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Jingle Jam

The City of Winkler's Family Christmas Experience Dec. 5 included a lively Jingle Jam show inside the concert hall that got kids thinking about the real meaning of the season. For more photos, see Pg. 6.

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Teaching teens about healthy relationships

RBC Future Launch grant to fund Genesis House's new Teen Talk project

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thanks to RBC, the South Central Committee on Family Violence will be launching a new program to teach teens and young adults about healthy relationships.

The Teen Talk project, which will be led by staff at the Genesis House shelter for abused women and their children, has won \$15,000 through the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge.

"Domestic violence has a large impact on communities. One in four women report abuse in a current or previous relationships and that statistic is actually the same for teens as well," said Samantha Toews, a children's counsellor at the shelter who will be leading the project.

"At Genesis House, about a third to

half of our clients are actually 25 and under women," Toews noted. "From the data that we collect from them we've seen ... the foundations for these abusive relationships comes in the early teen years.

"With this program we're looking to intervene and intercept these teens as they're in their formative years and starting these dating relationships and really educating them on what a healthy relationships looks like as well as the early warning signs to prevent abusive relationships in the future."

Genesis House will partner with local school divisions to deliver the Red Cross Healthy Youth Relationships educational program to junior high and high school students.

"That program teaches kids the different types of abuse, communica-



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From left: The Winkler Community Foundation's Myra Peters, Ang Braun and Samantha Toews of Genesis House, and Miranda Rowson and Curtis Sanjenko from RBC at the presentation of \$15,000 in support of the new Teen Talk project.

tions skills, the impacts of violence, and the early warning signs of a potentially abusive relationships," Toews explained.

The shelter will also have representatives at the Teen Clinics in Winkler and Morden on a weekly basis to provide additional support to the medical teams there and youth seeking help.

"This is a program that we are very, very excited about," Toews said of Teen Talk, "and not one that would be possible without RBC and the Winkler Community Foundation."

The foundation facilitated the grant's distribution, inviting the community to pitch potential projects that would have a positive impact on local youth.

"The Winkler Community Foundation felt this partnership was a great fit to the work our board is currently doing: growing impact through grant making, supporting leadership initiatives, and building partnerships," said executive director Myra Peters.

The Teen Talk project was selected for its attempt to deal with the roots

of domestic violence and abuse, she said, hopefully breaking the cycle before it starts.

It's an outcome RBC is certainly proud to be supporting, said Miranda Rowson, Winkler RBC branch manager.

"We're so happy to be here to recognize the great work done at Genesis House and the great work planned with this grant," she said.

Teen Talk is one of 150 different projects to receive this RBC funding via community foundations across Canada this year, said Curtis Sanjenko, RBC community manager for the Pembina Valley.

The challenge grant is part of the larger RBC Future Launch initiative, he explained, which is a 10-year, \$500-million pledge by the company to support projects that will help Canadian youth prepare for the future.

Teen Talk fits right in with that goal.

"It really aligns with what Future Launch stands for in terms of that life

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Museum hosts an old-fashioned Christmas celebration



The Winkler Heritage Museum hosted its annual Old Tyme Christmas celebration last Thursday night. The evening included stories from speakers like Ed Zacharias (left), a variety of musical selections (right), and holiday snacks.

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coaching, those skills,” Sanjenko said. “Their element of taking potentially troubled or situational circumstances that could go astray and being able to intervene somewhere along the way to actually turn them into positive experiences is exactly what Future Launch is all about.”

VITAL CONVERSATIONS

In support of the Teen Talk project, the Winkler Community Founda-

tion is planning to host a Youth Vital Conversation in the new year, inviting teens and young adults to participate in a dialogue about community priorities for the future.

This lines up with other similar discussion groups the foundation has been hosting in the follow-up to its 2018 Vital Signs community report, Peters said.

More details on that event will be released in the months ahead.

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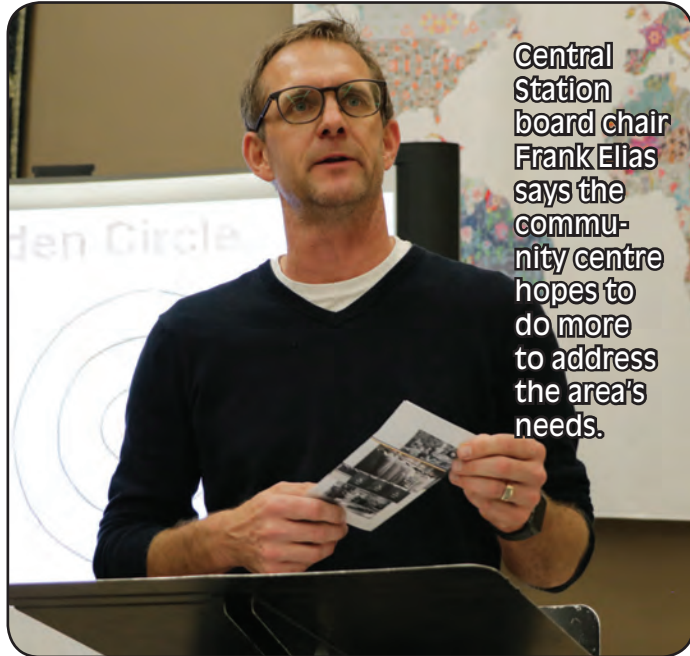
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Central Station has big dreams for the future

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Central Station Community Centre made great strides in its programming over the past year, but



Central Station board chair Frank Elias says the community centre hopes to do more to address the area's needs.

its board of directors believe there's so much more it can do.

At its annual general meeting last week, the organization turned to its members for help in further identifying the community's needs and what steps might be taken to fill them.

"There are so many needs, but it feels good to have an organization that we can actually hit some of them, and it doesn't feel like we're just lost," said board chair Frank Elias in reflecting on the successes of 2019. "With our staff and our facility now, I think we can start to address some of them, but the bigger ones are yet to come, so that's even more exciting."

The results of the AGM's table discussions left Central Station with a lengthy to-do list moving forward, focusing on areas ranging from the need for public transportation and skills training programs to emergency housing shelters and detox clinics, to name just a few.

"There are a lot of needs in this community that we've identified," Elias said. "My hope would be that we could find a facility that's large enough to house a lot of these ideas."

"There's daycare centres, there's counselling, there's other social agencies, there's community-building programs—all these places need a facility and how great would it be if they could all be together? What we need is a bigger facility that can put them all together."

Some of the identified issues the community centre might be able to tackle head-on with programming of its own, while others will require partnerships, stressed executive director Bev Wiebe.

"We are not trying to do programs for everybody," she said. "We are trying to make sure that we are connecting people to the organizations in the community that are doing the programs."

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E. & I. Krahn Heliport open for landing at BTHC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A small crowd gathered outside the Boundary Trails Health Centre Friday afternoon to watch the STARS air ambulance touch down.

When the winds died down and the doors opened, it wasn't a patient needing care who stepped off, but rather the family who made BTHC's new permanent heliport possible.

After several months of construction, the E. & I. Krahn Heliport is now in operation at the regional health centre, providing STARS with a more reliable place to land than the empty field it had been using previously.

The nearly \$350,000 landing pad is named for Ed and Irene Krahn and was funded entirely by the Krahn family in Ed's memory.

"Time. That has been what this whole project has been about: saving time to create more time," reflected Farrell Krahn, Ed's son. "After we lost our father and husband, Ed Krahn, all we wanted was to spend more time

"THE LEGACY OF THIS HELIPORT WILL MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE ... FOR GENERATIONS TO COME."

with him ...

"STARS gives this chance at having more of that precious time with loved ones," Krahn said, explaining the service, which can get patients to the hospital at a fraction of the time of ground transportation, "gives patients the best chance at the best possible outcome."

Krahn said his father would have enjoyed being part of this project.

"If our dad was here we know he would have loved being involved with this project in all of its aspects," he



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The family of the late Ed Krahn—wife Irene Krahn, son Farrell Krahn, and daughter Corissa Wiebe—with Health Minister Cameron Friesen and STARS Air Ambulance representatives at the opening of the new E. & I. Krahn Heliport at Boundary Trails hospital last week.

said. "From the vision of the heliport to the project planning, meetings, and details of the construction.

"He would have been impressed with the end result and the hope that

this heliport now offers."

Krahn also lauded his mother for spearheading things.

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The City of Winkler teamed up with the Emmanuel Mennonite Church and the Winkler MB Church to host the community's Christmas party, dubbed A Family Christmas Experience, at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall last Thursday night. Clockwise from left: Malakai, Grayson, and Alanna Peters chat with St. Nick; Pine Ridge choir students share a few Christmas carols; bonfires kept everyone toasty warm; "Super Santa" bursts from his gift box in the Jingle Jam show; saying hello to some feathered friends at the petting zoo; the s'mores roasting station was a popular stop; the Pre-School Party downstairs in the concert hall kept kids entertained with arts and crafts.

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"Mom, Dad would have been really proud of you. Dad always taught us to never give up. This heliport is because of you, your determination and your vision for the community."

