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Manitoba Sunflower Festival royalty Lacey Toews, Claribelle Thiessen, and Alexia Loewen helped Mayor Harv Schroeder flip the switch on Altona's holiday lights Friday night. For more photos, see Pg. 12.

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# Christmas countdown

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# Community fdns donate \$50K to pathway project

By Lorne Stelmach

The Stanley Community Pathway received another financial boost last week with contributions from the Morden Area Foundation and Winkler Community Foundation.

A campaign that pledged to match community donations from the two cities up to \$25,000 each resulted in the foundations presenting a combined donation of \$50,000 to the project.

"The idea came about that this is a regional effort here with a path between Morden and Winkler, and so we decided to invite the Winkler foundation," said Morden Area Foundation representative Robert Friesen. "We decided to go ahead and do this project together."

"It was a challenge [designed] to get the communities on board," said Myra Peters, executive director of the Winkler Community Foundation. "We're thrilled to be working together as foundations and supporting a project that connects our communities."

"It is exactly what we are here to do. We're here to support our community, and we love to work together. Partnerships are huge in what we do, so this was a great fit."

Reg and Allison Braun of Gallery Wealth Management in Morden were among the many community donors to the matching campaign. They shared that they live right by the start of the Lake Minnewasta trail in Morden.

"We see every day hundreds of people whose quality of life is improved by having a place to go and be outdoors," Reg Braun said. "So when we saw this pathway being built between Morden and Winkler, we felt that this region, which has been so supportive of our business for almost the last four decades, it was a way for us to give back to the region."

"I think this project of the trail committee ... I see this as a great project that will make safe biking between Morden and Winkler a reality," said



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

**Reps from the Winkler Community Foundation and the Morden Area Foundation presented the Stanley pathway project with a combined donation of \$50,000 last week, matching funds raised in recent months.**

Ken Kroecker, another donor who especially sees the benefit for mental health.

"Mental health is really dependent on physical activity," he said. "Cycling is one of those areas that fits in well, particularly the Head for the Hills bike event that happens every year with Eden, and this trail kind of builds on that kind of activity, and it's great to see it happening in the community."

"We love having an active and connected community in Winkler and try our best to make our community healthy, support its growth and shape its future. We all work in our own ways each day to build a connected community," said fellow donor Mike Urichuk. "Most of the time, these connections are abstract. Stanley Trail Association, along with the Winkler Community Foundation and Morden Area Foundation, gave us the opportunity to build a physical connection between our cities."

"While this pathway helps our active commuters stay protected from highway traffic while giving families a place to ride, walk and bike, I see it as a path to a more connected Pembina Valley," he concluded. "We donated because we believed that this project was part of a better tomorrow, and we wanted to part of it."

Stanley Trail Committee representative James Friesen noted it has been great to see so many people using the pathway already this fall.

"It's been very gratifying," he said. "We've had this beautiful extended fall, and with the construction on track, dealing with some challenging weather in summer with the rain, to be able to open it, a soft opening, this fall has been really gratifying."

"I've had contact from both senior centres, Morden and Winkler, asking about the trail, excited about the idea, asking about rest stops along the way," Friesen noted. "I saw a mom with a stroller and a couple kids out there, people on bikes."

He has been very pleased with the financial support that has gotten them very close towards meeting the project's costs.

"We're within, I would say, probably a few hundred thousand to close the gap on about a \$4.2 million project," Friesen said. "It's been incredible at every level."

"About \$3.2 million of it was acquired through grants and other funding ... and the rest now is coming from the community to close the gap, so businesses, individuals, families and the foundation matching any community donation coming in. It's been energizing."



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### Plan Ahead

Check the weather forecast, and give yourself extra time to arrive safely at your destination. Clear ice and snow from all exterior windows and mirrors prior to driving, as well as clearing foggy windows inside the car. While driving, turn on your lights! It makes your path clearer, and helps other drivers see you in reduced visibility.

### Be Prepared

Keep an emergency kit in your car with gloves, hats, a blanket, a first aid kit, booster cables, a small shovel, a flashlight, & other things that can help keep you safe. Keep your gas tank at least half-full so that you can run your car for warmth for short periods of time if stuck, and keep your phone charged, but put away while driving.

### Keep Control of your Own Cruising

Cruise control can be helpful, but not on slippery roads. Keep cruise control OFF, stay attentive, and be ready to brake. The best way to avoid a skid is to drive at speeds that are safe for the weather and road conditions. Remember, speed limits are posted for ideal weather. In the winter, you should be driving below the speed limit.





# Gateway concert spreads holiday cheer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The annual Gateway Resources Christmas concert filled the sanctuary of the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church Nov. 27 with holiday spirit.

It was, as always, an opportunity for the clients of Gateway, which supports people with intellectual disabilities, to showcase their talents to the community, singing Christmas carols, playing instruments, and sharing readings of holiday poems.

This year's show was extra special for longtime conductors Pearl Klyne and Tina Wolf, as both retired from their jobs with Gateway earlier this year.

After a few months of retirement bliss, the pair agreed to come back for at least one more Christmas show.

Wolf has been involved with organizing the performance since the early '90s, shortly after starting her job with Gateway.

"My first year, in 1993, I was just there, but the second year I got involved as assistant conductor, helping out," she recalls. "And then I went on stage playing guitar and singing ... I'm musically inclined, so I just loved being part of it."

Klyne began her career with Gateway 24 years ago. She took on co-conductor duties in 2006 after another staff member moved on from the role.

"I just stepped up, and I've enjoyed it every year since," she says.

It's the participants at Gateway that make this show so special, the duo share.

"I was intrigued by how every participant was so unique, that they were able to read such wonderful stories and poems and be singing and really just give it their all, give it everything they have," Wolf says. "It's been nothing but joyful to be a part of it."

Participants would often start asking about that year's Christmas show as early as the end of summer, she notes with a laugh.

"We used to shut down for two weeks and they would come back and they would already be asking: when are we practising for the Christmas concert? I would tell them, 'Not until after Thanksgiving' and they'd say, 'Why do we have to wait so long?'"

That enthusiasm is also what's kept Klyne loving being involved all these years.

"I love the old songs, the traditional carols, and just seeing the enthusiasm with these guys," she says. "They look forward to it every year, and the church is always packed every year so the community does too."

Klyne and Wolf love the fact this performance gives the community at large a chance to see Gateway's participants as so much more than the disabilities they live with—a glimpse at what they can really do.

"I think the whole reason behind it is to show people that these people are more capable of doing and knowing things," Wolf says. "They're more capable than a lot of people give them credit for."

Klyne says she's always impressed

**"THEY'RE MORE CAPABLE THAN A LOT OF PEOPLE GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR."**



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

The participants at Gateway Resources sang their hearts out at their Christmas concert. Right: Conductors Tina Wolf and Pearl Klyne have headed up the show for decades. Both retired from their jobs at Gateway this year but came back for one more performance.

by the varied skills the participants have.

