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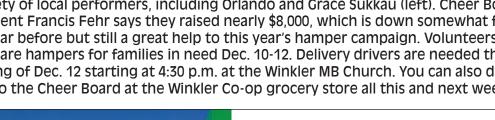
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The Winkler and District **Christmas Cheerboard** served up hundreds of pancake breakfasts at the annual Scotiabank Holly Jolly Breakfast Saturday. The morning also gave people the chance

# **Holly Jolly Breakfast** raises nearly \$8,000



to purchase a stuffed animal in support of the cause (above) and enjoy music from a variety of local performers, including Orlando and Grace Sukkau (left). Cheer Board president Francis Fehr says they raised nearly \$8,000, which is down somewhat from the year before but still a great help to this year's hamper campaign. Volunteers will pack care hampers for families in need Dec. 10-12. Delivery drivers are needed the evening of Dec. 12 starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Winkler MB Church. You can also donate to the Cheer Board at the Winkler Co-op grocery store all this and next week.



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# Health care board bids farewell to Paul Peters

# Former Rhineland councillor served nearly 20 years on Winkler clinic board

### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Healthcare Board bid farewell to one of its longest serving members last week.

Former Rhineland councillor Paul Peters, who opted not to seek re-election this fall after over two decades on council, attended his final health care board meeting at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre on Friday.

Peters joined the board when it was first created 18 years ago and has been there to help guide the community-owned clinic's growth ever since.

That growth has been amazing to have a hand in, Peters said.

"There's so many things that have happened over the years," he said. "The extension and expansion in this area is just phenomenal." When the board was founded, Winkler was down to about half a dozen physicians. Today, over 40 call the city home.

The support of the community itself has played a huge role in attracting and retaining quality health care professionals, Peters stressed.

"It's unbelievable the support that we get from all the municipalities and just great to see the health care keeping on being proactive."

Peters' involvement in local health care stretches back to the 1970s when he was a member of the Bethel Hospital board.

"I've seen a lot of things happen," he said, reflecting that his interest in the field stemmed from the fact his youngest son was born with Down



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler and District Health Care Board chair Marvin Plett presents Paul Peters (centre, left) with a plaque in thanks for his decades of service with the board. Peters, who did not seek re-election as a Rhineland councillor this fall, attended his final meeting last Friday.

Syndrome. "So we had a little more to do with doctors ... that was just an ongoing concern." Peters also got to personally know the Winkler clinic's namesake, Dr. C.W. Wiebe.

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# **Shoeboxes pour in for Operation Christmas Child**

shoebox campaign for the past two

decades has seen donations vary from

year to year, but he is always thankful

that the region comes through for the

"We have lots of needy people

around, so there's other charities that

campaign.

By Lorne Stelmach

Gerry Unger is always grateful for whatever level of support he sees each year for Operation Christmas Child.

The local co-ordinator of the annual

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need help too," he acknowedged. "We can continue to do better, I know, but I'm very happy with the support the region has given us."

Started in 1990 and then adopted in 1993 by Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child to date has collected and distributed Christmas shoebox gifts to more than 157 million children in 130 countries.

In 2017, Canadians donated 615,120 shoeboxes. This region's totals in past years have reached 5,000-7,000 shoeboxes.

Upwards of 2,300 shoeboxes had already come in at the start of collection days last week, with thousands more expected to be dropped off before the truck heads out to the national collection depot this Thursday.

"It would be nice to reach that 7,000 mark because that would be almost a full semi-load. That would be really good," said Unger. "Each box counts ... and I just want as many shoeboxes as we can get to go to all these needy children throughout the world."

The shoeboxes are filled with such

Gerry Unger, local coordinator for Operation Christmas Child, at the M or d e n Collection Centre last week with volunteer Krista Friesen.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/ VOICE things as hygiene items, school supplies, and toys. While Samaritan's Purse is a Christian ministry, the gifts are given to all children regardless of religion.

When culturally appropriate, copies of a book entitled *The Greatest Gift* are offered to children after the shoeboxes have been distributed, and churches and ministry partners in receiving communities are equipped with a 12-lesson Bible study course, *The Greatest Journey*.

Unger said they see support locally from a wide range from individuals to families to many of the area's churches.

"We have churches dropping off probably every evening this week," he said.

"We have lots of different people bringing boxes in ... people come in off the street and pick up some boxes to fill them and bring them back actually the same day."

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GOOD YEAR



# Jay Murray honoured as Miami's top citizen

### By Lorne Stelmach

The Miami and Area Foundation honoured its 2018 citizen of the year recently.

The foundation's ninth annual fundraiser Nov. 3 saw Jay Murray recognized for his outstanding service to the community.

Murray did not return requests for comment on the honour at press time, but a representative of the foundation heralded him for his volunteer service in a wide range of areas.

"Jay has been involved in Miami for many, many years ... putting lots of hours in at all those places without any compensation for a lot of time worked," said Tricia Livingston. "He's always been a proud citizen of Miami and proud to be from here."

Murray has lived in and around Miami most of his life and has always been involved in bettering the community, the foundation said, including having served on the local urban district council.

Since his retirement, he has worked at the arena and golf course and assisted his wife Barb with many tasks at the local library.

"Over the years he has helped numerous people with electrical problems," a statement from the foundation further noted. "Even when he lived in other towns, Jay was always proud to be from Miami and made sure people knew it.

"He provides all this assistance quietly and expects no credit in return." Also as part of the evening, the foundation handed out \$15,00 in grants generated from the interest to its endowment fund, including \$4,000 to the Miami Sports Complex, \$2,500 to



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jay Murray received the Citizen of the Year Award Nov. 3 from Miami and Area Foundation vice chairman and last year's citizen of the year Gordon Simpson.

the Miami Senior Citizens Housing Association, \$2,000 each to the Lloyd Orchard Community Arena and the Miami Agricultural Society, \$1,500 to

the Miami School drama department, and \$1,000 each to the Miami Railway Museum, Miami Children's Facility, and Pumpkin Creek Ski Club.









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### bought a 10.000 lux light the other dav.

What is a 10,000 lux light, you ask? Well, let me tell you. This particular light was bought in response to the onset of the December blues that decided to arrive early in October for some

unholy reason. If you are a keen reader of my columns you will recognize that this is the second column this fall to reference weather. I

promise not to go **By Peter** down the last path

I hate it when he talks about that stuff!"). What this is about is light and our need for it.

A 10,000 lux light is really bright. When I turn it on it feels as if there is a small sun burning happily away on the counter with little to none of the

effects such a small sun would have if snow. In the immortal (paraphrased) it were actually there thermonuclearing all over the place.

The (super bright) light of my life

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But how bright is 31,000 lumens if you were a metre away? It's about as bright as a shatterproof GE 320 Watt Pulse Start Metal Halide Bulb.

Sounds impressive, right?

Let's just say if you stare directly at it you will be seeing its image burned into your retinas for about half an hour.

The point of it is simple really: to provide you with some full spectrum light goodness while our section of the planet endures these short, grey, cloud-covered days.

Now some people may not get this and question why I would buy a RE-ALLY BRIGHT LIGHT when I should just suck it up and get on with it.

To put it bluntly: I get sad, or perhaps S.A.D. (Seasonal Affective Disorder). This is a fancy way of saying less light makes me unhappy and grumpy, prone to less movement and more eating, and in general a lump. I want to go outside and punch the words of Jack Nicholson channelling Jack Torrence:

"All work and no sun makes Pete a dull bov."