The BTHC heliport is the third Transport Canada certified landing pad to be constructed at a rural hospital in recent years, noted Manitoba Health Minister and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen.

"We know that when there's an emergency situation, minutes count, seconds count," he said, pointing out that STARS has flown 167 inter-facility transfers from BTHC since 2011. This year alone the air ambulance has been at the hospital 30 times to transport patients to larger medical facilities outside the community.

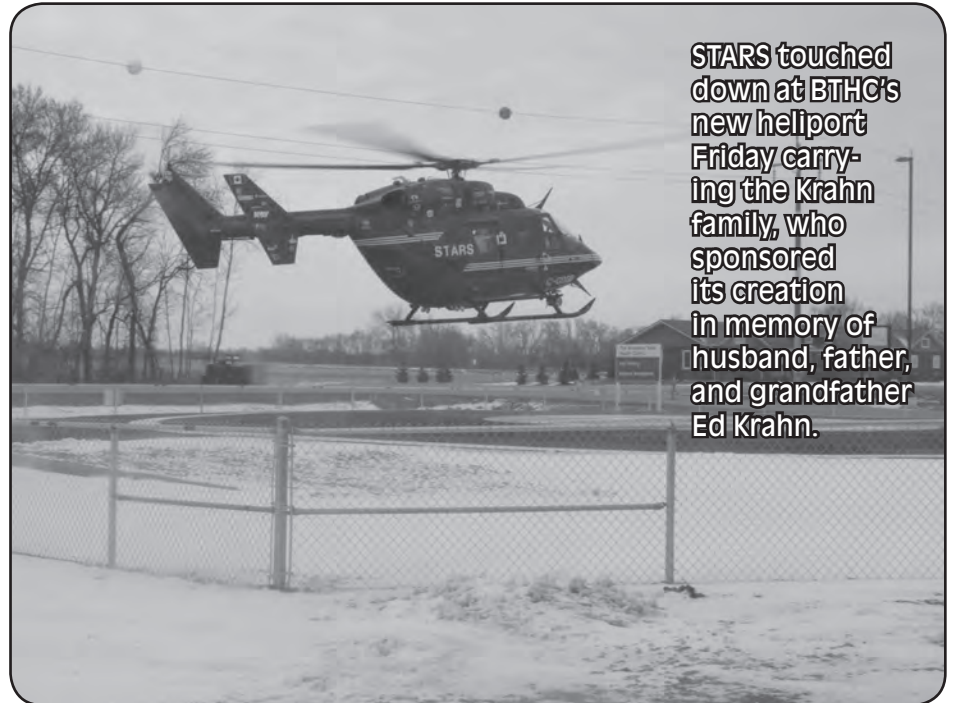
"This permanent heliport will speed up transfers and increase safety for both patients and staff," said Grant Thiessen, board chair of the BTHC Foundation, which received the Krahn family's donation.

Thiessen thanked the Krahns for their "vision and initiative on this project."

"Irene has worked so hard on this and I want to thank you for that," he said.

Southern Health-Santé Sud CEO Jane Curtis applauded the Krahns for their foresight and generosity.

"Know that the legacy of this heliport will make a lasting difference for people in communities and of the surrounding area for generations to come."



STARS touched down at BTHC's new heliport Friday carrying the Krahn family, who sponsored its creation in memory of husband, father, and grandfather Ed Krahn.

A clear plan for the future

From Pg. 4

Central Station has a clear strategic plan for the next few years that focuses, in part, on community housing and community-building initiatives.

"Both our one and three-year plan will focus on housing," Wiebe said. "Doing housing better ... being able to provide more programs or supports for those that are living in our housing. I think that's a huge focus for us right now and a huge opportunity."

Central Station has managed Winkler's affordable housing units on behalf of the city and the province for two years now. It's proven to be a rewarding experiment that has greatly benefited both tenants and the community at large.

"It was a learning experience for us. I feel like it had a bigger impact on the community than I thought it would or thought it could," Elias said, noting having the units managed locally by an agency like Central Station that can offer or direct tenants to a wealth of support programs and resources allows for stronger relationships with tenants and a much greater sense of community overall. "It's exciting and I think it can only get better."

Elias is also proud of the success of their Community Care Program, which brings at-risk individuals and families together with support-

ers to work through life issues and create a plan for a more successful future.

"The results are amazing," Elias said, explaining the program has helped people pursue education, leave abusive relationships, regain custody of their children, retain meaningful employment, and overcome their addictions.

There are currently 17 families active in the program, but Elias would like to see that grow exponentially.

"We should be able to do it with 170 families, if we could just figure out how to do that," he said. "That to me is exciting. It works so well."

No matter what the future may bring for Central Station in terms of new programs and partnerships, its success will continue to rely on what Elias calls the Golden Circle.

The outer rings of that circle focus on what the centre intends to offer people—support, connections, and programming—

and how it does it—guided by their Christian faith to build strong relationships and create a welcoming environment.

The heart of the circle, Elias stressed, is also the heart of the organization.

"The point of the circle is to know the why of what you do, and that's more important than what you do," he said. "The why you exist is at the core of an organization, and for Central Station our why is we want people to thrive by building hope and providing support."

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You want to stick that needle where?

Amazing! Seriously astounding. A male contraceptive has been invented that lasts 13 years.

After several trials which included more than 300 candidates, scientists determined a success rate of more than 97 per cent. To put that in perspective, it is a little more effective than condoms and a little less effective than birth control pills.

So, what is the catch? There's got to be a catch, right?

Nope. None whatsoever. In fact, it's just one simple needle to the testicles and ...

"Wait ... what?"

"A needle ..."

"Where?!? I'm not so sure that's a good idea," proclaimed an audience entirely made up of men.

This has generally been the response online: Great breakthrough but perhaps we'll wait for a nasal spray or a pill.

I will admit I may have clenched up a little after I read how the birth con-

trol would be delivered, but just for a moment.

News of the new product was met almost universally with support by women, while men ... well, let's just say the response was not as universally supportive.

We, as a gender, pride ourselves on varying degrees of strength, bravery, and machismo but somehow when it comes to reproductive health and birth control we take a back seat. Sometimes it's out of fear, sometimes out of disinterest, but mostly because we expect women to take that role and the side effects that come with it.

Speaking of side effects, the study found none for the new male birth control shot.

How about known side effects for combination birth control pills?

According to the Mayo Clinic, side effects can include breakthrough bleeding or spotting, breast tenderness, elevated blood pressure, headaches, nausea, and bloating.

Combination birth control pills also increase the risk of certain conditions such as blood clots in the legs, heart attacks and stroke, (especially if you smoke), liver disorders, and gallbladder disease.

This is not meant to scare women. Birth control is incredibly important and access to it has done amazing things around the world for population growth and giving women con-

trol over their own bodies.

To that end, The Mayo Clinic also reports benefits that include, to name just a few, a decreased risk of ovarian and endometrial cancers, improvement in acne, less-severe menstrual cramps, reduction in heavy menstrual bleeding due to uterine fibroids, a reduction in related iron deficiency anemia, relief from premenstrual syndrome (PMS), shorter, lighter and more-predictable periods or even fewer periods in a year, and a reduction in hot flashes for women nearing menopause.

All that to say that women don't necessarily take the pill just for birth control purposes.

But back to men.

There's a laundry list of side effects for birth control pills that should automatically cause men to man up, as the awful saying goes, and take some initiative.

If this shot becomes available in Canada, men should absolutely consider it as an option.

Men expect women to deal with the pain of childbirth and/or side effects of things like the pill. The least we could do is line up for a shot once every 13 years.

Men and women: Do you have questions about birth control? Talk to a doctor or pharmacist. Seriously. They are knowledgeable and confidential.



By Peter Cantelon

letters

Give the gift of life this Christmas

On behalf of Canadian Blood Services, I'd like remind residents of Winkler that they can make saving a life their greatest gift this holiday season by scheduling an hour to donate blood at one of our upcoming blood donation events.

Every donation counts and the

demand for blood never stops. The holiday season is generally a challenging time to collect blood since many donors are busy with seasonal commitments that prevent them from visiting donor centres. We ask that new and returning donors plan, book and keep their donation ap-

pointments in the coming months to ensure blood and platelets are available.

The timing of the statutory holidays this season will result in lost collection opportunities over sever-

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Agassiz clinic renos slated to begin Jan. 6

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Construction on the major Agassiz Medical Centre (AMC) development project is about to get underway.

The Morden clinic's community board has selected Three Way Builders out of Steinbach to lead the \$1.3 million renovation project.

Work will begin on Jan. 6 and is expected to take about six months, paving the way for a grand opening of the newly renamed Menzies Medical Centre sometime in early summer.

The board certainly didn't take the tender decision lightly, said AMC Community Board chair Myrna Mayor.

"The process was lengthy, but it provided all funding partners and the building owners an opportunity to examine and compare all five of the

tender bids received and make the most informed decision," she said. "Bids for the project were evaluated on many different levels: cost, experience with similar projects, timelines, and insurance levels, to name a few."