"Some of them, their voices, I'm amazed," she says. "It's neat to see when you get different people coming through and we try to see what they're good at and then we can fit that into the program"



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# getinformed

## Freemason's Hospital cornerstone relocated at BTHC

By Lorne Stelmach

A piece of local health care history was honoured at a ceremony last Friday that placed a plaque and cornerstone from the original Masonic hospital in Morden in a new location at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

It comes as BTHC continues to grow to meet the needs of the region with a major expansion and renovation project. The cornerstone and accompanying plaques were carefully moved to a new permanent home that was prepared with a new time capsule to mark its third dedication.

"I feel really honoured and privileged to be part of this," said Rey Galapon, grandmaster of the Masonic Lodge of Manitoba. "I'm very happy, and I'm proud to be part of this occasion."

The history goes back to 1890 when Corbet Locke, head of Belmont Lodge No. 13, proposed the creation of a hospital in Morden.

The cornerstone of the Freemasons' Hospital was laid July 1, 1892, and for decades the facility served area patients.

After being replaced in 1952, the original building later became a personal care home until its demolition in 1969, when the cornerstone and a plaque honouring Locke were relocated to the Morden lodge building.

The cornerstone gained new life in 2001 when it was placed within a wall at BTHC when it opened that year.

"The connection is really significant," suggested Galapon. "It solidifies the commitment, the connection of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Freemasons' Hospital plaque and cornerstone were re-dedicated at BTHC last week, along with a few time capsule items from the Masonic Lodge of Manitoba and the hospital.

the Freemasons here in Manitoba to the community.

"The significance of the cornerstone here in Boundary Trails hospital is that it makes that connection to the community of Morden and Winkler and Carman and the surrounding area," he said. "The cornerstone is symbolic, part of our ritual, our ceremonies, because we believe that a solid square, a cornerstone, is important to have a strong foundation."

The Masonic representatives added a number of items of regalia into the time capsule, including ceremonial pieces that have connection to the moral and social virtues they want to represent.

"It serves as a reminder to us to apply those morals and virtues in our lives, to become a better person," Galapon said.

Dana Human, interim CAO of Southern Health-Santé Sud, called it another historical moment with the placing of the cornerstone as well as a new time capsule that included such things to mark this current time such as COVID tests and personal protective equipment.

"Today hopefully we've put it in its final place as well as added some time capsule memorabilia," said Human, who also reflected on the community's ongoing commitment to providing care.

"The history is so rich in this community," she said. "This community alone has got a long history of health services and advocating to ensure that they've got what they need within the community, and so to be a part of it here today is just another check



box in the history books.

"I really like these historical moments, and it adds to our history book within Southern Health--Santé Sud as well," she added, noting it was also nice to mark the significant progress that has been made on the expansion of the hospital.

"Every time I come here and I see the progress ... we're not only celebrating the history but we're also looking at the present."

The \$100 million expansion recently reached a key milestone with construction now mostly complete on a new two-storey inpatient unit and community services building. Patients are expected to begin having access to the space in the new year. Renovation work will then start on existing spaces in the older hospital building.

## PVWC, Morden-Winkler sewer line receive funding

By Voice staff

The Pembina Valley is getting a big chunk of federal and provincial water and wastewater funding announced last week.

Premier Wab Kinew and Municipal and Northern Relations Minister Glen Simard announced the two levels of government are investing \$76.9 million to help rural municipalities with critical infrastructure projects.

Among the recipients is the Pembina

Valley Water Co-op (PVWC), which is receiving \$22 million towards its capital plan.

"The plant expansion in Letellier is a game changer for us and the communities we serve," said CEO Dale Toews. "To have the Manitoba government support us tells us it believes not just in the PVWC model as a regional water supplier but in the economic importance of the Pembina Valley region. This investment in the PVWC allows us to move ahead with

confidence in our capital expansion as we continue to supply clean drinking water to our communities."

Another \$4.4 million is going to pay for a temporary sewer line from Morden to Winkler's new wastewater treatment plant, allowing Morden to continue to grow while it gets its own wastewater project off the ground.

Mayor Nancy Penner sees this as a welcome step forward for the City of Morden.

"This is short term," she empha-

sized. "It's just to enable our growth capacity with wastewater flowing to Winkler, now that they've expanded their wastewater system."

"It lets us open up development in the city during the construction of our wastewater facility. Otherwise we would have to wait until our wastewater facility was fully constructed because our growth capacity won't allow us to grow until our new facility is up and running," Penner noted.

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# Region packs nearly 5,700 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

By Lorne Stelmach

The region once again rallied to help make the Christmas holiday season a little brighter for those in need around the world.

The Operation Christmas Child program of Samaritan's Purse recently wrapped up, and the region including Carman, Morden, Winkler and Altona contributed 5,683 boxes, in line with the just over 5,700 giftboxes locals packed up in the 2024 campaign.

Regional co-ordinator Dorcas Rempel had perhaps hoped to see the tally increase, but she is still satisfied with the result.

"I am happy with the support," she said. "It was down a little from last year ... perhaps with inflation and the costs of everything going up, I feel like we did notice a bit of an impact."

"That's still a lot of shoeboxes though, so I am happy with it."

Operation Christmas Child is equipping local churches in over 100 countries to share the Christian gospel and



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Volunteers packing up some of the nearly 5,700 shoeboxes the region contributed to this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign.

deliver shoebox gifts to children at community outreach events. Over 232 million shoeboxes have been distributed in more than 170 countries and territories since 1993.

In this region, there were a number of local participating churches collecting boxes, with the final collection week mid-November seeing Gospel

Mission Church in Winkler become the main collection point.

Boxes generally include small toys, toiletries, school supplies, and other like items.

Rempel suggested a large part of the attraction for people to get involved with the shoebox campaign is that it is more hands-on than just making a

monetary donation.

"A lot of organizations ask for support, but this is something more direct. You can pick what goes in the box, and it's something more personal for people," she said.

And Rempel noted there are always a few notable donors who go above and beyond.

"We have a few ladies from Miami. They brought 682 boxes, and then they brought another 70 and then another 30. I think they came three times," she said. "It's unreal. Two people. It's cool to see and even the work that they go through—they wrap the box in wrapping paper on the outside and in the inside. They go the extra mile, so it's unreal."

For herself, it is a meaningful effort to be involved in the program.

"When I saw that semi going out ... it definitely brought tears to my eyes because of the amount of work involved, the amount of work from everybody in the community, and you think about how much that's going to impact so many kids."

# PVHS Santa Paws donation drive on now

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is asking area residents to keep them in mind for gift giving this holiday season.

The organization is holding its Santa Paws campaign for a fifth straight year with the goal of helping meet its needs for dog and cat food and kitty litter.

