bids must be submitted, in writing, by February 29 2016, to Terry Evenson, 7 Dillworth Crescent, Spruce Grove AB T7X 0E6, 780-203-0990 or Terry@gstrucking.ca

## ACCOMMODATIONS

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Steel buildings - factory direct pricing preseason \$1000 discount if ordered before March 1st - check and see if sect 179 applies to you. Call 844-297-8335.

## MUSIC LESSONS

Guitar, Piano, Banjo, Ukulele lessons. January Special - Sign up with a friend or family member and get your books for FREE! (\$30 value). Filling up fast for January! Accepting students ages 4 to senior as well as students with special needs. Learn the old hymns of the faith, worship music, country, finger picking, barre chords, classical music and best of all how to chord and play your own favourite songs! Limited space available. Call Lorraine or Joe at Creative Chording Guitar and Piano Studio Winkler, MB. 204-325-0824.

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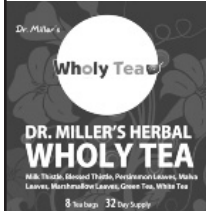
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## COMING EVENTS

Manitoba Riding for the Disabled Association 17th Annual Super Flea Market 2016, February 6th & 7th at Assiniboia Downs, Winnipeg. Vendor spots available - 80 vendors in the show! www.mrda.cc

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Fri. Jan. 29 - 5 - 7:30 p.m.

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## NOTICES

**WINKLER POLICE BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Winkler Police Board quarterly meetings will be held on  
**March 9th, June 8th, September 14th & December 14th of 2016 at 12:45 p.m.**

Meetings are open to the public and will be held at Smitty's Restaurant, 777 Norquay Drive, Winkler, MB.

Anyone wishing to come forward with a delegation is asked to contact the City Manager a minimum of 1 day prior to the meeting.

## SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT



## THE CITY OF WINKLER PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Invites applications for the following seasonal positions:

### HEAD GUARDS\*

\* Current NLS/WSI/LSI Certificates

### 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.

### AQUATIC CENTRE TICKET CLERKS

Mature individuals with good understanding of cash handling and record keeping. Must have good public relations skills.

### AQUATIC CENTRE CLEANING STAFF

Work period May - Sept.

### PARKS/CAMPGROUND STAFF

Work period late June - Sept.

### PARK & BALL DIAMOND MAINTENANCE

Work period May - Sept.

### BEAUTIFICATION-FLOWER / PLANTER MAINTENANCE

Work period May - Sept.

Above positions may require some weekend and evening work. Forward Resumes by February 11th, 2016 to:

City of Winkler  
Parks & Recreation Dept.  
Attn: Mr. Rick Denison  
185 Main Street Winkler, MB R6W 1B4  
E-mail: rdenison@cityofwinkler.ca Fax: 204-325-5540  
We thank all that apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

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## TENDER

### FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed, written tenders for property in the Municipalities of Pembina and Stanley described below will be received by:

McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby  
351 Main Street, PO Box 279  
Manitou, MB. R0G 1G0

### PROPERTY:

- Parcel 1: N ½ of S ½ 19-2-6 WPM, in Manitoba, excepting all Mines and Minerals (being approx. 160 cult. acres);
- Parcel 2: Part SE ¼ 24-2-7 WPM, in Manitoba, excepting all Mines and Minerals (being approx. 148 cult. acres).

### CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders may be placed and accepted on one or both of the above described parcels of land.
- Tenders must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on February 5, 2016.
- A deposit cheque in the amount of \$10,000.00, payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP Trust, must accompany each Tender. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be March 4, 2016, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
- The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2016.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Larry J. Selby at:

Ph: 204-242-2801 Fax: 204-242-2723

email: larry@mjmjlaw.com

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- References

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F: 204.571.9363  
E: theuchert@renaissancetrans.ca

## COMING EVENTS



## GOSPEL MUSIC NIGHT

Sat., Jan. 30, 2016  
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- Positive team players
- Ability to focus

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**Please send or email your resume to,  
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**Ed Klassen**  
Human Resources Manager  
(204) 325 - 4333  
777 Circle K Drive  
Winkler, MB R6W 0K7  
Email: [edwin@kroekers.com](mailto:edwin@kroekers.com)

**Deadline for applications -  
March 1st. 2016**



We thank all applicants for their interest.  
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## BIRTHDAY

90th Birthday Party for  
Agnes Phillips  
January 30th, 2016  
Roland United Church  
Come-and-Go Tea  
2 - 4 p.m.

LOST



Rex, a shepherd cross, one year old wearing a blue collar. Disappeared from our farm one mile south of BTHC on January 22, 2016. The tattoo # in his ear is CWVC313. If you have seen Rex, please call (204) 325-8679 or (204) 362-6801

## IN MEMORIAM



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## OBITUARY



### Helen Ruby Leatherdale (nee Vigen) March 25, 1937 – January 16, 2016

On Saturday, January 16, 2016, at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Helen Ruby Leatherdale, age 78, peacefully went to her eternal rest lovingly surrounded by her daughters.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband of 53 years, Howard Leatherdale, and her three daughters: Sherry (Scott) Walters and children, Colton, Cordell and Camilynne; Judy Elliott and sons, Michael and Matthew; and Cathy Rouire and daughters, Melanie and Nicole. Ruby is predeceased by her parents, Bernard and Annie.

Ruby grew up in the 1-5 District south of Morden attending schools at Deer Creek and Morden. She graduated from Manitoba Teachers College in 1958 and taught until June, 1963. She married the love of her life, Howard James Leatherdale, on June 30, 1962, and they resided on a farm just west of Rosebank where they raised their three girls.

Ruby was a hardworking farmer's wife and did everything from driving the grain truck to milking cows. She loved tending her vegetable and flower gardens. As the family's interests expanded to horses, she eagerly became a coach, groom and 4-H Mom.

Ruby was an active member of many community and church groups and this continued when they retired to Carman in 2001. She loved watching curling and baseball, and thoroughly enjoyed her Rosebank and Carman coffee and card parties. Her sharp wit kept everyone on their toes.

She loved to entertain and no one ever went home hungry. Ruby was very creative and spent endless hours crafting, some of which included crocheting, sewing, quilting and ceramics. She was a devoted and supportive wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ruby's memory to South Central Cancer Resource, #400 - 34 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 2G3.

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All interested applicants, please forward your cover letter & resume in confidence to [kasey@gallerydental.com](mailto:kasey@gallerydental.com) with "Hygienist Application" in subject field.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE



### Budget Exhibition



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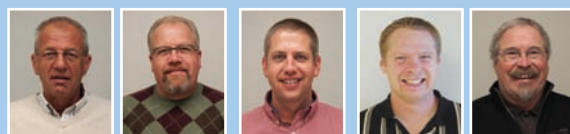


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