I despise winter's dark days. I much prefer it when it is forty below but crystal-clear outside with the sun blazing forth for the 2.4 hours per day it does in January.

According to the Canadian Mental Health Association about 2-3 per cent of Canadians will experience S.A.D. in their lifetimes. That's between 740,000-1,110,000 people. That's a lot of S.A.D. people.

The good news is it starts to decline after 50 so I am supposed to start getting happier. I wonder why this is? Probably it's a bunch of people out there who suddenly realize, "Crap, I'm 50! I better start enjoying the time I have left!"

Seriously, though, it is an actual, diagnosed thing and if you have noticed it there is nothing wrong with talking to your doctor because there are all kinds of things you can do besides buying a small, portable, indoor sun or mortgaging the house to fly to Mexico or Hawaii every year.

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"[He] was a good friend of mine, even if he was a good 40 years older than me," he said. "We had a lot of good times."

Knowing that the work he's been a part of all these years has helped improve health care for thousands of area residents is a satisfying realization for Peters.

"It's great to see the fruition of the labour that has been put in by the people ahead of me and the present board, too," he said. "They're all on the same page, working for the benefit of this community."

Winkler's model of community health care has served as an example across the nation.

"I think we're one of a kind and we have been a frontrunner for health care," Peters said, noting clinic manager Jim Neufeld has been invited to speak all over Canada about the inner workings of the clinic.

"It's not the doctors controlling the clinic, it's the community," he explained. "That's what has made this thing grow ... [it provides] long-term stability. Doctors can come and go, but the community's still in control." Health care board chair Marvin Plett said Peters's experience will be missed.

"It's been wonderful working with Paul. He's a very dedicated member," he said, adding Peters also brought continuity to the board. "With your long-term service, you have the history of it ... for new members that was very helpful to put things into perspective."

Peters' final meeting last week was also the first meeting for several new members, as the board welcomed newly elected representatives from throughout the region.

The board has big plans for the clinic's future on the horizon, Plett noted.

"For a long time we were just playing catch-up," he said of the organization's early years. "Originally we had 12,000 sq. ft. that we leased ... we're up to 25,000 sq. ft. now.

"We've doubled the space in here, but we are getting crowded again," Plett said. "And so we're working on some other initiatives that we can talk about in a few months' time. We are definitely thinking ahead."

### "WE'RE ONE OF A KIND AND WE HAVE BEEN A FRONTRUNNER FOR HEALTH CARE."



# Cantelon

... this is not about climate change ("Whew! Finally!

# **Dilis Boutique offering elegance and affordability**



### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

A Winkler fashion designer cut the ribbon on her new women's clothing boutique last weekend.

Dina Harder invited the community Saturday to help her celebrate the grand opening of her new store, Dilis Boutique, in the new commercial development at 880 15th St.

Harder had her own business as a fashion designer prior to immigrating to Canada.

"I pushed pause on my career life for about 16 years to dedicate myself to being a stay at home mom and wife," she said, explaining that with her kids now teenagers the time was right to jump back into the fashion world."It's like pressing play again."

Harder is excited to be able to provide women with the opportunity to shop local when on the hunt for the latest fashions.

"Dilis Boutique was born out of a desire to provide the ladies in Win-



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Dina Harder (centre, right), got some help from local dignitaries, staff, and family in cutting the ribbon on her new women's clothing store, Dilis Boutique, on Saturday.

kler and the surrounding areas with beautiful clothes that are very unique, mostly Canadian made ... excellent quality, and affordable without the need to go elsewhere.

"Our clothes are meant to provide fashionable clothing that has conservative lines, higher neck-lines, lower hem lines ... and is elegant and classy."

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive in the store's first two weeks in business.

"It's been a tremendous response," Harder said. "[I'm] very, very fortunate to have a great support team with my husband and my family, my community-they've all been very supportive."

# **Province borrowing Winkler funds for exhibition centre**

### By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler is now borrowing from the provincial government to finance the Meridian Exhibition Centre project.

At its meeting last Tuesday, city council approved entering into a 20 year debenture with the Province of Manitoba for the financing of \$17 million of what is estimated to be a \$20 million arena expansion project.

Councillors had to revisit the financing for the project after CIBC, which had originally been awarded the financing tender, indicated it needed to revise its bid as a result of changing market conditions.

"When they came back with the details of the financing ... the rate changed," said Mayor Martin Harder, noting the whole situation was "very disappointing to us. We thought we had it nailed down."

Council then reviewed the other bids they had received from RBC and the Province of Manitoba.

"We looked at both of those propos-

als and what the requirements were for both of them and the Province of Manitoba was the simplest and the cleanest," said Harder.

With the financing settled, Harder

said they are now looking forward to seeing construction move ahead.

"There's a significant amount of dirt that's been moved, all the topsoil is gone ... we're ready," he said.

"The tendering process is underway in regards to the foundation as well as the building structure itself, and we should have those

back within the next two, three weeks maximum."

The city has a sod-turning ceremony for the project slated for Nov. 29. Looking ahead to when the new fa-

cility is complete, Harder noted the

city will also have to look at issues related to the operation of the exhibition centre, such as staffing. Some restructuring may be needed, given the facility will be not only operate

two arenas and an exhibition centre but also hopefully host a more diverse range of larger events like conferences and concerts.

"It just takes a much more dynamic team there in order to make sure that everything that we're hoping for is going to get accomplished," he said.

"And marketing is going to be a huge part of it because you don't want to have facilities

sitting empty. They will need to be occupied and hopefully we can attract bigger events to this region," Harder added, noting they will be "adding additional capacity that we didn't have before."

Also at council last week, the city has begun to receive budget requests for 2019 from various organizations.

A budget proposal from the South Central Regional Library seeks an increase in Winkler's contribution from about \$154,000 to over \$166,000. The proposal cites a number of factors behind the request, including increasing wage costs and revenue sources such as the provincial operating grant remaining stagnant.

Another request from the Pembina Valley Humane Society seeks \$4,500 from the City of Winkler, which provided the animal shelter with \$3,000 for 2018.

Harder noted council will consider all of the various funding requests when it holds its annual planning session, though he cautioned it would be challenging for them to appease everyone.

"Everybody's wanting more money," he said. "Obviously, with the huge project the City of Winkler has embarked upon, some of those dollars may be a little tougher to find."



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# **Exploring selfies as art**

### By Lorne Stelmach

Whether the ubiquitous "selfie" can qualify as art was a question delved into at the Pembina Hills Gallery last week.

The latest in the gallery's Art Talks series Nov. 15 perhaps challenged some perceptions about what qualifies as art.

"It opens up the whole discussion about what is art," Tricia Dyck, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council, suggested as Bernie Loeppky led the follow-up session to last month's initial foray into selfies.

"It's a form of self-expression," said Loeppky, who in October had put out the challenge to participants to take some selfies and think about them being artistic. The group this time reviewed those shots and also had time to shoot a few more.

Many people won't necessarily think of themselves as artists, but images they can capture with their phones can very much be artistic, Loeppky stressed.

"Everyone is carrying a cell phone nowadays, and there's lots of people

taking selfies and posting them," he said, adding that "there's this notion there's this sort of democratization of all kinds of things in modern society because of technology.

"People can produce music much more professionally now at home with their computers than they ever could before," he cited as an another example. "They used to have to go to studios and spend huge amounts of money.