The support can take some of the cost burden off by providing some of these most vital supplies for at least part of the year so the humane society can then instead use its funds to pay for animals to be spayed and neutered along with other treatment and care costs.

"The first year we met all of our goals, and we've been growing them every year," shared donor engagement chair Tanya Rempel. "It's ended up being a huge fundraiser for us and has really reduced how often we're asking for supplies throughout the year, and it really cuts back on how much we're buying too, so more donations can go to animals and less on

supplies.

"This year we decided to narrow it down to food and litter, which is something that we run out of all the time, and we've also been getting more donations of other things during the year, so we're not needing as much laundry detergent and dish soap."

Their goal is to collect 300 cans each of wet cat food and wet dog food, 100 cans each of wet puppy and kitten food, and 50 bags of kitty litter.

"Right now we are kind of low on all of those things. We've actually been buying them out of pocket," Rempel noted. "We've had a lot of kittens coming in and a lot of cats going through a lot of litter ... we can go through it fairly quickly."

Drop-off locations for donations include Pet Valu and Best West Pet Food in Winkler and Hearth & Hound in both Morden and Altona.

If you're not able to donate in person, you can still spread some cheer by checking out the shelter's Amazon wishlist or by making a monetary donations. Details are available at



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Pembina Valley Humane Society's Santa Paws donation drive is on now. Their Christmas wish list includes cat and dog food and kitty litter.

pvhhsociety.ca.

Rempel said they very much appreciate the strong support for this initiative.

"It's great how much comes in," she said. "We even had a doctor in Winnipeg who adopted a dog a couple years ago, and she collects for us in the city

and then drives out here and drops it off. We have a lot of people who are passionate about it, and we have kids who will collect for birthday parties and come in with loads of donations.

"Our goal is always the more supplies we can get donated, the less we have to spend on those things."

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## An open source world

I'm a big fan of sharing ideas. I think the more minds involved in tackling challenges and building things—be they solutions, technologies, agreements or whatever, leads to a sounder solution ... an open-source world.

In the software industry open source means software whose source code (the thing that makes it what it is) is freely provided to the public for use, inspection, modification and distribution.

Doing this allows anyone the ability to change, evolve and improve on the original without having to go through the tedious process of starting from scratch.

Having worked in the software and technology industry for over a decade, the idea of open source made sense to me. Now having worked in the non-profit sector for more than two decades I am a big champion of an open source non-profit.

This means everything we have done at the non-profit I manage is freely available to anyone else who might benefit from it—policies, procedures, contract templates, manuals, etc. Everything.

The goal is to allow others to get to where we are faster and surpass us; to improve upon the work we do. After all, why make other non-profits spend the time, money and effort when we

can help them get to the core business of improving their communities if we can?

This has been done in other areas throughout history. For instance, Alexander Fleming did not keep the patent for penicillin. He believed that, as a life saving drug, it should be freely available for public use. If he had kept the patent, he would have become obscenely rich – thankfully he was a moral and ethical person who sought for the benefit of all.

I'd love to see this philosophy extend through all things.

Of course, patents and trademarks get in the way of a lot of this from a business perspective. Loads of discoveries and products are nowhere near as advanced as they would be if there was a free sharing of ideas and work.

I think the attitude to share and teach what we have learned is foundational to us.

Watch children as they play together. Rarely do you see one child jealously guarding the secret to building the tallest Lego tower from the others. More often kids will insist upon presenting and pushing their own ideas and innovations on others.

"No, not like that, like this!"

"You should use this block here, like this."

And so on.

At some point as we grow, we are taught that we should not share such ideas. After all we worked hard for these skills, why let some lazy free-loaders have them without the work. Let everyone start from square one and work their tail off like me.

Thankfully Fleming, and others like him, did not think that way.

The biggest and brightest of humans got where they were by standing on the shoulders of others who came before them. This is how we move things forward. This is how we improve ... through the charity of ideas.

It also requires some courage and a little humility to act this way.

Aside from seeking to protect profit (a.k.a. greed—the biggest motivation to not share), there can be fear that allowing others to have your ideas might expose weaknesses and flaws. This can be embarrassing.

But would we rather allow our creations to continue with unknown imperfections or have them improved by allowing others access? Don't answer that question. I know fear is not always a strong enough motivator to overcome greed and pride.

I suppose the idea of an open source world is a bit naïve, but a person can dream.

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# letters

> Got something you want to get off your chest? How about an act of kindness to share?

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## THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

A few weeks ago, I took my family to Morden to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting—a lovely event with fireworks, a decorated tree, and hot chocolate with marshmallows. I thought it would be a great memory for my kids.

After the festivities, we returned to our car parked nearby—but when we got there, a man approached me. He asked if it was my car; I said yes. Then he delivered dreadful news: someone had struck my car and fled. He told me he saw what happened, offered to serve as a witness, and gave me his phone number.

At that moment I was shocked. I barely registered his words — I was preoccupied with examining the damage. We had bought that car only a few months earlier. I phoned the police and waited with my sleeping children, while my wife sat beside me. Later, after the officer's assessment and an inspection by the insurance company, I learned the cost I'd have to cover. A simple outing—hot chocolate with the family—had become one of the most expensive in my life.

I'm sharing this story not because of the accident, but because of the kindness and sense of responsibility shown by that stranger. After returning home, I reflected: this man could have simply driven away or ignored

what he saw. Instead he stayed. He spent his evening waiting—giving up time with his own family—to help someone he didn't know.

My wife and I moved to Canada from Russia. We have lived in larger cities—Vancouver, Winnipeg—but now we live in the Winkler/Morden region. Our experiences abroad were often busy, impersonal. Here, we are discovering something different: a sense of community, care, and respect.

To the gentleman who stopped and helped: thank you. Your act of kindness reminded me that we are part of something special, something safe. For me and my family, community means people like you—people who care.

**Kamil Umarov,  
Winkler**

## KUDOS TO WINKLER ARCHIVES

In response to the article in the Nov. 13th edition of the *Voice*:

I was very pleased to read that the Winkler Archives has now found a new home in the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

During the very week when we remember the past sacrifices of many men and women for our country and each and every community and individual it is fitting that the material heritage of all of us is now better pre-

served and available for public use.

Forty years ago I was writing an MA thesis at the University of Manitoba on Judge John A. Adamson who had a key role in WWII military recruitment efforts in the Winkler area. While the thesis ended up winning the top prize, the Margaret McWilliams award, it was a frustrating experience on my part. Some of the key documentation I needed had been preserved and then lost never to be found again. I was able to work around some of those losses amid frustrations of knowing that the material had been available to make my thesis even better was now probably gone forever.