"It was a unanimous decision of the funding partners to award the tender to Three Way Builders, and everyone is very eager to get started."

The company is certainly no stranger to working on medical facilities, having led construction on the Bethesda Primary Care Centre in Steinbach two years ago. Mayor noted they'll be working with at least two local subcontractors on the Morden project.

The scope of the project includes renovations to the clinic's reception area, the physician and nurse work areas, and the administrative offices. It will also add 10 new doctor offices

to the facility, something the clinic has sorely needed for years.

"It's going to allow us to bring in more doctors, which will provide the opportunity to those people who do not have family doctors to have access to one," Mayor said, adding that there are upwards of 1,600 people currently on the wait list for a family physician.

Mayor asks the community for their patience during the construction process, as the clinic will remain in operation throughout the work.

"We know that it's not going to be easy," she said. "They're going to be working within the building, there's probably going to be some noise and some dust."

But it'll all be worth it when the new, larger clinic opens its doors.

"It's been a long time coming," said Mayor.

As work gets underway, the board will continue with its fundraising efforts.

They've raised nearly \$320,000 of the \$500,000 they're aiming for, fundrais-

ing committee head Bob Wahl said last week.

"So we're well on our way," he said. "We've obviously got lots to go yet, but we're optimistic we can reach our goal and hopefully surpass it. We have a very, very generous, giving community."

In the months ahead, Wahl said they plan to continue communicating with local business leaders and to also work on reaching out more to the clinic's patients.

"We're going to be doing a public awareness table at the clinic over the next few

weeks," he said. "And we'll probably set up awareness tables at some of the businesses as well just to keep in contact with the private donors more on a one-to-one basis ... we're trying to get the whole community involved."

"If people are looking for a place to invest, definitely health care in the community is the place to do that," Wahl said, stressing that "no donation is too small to help us."

"IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING."

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Kroeker Farms cuts ribbon on new wash plant

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Kroeker Farms unveiled its new state-of-the-art potato wash plant in Winkler Monday afternoon.

The project involved a 34,000 square foot expansion to the company's existing plant on Circle K Drive, dou-

bling their capacity for cleaning, grading, and packing many different kinds products at once, explained CEO Wayne Rempel, calling it a strategic investment in Kroeker's future.

"The reason for this investment is in response to how our business had changed over the years," he said. "On

our farm we have moved to focus on fresh potatoes but we've also moved towards greater diversity."

Kroekers still grows the standard red, yellow, and russet potatoes they always have, but in recent years they've branched out to other varieties of table and creamer potatoes in a myriad of sizes.

"Then, to really complicate things, we have a really significant organic farm that does all these things organically, so that multiplies all the products that we're talking about. So twice the product offerings," Rempel said, noting they have the largest organic farm in all of Canada by a wide margin.

When the company built its old 36,000 sq. ft. plant 20 years ago they thought that it was more than large enough to meet the market demands across North America. But that quickly changed.

"It was only one line and it didn't have the flexibility or capacity that we needed going forward," Rempel said, explaining they started hashing out plans for the expansion about five years ago, spent over a year designing the building and the high-tech equipment inside, and then 18 months of construction putting it all together.

"This new wash plant has two lines and we can wash things like organics and conventional [potatoes] simultaneously," Rempel said. "Plus we can handle all the by products that are constantly being produced."

"On top of that, we now have the capacity that we so badly needed. In fact, we have doubled what we had before," he said, noting the company sorts, washes, packs, and ships upwards of 65 semi-trailers full of potatoes every single week and now has room to grow that significantly. "We are now able provide so much more to our customers: more volume, more pack types, better quality, improved food safety while still providing excellent efficiency for our own business."

"We've tried to build it for the next 25 years using the best technology available," Rempel said, explaining they sought out equipment from around the world to ensure the facility was as cutting edge as possible.

"We have equipment in here .. that is from Germany, from the Czech Republic, from the U.S., Denmark, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, and Canada. The best equipment that we could find across the world."

The project's team was also an international group, involving experts from Germany, Israel, the Czech Republic, and across Canada working alongside numerous local tradespeople over the past few years to turn the company's dreams into reality.

In addition to the labyrinth of conveyor systems that make up the facility's potato sorting and washing

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Kroeker Farms cut the ribbon on its massive wash plant expansion Monday afternoon. The facility doubles the Winkler potato company's capacity for cleaning, sorting, and packaging its products.

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equipment, the new plant also includes a one-of-a-kind water recycling system.

"One of the problems in any wash plant like this is that water use is so high," Rempel said. "And it was particularly a problem [in the old plant] because we were alternating between organic and conventional products. So we had to clean out our system and dump all the water each time.

"We wanted a system that was environmentally-friendly. One that allows us to get as close to zero water usage as possible."

To that end, the new plant's system recycles upwards of 90 per cent of the water used to clean the potatoes. Rempel is confident they'll be able to increase that number moving forward.

"THIS IS WHAT AGRICULTURE IS ALL ABOUT"

At the facility's grand opening celebrations, municipal and provincial political leaders lauded Kroeker Farms for their success and foresight with this project.

"This is what agriculture is all about in Manitoba," said Ag Minister Blaine Pedersen. "It's not just producing

foods, grains, and livestock and what-not—it's about further processing. The commitment that your farm has done to begin the processing industry and then now with your expansion here is really amazing."

Major food processing projects like this will mean "better returns for our farm families" as they continue to produce world-class quality food, Pedersen added.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder hailed Kroeker Farms as both a major employer and a contributing community member in its own right.

"Kroeker Farms does much more than simply employ people that are in the area and employ other businesses," he said. "They are very generous in their contributions to our community as well, and I want to thank you for that."

The company has worked closely with the City of Winkler in the development of the Discovery Nature Sanctuary located alongside Kroeker's facilities in the industrial park.

"What a beautiful, visionary company," Harder said. "We're proud to have you in Winkler. We're proud to call you a partner in the growth of Winkler."

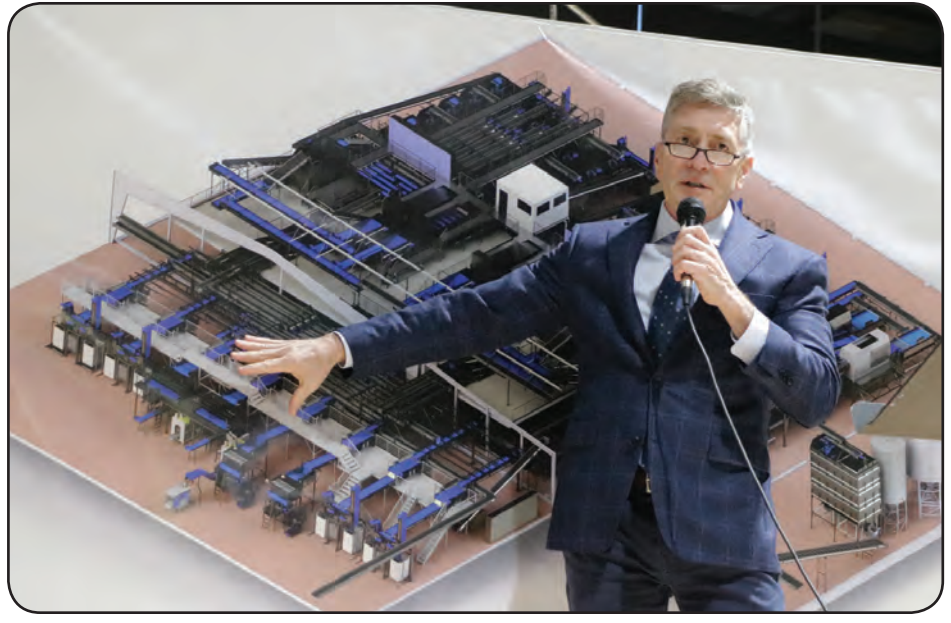


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Kroeker Farms CEO Wayne Rempel in front of a map of the company's new wash/grading plant on Winkler's Circle K Drive.

Teen charged with gift card fraud

A 19-year-old man from the RM Stanley will appear in Morden Provincial Court to answer to fraud charges this month.

On Oct. 18, the Morden Police Service received a report from a local business of an employee who had been stealing gift cards and fraudulently adding credit to them. The employee was caught by staff and fired from their job.

A subsequent investigation involving police led to the arrest of the man and the recovery of more stolen gift cards.

The investigation revealed that the accused had been doing this for several months and the total value of fraudulent credit exceeded \$60,000.

As a result, the man, whose name police have not released, has been charged with fraudulently obtaining credit.

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

- Dec. 2: At 9:30 a.m., police received a call regarding a theft from a motor vehicle in the 800 block of Gilmour Street in Morden.

The owner reported that sometime overnight the tires were stolen off his silver Honda Civic. The vehicle was left sitting on blocks. Police continue to investigate.

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Salem Fdn. hires new executive coordinator

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Salem Foundation has a new face at the helm.