"So is this sort of a democratization of visual art in the same way? It's an interesting question to ask because everyone has a cell phone and everyone knows what it means to take a picture of yourself ... so now the question goes to can this be art ... or can it be something more artistic?

"Is it a narcissistic expression of the self and is it forcing young girls to conform to a stereotype, or on the other hand does it empower them because it gives them control over their own self expression?"

"My objective was partly just to provoke people to think ... to discuss it and especially even to disagree," continued Loeppky, who had himself not really been one to shoot selfies prior



### PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Bernie Loeppky addressing the topic "Selfies as Art" last Thursday as part of the art talks at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

to exploring this topic.

"It made me think about how do I use this technology, how do I express myself? Do I just try to make myself look as good as possible, is this showing off? How can I make this look better, how can I make this look more artistic?"

Held on the third Thursdays of every month, the art talks have featured a variety of presenters speaking on everything from understanding art to the exploration of various artists and mediums. "I think it's good to have a place to be able to talk, a place to become more educated and a place to share their goals and their thoughts about art and artists," said Dyck. "It also just helps create a sense of community, creates a safe space for members of the arts council and the community members.

"I think people are enjoying themselves, and I do see that it's not only artists but people who just want to learn more about art."

# WSD, city council on the same page about new school

#### By Lorne Stelmach

There is a united front among local leaders on the need for a new school in Morden.

It was the primary topic of discussion last Tuesday as members of the Western School Division board of trustees met with city councillors. The two groups meet regularly to discuss the community's needs.

"Whatever they need from us and want from us in terms of support, we are willing to give them," said Mayor Brandon Burley.

He noted it is a concern that not only is the division already pressed to capacity but a further major infusion of jobs and families in the area would make things even more challenging.

"We basically want to provide an update to the provincial government regarding incoming employers to the region," Burley said, emphasizing they want to make sure the potential for a major employer coming in is on the province's radar.

"If we're looking at 500 new employees ... by the time you figure that's maybe two to three support people for each new job you create, we could be looking at 1,500 new jobs," he said. Enrolment in the division is already being projected to further increase as it is, observed Burley.

"So you're looking at another 400 to 500 students on top of what is already in the community in terms of growth," he said. "What our concern was and what we want to emphasize to the province and to the minister of education in particular then is the fact that we'll be way behind the eight ball if we wait three years for an announcement for a new school." Burley noted that there had been plans for another meeting with Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, and he suggested council would consider the possibility of a joint delegation to the Manitoba Legislature to help lobby the provincial government.

Western board chair Brian Fransen echoed Burley's concern about the potential for even further pressure on the division.

"If we had a massive influx of jobs and people with school age kids moving to Morden it would put huge pressure on our space," he agreed.

"It took up a good chunk of the conversation," Fransen said.

"We talked about how do we work together to message with the province what our needs are moving forward, and that was a very fruitful discussion.

"It looks like we're all on the same page with the need in the community for school space, which is really good to hear."

# 24-Hour Giving Challenge a success

### By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local residents were generous indeed during the 24-Hour Giving Challenge last weekend.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, every dollar donated to Manitoba community foundations was stretched thanks to support from the Winnipeg Foundation, the Manitoba government, and local municipalities and businesses.

In Winkler, that additional support

meant every \$5 that came in became a \$15 donation to the Winkler Community Foundation.

"This year's challenge was a great success," said executive director Myra Peters on Monday. "A total of \$48,726 was raised for the Community Fund.

"We want to thank the community for their support," she added, also sending out thanks to the City of Winkler, Access Credit Union, Triple E, Protec Plumbing and Heating, Winkler Concrete, Golden West Radio, Kroeker Farms, and Southern Potato for their significant donations.

"Thanks to our donors, we are able to help a wide variety of local charitable projects, from daycares to seniors' projects, scholarships to play structures, food banks to arts and recreation, and much, much more, now and forever."

# Wrapping up a Morden Christmas gets shoppers downtown

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas promotion last Thursday once again more than met its objective.

The initiative organized through the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce had downtown Morden and other local retailers packed with shoppers.

Aside though from proving itself to be a worthwhile showcase for shopping locally, retailers see it as further evidence of the growing strength of the Morden retail sector and particularly of the downtown.

"We're so thrilled to be a part of it here," said Candace Grenier of Pure Anada, who noted Morden has come a long way with the development of the downtown shopping district. "I remember working downtown years ago as a hairdresser and there wasn't

nearly this kind of vibe that there is now.

"We see, even on a daily basis, how many people come downtown for shopping and eating," she said.

Grenier feels the focus on speciality

shops and boutiques is a key to that success.

"I think that's what people are looking for is something different," she said. "This is something locally made from their hometown."

She feels the message to support local business is being heard and paying off with events like Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas.

"We look forward to it every year," Grenier said. "There's just a general sense that everybody is in a festive mood and wanting to come shop downtown.

"Last year, there was a lot of people shopping, but we also like having the families coming in ... we like seeing that happening downtown," she added. "Other years, people couldn't even come in the door because it was so full.

"The only thing that sometimes is actually holding us back is because we actually manufacture here too, so, quite frankly, we are running out of space," Grenier noted. "To think of moving, it is something we have considered because of the space factor, but then there is always that fact that we really want to be downtown. We think that our business suits the downtown atmosphere."

"It's starting to really happen down-

town here now," agreed Marla Fehr-Sinclair of Marni Luhu, which also took part.

"There's a bunch of fantastic business owners downtown who are willing to work together, and that has been huge," she said. "And I know that we find there are people coming from all over ... we're getting momentum to build and bring those people here because we have more to offer now.

"Morden has a different feel ... and I think we pride ourselves on those small businesses and keeping it local. You get great customer service and you know who you are supporting," she continued.

"We're trying to set ourselves apart. We're a small community, yet there is a lot to offer from here. I think our downtown is unique because you go to a lot of other places and they don't have the downtowns like this. It's great to be able to park your car and

get out and walk a few blocks to all the different places."

Fehr-Sinclair also noted that it is an encouraging trend that there are not only young people going into business here but also an increasing number of female en-

trepreneurs.

**"THERE IS HUGE** 

POTENTIAL FOR

THE DOWNTOWN."

"More women are taking chances, and men as well."

"That's really exciting because it's going to add a lot more to our downtown," added Ashley Funk of The Olive Tree.

"There is a huge growth and a huge selection of businesses that are run by women in town, and I think that can be really encouraging for others who maybe want to start a business," she said. "You don't really see a lot of young people taking the leap to start a business ... to see this emerging is good. There's new energy and new ideas they can bring to the downtown."

Funk said she very much appreciates the level of community spirit that was evident last Thursday night.

"This is an amazing event ... it's nice to see the different businesses come together and do something as a cooperative effort," she said.

"I think there is huge potential for the downtown. I think it could become a huge tourist attraction to our city because of all of the different little boutiques ... it's really a unique little shopping area a lot of places don't have, and I think putting on events like this can really showcase what is available."



ΡΗΟΤΟ **BY LORNE STEL-**MACH/VOICE Henry Penner in conversation with Candace Grenier at Pure Anada during the Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas event Nov. 15. Right: Zack Wiebe performed at The Olive Tree. Below: A lineup of shoppers at the shop-local celebration.







#### By Lorne Stelmach

Morden city council members gave themselves a pay raise that they say simply compensates for tax rule changes from the federal government relating to municipal indemnities.

"What that effectively led to was a pay reduction of 14.3 per cent," Mayor Brandon Burley said Monday after council approved the bylaw that bumped up the annual council indemnities by that same amount.