Congratulations to archivists Ed Falk and John Epp on securing the documentary heritage of the region a new home. As a longtime archivist (almost 35 years) for both the Province of Manitoba and the Mennonite Heritage Centre in Winnipeg, I am overjoyed that a new secure home for these valuable documents has been found.

**Ken Reddig,  
Pinawa**

## MAKING INFORMED CHOICES

It's that time of year again—time to spread peace and goodwill through donations, generous gifts, and acts of service.

While Operation Christmas Child is a popular and widely supported organization with its gendered shoeboxes full of "stuff", there may be overlooked alternatives.

Why reconsider the shoeboxes? Over the years, some concerns with Samaritan's Purse have arisen. There's Franklin Graham himself, the proselytization of children, cultural appropriateness, and the environmental impact of cheap plastic toys sent overseas when local options may be more appropriate and sustainable.

Family-friendly alternatives could include volunteering at Many Hands or Central Station's community dinners or other programs. If shopping for tangible gifts brings you joy, consider buying for local charities such as Christmas Cheer or Genesis House, or filling relief kits for MCC. And for those who prefer online shopping, Unicef, MEDA and MCC have wonderful gift catalogues with items people really need. Get kids involved by giving them a budget to shop from one of these catalogues.

If stuffing a shoebox with good quality toys and practical items (don't forget the \$12 for shipping and proselytizing materials) is a joy you can't give up, then by all means, have fun. Just please stay informed.

**Jaimee Loewen,  
Stanley**

# Hiebert reintroduces farm identification number bill

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden-Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert is taking another crack at getting her first bill through the Legislature.

Midway through her first term in office, Hiebert earlier this year introduced as a Private Member's Bill the Retail Sales Amendment Act. She reintroduced it, now Bill 208, last week.

The amendment seeks to make claiming tax exemptions on farm products and services simpler and more efficient for farmers, Hiebert explains.

"I'm going to try really hard to make sure that this is going to be in front of the current government, and to let them know this is important," the Conservative MP said. "It's easy, no nonsense legislation. It's nothing but a positive. It doesn't affect anybody in any negative way at all—it's just a great idea that's going to have a really big impact for farmers and for retail businesses that supply products and

services to farmers."

The proposed legislation would allow farmers to obtain a Farm Identification Number, similar to a federal GST number, to claim tax exemptions without signing a declaration for every purchase. Farmers would be able to provide their identification number via phone, email, or text, rather than having to physically or digitally sign for every purchase.

Declarations would also only need to be submitted once every two years,

reducing paperwork. And farmers in remote areas, especially, would no longer need to travel long distances to complete paperwork.

The idea for these changes came from discussions Hiebert has had with agricultural producers and retailers.

"I'm making a big point of meeting with farmers in our area and as well retail organizations that supply things to farmers as they're going through their harvest," she said, shar-

ing those discussions revealed many feel the current system is archaic and cumbersome.

"So I thought, why don't we just fix this? Why don't we change it?" Hiebert said. "That's my job—when constituents come talk to me ... I'm going to listen and I'm going to take that and if it's something I can do, I'm going to run with it."

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# Ticket deadline for SCRL raffle coming up fast

Voice staff

There is still time left to get a chance to win a new vehicle while supporting the South Central Regional Library.

The Dec. 13 deadline to purchase tickets for the Off Road With A Good Book fundraiser is approaching fast, with Dec. 15 set as the draw date to

find out who will win the 2025 Ford Bronco Sport Big Bend.

If all 2,000 of the \$100 tickets are sold, the raffle will bring in \$200,000, providing vital support for the SCRL's branches in Winkler, Morden, Altona, Miami, and Manitou, said program co-ordinator Britany Morgan.

"We're super excited. We have some

projects we really want to complete," she said. "Each branch has upgrades that they need ... so it's to help all of our libraries to get better programs so that we can help our communities even more."

Tickets are available at every SCRL branch as well as at Rhineland Car in Altona.



# CFDC using 3D printing to replicate old fossil finds

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is in the midst of reconstructing another one of its past major fossil finds.

The museum is working on making a replica of another one of the better preserved specimens that has been sitting in storage as part of its collection, and it offers a good example of what is possible for them now with 3D printing.

"It's become quite an accessible technology, and it's just booming now. It all of a sudden has become more accessible," said longtime volunteer Ted Nelson, who has even been doing some 3D printing at home.

"It is making everything easier," said executive director Adolfo Cuetara in explaining the importance of being able to do re-creations like this in-house now. "It can be working 24-7, so we put in a large piece on Friday and come back on Monday."

The major fossil they are working on now is a long-necked plesiosaur—a species that is linked to the Loch Ness monster. It is a group of long-necked marine reptiles found as fossils from the late Triassic Period into the late Cretaceous Period (215 million to 66 million years ago). Plesiosaurs had a wide distribution in European seas

and around the Pacific Ocean, including Australia, North America and Asia.

Plesiosaurus, an early plesiosaur, was about 4.5 metres (15 feet) long with a broad, flat body and a relatively short tail. It swam by flapping its fins in the water, much as sea lions do today, in a modified style of underwater "flight."

The neck was long and flexible, and the animal may have fed by swinging its head from side to side through schools of fish, capturing prey by using the long sharp teeth present in the jaws.

"We have probably about half of the skeleton in the collection, but they are in exceptionally good preservation, so we wanted to reconstruct the missing parts through our 3D scanning," said Cuetara.

"So we are using the 3D software to reconstruct all of the missing parts of the skeleton. We are scanning all of the existing material and then adding the missing parts.

"It's a long process because it's a long skeleton," said Cuetara, noting it is an older discovery that has been stored away in the collection and not really worked on much until now.

"So now we are working on it and opening the field jackets," he said. "It was actually found in 1983 very close



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CFDC's executive director Adolfo Cuetara (left) and volunteer Ted Nelson with the 3D reconstruction of a plesiosaur fossil that has been in the museum's collections room for decades.

to Miami."

Having the technology that is now available and more accessible makes a huge difference, although he added it is still a fair bit of work to reconstruct the missing parts.

"It is way easier than it used to be before," said Cuetara, who noted they had a few complete sections of the fossil but less of some sections such as the neck.

"Because we have other specimens like this in the collection, we can use all those parts," he added. "And there's plenty of information available. This is a well known species, so there is plenty of information out there."

Volunteering with the museum has been a passion for Nelson, who also has experience with 3D printing.

"I'm also being able to merge that in now with my computer background ... and with these 3D printers and the modelling ... so much is possible.

## > HIEBERT, FROM PG. 7

"It's time we start listening to what we need in rural areas," she added. "What our farmers and our businesses need.

"At its heart, Bill 208 is about reduc-

"I enjoy it," he said, noting he has a printer at home.

"Like the fins, I printed them at home," he said, noting it feels meaningful and worthwhile to be able to help the museum work on its collection and expand its displays.