The fundraising arm of Winkler's personal care home welcomed Charmaine Harder as its new executive coordinator last week.

Harder takes over the role from Hilda Friesen, who stepped in on an interim basis over a year ago.

Salem Home CEO Sherry Janzen says having someone in the job on a permanent basis is a relief.

"She just fits exactly what Salem Foundation stands for," she said of Harder. "We look forward to working with her."

Janzen listed Harder's relative youth as a big plus since she'll be able to bring new ideas and a new energy to the position, which oversees all of the foundation's various fundraising efforts.

"She also brings with her a lot of experience," added Friesen, pointing to Harder's eight years working in the City of Winkler's administration department.

For her part, Harder is eager to get to work.

"I'm excited for the opportunity," she said, explaining she hadn't originally sought out the role but, after being recommended by a friend, realized it was something she was eager to pursue.

"It came as a surprise, so it took a little time for me to wrap my head

around whether this was something I wanted to do," she said. "The more I thought about it and prayed about it, it felt like it was a good option."

Speaking to the media on her second day on the job, Harder said she already feels very much at home at Salem.

"It seems so far like a really good community of people working here."

SUPPORTING STAFF

The foundation is also celebrating the success of its educational loan program.

"The foundation will do forgivable loans to employees who want to further their education in nursing," said Friesen, explaining staff who return to work at Salem after graduation are not required to pay back the loans.

A recent recipient of such a loan was staff member Ryan Penner, who is studying for his Bachelor of Nursing at Red River College after having worked as a health care aide at Salem.

The program has been very successful in staff retention, Janzen said.

"We've had quite a bit of success with this," she said, estimating upwards of 20 staff have made use of the program and at least 80 per cent are still working at Salem. "It's been a very good program for us."

"It is the continued generous support from the community that allows us to help staff like Ryan" Friesen added. "We are truly blessed."

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Flyers, Santa hit the ice



The Winkler and District United Way joined forces with the Winkler Co-op and the Winkler Flyers to host a Skate With Santa Sunday at the Winkler arena. Hundreds of kids got the chance to meet St. Nick and local junior hockey stars while enjoying free hot chocolate, cookies, and candy canes.

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Access Credit Union named top MB employer

For the sixth year in a row, Access Credit Union has been named one of the top employers in the province. The annual Manitoba's Top Employers competition, which is run by the editors of *Canada's Top 100 Employers*, named the local financial institution

to its list of 30 last week. "Each year we are struck by the enthusiasm that Manitoba employers demonstrate for innovative workplace programs," said Richard Yerema, managing editor of *Canada's Top 100 Employers*. "Many of these winners

have operations across the country, but they invest significant time and energy in Manitoba to create innovative, dynamic workspaces that reflect the changing nature of work." Employers were evaluated on physical workplace, work atmosphere,

health and financial benefits, vacation and time off, training and skills development, communication, and community involvement. Access Credit Union was lauded by

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Sharing stories & song



The Morden Activity Centre played host to the Winter Music and Memories celebration on Friday. The event brought together older adults with local schoolkids for an afternoon of storytelling and music. Left: Organizer Tammy Hendrickx shares memories of treasured gifts she's received. Right: Susan Pharaoh and Sheila Thiessen perform the Huron Carol.



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> POLICE REPORTS, FROM PG. 11

- Dec. 3: Morden Police received a call regarding a male wearing no pants and no shirt calling to kids as they walked home from school.

Police patrolled the area and observed a male standing on his front porch yelling at officers to come over and look at his deer head.

When asked if he had been yelling at kids with no shirt on, the man told police he wanted to show them his deer head. Police advised the man to keep the deer head inside and stop yelling at people.

- Dec. 5: Staff of a local store report-

ed that a suspicious group of teenage males were inside the store and that the same group had been viewed on video surveillance shoplifting a large amount of items the previous day.

Winkler Police attended, found the males to be in possession of more stolen property, and arrested the six youths for theft under \$5,000.

The teens were later released to their parents and will be dealt with through alternative measures.

- Dec. 5: Morden Police received a report of a male youth carrying a knife up his sleeve in a local business.

Officers attended and located the youth, who admitted to stealing the knife. The knife was recovered and the youth was issued a verbal caution for theft and banned from entering the business.

- Dec. 7: Staff of a local business reported an attempted fraud that took place. Two employees received text messages from someone purporting to be their boss stating that he was in the hospital and asking that they purchase Steam gift cards for him. Both employees believed the request to be a scam and did not purchase any cards.

- Dec. 8: Winkler officers were dis-

patched to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of 15th Street and Roblin Blvd.

Police learned that the driver of an eastbound vehicle incorrectly believed the intersection was controlled by a four-way stop. After stopping, they proceeded to cross the street, colliding with a northbound vehicle.

No injuries were reported at the time of the accident. The driver of the eastbound vehicle was issued a ticket for proceeding before safe to do so. The northbound vehicle was towed from the scene.

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Banner year for Power of PJs campaign

Local libraries collect dozens of donations for Genesis House women's shelter

By Ashleigh Viveiros

South Central Regional Library patrons came through for the women and children seeking refuge at Genesis House in a big way this November.

In honour of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the library's branches in Winkler, Morden, Miami, Altona, and Manitou collected donations of new or gently used pyjamas and new toiletry items for the regional women's shelter.

When Genesis House executive director Ang Braun stopped by the Winkler library last week to pick up the haul, a small mountain of boxes packed full of goodies awaited her.

"You know, I had kind of wondered if this kind of campaign could even grow, but yes it can," she said. "Just look at all this."

The Power of PJs campaign allows the community to show their love for the victims of domestic violence.

"Everyone that comes to the shelter gets a new pair of pyjamas and they also get a quilt from Project Genesis," Braun said. "It's wonderful for us to be able to give that kind of comfort to a family when they come."

"And I think the other part of it is ... this is not the province paying for this. This is their community caring for them. That's a powerful thing."

"Even though they don't know who gave the pyjamas and the people who donated the pyjamas don't know who's wearing them, they were given in love knowing that somebody needed them."

Genesis House provides shelter to about 65 women and 80 kids each year.



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Winkler desk clerk Linda Funk and Genesis House executive director Ang Braun with the boxes full of pyjamas and other useful items the South Central Regional Library branches collected for the women's shelter last month.

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More families than ever enjoying WFRC programming

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In the months since settling into its new home in the Winkler Emmanuel Mennonite Church, the Winkler Family Resource Centre has seen an explosion in the number of people using its services.

Coordinator Cathy Savage says that in the first month alone they welcomed 47 new families.

"I think it's the new location," she says of what's drawing them both to the free early childhood educational programming and the daily morning drop-in playtimes. "We have the space now. We were really crowded in our old space."

Now parents and kids can more easily make their way through the various play and educational stations set up in the church's large hall.

"There's space to move, which is so important," says Savage. "I'd like to say a big thank you to the church for opening their doors to us. I am so incredibly grateful for this space."

A recent grant has also allowed Savage to bring on new staff to help out each day.

"We have two girls from Gateway Resources here Monday to Friday helping with sign-in, preparing the snack, and cleaning as we go," she says. "It's been great."

The added space and new visitors comes with just one challenge: an increasing need for toys, snacks, and monetary donations to keep things running smoothly.

"With our new location we're finding it difficult to keep up on snacks," Savage says. "So donations are always welcome."

"If you have gently used toys your children have grown out of we can definitely find a place for them. We're always looking for people to come and bake muffins ... make them, donate them. We appreciate whatever people can spare."

"And if there are any businesses out there looking to give for year end, we'll take it!" she says, stressing that the centre provides a vital service for families in our community.

"Our winters are long and cold. A change of scenery does wonders for everyone, parents and children alike," Savage says. "Everybody's welcome here—moms, dads, grandparents. Anyone who wants to get out of the house and come have some fun with their kids."

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

The centre is hoping to reach even more families with a few special events coming up in the next few weeks.

First up, the daily morning drop-in group is hosting its Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Everyone is invited to come enjoy crafts and games and decorate Christmas cookies. Every child will get to take home a free book.

WFRC then wraps up 2019 with its third annual New Year's Eve Family Dance at The Bunker Dec. 31 from 6-8 p.m. The

Drop-in playtime at the WFRC has seen a huge jump in families since moving to a larger space in a local church.



evening will include dancing, snacks, prizes, face painting, and a New Year's Eve countdown complete with balloons dropping from the ceiling.

"It's open to any age. That's the great thing about having it at the Bunker is families with older kids came come have fun too," Savage says. "There's pool tables video games, foosball tables, the mini-gym—we can use everything that's at the Bunker that night."

Tickets are \$25 per family. Call 204-332-9418 to book yours.

In the new year, the centre has several programs lined-up, registration for which begins on Dec. 16.

The January-February programming includes the Kindergarten readiness program Ready Set Go, a weekly Busy Bags making workshop, Music With Cassie, Kit and Kaboodle Learning With Pete the Cat, the Fit Kids Healthy Kids gym program, and a new program called Gifted Grandparents, which will invite local grandparents to come share their special skills and hobbies with the preschoolers.