"Part of the compensation in the past for council has been the fact that money was coming in tax free ... so it was effectively an income cut due to new taxes."

The annual indemnities previously had not increased during the last four year term of council until a five per cent increase came into effect this past year.

The new indemnities bump the mayor's compensation from \$23,610 to \$26,986 while the deputy mayor gets an increase from \$16,814 to \$19,218 and council members receive \$17,990, up from \$15,740.

All members of council also receive a per diem when away on council business. That daily rate remains at \$207.50.

Burley said initially he had reservations about the optics of the new municipal government coming in with this increase, but the tax changes "kind of forced our hand.

"For me, what it came down to was ensuring that anybody who wants to come and take a job as a councillor ... they could do it financially, you don't have to be affluent, and you don't have to be retired in order to run in municipal politics," he suggested. "If we continue to further reduce what councillors are paid for the amount of work they put in ... and they put in a pile of work ... it becomes even less viable. That for me was the driving force."

In other business, council approved having the Morden Community Development Corporation sell the city's planning and development office at 133 7th St.

The sale is connected to plans for the redesign of the Morden Civic Centre.

"The goal is to get all the city administrative staff into one space for efficiency's sake. It may still happen that MCDC finds an alternate use for it that they feel meets a need, but at

this point it's the sale of it that we're looking at," Burley said.

He noted the timeline for the civic centre work is uncertain but it could happen as early as next summer.

City council also approved a number of board and committee appointments on Monday.

Rich Harries was not only appointed to the MCDC board with Peter Cantelon stepping aside but also earned another appointment to continue on the police board as its chairperson.

Stephen Ross, superintendent of Western School Division, was also appointed to the police board, while other citizen rep appointments included Brian Minaker on the Pembina Valley Conservation District and Irvin Wiebe on the Pembina Valley Water Co-op.

# **NPC Youth in Philanthropy offering Trivia Night**

### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy group invite you to put your thinking cap on next week.

The students are hosting a Trivia Night at the Winkler school on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

"We thought we'd engage the com-

munity, get to know each other a little bit, have fun and raise some money," said YIP member Jenessa Heinrichs, noting they have room for 20 teams.

It costs just \$25 to register a team of five (which must include at least two adults). Snacks will also be available for sale that evening.

All the money raised will go into the

YIP granting fund, which supports a variety of causes and projects in the community.

"The money is going to go to a local cause at the end of the [school] year," said YIP member Tianna Wiebe, explaining they'll be hosting a variety fundraisers over the next few months with the goal of raising \$1,000 to grant in spring.

Trivia Night participants are encouraged to come in costume for a chance to win prizes. The theme is "Careers in the City."

There will also be prizes for the first and second-place teams.

To register a team, contact the school at 204-325-8200 by Nov. 23.

# School of music offering 'Joyful Sounds' Sunday

The Douglas Kuhl School of Music presents *Joyful Sounds* this weekend.

The fall concert begins at 3 p.m. at the Winkler EMM Church (600 Southview Dr.) this Sunday, Nov. 25 and features performances from the DKSM Encore and Post Road string ensembles, Homeschool Harmony choir, and the Winkler Senior Choir.

The latter program just recently came under the school's stewardship, noted director Rochelle Drudge.

"We have collaborated in concerts with the Winkler Senior Choir for the past 10 years. This summer, when they were looking to be associated with a new organizational home, DKSM was the obvious fit," she said, explaining the group's mission and focus lines up well with the school's own.

DKSM's other musical programs

continue to grow every season, attracting participants old and new.

"We continue to have a lot of participation from the community," Drudge said. "This fall we have almost 200 participants, 30 of whom are participating in our programs for the first time."

Admission to Sunday's concert is free. An offering toward DKSM programming will be taken.

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It was also a banner day for the neighbouring Plum Coulee Community Foundation.

The organization is still waiting to confirm the online donation numbers with Endow Manitoba, but a soup and pie supper held on Saturday brought in \$3,920.

"Stretched it will be \$5,488," said foundation board member Moira Porte.

The Morden Area Foundation also

took part in the challenge. Executive director Lynda Lambert was still crunching the final numbers at press time but noted they were on track to have raised over \$20,000.

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# > SHOEBOXES, FROM PG. 4

The Morden collection depot collects donations from a wide swath of southern Manitoba.

"We're bringing in from Crystal City to Highway 75 and from Elm Creek to the U.S. border. That's our area, so our major dropoff points were Carman, Altona, and the main collection centre in Morden."

For Unger, the reward comes in knowing what a huge impact these small shoeboxes can have on their recipients. He has seen it firsthand on distribution trips to Uruguay in 2008 and Senegal last year.

"It's amazing just knowing and seeing the videos of the children getting shoeboxes, and being on a couple distribution trips and seeing the kids getting the shoeboxes is just really amazing," he said.

It has been a rewarding project for Unger, who has been involved with this region's effort for 19 years including the last 16 as co-ordinator.

He is looking to pass the torch on to someone new after next year's campaign.

"Next year will be my 20th year working with Operation Christmas Child ... it is time," Unger said. "If they can get some new people in, maybe they can take it even further than I've taken it.

"It's everybody who's taken it this far," he added. " I'm just the face and the name behind it in this area, but it's all you people out there who are helping make these shoeboxes happen."

He encouraged anyone who wants more information about getting involved to contact Lynette Harris at 204-294-0718.



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Before the first strand of garland goes up and before you begin thinking about holiday wish lists, set a plan in motion to reduce what you already have in the house. This project can include the entire family and tie into holiday volunteerism that highlights this season of giving.

There's a very good chance that your closets are brimming with items that are collecting dust or haven't seen the light of day in some time. Make these the fist things to go. If something hasn't been used in a year or more, add it to the donation pile.

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Kids' rooms and play areas may be some of the areas most overrun with belongings. Children are likely to get many new toys and other gifts throughout the year, so focus most of your energy on these spaces, cutting kids some slack if they don't want to part with certain items.

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If children are reluctant to part with some of their belongings, stress the point that donating helps others who are less fortunate. Involve kids in the donation process, letting them see where their unused clothes and other supplies will go. This can make giving away older toys less traumatic and more personal. Adults also should pay attention to any belongings they can spare. Take advantage of holiday donation trucks in the area to clear your home of bulky sweaters, linens, older furniture, or kitchen supplies. These trucks service some well-known charities and associations, and items will be appreciated and put to great use.

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Use the weeks prior to the holiday rush to create space for any gifts that might be arriving under your tree before Christmas Day. A little cleaning and decluttering can go a long way toward helping the less fortunate in your community.



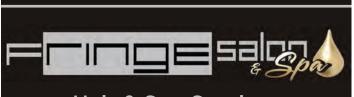
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**PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE** The BTHC multi-purpose room was filled with arts and crafts Friday as the Morden Auxiliary hosted its annual fundraiser. The money goes towards equipment purchases for the hospital.

# Morden auxiliary hosts craft and bake sale



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### By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden chapter of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Auxiliary set up shop at the hospital Friday for a fundraiser.

The annual craft and bake sale supported the auxiliary's efforts to purchase equipment for the BTHC.

Aside from money from purchases, the sale also gets donations from local Hutterite colonies as well as proceeds from a raffle and table rentals.

"It is a good fundraiser for us," said president Margaret Ann Popplestone."It's also good awareness ... that we do have a hospital auxiliary and hopefully we will continue to have it."