"When we finish this one, there will be another one and another one. We have plenty of specimens in the back," said Cuetara, who added they are always looking to augment the museum displays.

"Not only are we increasing the quality of the exhibitions in the museum but also we are working towards a new facility, and this can help us build a business case for that new facility," he suggested.

"We have a lot of skeletons in the back room, and they are just waiting for us to work on them and to be available to show to the public just how rich the fossil collection is here in Manitoba."



## > FUNDING, FROM PG. 4

"The earliest we could see a shovel in the ground would be spring of 2027, and I don't even know then how long after that before a fully constructed and fully commissioned system would be up and running."

These and other similar projects being funded across the province are integral to keep Manitoba commu-

nities growing, Premier Kinew said.

"The cost of living starts with the cost of housing, and that means we need the infrastructure that lets communities build more homes," he said. "These vital water and wastewater projects give rural municipalities the capacity so they can grow, attract new families and keep life affordable."

The Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) provincial stream encourages investment into rural infrastructure projects that build or upgrade the critical infrastructure needed to develop more homes and meet the growing demand for affordable housing, Minister Simard

"These important infrastructure upgrades will unleash housing and

economic growth in large and small municipalities across the province," he said. "This is the critical infrastructure needed for communities to grow and thrive well into the future. Once again, local municipalities told us what they needed to be successful, and we listened."

—with files from Lorne Stelmach



# Manitoba fire departments donate gear to peers in Mexico

By Lorne Stelmach

A volunteer fire department in the Mexican Baja peninsula is getting a helping hand from southern Manitoba.

A former Mordenite helped bring the crew that serves in the community of Todos Santos to the attention of former Morden fire chief Andy Thiessen, and it resulted in a charitable effort to help equip firefighters there.

Filmmaker and author and former Mordenite David Rabinovitch held a book launch event in Morden about two years ago. While he was in town he connected with Thiessen partly out of personal interest, as his father Milton had served with the fire department.

Rabinovitch lives for part of the year in the Baja region in the area of Todos Santos, which has a similar population to Morden.

He knew the fire chief of the volunteer firefighters, who are known as the bomberos, and became aware of how the fire crew there barely get enough money to even pay for the gasoline for the fire truck. They have to rely on donations to protect their community.

Rabinovitch told Thiessen about it, and it inspired him to want to do something about it. Now, two years

after the gears started moving, a container truck loaded with a variety of firefighting gear and equipment is on its way south.

Thiessen said they had wanted to ship the container out last summer but had trouble finding a company able to transport it.

"It's taken us until now to get all of the paperwork and all that kind of stuff lined up and in order," he said. "So it's been a drawn out effort, but I think it's going to be worth it."

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Thiessen recalled Rabinovitch stopping in at the fire hall and talking about how the Todos Santos fire department there had pretty much nothing other than an old truck.

"I thought there might be some departments here with some equipment they could donate," said Thiessen, who asked around and soon found "there was stuff coming in from all over the province."

"It was pretty amazing. A lot of breathing apparatus ... things like turnout gear, some extrication tools like jaws of life. There was a lot of stuff."

Thiessen observed how we here would take it for granted that fire departments would be fully and properly equipped and supported.



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The volunteer fire department in Todos Santos, Mexico is receiving a welcome shipment of donated firefighting equipment from departments across Manitoba.

"One of my guys was holidaying close by there last winter, and he stopped in at their fire hall, and when he came back he said yeah, when they say they have nothing, they have nothing."

They were able to collect a lot of equipment which was still safe and usable though regulations here meant it was to be replaced.

"In Canada, we have strict standards that we have to follow, and a number of our items like the turnout gear and breathing apparatus all time out," said Thiessen.

"A lot of the time, the stuff is still in

great condition ... for us, we can't use it, but down there in Mexico they're happy to get whatever they can get their hands on," said Thiessen, who noted they were grateful for thrift shop funding that was helping to cover the costs. "It was a no-brainer for us to do whatever we could to help out."

"It's really Andy who initiated this, and I think it's pretty incredible ... it's a really terrific thing that was done," noted Rabinovitch. "He and others really should be honoured for doing this."

## Three new measles exposure sites in Winkler, Morden

By Voice staff

Public health officials announced three more local measles exposure sites last Friday.

Anyone at the following locations on the specified dates and times is asked to monitor for symptoms until the identified date:

- Sharptooth Adventures, 316 Loren Dr., Morden, on Nov. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monitor for symptoms until Dec. 14.
- Meridian Exhibition Centre, 1045 Grandeur Ave., Winkler, on Nov. 21 from 5:45-11 p.m.
- Café 545's community meal at Central Station Community Centre, 555 Main St., Winkler, on Nov. 24 from 5-8:30 p.m. Monitor for symptoms until Dec. 16.

Public health is also asking anyone who was at these locations during the specified times to check their immunization records and ensure they are up to date with measles vaccine (MMR or MMRV).

Further information on measles, exposures and immunization is available at [www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles.html) or individuals can

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## Reindeer Games

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

There was a bit of early Christmas season fun at Tabor Home last week with the annual Reindeer Hunt. Held Nov. 26, the hunt arms residents with toy Nerf guns and has them taking aim at staff dressed in reindeer antlers as they navigate a forest of Christmas trees. "The residents just have such a great time with it. It's also a great opportunity for residents from the various houses who don't normally cross paths to have fun and laugh together," said recreation manager Deanna Baker. "Even some of our residents with dementia will leave here and talk about it then all afternoon ... so that's fantastic."





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Eden Foundation hosted its annual Light Up the Night celebration Sunday in Winkler, offering an afternoon of bonfires, carnival games, hay rides, and a Christmas market and wrapping up the day with a tree lighting ceremony. There was also an opportunity to help Eden fill its giant stocking (top left) with socks, gloves, and basic toiletries to support people receiving care at the Eden Mental Health Centre, many of whom arrive with very little. The entire day sought to raise awareness about the mental health challenges many face during the holiday season, and to provide a show of support for them from the community.



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Symptoms of measles generally appear seven to 21 days after exposure. Initial symptoms may include fever, runny nose, drowsiness, irritability and red eyes. Small white spots may also develop on the inside of the mouth or throat. Several days after the initial symptoms, a red blotchy rash appears on the face and progresses down the body. Measles can lead to complications including ear infections, diarrhea, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (brain inflammation).

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# Altona lights up for the holiday season



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The Night of Lights Friday downtown and at the mall kicked off the holiday season in Altona with free hay rides, a wiener roast, fireworks, music from local bands and choirs, free hot chocolate and cookies, and, of course, a chance to visit with Santa Claus.



## Altona Community Fdn distributes nearly \$73K

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Christmas came a few weeks early for a number of Altona area organizations.

The Altona Community Foundation last week announced the recipients of its fall granting period, totalling nearly \$73,000 to 12 community projects

and non-profits.