Registration details are online at winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com.

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Superstore collecting donations for Winkler Food Cupboard

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Real Canadian Superstore is aiming high with its annual holiday food drive this month.

The Winkler store will be collecting food and cash donations on behalf of the Winkler and District Food Cupboard through to Christmas Eve.

Store manager Wayne Tyler says they've set their monetary donation goal at \$10,475—what they raised last year—but he fully expects to beat that.

"This year we're actually running it from Nov. 29 and we've added two more weeks, so we're going to Dec. 24," he says. "So we will exceed that goal by probably another \$5,000."

They were well on their way last week. Just a handful of shopping days into the campaign and the donation box was already overflowing with food and more than \$1,700 in cash do-

nations had come in.

"Every single dollar, 100 per cent, goes to the local Winkler food bank," Tyler stresses. "None of it leaves the community."

The Winkler store's campaign is one of the most successful ones in Manitoba, often beating out Superstore locations many times larger.

Shoppers can drop off donations of non-perishable food items in the giant donation box set up just inside the store's doors or make a monetary donation of any size at the till.

The donations go a long way in helping local families in need put food on the table, says the Winkler Food Cupboard's Menno Giesbrecht.

"As the winter closes in, and especially leading up to the holidays, there are many stresses on a household budget. Sometimes there just isn't enough money for everything," he says.



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Real Canadian Superstore managers Rose Froese and Wayne Tyler with the drop box for the store's annual holiday food drive in support of the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

"The Real Canadian Superstore holiday campaign comes at a perfect time each year to help make the holidays brighter for everyone, and to help local food banks, and our clients, get through the long months ahead."

Superstore is happy to help.

"It's all about the community, about being part of the community," Tyler says. "At Christmas, no family should go without a meal. That's what it's all about."

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Hawks win three in a row

The Pembina Valley Hawks are flying high on a five game winning streak.

The team posted a trio of decisive wins over the last week, beating Winnipeg Bruins 10-4, the Interlake Lightning 6-1 and the Central Plains Capitals 4-1.

Wednesday's 10-1 rout saw the Hawks outshoot the Bruins 48-34 in front of a hometown crowd. Reid Dyck made 30 saves in net.

The lengthy list of Pembina Valley scorers included Daniel Isaak (with two), Andrew Boucher, Justin Keck, Riley Goertzen, Mitchell Hlady, (with two), Trent Penner (with two), and Roux Bazin.

The Bruins managed half of their shots in the game's final handful of minutes and scored the other half in a second period the Hawks dominated with no less than six goals.

In Saturday's game, also in Morden, the Hawks kept Interlake to just one goal off 24 shots on net while firing 58 the other way. Brock Moroz was in goal this game and made 23 saves.

Cameron Brunn and William Irvine made it 2-0 for the home team in the first while Brett Bergman and Penner doubled that to 4-0 in the second.

Period three saw Derek Wiebe score twice—once 18 seconds in and the second time at the 16:25 mark—sandwiching Interlake's lone goal.

Sunday's game in Portage was more of the same. After a scoreless opening period that saw the Capitals outshoot the Hawks 13-8, it was Central Plains who drew first blood eight minutes into the second.

The rest of the night belonged to the Hawks, who outshot their

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Interlake's Mark Hamrlik was penalized for sending the Hawks' Derek Wiebe flying on an illegal check in Saturday's game, which saw the Hawks emerge victorious 6-1.

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Bailey Cousins named WISSOTA's Auto Racing's Rookie of the Year

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Morden teen was honoured on the international stage last month for his rookie season racing midwest modifieds.

Bailey Cousins headed to Saint Cloud, Minnesota in early November to attend the 2019 WISSOTA Auto Racing National Awards Banquet, which recognizes the top racers at tracks in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Ontario, Alberta, and Manitoba.

There, the 15-year-old received the WISSOTA Rookie of the Year Award.

"We'd been working towards it for the whole year and so it was a great thing to accomplish," Cousins says.

Although a rookie to the midwest mods division, Cousins is by no means a newcomer to the sport.

He started racing slingshots when he was 10, worked his way up to the pure stock division a couple of years later, and decided this past summer that he was ready to handle something with more power.

"They're more challenging but I also find it a lot more fun," Cousins says of the open-wheeled modified race cars.

Cousins got bit by the racing bug after watching his dad, Ryan, in action behind the wheel.

"My dad started racing quite awhile ago and then he encouraged me to try racing slingshot

"I WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN HERE WITHOUT MY MOM OR DAD. THEY HELPED ME WITH THE CAR AND EVERYTHING ..."

and I really enjoyed it," he says. "That's when it all started and I've been doing it ever since."

He doesn't hesitate to recommend racing to anyone with any interest in it, no matter their age.

For Cousins, the big draws are the chance to "meet new people and hang out with them after the races," he says. "And the adrenaline rush when I'm in the car racing."

He's also very aware of how cool it is to be a race car driver before he's legally old enough to drive on public roads.

"Everybody asks me that about racing: How are you even allowed to drive?" he says, laughing.

But the track rules win out, and Cousins is glad for it.

His family travels for three race days a week throughout the summer, so he gets in plenty of practise behind the wheel.

This past summer was Cousins' most suc-



cessful season yet. In addition to the WISSOTA Rookie of the Year Award, he was also named the top rookie at the Red River Co-op Speedway and was track champion at the Devil's Lake Speedway.

He's quick to thank his parents for all their support.

"I would have never been here without my mom or dad," Cousins says. "They helped me with the car and everything; my dad helps me on the mechanic work."

While his mom, Neta, doesn't race, she's always there to cheer them on.

"She's our number one fan," says Cousins.

While the racing season is over here in the frozen north, Cousins is headed to the Arizona Speedway in mid-January to compete in the 14th annual Keyser Manufacturing Wild West Shootout.

"It's a whole week of racing," he says, adding he can't wait to get out of the cold and back behind the wheel.

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 18

opponents 20-6 and then 20-9, scoring two goals in each period for the win.

Doing the honours were Bergman and Gortzen in the second and Hlady and Irvine in the third.

Dyck made 27 saves as the Hawks outshot the Capitals 48-28 overall.

The Hawks are currently in fourth place in the Manitoba AAA Midget League stand-

ings with a record of 17-4-0-3 for 37 points. They trail the Wild in first place (46 points), Yellowhead in second (40 points), and the Thrashers in third place (39 points) and are a full five points ahead of the Bruins in fifth place.

This weekend the Hawks play the Wheat Kings in Brandon Friday and the Cougars in Souris Saturday.

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Lady Hawks have a split weekend at AAA Challenge

The female Pembina Valley Hawks struggled a bit initially at the Female Midget AAA Challenge showcase in Winnipeg over the weekend.

The team dropped a pair of 2-0 decisions to the Winnipeg Ice and the Yellowhead Chiefs before finding their footing and defeating the Battleford Sharks 5-4 and the Central Plains Capitals 3-2.

Tria Enns had 79 saves in net for the Hawks over the weekend.

In the win against the Sharks Saturday, Alyssa Matthews-Johnson, Tessa Odell, Mikaylie Bibault, Abbey Bourdeaud'Hui, and Quinn McLaren all scored while Enns slapped away 21 shots in net. The Sharks got two of their goals in the final five minutes of the game—the last with just 17 seconds to go—but ran out of time to try and score the tying point.

Against Central Plains Sunday, Bibault opened scoring late in the first, only to have the Capitals tie it up less than

a minute later.

That tie held until Odell scored in the third period's 14th minute, followed a minute and a half later by Cambree Martens to widen the gap 3-1. Central Plains came within one of tying thanks to a goal at 19:24, but that was all she wrote.

Enns faced down 18 shots on goal, making 16 saves as the Hawks outshot the Capitals 32-18 overall.

This weekend the ladies hit the road to play Yellowhead in Shoal Lake Saturday and then Westman in Hartney Sunday.

The ladies are currently in second-last place in the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League with a 3-9 record for six points. They're ahead of only the Interlake Lightning, who are 1-10 for four points.

Redskins fall to Carman 3-2 in OT

In SEMHL action last weekend, the Morden Redskins fell to Carman 3-2 in overtime on Saturday.

After a scoreless opening frame, Carman lit up the board four minutes into the second and scored again five minutes later.

In between, Morden's Jared Leiding and Matt Sibbald got the Redskins on the board.

That 2-2 tie held through to the end, sending the game into overtime for a decision, which went Carman's way after three minutes.

In net for Morden was Reed Peters, who made 47 saves as the Beavers outshot the Redskins 50-31.

The Winkler Royals' Saturday game against Warren was cancelled due to poor road conditions.

This week, the Royals and the Redskins face off in Morden Thursday at 8 p.m.

Morden then gets a rematch against the Beavers on Saturday while Winkler hosts Warren on Sunday.

Winkler and Morden are both at the bottom of the league standings. The Royals have a 2-4-1 record for five points and sixth place while the Redskins are 1-7-1 for three points and seventh and last place.