The amount raised at the sale was not available at press time, but last year it went towards the auxiliary's sponsorship of \$35,000 in hospital equipment.

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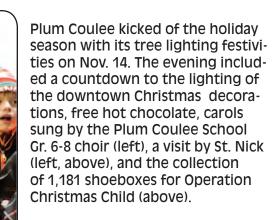
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# MacMaster and Leahy bringing A Celtic Family Christmas to Winkler

### By Ashleigh Viveiros

Natalie MacMaster is returning to the Winkler concert hall next month, and this time she's bringing the whole family on stage.

The fiddling legend is joined by husband and fellow Canadian musi-

cal superstar Donnell Leahy in presenting A Celtic Family Christmas at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Dec. 7.

The duo, who last performed together in Winkler several years ago, will be joined for a few songs by their seven kids.

"We're really excited," said MacMaster just before taking her

family on the road for a month of performances across Canada. "They're not in the whole show ... but they're definitely the highlight of the night."

Touring with kids in tow is nothing new for MacMaster (her eldest daughter, at 12, has been accompanying her parents to work since she was a baby), but it's always a gift.

"There's no driving to gymnastics or hockey. There's no meals to make or house cleaning to do. And we are all together," she said. "For those people who live a family life where kids are

getting older, you really cherish when you're all on the same schedule. We're all working together and playing together.

"That change in our normal routine is an absolute delight."

It's a delight as well to share the family's love of the Christmas season through song and stepdancing.

"We're doing some old Christmas tunes, ones

that translate well on the fiddle," Mac-Master said, adding that her favourite carol to perform by far is "What Child is This."

"I don't play many slow pieces within the show because I like to



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Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy perform A Celtic Family Christmas at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Dec. 7.

keep it exciting," she said. "But I love the slower, beautiful melodies and I always insert maybe one or two in a night so that they're very special.

"For me, on this tour, 'What Child is This' is one of those special slow moments."

The familiar carols will be intermingled with traditional Celtic songs to make for a unique evening of music. "Of all our tours that we do, this is my favourite one, doing the Christmas tour," MacMaster said. "Because people who maybe don't understand fiddle tunes too well can latch onto something that they know really well." New to the show this year is the addition of actor William Colgate, who

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"OF ALL OUR TOURS THAT WE DO, THIS IS MY FAVOURITE ONE."

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lends a theatrical flair to the evening.

"When people come to see our show we feel like we're giving them part of the story. There's so much untold that explains the music," said MacMaster. "[Colgate] is woven into the music of the show so there is a bit of a storyline.

"It tells about Donnell and I and how we met and where our ancestry comes from and then more immediate stuff within our own family, and a bit of humour too.

"It's new, it's old, it's a combination of what you know and things that you didn't know about," MacMaster said of the show as a whole."I can't wait to show it off."

children.

Joining their parents on stage at the Winkler concert hall next month are MacMaster and Leahy's

MacMaster noted she is equally excited to see her kids enjoying a family Advent tradition while on the road this Christmas season.

"It's Jesus' birthday and who's giving him a gift?" she said, sharing that she and Leahy encourage their children to do just that in the weeks leading up to Christmas Day.

"So we try and give him a gift by every day on tour we find some new kind deed or gesture that requires a little extra giving on our part and we write it down on a paper chain," MacMaster explained. "At the end of the tour we have everybody's 'gifts' that they gave attached on this chain and we hang it somewhere in our house."

It's a way to bring Christmas on the road with them, she said, and to honour the true spirit of the season.

Tickets to A Celtic Family Christmas are \$45 each and are available at www.winklerconcerthall.ca.





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It was an evening of family fun Friday with the annual Christmas tree lighting at the Morden Civic Centre. Left: Santa Claus arrives. Above: Bonfires provided warmth and place to toast up some marshmallows. Mordenites were also encouraged to bring along their donations for Donate Love, Operation Christmas Child, and the Morden Christmas Cheer Board.

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Purchases ranged from \$10,667 for an ultrasound probe for the operating room to \$7,720 for an emergency room blood pressure machine and \$6,013 for a dialysis unit portable lift.

Since 2001, there has been over \$200,000 worth of equipment, furniture and other items provided by the Morden auxiliary, which celebrated its 125th anniversary this past year.

"We get a wish list from the hospital of equipment they need and that they aren't necessarily able to get through the government, so we purchase them," explained Popplestone.

"Hopefully, everybody doesn't need to use them ... but at some point, whether it's family members or yourself that have need of this place ... we make an important contribution," said volunteer member Ida Kube.





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# Mixed weekend for male Hawks

### By Lorne Stelmach

The mixed results continue for the AAA Pembina Valley Hawks, although they earned three of a possible four points this past week.

They had another split weekend in falling 5-4 in overtime to the Eastman Selects Saturday and then rebounding with a 5-2 win Sunday over the Interlake Lightning.

The extra time defeat spoiled a comeback by the Hawks, who trailed the Selects 3-1 almost halfway through the third period.

Michael Hlady started things off at 8:01. Riley Goertzen then connected on a powerplay at 9:56 and Tyson Allison had the go-ahead goal at 13:05. Eastman, though, tied it up just 50 seconds later and got the winner at 1:32 into overtime.

Andrew Boucher also had a powerplay goal for the Hawks, while Brock Moroz made 33 saves as Eastman came out ahead in shots 38-33.

The Hawks had period leads of 2-1 and 3-1 Sunday as they outshot the Lightning 42-31. Dylan Meilun got the win in net with 29 saves for the Hawks, who got goals from Goertzen, Boucher, Cameron Brunn, Roux Bazin, and Tyler Park, who put the game away with an empty netter with 27 seconds left.

Pembina Valley remains in ninth place at 8-7-1-1 for 18 points, which leaves them tied with the Kenora Thistles and Winnipeg Bruins while five points up on the Central Plains Capitals.

Pembina Valley travelled this week to Winnipeg Wednesday to face the first place Winnipeg Wild, who have only lost once through 16 games.

The Hawks then kick off another home stand with a pair of games against Kenora this Saturday and Sunday. In the dying moments of the third period, Pembina thirdy against tastsmar's good shord opportunity against tastsmar's good shord opportunity.

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# Flyers put an end to losing streak

The Winkler Flyers halted a three game losing streak by taking the second half of back-to-back games against the Dauphin Kings.

They held on for a 6-5 win Saturday after having dropped a 6-2 decision to the Kings Friday.

The Flyers earned their 12th win of the season in what became not only an up and down game but also a rough one with 172 penalty minutes handed out in the third period alone.

The Flyers were looking for more offense Saturday after having averaged less than two goals per game over their last six outings, and they found their offensive touch with first period goals by Eric Fawkes and Colton Friesen.

Winkler kept it going in the middle frame and moved in front 3-0 with Brody Moffatt snapping a nine game drought before the Kings cut Winkler's lead to 3-1 with a shorthanded marker. The Flyers took a 4-1 lead in the first minute of the final frame on a goal by Jesse Korytko before the Kings cut that down to 4-2 on a powerplay.

Just minutes later, Griffin Leonard potted his eighth of the year on a powerplay and then Kyle Lang scored on a 2-on-1 to make it 6-2 for Winkler with just 8:30 left.

In a span of just over six minutes, the Kings scored three to make it 6-5 with just 35 seconds left, but the Flyers would hang on to move back into fourth place in the standings.

Britt League earned his third win in a Flyers' uniform, making 27 saves, as Winkler outshot Dauphin 35-32. The Flyers were 1-for-5 on the powerplay and 2-for-3 on the penalty kill.