Foundation board president Haydon Friesen says they're especially excited to announce a \$50,000 commitment spread out over the next three years to Altona Minor Soccer's soccer park project.

"The construction of the new soccer complex north of the MEC in Altona, that project checked a lot of the boxes as far as community impact, usability, and accessibility for the broader community and area," he said.

Larger grants like that are always very gratifying for the foundation, Friesen noted.

"Over the last five years, there's been

some pretty significant investments in capital projects here in Altona that we've been able to make more significant dollar value contributions to, which we're very happy to have the capacity to do."

Other fall grant recipients include:

- Altona & Area Family Resource Centre for its Healthy Family program.
- South Central Regional Library Altona branch for a service area desk.
- Altona Minor Baseball for a pitching machine and line chalk.
- Altona Minor Hockey for U15 female jerseys.

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- Gardens on Tenth for Roam Alert/Wander Guard software.
- Kiddie Sunshine Centre for furniture and kitchen equipment.
- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre for educational sessions.
- Rhineland Area Food Bank toward upgrading its new location.
- Rosenfeld Good Neighbor Centre for facility upgrades
- Town of Altona toward the Van Gogh painting restoration.
- Youth for Christ for Makerspace technology.

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## Altona town council welcomes new youth rep

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Altona town council welcomed its newest member to the fold last week.

Azeb Kauenhofen, a Gr. 11 student at W.C. Miller Collegiate, joined council at its Nov. 24 meeting as the new youth representative.

"I knew about it because I had a friend in class two or three years ago do it," Kauenhofen shared. "And I was like, 'Oh, that sounds really cool. That sounds like fun.'"

It planted the seed in her mind so that when the position opened up this year she decided to throw her hat in the ring, and she's thrilled to have been selected.

"I'm on student council and I love it, and this is pretty much the same thing, but for the town," Kauenhofen said. She heads up her high school council's social media accounts.

Her hope as youth rep is to better inform town council about what's all going on at the high school.

"I want to talk more about kids and what's going on at school," she said, noting W.C. Miller has a lot going on when it comes to sports but "there's tons of other things that go on at our school, especially in our music program, which I'm pretty involved in, and I think it'd be cool to bring light to that, as well as all the art and plays that go on."

She's also looking forward to learning more about how decisions are made at the municipal level, and to provide the youth perspective to council on matters that affect people of all ages in the community.

Politics has always been an interest of

Kauenhofen's.

"I'm a person who really loves hearing people's opinions" and why they hold them, she said.

Kauenhofen's very first meeting with council was already an eye-opening experience.

"I thought it was very cool ... see-

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TOWN OF ALTONA PHOTO

Altona Mayor Harv Schroeder with Azeb Kauenhofen, who attended her first meeting as council's youth rep last week.

ing what they all had to do. I did not know everything that they did," she

said. "And everyone there is super sweet and awesome."

### > FALL GRANTS, FROM PG. 12

It's always a difficult decision for the granting committee to choose from the many applications they receive, Friesen said, noting they were pleased to see such a variety of organizations reach out for support this fall.

"We received a few new organizations that had never applied before,

and some that haven't applied in a long time," he shared. "As well as some repeat donors that have some pretty significant projects on the horizon for them that we're pleased to be able to support."

The foundation looks for projects that have a broad reach in the communities it serves: Altona, Gretna,

Rosenfeld and the Municipality of Rhineland.

"We try to give to as many organizations as we can ... to broaden the scope of our granting dollars to impact as many varied demographics of the community as we can," Friesen explained.

This fall's grants are the second batch for the foundation, who gave out \$70,000 to 11 recipients last

spring for a total of over \$140,000 for the year.

"It's certainly up from previous years," Friesen noted. "The significant contribution from the Thomas Sill Foundation winding down their operations and the milestone contribution that was made to the Altona Community Foundation as a result is now making an impact."

But it's also the everyday donors who allow the foundation to do what it does each year. A donation to the Altona Community Foundation is truly a gift that keeps on giving, Friesen said.

"It's something that lasts forever," he said of the endowment funds the agency oversees, the interest from which allow them to issue grants. "Those dollars are going to keep earning more and more and we're going to be able to keep giving out more money every year."

You can learn more or make a donation to the foundation online at [altonacommunityfoundation.com](http://altonacommunityfoundation.com).

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# Bringing the Christmas story to life



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The annual living nativity

play *From Everywhere to Bethlehem* transformed Winkler Park into ancient Bethlehem last weekend. Spearheaded by the Winkler EMMC, the interactive theatre production walked audience members through the Christmas story and collected donations for the Winkler Food Cupboard and other charitable causes.



## RCMP reaches 98 per cent deployment of body-worn cameras across Manitoba

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba RCMP says it has nearly completed its provincewide rollout of body-worn cameras, with 98 per cent of front-line officers now equipped with the technology as part of ongoing efforts to boost transparency and accountability.

The only remaining detachment still to receive cameras is Berens River, where a new building — complete with the required technical infrastructure — is scheduled to open next week.

In a statement, the RCMP said the

cameras have already proven invaluable in day-to-day policing, evidence gathering and improving public trust.

"The body-worn camera has provided us with many useful tools that make everyday policing a lot easier," said Cpl. Jenelle Hulan of the Manitoba RCMP Major Crime Unit. "Taking statements and obtaining photos of scenes, victims and suspects is extremely easy, and the apps are excellent in tracking our movement during an investigation."

"Overall, this is a tool we needed in front-line policing to increase transparency and trust for both police and

the public. Having concrete evidence that is uploaded and stored in such an easy manner also makes life easier when completing court packs."

The cameras are supported by a digital evidence management system that stores and organizes the growing volume of footage. With 638 cameras currently in use, the Manitoba RCMP has already collected 174,369 pieces of digital evidence, including videos, images, audio statements and documents. The service has also shared 1,510 digital case files with Manitoba Prosecutions — figures the RCMP says are increasing daily.

Assistant Commissioner Scott McMurchy, commanding officer of the Manitoba RCMP, said the cameras have already strengthened investigations and helped modernize police work.

"Without a doubt, body-worn cameras have quickly become an incredibly beneficial and important tool for our officers," he said. "The evidence collected through video footage has directly contributed to numerous investigations and has helped our organization become more transparent."

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# Members' show on now at Pembina Hills Gallery

By Lorne Stelmach

The year-end exhibit at the Pembina Hills Gallery in downtown Morden is a celebration of the diversity of the artistic talent and work being done in the region.

The members' show and sale features pieces by 10 different artists from the area rather than displaying just the particular medium of an individual artist.

"It presents work with different styles and also different visions. I think this is also an important thing to highlight that we accept everyone, and we see the gallery as a space for all self expression," gallery director Anna Ishkhanyan commented as the gallery hosted an exhibit opening reception

last Friday evening.