Twisters retain hold on first

The Stonewall Jets handed the Pembina Valley Twisters their second overtime loss of the season last week.

Playing on the Jets' home turf, the Twisters fell 6-5 after 62 hard-fought minutes.

The back-and-forth affair saw Pembina Valley down 3-1 at the first but then tie things up at 4-4 after 40 minutes. Brendan Keck scored his second of the night midway through the third to tie the game at 5-5 and force overtime.

There, the Jets got the game winner past Martin Gagnon at the 2:03 mark. Gagnon made 23 saves overall as his teammates outshot the Jets 53-29.

Also scoring for Pembina Valley was Jeremie Goderis with two and Nick Hatley with one.

The boys bounced back two nights later against the Railer Express in Transcona, earning a 4-2 win.

Tyson Allison, Elijah Carels, Goderis, and Travis Penner all scored for the victory while Luke Zacharias made 23 saves between the posts.

A second 4-2 win followed Sunday in Morris as the Twisters hosted the St. Vital Victorias.

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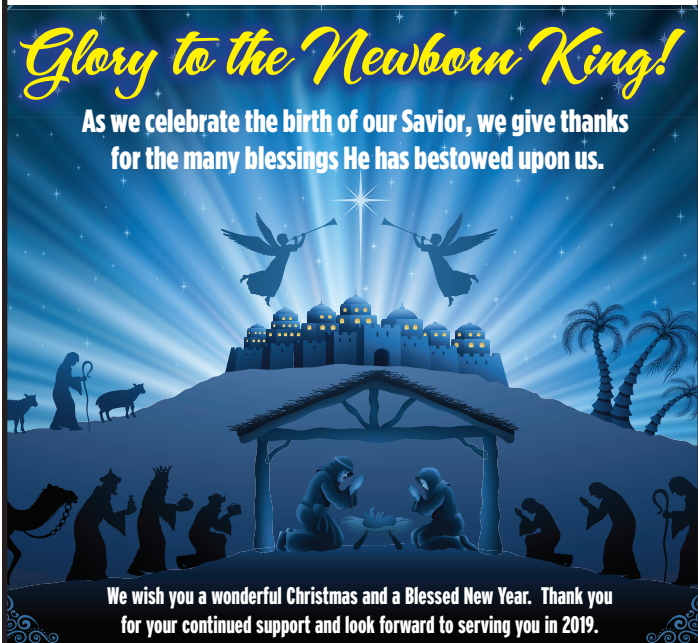


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Winkler Flyers fall to Waywayseecappo, Virden

The Winkler Flyers are still on the hunt for a December win after dropping two games to Waywayseecappo and Virden last week.

Jayden McCarthy started of the Dec. 3 game in Waywayseecappo right with a shorthanded goal in the game's 11th minute.

The lead was short-lived, though, as the Wolverines scored 25 seconds later and then took a 2-1 lead heading in to the first intermission.

The home team bolstered their lead with their third goal of the night midway through the second.

Winkler's second and final goal came from Carson Pawlenchuk in the game's final 18 seconds.

Dylan Meilun made 22 saves as the Wolverines outshot the Flyers 34-27.

This was Winkler's first regulation loss since losing 3-0 in Selkirk on Nov. 5 and just their second since losing 3-2 at home to Portage Oct. 15.

Winkler fell short once again Friday night against the Virden Oil Capitals, losing 4-3.

Despite outshooting the visiting Oil Capitals 42-39, the Flyers were unable to get the tying goal after Virden's three-goal third period.

Winkler was up 2-1 thanks to goals from Everett Bestland and Carson Pawlenchuk in the second. Jayden McCarthy scored Winkler's third of the night in the final frame's 15th minute, but that was it for the home team.

Dorrian Luding made 35 saves in net for Winkler that night. Winkler went 0-for-4 on the power-play and 3-for-5 on the penalty-kill.

The Flyers are currently in fourth place in the MJHL standings with a record of 8-2-2 for 38 points. They trail Portage (45 points), Steinbach (44

points), and Swan Valley (41 points) and are tied in points with Waywayseecappo with four games in hand.

This weekend the Flyers host the

Dauphin Kings for a pair of games Friday and Saturday night. They then get a rematch against the Wolverines in Waywayseecappo Sunday night.

High school sports round-up

- In Zone 4 hockey this past week, the Morden Thunder beat GVC 2-1 Dec. 3. The Zodiacs went on to beat Portage 3-0 Dec. 5 and then Altona 2-0 Monday night.

- The GVC varsity basketball teams hit the court for an exhibition game against the PCI Trojans last week. The boys won it 60-49 while the girls won 69-30.

The female Zodiacs also hosted a "Ball is Life" tournament at the school over the weekend.

GVC beat the Maples Marauders 54-38 and then fell to the King's Knights, the tournament's eventual winners, 59-30

In the third place match, the Zodiacs beat the Marauders 57-40.

PVHS hosting Strikes for Strays Jan. 25

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is adding something new to its roster of fundraising events.

The regional animal shelter is partnering with Huron Windows to host the inaugural Strikes For Strays bowling event Saturday, Jan. 25 at the brand new VB Entertainment Centre in Winkler.

"The Pembina Valley Humane Society has been hosting fundraising events for ten years, but to my knowledge we've never had a bowling event before," said public relations chairperson Holly Thorne. "The best part about bowling is that you don't have to be good, you just have to have a fun attitude about it."

Through registration, sponsorships, and prizes, Thorne hopes the society could potentially raise around \$5,000 through Strikes for Strays. Whatever amount the event brings in will help the organization in addressing some of the rising costs associated with operating the shelter.

"Unfortunately, we've learned that there are areas of our current facility that require immediate repairs or upgrades," she said.

"We don't want to take money away from animal care, as that is our primary focus, but these upgrades will

"THE BEST PART ABOUT BOWLING IS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE GOOD, YOU JUST HAVE TO HAVE A FUN ATTITUDE ABOUT IT."

somehow need to be done within the next two years if we are going to be able to continue to do our work in the facility.

"So money raised from this event will help put us in a position where we may not have to wait to get those things addressed."

There's room at the event for 18 teams of no more than five people each. Registration is \$125 per team.

Participants will get two hours of bowling and a chance to win a variety of prizes.

Register online at pvhsociety.ca/upcoming-events or visit the shelter at 462 Jefferson Street in Morden for more information.

Thorne noted they are also looking for a few more lane sponsors. If you're interested, contact the shelter.

> TWISTERS, FROM PG. 20

Carels had a two goal night while Keck and Dylan Dacquay also contributed. Zacharias made 27 saves in net.

With that, the Twisters remain in first place in the MMJHL standings with a record of 18-1-2 for 38 points,

well ahead of the Victorias in second (33 points) and the Canucks in third (26 points).

This weekend the boys play in Stonewall Friday night and then host the Raiders Sunday.

Grandmas Christmas Gift - It Always Came in Two Parts.

We always had Grandma for Christmas day. She was widowed about the time I was 2. My parents looked out for her and in many ways she looked out for us 6 kids. Her Christmas gift always had two parts to it, both wrapped separate but tied together with a ribbon. One gift we needed; The other was the one we wanted.

The needed gift was easily identified, always wrapped in a soft, floppy package - PJ's, knitted sweater or maybe corduroys. The other we wanted - a toy that we tore open first and ran off to play before the wrapping fluttered to the carpet. Mom would call us back from playing with the wanted gift to open the needed gift, prompting us to show appreciation.

It makes me think of God's Gift of Salvation which is eternal life. In a way this gift comes in two parts, also wrapped together. The first part we are more prone to want. It's the Christmas child Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger. A large portion of our world still stops to sing "Joy to the World", buy gifts and enjoy the flavours and celebrations of the season while we remember a baby that was born to be the Saviour of the World.

But what about the second part which completes God's full giving? Salvation could never be accomplished without the baby leaving the manger and 30+ years later we see a man hanging on a cruel cross, bearing our sins in His own body, paying the entire penalty of our sins and taking the place where we should be. It's on the cross where the gift was made complete, when we hear the words "It is Finished".

What was finished was the complete Gift of God which spans from a crib, to cross death and then resurrection from that cross. It's been my observation that this part of the gift is needed but not so much wanted. I've also observed that once a person sees they need it, they'll want it and cry out like the Pharisee "God, be merciful to me a Sinner", grasping for it like a drowning man lunging for a life ring. Then it becomes the gift that we both need and want.

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2 Cor 6:2b says "Behold, NOW is the accepted time; Behold NOW is the day of Salvation".

Maybe this Christmas Season you'll discover Gods completed gift which is eternal life through Jesus Christ. You can receive Gods Salvation today - you do not want to leave earth without it. "But as many as received Him, to them gave he the power (or right) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. - John 1 :12"

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Ron has previously served as a volunteer Chaplain at the Winnipeg International Airport. He enjoys writing when the everyday events of life draw out a spiritual application.