On Friday, the Flyers failed to capitalize on their opportunities as their offence continued to look for consistency.

Friesen fired a shot through the five-hole of Kings goalie Brennan

Kitchen to tie the game 1-1 in the first. Winkler then trailed 3-1 after two, and the Kings extended the lead to 5-1 before Josh Kagan got his fourth of the season.

Riley Morgan took the loss in net, making 28 saves. Winkler ended up outshooting the Kings 36-34. The Flyers were 0-for-4 on the powerplay and 3-for-4 on the penalty kill.

Earlier last Tuesday in Steinbach the Flyers were blanked 3-0 by the Pistons.

League played well despite the loss, as the Flyers were outshot 25-18. Winkler was 0-for-3 on the powerplay and 4-for-4 on the penalty kill.

Now at 12-9-2, the Flyers hosted the 6-13-4 Neepawa Natives Tuesday in Morden. Results were not available at press time.

They head north to The Pas Friday and Saturday for a doubleheader against the OCN Blizzard.



**PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE** Masked wrestler Mentallo takes his fight into the audience but takes a moment to pose his opponent Robin Lehime for a young fan at the CWE matches in Morden last Thursday. Right: After Hotshot Danny Duggan puts his opponent Jay Walker to sleep, Brutus "the Barber" Beefcake comes in to give Walker a haircut.



# Hawks pick up two points against Capitals

### By Lorne Stelmach

The female AAA Pembina Valley Hawks picked up two more key points on the weekend with a 4-2 win over Central Plains.

The victory Sunday in Morden left the Hawks and Capitals tied in fourth place at 13 points, though the Hawks, who are at 6-3-1 so far this season, have a game in hand on Central

#### Plains.

The standings overall remain extremely tight with only six points separating second from seventh place, so it means "every game matters, no matter who you are playing," observed coach Shanley Peters on Monday. "Pretty much every game means something with how close the standings are ... and it's going to be tight right to the end."



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The Pembina Valley Hawks donned white Peace Begins at Home Jerseys in their game Sunday against Central Plains in support of Genesis House and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Peters really liked the effort she saw Sunday from the Hawks, who got a pair of goals from Tessa Odell and singles from Jolyne Leclair and Cora Fijala. Kadynce Romijn earned the win in net.

"I really liked the compete and the intensity level," said Peters, who observed it was a back and forth game but her girls battled hard in earning the win.

This week, the Winnipeg Avros hosted the Hawks Wednesday for another first meeting of the season, and Peters sees these kinds of games as being even a little more important.

"We hadn't seen Central Plains yet this year, so it's always an important game to start out against them with a win," she suggested. "Plus we're right neck and neck with them in the standings, so when you can have one up on them, that can be key by the end of the year."

Coming up then is the challenge of taking on the first place Westman Wildcats, who are ruling the roost at 9-1-1 for 19 points, which is four up on the Yellowhead Chiefs at 15 points and five ahead of the Eastman Selects at 14 points.

The Hawks travel to Hartney Sunday to take on Westman. The two teams then met again in Morden Dec. 1.

The Wildcats doubled up the Hawks 4-2 in their first meeting of the season on Sept. 30.

# **NPC** fall in wildcard game

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate varsity boys volleyball team saw their season come to an end Monday after losing the wildcard game to qualify for a spot at the provincial championships.

The boys fell in four sets sets to the Miles Macdonnell Buckeyes.

The Morden Thunder varsity volleyball teams also wrapped up their seasons with losses this past week. After beating Sanford in five sets Nov. 13 in the first round of Zone 4 playoffs, Morden's boys were knocked out by Altona in three Nov. 15.

The Thunder girls, meanwhile, fell to Altona in three Nov. 13.

Garden Valley Collegiate's boys lost the Interzone game against Vincent

# **Pembina Valley Twisters extend streak to six**

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters picked

# Royals fall to Maroons, Redskins best Islanders

### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

The Winkler Royals are still on the hunt for their second win of the season.

On Saturday, the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League team returned home from Altona with a 7-3 loss to add to their record.

Winkler's Chad Unrau scored the lone goal of the first period, while teammates Calvin Spencer and Brett Harder contributed two more in the game's final five minutes.

In between, though, the Maroons fired home five shots in the second and two more in the third.

Winkler netminder Trevor Hiebert made 45 saves as the Royals were outshot 52-38.

Morden's SEMHL team had a much better go of it last weekend, earning a 3-2 shootout win Saturday night in front of a hometown crowd.

Tyler Grove got both of the tying goals, scoring Morden's first in the opening frame and then sending the game into overtime in the third

The extra period solved nothing, but the shootout went Morden's way.

Reed Peters made 34 saves in net as the Redskins outshot the Islanders 39-36.

The Redskins are currently in fourth place in the standings with a record of 2-2-0-1 for five points. They trail the top Portage team by four points and Carman and Warren by just one point.

The Royals, meanwhile, are in sixth place with a 1-4 record for two points, putting them ahead of only the winless Notre Dame Hawks.

This week, Winkler and Morden face each other on the Redskins' home turf on Sunday.

The Royals also played at Notre Dame Wednesday (results were not available at press time) while the Redskins head to Altona on Thursday. up a pair of weekend wins to extend their winning streak to six games.

The MMJHL team has now won seven of their last eight and still only have two regulation time losses through their first 15 games after following up a 4-1 win over the St. Boniface Riels Saturday with a 5-2 defeat of the Charleswood Hawks Sunday.

Their record of 11-2-2 for 24 points leaves them tied for second with the St. James Canucks and just two points behind the first place Raiders.

Travis Penner scored a pair including a powerplay marker Saturday in Morris as the Twisters outshot the Riels 42-26. Travis Klassen got the win in goal for Pembina Valley, which had period leads of 2-0 and 4-0. Other goals came in from Elijah Carels and T.J. Matuszewski.

On Sunday, Carels led the way with two goals, which brought him into a tie with Jeremie Goderis at 12 for the season thus far. Also contributing that night for the Twisters were Brendan Keck with his 11th of the season, Braeden Beernaerts with his ninth, and Owen Wiebe with his third.

The veteran laden lineup for the Twisters now has four of the top ten point-getters in the league with Beernaerts leading the way at nine goals and 27 points followed by Goderis at

12 goals and 25 points. Penner is seventh with nine goals and 21 points while Carels is ninth with 12 goals and 20 points.

Martin Gagnon contributed to the win over the Hawks with 28 saves as the Twisters won the shots battle 55-30.

The Twisters only have one game this week when they host the fifth place Stonewall Jets on Saturday.

They then get a chance next Tuesday to take down the first place Raiders, who have won 13 of 15, including a 7-3 victory over Pembina Valley in October.

# **Police blotter: Nov. 11-19**

• Morden police are reminding the public that the winter parking ban is in effect starting Oct. 1 through to April 30 between the hours of midnight and 8 a.m.

No vehicles shall be parked on the street during this time period or they may be towed at the owner's expense and receive a fine \$150.

• Nov. 11: Winkler police received a report of a vehicle that had driven into the ditch on 1st St. near Stanley Ave. Police arrived on scene and noted the suspect vehicle to be out of the ditch and travelling slowly along 1st St. while weaving in its lane.

Police conducted a traffic stop and noted that the female driver appeared to be under the influence of a drug.

The 53-year-old resident of Winkler was arrested for driving impaired and examined by a drug recognition expert who confirmed the accused was impaired by a drug.