The show features the work of Susan Crawford-Young, Tammy Hendrickx, Ken Atkinson, Margie Hildebrand, Dave Stobbe, Mary Elias, Esther Hildebrand, Olga Krahn, Evelyn Goodfellow, and Aranda Adams.

The art on display features watercolours, oils, photography, digital illustrations, mixed medium, folk art, and more.

Esther Hildebrand was participating in the members' show for the first time, and she sees herself being part of it again.

"I think it's great. You get to meet other artists and see what their work is like," she said. "Any chance you get ... it's not meaning to be boastful, but you get to share your art, share it with people and get their feedback.

She appreciates the variety of art

**"THE MEMBERS ARE A REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF US."**



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PHAC's 2025 members' show features work from a variety of artists in a myriad of mediums.



and talent in the region.

"Nobody's paintings are the same," Hildebrand said, noting how the work of other artists can be an inspiration. "I am primarily an abstract artist, but I can appreciate what goes into someone else's work, someone who does more landscape or portrait."

And she is always interested in people's reactions to her work.

"People will see a lot of different things in your art that you would never know is there, so I find it interesting."

Ishkhanyan sees this show as a unique exhibition, noting it is nice to close out the year with a show that is open to all members.

"There are members who have been with us for a long period of time and supporting us," she said. "As a non-profit organization, the Pembina

Hills Arts Council relies very much on things like its members. The members are a really important part of us."

"This exhibition is also a symbolic piece of our work ... it shows our members and some of their best pieces of work," she continued.

"It's an important exhibition as it presents different types of art, different techniques, different mediums, and it also presents different visions of the world," said Ishkhanyan.

"It shows the variety of art skills, and it shows the amount of talent that we have here. We have so many exceptional artists here who view the world in different ways and in beautiful colours," she concluded. "I think this exhibition is also unique because it presents the viewer different perceptions of life and how beautiful life can be."

## Weekend holiday market returns



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The Winkler Christmas Market is back for another season of artisan vendors and community spirit. Located in the New Leaf Garden Centre, the market runs for two more weekends: Dec. 5-6 and Dec. 12-13, Fridays from noon to nine and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each weekend offers a different lineup of vendors of all types, buskers, a weekly colouring contest for the kids, and a chance to visit with Santa Claus.



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# getinformed

## Gardenland Co-op supports Plum Coulee bridge project

By Lorne Stelmach

A pedestrian bridge that will connect the two sides of Plum Coulee separated by a drain received another financial boost last week.

Gardenland Co-op presented a \$5,000 donation towards the project that will provide a connection between the north and south sides of the community.

"We just want to support one of the communities that we obviously work in but that we also live in as well ... that's what the Co-op is all about: we support the communities where we serve," said Brendan Froese, marketing manager for Gardenland Co-op.

"We love Plum Coulee, and we wanted to show them some love," he said. "I know this bridge project has been a lot of years in the making, and we wanted to show some support for our members who live here."

"Concern for the community is one of the seven guiding principles that



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Gardenland Co-op staff presented reps from the Plum Coulee bridge project with a donation of \$5,000 last week. The committee hopes to have the bridge built by next summer.

all Co-ops are guided by, and it's one that we feel very strongly about."

"It's just so exciting to get support

like this," said June Letkeman, chairperson of the pedestrian bridge project. "The Gardenland Co-op is just

wonderful. They are an awesome support for a lot of community projects.

"This bridge is really a great community project," she said, estimating they are about \$150,000 shy of meeting the entire cost of \$520,000, but she is optimistic about an application they've put in for a significant federal government grant. The province previously provided a \$100,000 grant for the project.

"If we get that [federal grant], it would almost cover what we need," Letkeman said. "We've got other grants in the works as well. It may be sounds like a lot of money, but we will get there."

She is anticipating the bridge will be built by March and that it could be put in place by next summer.

"I would love to get it done by June," said Letkeman, who noted people wanting more information or to support the project can contact her at 204-362-0501.

## Invicta men's ensemble to perform in Manitou Dec. 14

By Lorne Stelmach

A group of Brandon University students are coming to Manitou to present a festive holiday concert.

Acclaimed a cappella men's ensemble Invicta is bringing the spirit of the season to the Manitou Opera House on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. with

an afternoon of holiday music and close-harmony magic.

With appearances on the Brandon University Pro Series, Brandon University Jazz Festival, and concert stages across the province, this dynamic sextet is known for their energetic stage presence, stunning blend and engaging repertoire spanning traditional barbershop to contemporary pop-style a cappella.

"We'll be doing some sing-along Christmas carols ... so I think it will just get everybody in the Christmas spirit," said organizer Lindy Sharpe, who suggested an a cappella performance is something a bit more unique in this area. "It's just going to be a very festive concert with your beverage—hot chocolate, tea and coffee—and your Christmas goodies all included in your ticket."

Sharpe made the connection with the group through Sarah Hall, who is an assistant professor of music at Brandon University and who also plays a co-ordinating role with Invicta.

Hall also serves as an adjudicator at many music festivals in southern Manitoba and was an adjudicator for one of the disciplines at the Pembina

Valley Music Festival.

"I'm on the festival board, so I went up to her and said, hey, this group that you're leading ... if you ever want to bring them to the opera house, we would love to have them," explained Sharpe, who also has a personal connection with the group, as one of the members is her nephew.

Hall came back to her with the idea of coming out to do a Christmas show.

"So the ball started rolling, and we're thrilled to be able to feature them here."

Invicta features six Brandon University voice majors: baritone and counter-tenor Jackson Hacault, tenors Aaron Cox and Daniel Driscoll, bari-tenor Christian Dubois, baritone Bennett Radcliffe, and bass Eren Oleson.

Proceeds from the concert will support the Manitou Opera House Foundation.

"We put on concerts like this to keep the lights on in our beautiful historic opera house," said Sharpe.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for 17 and under and are available online through [manitouopserahouse.com](http://manitouopserahouse.com) or by calling or texting 204-242-4287.



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Invicta performs at the Manitou Opera House Dec. 14.



# Miami and Area Foundation announce annual grant recipients

By E. Antonio

The Miami and Area Foundation announced the recipients of 12 grants at their annual dinner on Nov. 15.

Community members gathered at the Miami Event Centre to hear the grant announcements and to discover who would receive the honour of Miami and Area Citizen of the Year. Foundation chair, Gordon Simpson, said their celebration was an overwhelming success.

"We are very pleased with the results this year after raising a good amount of money for our grants, and our auction was a success as well," he explained.

This year, the foundation raised \$55,000 through the Miami and Area Foundation's endowment fund and through a gift from the Thomas Sill Foundation, setting a new record for the most amount of grants handed out in a single evening.