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Agriculture

Touring the Topigs Norsvin Delta Canada Research Centre

By Harry Siemens

A delegation made up of Mexican pig industry leaders and other interested parties stopped by the Topigs Norsvin Delta Canada Research Centre near Woodlands, MB recently for a tour of the facility.

The centre, which opened in the summer of 2018, was designed to help the company grow as a global supplier of genetics.

"Delta Canada will substantially increase the genetic progress in our Z-line and TN Tempo," the company's Hans Olijslagers said upon its opening. "It is part of Topigs Norsvin's long-term breeding strategy and will substantially contribute to our target of doubling genetic progress in the coming period."

On hand to take a look at the facility was Juan Jose Vega, whose family farm in Mexico has 13,000 sows. They sell live pigs and also produce carrots and broccoli.

"We sell it in Mexico, in the country in the central part of Mexico where we have our farm, where 75 per cent of the population of Mexico lives," Vega shared.

"We sell everything alive. It's a big market that is still being live pigs, but now it's changing to process," he continued. "We sell it to many customer and they take the hogs and then they take it to the local processing plants."

The Topigs Norsvin research facility impressed the Mexican hog producer.

"I saw a very high quality of technology because they are using equipment that I've never seen in another genetic company," Vega said. "Very good farm, and very orderly, and with a high standard of quality."

Also on the tour was Jose Miguel Doporto, a professor, veterinarian, and consultant. He was eager to see the details of Topigs Norsvin's health program.

"To know how they perform in their farms and how they keep the health in the animals mainly," he said.

When asked if Vega should switch over to Topigs genetics, Doporto said it's a difficult decision.

"Because to change something, it always brings on different situations ... and then to change the genetics is not easy, because it's crucial that you have the availability of animals to produce correctly and it will be very costly."

Currently, Vega gets his genetics mainly from foreign companies.

"In the world, maybe three or four major companies are producing and selling their genetics," Doporto said. "Yeah, it was impressive ... now we need to know how [Topigs Norsvin's] animals perform under our conditions, which is different."

Trying to get the word out about the company in Mexico is Jose Cordoba Dominguez, Topigs Norsvin's manager for Mexico.

"I need to lead the team, put together the people, and bring the correct genes to multiply in Mexico and de-



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A delegation from Mexico got the chance to tour the Topigs Norsvin Delta Canada Research Centre near Woodlands recently. From left: Topigs Norsvin manager for Mexico Jose Cordoba Dominguez, producer Juan Jose Vega, and consultants Alberto Stephano and Jose Miguel Doporto.

liver to the customers," he explained of his role, noting introducing the program and the company's genetics in Latin America is very challenging.

"It is challenging in terms of the genetic pig business is very consolidated," he explained. "We are only three major companies in the world, and one of them has a big market share in Mexico. Topigs was in Mexico, started in the early 2000s, but was not well managed. So, the management changed six years ago and [began] coping with the challenge, and our market share went from four per cent to 16 per cent in five years."

Topigs Norsvin sales manager John Sawatzky, who coordinated the tour, said the Mexican delegation is like many delegations from around the world that come to Delta Canada.

"They want to see what we're doing, what we're doing to improve our genetics, the lengths that we go to create the best genetics to keep the farmer the most efficient," he said.

So far, the bulk of the tour groups come from outside of Canada, Sawatzky noted, owing to the biosecurity regulations the company enforces.

"There are a lot of Canadian customers that want to come. The thing that they must have as a Canadian producer is a minimum of three nights away from pigs," he said. "So, if you're working in a pig barn, that's the difficult part."

"We want to bring as many people as possible, but they need to abide by our strict biosecurity regulations."

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the competition's judges for investing in ongoing employee development, including its staff in major donation decisions and encouraging them to get involved in the community by way of paid volunteer time, and supporting staff with a generous pension plan, phased-in work options, and retirement planning assistance.

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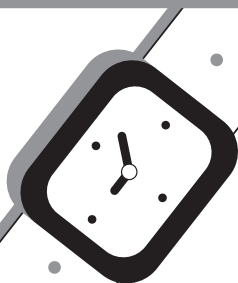
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"Sometimes in the service industry people don't come in happy, but we hope that they leave happy," said Carson Penner, operations manager at the Morden business. "When we save the day we have some very happy people, and we sometimes get people coming in here and giving us a tip or they buy us coffees ... that's not needed. We're just doing our job."

Now closing in on three years in operation here, Cell Mechanics is part of IDC Communications. The company has locations across the province, including in Brandon, Steinbach, and Winnipeg.

"We've been around and working on phones since the early '90s, well before the cell industry had really taken off," said Penner. "We've grown and grown to be working on all kinds of different devices."

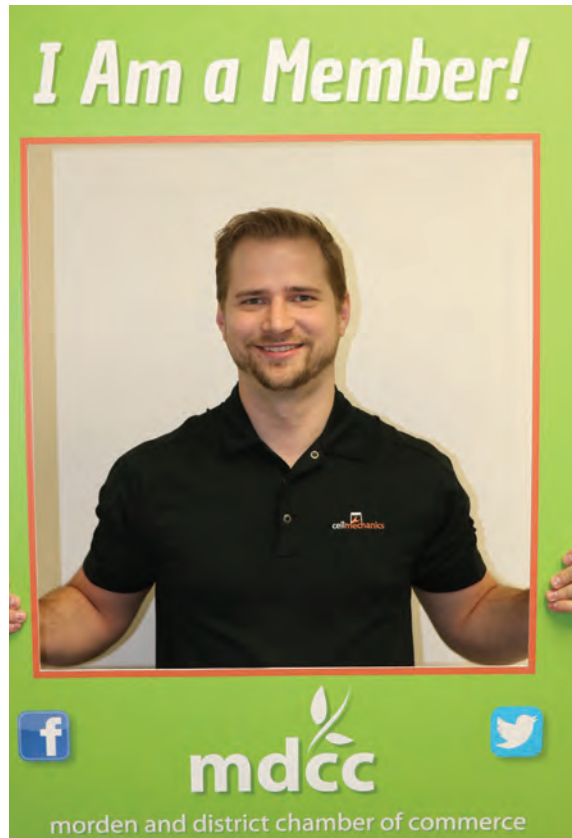
"It's been booming," he said. "Everyone has a cell phone, so it's a market that is only going to grow as they continue to become more common."

With the cost of cell phone plans increasing, Penner said it's becoming an economical option in some cases to get broken phones fixed instead of replaced.

"And it's actually gone down quite a bit in average cost," he said. "So now the repairs can be closer to that \$100 to \$150 range."

"Sometimes when you're stuck in the middle of a contract, you're looking at a couple hundred dollars to upgrade or to get a new device, so we're actually a good option. If you want to keep your device, you don't want to lose your data, and you want to keep everything kind of how you have it, we can get that done for you."

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Cell Mechanics operations manager Carson Penner says the Morden repair shop loves being able to make a customer's day by fixing their broken cell phone.

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"And we can do most repairs in about an hour or two hours," he said.

Cell Mechanics also sells a range of cell phone accessories as well as refurbished devices.

"A lot of the time when you break your phone and you're in the middle of a contract, or plans are getting more expensive and you like your plan, you can come in and buy a phone outright," Penner said. "You can put in your SIM card and you can carry on with that same plan that you have without upgrading and incurring more cost."

"That's one thing that's getting more popular with us," he said, stressing that all of their refurbished phones are fully tested and certified.



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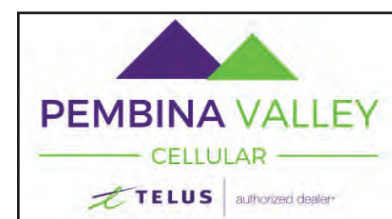
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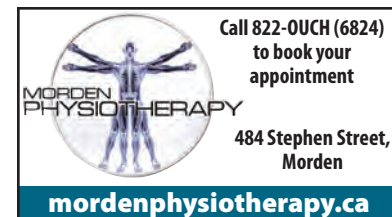
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Flyers, firefighters face off

The Winkler Flyers and the Winkler Fire Department joined forces Sunday for a friendly game in support of the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board. Their efforts raised nearly \$1,100 and several boxes full of food. Clockwise from above: Both teams with the donation haul; Team Firefighters takes a shot on Flyers' goalie Dorrin Luding; Deputy Fire Chief Phil Dueck, Kerry Wilson, and Winkler Police Cst. Arnie Klassen drop the ceremonial puck; NHLer Justin Falk suited up to give the firefighters an edge. If you missed the game, you can

still drop off a donation of non-perishable food items at the Winkler arena until the Flyers' home game against the Steinbach Pistons on Friday, Dec. 20. Donations received between now and then will go to the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.



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Don't let the Grinches win

Police chief offers holiday safety tips to protect yourself from Christmas thieves

With the holiday season well underway, local police are urging people to take steps to protect themselves from the Grinches out there who might be looking to ruin Christmas.

Morden Police Chief Brad Neduzak sent out a few holiday safety tips last week for those who might be travelling or out of the house for gatherings over the next few weeks:

- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.
- Get an automatic timer for your lights to turn off and on. Even if you're only out for the evening, turn some lights and a radio on so it looks like someone is home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

• If having parcels delivered to your home, ensure they are not left outside for an extended period of time.