Her licence was suspended for 24 hours and she was later released to appear in court at a later date.

• Nov. 12: Police were dispatched to a residence on 4th St. to assist the Winkler Fire Department with two vehicles reported to be on fire.

Police spoke with the owner who advised he had plugged in his vehicle's block heater approximately 20 minutes prior to the fire starting, and had applied rust protection to the vehicle earlier in the day that may have been flammable.

No injuries were reported.

• Nov. 13: Morden officers were

dispatched to Conner Hill Dr. where a house and vehicle had been egged. A suspect was found and cautioned.

• Nov. 13: Morden police received a complaint about a theft from a residence. The complainant was selling items online and left them outside their house, with instructions on how to pay.

These items were taken and not paid for and the suspect then deleted their online accounts.

Police would like to remind the public to use caution when selling and buying items online.

• Nov. 13: While conducting a traffic stop, Morden police seized an amount of marijuana that was improperly stored in the front seat of a vehicle.

The department would like to remind the public that marijuana can not be stored in the passenger compartment of a vehicle. The fine for Unlawful Transportation of Cannabis in or on a vehicle is \$237.

• Nov. 14: Police have a Warrant of Arrest for 49-year-old Guy Joseph McIntyre of Morris. McIntyre is wanted for failing to attend court.

McIntyre was previously charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking, and one count of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime.

Anyone with information regarding McIntyre's whereabouts is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimstoppers.com or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

• Nov. 15: A male reported he accidentally knocked over a light pole on Memorial Dr. in Winkler while parallel parking his vehicle.

• Nov. 16: Morden police were called to the back lane of Stephen St. in regards to a garbage bin on fire. The officers put out the fire. Foul play is not believed to have been the cause of the blaze.

• Nov. 16: Winkler police were alerted by staff of a local grocery store that a female was attempting to purchase a large amount of Steam gift cards and the employee believed the woman was being scammed.

Officers attended the store and learned that the victim received messages from her friend via Facebook advising that she was eligible to win prize money but was first required to pay a fee by purchasing gift cards.

Police advised the victim that her friend's Facebook account had likely been hacked and that this was a scam.

The victim said she had already purchased a large amount of gift cards from two other stores and sent pictures of the gift card numbers to the scammer.

The victim was unable to receive reimbursement for any of her gift card purchases.

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# Agriculture

# New farm show coming to Manitoba in '19

#### **By Harry Siemens**

The Manitoba farming industry will have a brand new outdoor/indoor farm show next year at the Red River Exhibition grounds thanks to Doug Cramer and Kelly Turcotte of Regina, SK.

"Bringing this show to Manitoba in July of 2019 is by far the most exciting project Kelly Turcotte and I have ever worked on," said Cramer in a recent interview. "The immediate interest in this show from the Manitoba Ag Sector is very rewarding. This show is already promising to be a huge event with local, provincial, Canadian, and international sponsorship, attendance, and exhibitors."

Crammer and Turcotte own and operate Cramer Expo and Event Management where they do their trade show in Swift Current and run different events for other organizations.

"Recently, we've taken on the challenge of developing Manitoba Farm Fest Outdoor Ag Show in Winnipeg," Cramer explained. "We've envisioned Farm Fest Manitoba to be a 200 exhibit outdoor farm trade show, highlighting heavy equipment, agriculture, and as far as Manitoba goes, all the way from livestock production to agriculture production and processing, and farm equipment manufacturing. "We will have guest speakers talking on things like mental health and agriculture, dairy herd management, ag policy and what's going on with the new policies and all the hot topics of what will be 2019," Cramer said. "From the producer's standpoint, we're going to have decision-makers there, farm managers, and farm workers, that are always looking for new ideas and to see what's happening in innovation and new equipment."

In addition to the on-site exhibits and building displays, Farm Fest Manitoba will also have 110 acres of agricultural land right next to the Red River EX to hold field demos tied in with the Farm Fest Manitoba Research Farm to see the large equipment in action.

Cramer, who is originally from Carman, noted the diversity of Manitoba's agricultural industry makes it a natural place to bring everybody together to talk about innovations, new technology, and ag policy.

"I think that we look at Manitoba as a huge area of opportunity for a farm show in an outdoor setting to run equipment, and tour plots of crops grown in one area," he said. "People from all across the world are coming to Manitoba, investing money, research, and putting bricks and mortar on the ground to develop the ag sector of Manitoba further."



# **Much depends on U.S. Farm Bill**

### **By Harry Siemens**

With the Democrats retaking the United States House of Representatives, maybe Canadian farmers should look more closely at what could or could not happen to the still unfinished U.S. Farm Bill.

Remember the pain and havoc the mandatory Country of Origin Label-

ling caused to Canadian farmers, especially hog and cattle producers? I sure do.



Well, it could very well be back on the table should the current so-called lame duck congress not pass this bill in the next month or so.

Farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson said it seems they do this to us every time they write a farm bill.

"They get an early start that encourages us to believe they are going to have it finished before the August recess in plenty of time and then ... the Congress not only missed the Sept. 30 deadline but they might also miss the 'end of the year' deadline," said Samuelson. "We can't let that happen because that would mean we will have to start all over again to write a Farm Bill next year. We will be doing it with a new Congress, and we may lose much of what we have in the current version that the House and Senate are trying to pass."

He said the big sticking point seems to be, as it so often is, the nutrition program, known as Food Stamps years ago and called S.N.A.P. (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

"Most farmers have always wondered why food assistance programs should be part of the Farm Bill and part of the USDA budget," Samuelson said. "The answer is simple: leverage. There aren't enough rural votes in the House and Senate to pass a Farm Bill without support from urban legislators."

U.S. President Donald Trump and many Republicans would like to see a work requirement added to be eligible for the food assistance program. Other people, many of them urban Democrats, say it's not fair to put such a requirement in there.

There's the rub, my friends. Why ask non-disabled people to do some work if you can get their vote by feeding them without that requirement.? That is just my opinion. It is a bit like why pray when you can worry.

Samuelson asked Bill Northey, the former Secretary of Agriculture for the state of Iowa and now Under Secretary at USDA for Farm Production and Conservation Convention, about the status of the farm bill.

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# > SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 23

"I do believe that there's some momentum to be able to get a farm bill done this year. I think there's great interest," Northey said." They've done a lot of heavy lifting. I think they know where they need to go, even if they haven't gone there yet on adjusting some of the expectations of the folks in both chambers as they pass their bill.

"And I think there is also a risk that if we go another year, start back over, it doesn't mean a farm bill next year would be easier, right?"

Steve Dittmer of Agribusiness Freedom Foundation in Colorado said it does suit Conservatives and agricultural interests to use the whip in this lame duck session.

"We do expect Rep. Collin Peterson to be House Agriculture Committee chairman, someone with real agricultural experience and whom we have worked with in the past. He has already mentioned something about the checkoffs. Last spring, he opposed a somewhat ham-handed attempt at checkoff 'reform,' aimed at inclusion in an earlier version of the Farm Bill," said Dittmer." The bad potential with Peterson is that he was in favour of MCOOL, which may also require some preventive legislative direction from Congress, given that R-CALF and allies are trying to force

USDA into doing something, despite its being ruled illegal by the WTO and worthless to most consumers."

Orion urges Members of Congress to resolve this problem so that they can have a Farm Bill on the president's desk before the end of the year and producers will know what the rules are before the new crop year.

# > HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS, FROM PG. 22

Massey in five hard-fought sets Nov. the Aces 9-4 last week and then on 15.

In Zone 4 hockey action, the Nighthawks fell to the Mustangs 10-6 and

Monday lost to the Zodiacs 6-1.

GVC also posted losses of 5-2 to the Tigers and 4-1 to the Mavericks, while

the Morden Thunder fell 10-2 to the Mavericks and 9-2 to the Tigers.



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All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be sent to the undersigned at 326 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba R6M 1T5, on or before the 3rd day of January, 2019.

DATED at the City of Morden, in Manitoba, this 13th day of November, 2018. Pullan Kammerloch Frohlinger Attention: Paramjit Singh Solicitors for the Executor

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#### CAREERS



### The City of Winkler invites applications for the position of Director of Community Services

The Director will work closely with and report to the City Manager. The successful candidate will be responsible for the planning, development, general/financial management and leadership of all community services, comprising of the Meridian Exhibition Centre, Aquatic Centre, Arts & Culture Centre, Concert Hall, Sports Fields, Parks, Playgrounds and Skate Park. This individual will work with a skilled municipal team to deliver innovative, consistent and high quality customer service, community engagement and resource management.

#### **DUTIES WILL INCLUDE:**

- Develop and manage a conscientious and qualified team to deliver recreation services
- Manage and participate in the recruitment selection, hiring, training and development of all staff, including implementation of discipline as required
- Develop goals, objectives and budgets for the Department
- Develop, recommend and implement a long term plan for the operational and capital improvements for all programs and facilities for the recreation department
- Develop and maintain partnerships with community groups to enhance the provision of services to the community and maximize facility usage
- Conduct regularly scheduled meetings with department staff to review operations and provide updates on policies and procedures
- Develop and recommend fee structures and agreements for community services and groups utilizing municipal facilities and parks
- Serve on the Recreation, Tourism and Events committee
- Ensure a high standard of public safety, review, reporting and follow up of serious incidents.
- Play an active role in planning of the Meridian Exhibition Centre
- Other duties as required.

Preference will be given to candidates with a degree or diploma in recreation related management with a strong aptitude in marketing, interpersonal and organization skills, or an equivalent combination of education and experience in leadership, preferably in a municipal setting for a minimum of five years.

Interested applicants should forward their resume and cover letter to the undersigned. Candidates being considered may be required to complete a Criminal Record Check.

The City of Winkler offers a competitive compensation and health benefits package and pension plan.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm, Friday, December 7, 2018. Please note that only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

Barb Dyck, City Manager City of Winkler bdyck@cityofwinkler.ca Phone: (204)-325-9524

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- Experience in hog production will be
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- Excellent problem-solving and analytical skills
- Strong communication skills (oral and written)
- Ability to work under pressure and handle multiple priorities and complex
- tasks simultaneously
- A valid driver's licence and the ability to get to and from work located in a rural area is required
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Please submit resume to: Fax: 204.355.4404 Email: mlafjobs@mapleleaf.com

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#### IN MEMORIAM



Henry Fehr

August 27, 1944 - November 19, 2013 A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands at rest; It broke our hearts to see you go, God only takes the best. They say that memories are golden, Well maybe that is true; But we never wanted memories, We only wanted you. Your life was love and labour, Your love for your family true; You did your best for all of us, We will always remember you. We sat beside your bedside, Our hearts were crushed and sore; We did our duty to the end. 'Til we could do no more. In tears we watched you sinking. We watched you fade away: And though our hearts were breaking. We knew you couldn't stay. Our lips cannot speak how we loved you, Our hearts cannot tell what to say; But God only knows how we miss you, In our home that is lonely today. Someday I want to stroll over heaven with you.

-Dearly loved and deeply missed, from Helen and family







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NOTICES



The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 11th day of December, 2018 at 7 p.m. to the present the following special service proposal:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL SERVICES PLAN NO. 43

Council is proposing to replace Special Service By-Law No. 2083-12, dated January 22, 2013, to modify the properties that are subject to the special service tax for police and fire protection services to more equitably reflect those properties receiving and paying for the services. The proposed special service levy will not be a new tax, but will be a separate levy to transparently reflect the costs for police and fire protection services, and will be levied on all rateable property including otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler limits, at estimated costs as follows:

2019	Up to \$4,135,000	2022	Up to \$5,065,000
2020	Up to \$4,424,000	2023	Up to \$5,420,000
2021	Up to \$4,734,000	2024	Up to \$5,799,000

The method of taxation to be applied shall be based on the portioned value of assessable property. The assessed property is all rateable properties, including otherwise exempt properties, within the City of Winkler. The mill rate shall be determined by Council annually, based on the annual police protection and fire protection budgets set out in the City of Winkler's Financial Plan, to a maximum annual levy as per the estimated costs above. The actual assessed values of the properties will be supplied annually by the Department of Local Government (preliminary 2019 - \$810,677,320). Estimated budget for 2019: \$4,135,000.00 / (\$810,677,320 / 1000) = 5.10 mills. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$250,000 (portioned value of \$112,500) and based on 2019 estimated budget and assessment, a \$573.75 special service tax will be levied for police and fire protection services.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the Special Services Plan No. 43 are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at www.cityofwinkler.ca.

Dated at the City of Winkler this 14th day of November, 2018, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

Barb Dyck, City Manager City of Winkler 204-325-9524 INVITATION TO TENDER

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**Re: Land in the RM of Stanley** We invite **TENDERS** for the purchase of approximately <u>160</u> <u>acres of land in the Rural Municipality of Stanley</u> described

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The highest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

ADDRESS: WIENS DOELL LAW OFFICE P.O. Box 1150 564 Mountain Ave. Winkler, MB R6W 4B2 Ph. (204) 325-8807 Fx. (204) 325-8352 To the attention of Christopher G. Doell

#### NOTICES



as follows:

CITY OF WINKLER - PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL NO. 42 - BY-LAW NO. 2220-18 FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, STREET LIGHTING AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 11th day of December, 2018 at 7 p.m. to the present the following special service proposal:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL SERVICES PLAN NO. 42

Council is proposing to replace Special Service By-Law No. 2084-12, dated February 12, 2013, to provide for highway maintenance services, street lighting services, and snow removal services. The proposed special service levy will not be a new tax, but will be a separate levy to transparently reflect the costs of highway maintenance, street lighting, and snow removal, and will be levied on all rateable property including otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler limits, at estimated costs as follows:

2019	Up to \$1,254,000	2022	Up to \$1,467,000
2020	Up to \$1,321,000	2023	Up to \$1,545,000
2021	Up to \$1,392,000	2024	Up to \$1.628.000

The method of taxation to be applied shall be based on the portioned value of assessable property. The assessed property is all rateable properties, including otherwise exempt properties, within the City of Winkler. The mill rate shall be determined by Council annually, based on the annual highway maintenance services, street lighting services, and snow removal services budgets set out in the City of Winkler's Financial Plan, to a maximum annual levy as per the estimated costs above. The actual assessed values of the properties will be supplied annually by the Department of Local Government (preliminary 2019 - \$810,677,320). Estimated budget for 2019: \$1,254,000.00 / (\$810,677,320 / 1000) = 1.55 mills. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$250,000 (portioned value of \$112,500) and based on 2019 estimated budget and assessment, a \$174.38 special service tax will be levied.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the Special Services Plan No. 42 are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at www.cityofwinkler.ca.

Dated at the City of Winkler this 13th day of November, 2018, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

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