While out Christmas shopping, it is important to remember that not everyone shares the holiday spirit, Neduzak says.

Cars loaded with gifts and left in parking lots can become easy targets for thieves, so remember to lock your vehicle, even if you expect to be in and out of a store quickly.

Keep packages in your trunk and out of sight, park your car in a well lit and heavily travelled area, and never leave the keys in your vehicle.

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

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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Rope used as a lasso
 - Lomb's partner
 - North African nation
 - Rounds up cattle
 - Densest naturally occurring element
 - Home of the Brewers
 - Atomic #44
 - Vetches
 - Moved earth with a tool
 - Cavalry sword
 - Supplements with difficulty
 - Encouraged
 - Speech defect
 - Periodical (abbr.)
 - Very cold
 - ___ Paulo, city
 - Former OSS
 - Approves food
 - Cars need them
 - Sweden's dominant phone company
 - Long lock of a woman's hair
 - North American natives
 - Fly high
 - One type is fire
 - Nocturnal bird
 - More than one male
 - LOTR actor McKellen
 - Employee stock ownership plan
 - Tony-winning actress Daisy
 - Tennis star Kournikova
 - Pulitzer-winning composer
 - The opposite to pro
 - Safecrackers
 - Denotes past
 - Parrots
 - One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 - Reduce the importance of
 - Stiffly
 - In a sensible way
 - Signs
- CLUES DOWN
- Capital of Zambia

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60			61		62				63				64	
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	69							70						

- Article
- Country star LeAnn
- Egyptian goddess
- Afflict in mind or body
- Showy but cheap
- Belgian urban center
- Short-winged diving seabird
- Deploys
- Ballplayers can legally do it
- Centiliter
- Contrary beliefs
- Type of pole
- Distinguish oneself
- 8th month of the year (abbr.)
- One who monitors
- Petty quarreling
- Fiddler crabs
- Touch lightly
- American state
- Pro wrestler Randy

- Indicates spelling mistake
- Macaws
- Gradually narrowed
- Installments
- Female sheep
- Politician
- Servant
- Said to facilitate concentration
- California ballplayers
- Once Toledo's tallest building
- A type of pie
- State of southwestern India
- Principal member of Norse religion
- Counterspy
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OBITUARY

Katharina Boldt (nee Wall)

1943 – 2019



On Sunday, December 1, 2019 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Katharina Boldt age 76 went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, John Q Boldt; two daughters, five sons and their families as well as two sisters, two brothers, four sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, Peter and Helena Wall.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church in Hochfeld with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

Lila Roberta Griffin (nee Griffith)

1928 – 2019



Roberta Griffin passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Pembina Manitou Health Centre, with her daughter by her side.

Left to cherish her memory are daughter, Eileen (Rocky), Matt and Kaeleigh (Brock and Danica), Nick and Brenneley (Brooke and Vaughn) daughter, Jeanne (Jim) Brianna and Eric Mager. She is also survived by her son Rob's daughters, Keri and Kaleigh and family, sister, Eileen King and brother-in-law, Brian Pedden. Roberta was predeceased by husband Ross (1985), son Rob (2005), grandson Micheal (1982), brother Jack, and sisters, Betty and Donna.

Roberta was born November 24, 1928 to Clayton and Lila Griffith and raised at 320 Inkster Blvd. in Winnipeg. She was the second

of five children (Betty, Roberta, Jack, Eileen and Donna). After grade 12 graduation, she briefly worked at United Grain Growers before going into registered nurse's training at the Children's Hospital. Following her training, she worked in the operating room at Children's before venturing out to Morden Hospital. Roberta met the love of her life, Ross Griffin and was married December 5, 1953. They raised three children, Eileen, Rob and Jeanne on the Griffin Homestead. Roberta was active in the Darlingford community especially involved in Zion Calvin United Church. Roberta worked full time at Morden Hospital, teaching the LPN program and then later Head Nurse of the Extended Treatment Unit. After her stroke in 1990, she retired and moved to Morden. She volunteered with various organizations. Roberta lived 25 years in Morden then moved to the Pembina Manitou Health Centre in 2016 and remained there until her death.

A celebration of life was held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at St. Paul's United Church in Morden with private interment at Knightcot Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roberta's memory to the Pembina Parish or to the Pembina-Manitou Health Centre.

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OBITUARY

Aganetha (Nettie) Sawatzky

Janzen Wiebe

1919 – 2019



Nettie Wiebe passed away at Salem Home on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at the age of 100.

She was predeceased by her parents, Frank F and Margaretha Sawatzky; two siblings in infancy; one brother, Frank Sawatzky; and four sisters, Helena Ens, Maria Peters, Margaret Peters and Anna Peters and their spouses. Her first husband, John A. Janzen, predeceased her in 1986 and her second husband, Bill Wiebe, predeceased her in 2016. She is survived by her children, Marjorie Sawatzky (John), Rick Janzen (Janet), Linda Wiebe (Art) and David Janzen. Also surviving her are nine grandchildren and 18

great-grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by three stepchildren along with their spouses, children and grandchildren.

Nettie was born in Gnadenthal, Baratov Colony, Ukraine in 1919, the youngest of eight children. In 1923, when Nettie was four years old, the Sawatzkys were able to leave Russia for a new home in Canada. They settled in Gnadenthal, Manitoba. Nettie adapted quickly to her new home. She loved learning, read eagerly in both German and English, enjoyed mathematics and music. Nettie finished grade 10, an exceptional accomplishment in that time and place. She was baptized upon her confession of faith by Bishop Johann P. Bueckert and joined the Blumenorter Mennonite Church on 13 May 1940. Nettie worked in the Gnadenthal General Store for some time but then, during World War II, Nettie relocated to Plumas, Manitoba to work at an egg grading station. This arrangement allowed our parents to continue the courtship which the war had interrupted. John Janzen was serving as a Conscientious Objector, first at Riding Mountain National Park and later on a farm near Plumas. Nettie and John married in the fall of 1944 and settled in Altona where they lived for the next 30 years. After her youngest child was in school, Nettie began working as a clerk for M&A Fabrics and, after moving to Winkler, she found employment at the Co-op grocery store and later at Salem Home in the Activities Department. During this time, Nettie, was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent surgery. Thankfully, she regained her energy and zest for life quickly. In the spring of 1983, John was diagnosed with cancer and after treatments of various kinds, he passed away in March 1986. The years of being a widow were lonely for Nettie so when Bill Wiebe, also widowed and a long-time acquaintance came calling, it didn't take long for them to decide to marry. They were married on 17 June 1989 and enjoyed almost 27 years of life together. Independent living for Nettie and Bill came to an end when Nettie fractured her pelvis in a fall at home in 2012. A room at Salem became available in January 2013 and Nettie spent her last years there, along with Bill until his death. Nettie enjoyed the food, her comfortable room, the Salem activities and the unfailing kind attention of the staff. Nettie's faith in God was important throughout her life sustaining her in difficult times and giving her strength, courage and insight to go on. She will be remembered for this commitment, her zest for life, and her love and care for her family.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Nettie's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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OBITUARY

Elisabeth Harder (nee Rempel)

1939 – 2019



It is with heavy hearts we announce that Elisabeth Harder, 80 passed away peacefully in her sleep at Salem Home on Saturday, November 30, 2019.

Elisabeth Harder was born on October 15, 1939 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Elizabeth (nee Hiebert) and Cornelius B Rempel. Elisabeth grew up in Mexico where she attended school and spent time with family and friends. In March of 1957, Elisabeth and her family moved to Manitoba, Canada where she continued to spend time with her family. Then upon the confession of her faith, she was baptized in 1958. She met the love of her life, Abram Harder and on July 23, 1961 they were married in the Old Colony Mennonite Church in Chortitz, MB. Once married, they lived in

various locations in Manitoba until they moved to Winkler in the early 80's. Upon their love for each other, they had a big family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Abram on March 31, 1996; three grandsons, Mathew Hildebrand on June 5, 1991, Derek Harder on July 22, 1991 and Kyle Harder on November 9, 1996; as well as her parents, five brothers, one sister and a brother and sister in infancy. She is survived by six sons and six daughters and their families: Abe (Mary) Harder, Betty Dyck, Netty (Jake) Wiebe, Cornie (Marlene) Harder, Pete (Kathy) Harder, Sara Wiebe, Anne (Ernie) Hildebrand, Diedrich (Mary) Harder, Jake Harder, John (Helen) Harder, Eva Harder, Mary (Rick) Wiebe and 44 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

Mom was a woman who loved God, her husband and children. She also loved to spend time singing, dancing, playing harmonica, family time, reading the Bible, playing games, going for walks, coffee with friends and praying for her family. Mom also loved spending time with all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mom is and was a beautiful and strong woman and very strong in her faith which she passed on to her children. Mom will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at the Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church with interment at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church Cemetery.

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