This year's recipients were:

- Miami Museum - Museum restoration project: \$3500
- Blair Sharpe Active Living Centre - Gym equipment: \$2500
- Lloyd Orchard Community Arena - Ice Surface CO2 detector: \$3000
- Miami Children's Facility - Cordless Blinds Project: \$3000
- Miami School Parent Advisory Council - Farm Safety Day for Students: \$1500
- Pumpkin Creek Cross Country Ski Club - Ski Rental Equipment: \$1000
- Miami Golf & Country Club - Bathroom renovation project: \$3000
- Miami Curling Club - Fire Exit Door Replacement & Fire Protection Upgrades: \$5000
- Miami Fire & Rescue - New Battery Operated Extraction Tools: \$10,000

Thomas Sill Grants Flow through to



Bob McMillan was awarded The Huntley Knox Memorial Citizen of the Year Award 2025.

Miami Area Foundation for 2025:

- Altamont Community Centre - AED & Door Upgrades: \$3000
- Dunston Church Historical Restoration - Building: \$7000
- LUD of Miami/RM of Thompson - Playground Equipment Miami Park: \$13,000

Bob McMillan was also named Citizen of the Year.

Simpson thanks those who made monetary and auction prize donations, claiming they helped make the evening a success.

Next year, the foundation will be



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Members of the board pose following the 25th-anniversary business awards ceremony. The board will continue to guide the organization through upcoming projects and community initiatives.

heading into their 16th year and have set a goal to surpass \$1 million in raised assets through the foundation. Simpson noted this would make next year's gala extra special.

"We are here to help the communi-

ty grow, an attribute we share with many others," he said. "We are out here just doing the best we can with whatever we got to work with."



Award recipients gather for a photo during the community's 25th anniversary business awards celebration, held Nov. 15. The event recognized outstanding achievement and contributions to local economic growth.

# Health Canada issues recalls for Ibuprofen, hair dye

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada issued recalls last weeks for an ibuprofen pain reliever and hair dye, among a number of product recalls.

The federal health agency issued a recall on Nov. 24 for Apotex brand Extra Strength Ibuprofen Liquid Gel Capsules 400 mg in affected lots 1570619, 1570621, and 1570623 with a drug identification number (DIN) of 02376601.

Health Canada issued the recall because of the "presence of cloudy cap-

sules in affected lots due to crystallization of ibuprofen into the gelatin shell."

Crystallization can render a medication unstable as the active ingredient may no longer be evenly distributed. Medication compromised by crystallization can either be ineffective or potentially unsafe.

On Nov. 26, Health Canada recalled various Everpro Gray Away root cover-up products in aerosol containers because of a missing mandatory hazard labelling.

Consumers should immediately

stop using the recalled products and return them to the place of purchase for a refund, states the agency.

"These products do not meet the Cosmetic Regulations in Canada. Specifically, the products are missing bilingual English/French labelling, as well as the required hazard symbols, signal words, and safety information, which could result in misuse and potential harm to consumers," said Health Canada.

The following products affected are: Everpro Gray Away Root Cover Up Spray - Black, Everpro Gray Away

Root Cover Up Spray - Dark Brown, Everpro Gray Away Root Cover Up Spray - Dark Brown, Everpro Gray Away Root Cover Up Spray - Medium Brown, and Everpro Gray Away Root Cover Up Spray - Medium Brown.

The manufacturer of the product is Inspired Beauty Brands Inc. from New York.

The company reported that 4,572 units of the affected products were sold in Canada from June 2025 to November 2025. As of Nov. 18, the



# sports & recreation

## Royals edge Red River in OT to stay atop SEMHL

By Annaliese Meier

The Winkler Royals strengthened their hold on first place Sunday night, defeating the Red River Wild 2-1 in overtime in SEMHL action on Nov. 30.

After a scoreless opening period, Winkler broke through at 8:02 of the second when Brett Stovin finished a setup from assistant captain Adam Henry. Royals goaltender Matthew Thiessen protected the lead into the third period, turning away chance after chance in a 38-save performance.

Red River finally pulled even at 9:53 of the third on a marker from Tyler Anderson, assisted by Justin Baudry, sending the game to extra time. Winkler needed just over four minutes of overtime to close it out, with Justin Augert netting the winner at 4:12. Both teams went scoreless on special teams, with Winkler finishing 0-for-3 and Red River 0-for-1 on the power play.

The win keeps Winkler firmly on top of the SEMHL standings. The Royals improved to 6-0-0-1 for 13 points, the league's best record and a .857 winning percentage. They also lead the league defensively and sit among the top offensive teams, having scored 36 goals while allowing only 14, the fewest against of any SEMHL club. Winkler remains perfect at home at 4-0, and has collected points in every road game with a 2-0-0-1 mark away from the Winkler arena.

Red River sits fourth overall at 3-2-1, with 32 goals for and 26 against through six games.

Winkler returns home Wednesday, Dec. 3, to host Portage at 7:30 p.m.

The Morden Bombers battled from behind three times before skating away with a 5-4 overtime victory against the Portage Islanders in SEMHL action this week.

After falling behind 2-0 in the opening 12 minutes, the Bombers clawed back late in the first. Mike Rey put Morden on the board at 17:02, converting a setup

Morden Bombers netminder Aaron Brunn makes a blocker save on the close in shot by Portage's Jared Roy in last Friday's game, which the Bombers won 5-4 in overtime.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE



from Andrew Clark and Jaden Townsend to cut the deficit heading into intermission.

Morden struck early in the second when Logan Christensen finished a passing play from Cade Kowalski and Clark to tie the game 2-2. Although Portage briefly regained the lead with a

power-play goal at 16:24, the Bombers answered again less than two minutes later. Clark buried the equalizer at 18:04, with Kowalski and Collin Shirley drawing assists.

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## Winkler Flyers make short work of Blizzard, Kings

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers has a widely successful trip north this past week.

They made short work of the Northern Manitoba Blizzard—twice—and then wrapped the weekend by blanking the Kings in Dauphin.

Game one against the Blizzard Friday night was a scoreless affair until the third period when Tanner George and Niklas Gudmundson got the Flyers on the board.

The Blizzard managed their first of the night with less than three minutes to go on the clock, and a final marker

from Kam Thomas for Winkler sealed the win 3-1.

Leif Ekblad made 14 saves in net as the Flyers outshot the Blizzard 47-15.

In game two the next night, the home team was up 3-1 after 20 minutes, Winkler's lone goal coming courtesy of Aiden Jacobson midway through.

Period two saw neither team make any headway, but then Winkler came out firing on all cylinders in the third, with Charlie Weaver, Jake Swaenepoel, and Jacob Michelson scoring in a fast-paced three-minute stretch to give the Flyers the lead 4-3. They looked poised to win it until Northern

Manitoba got the tying goal a 1:01 left to go.

Overtime solved nothing, and the resulting shootout saw Connor Rieger and Thomas both score for the Flyers, while the Blizzard shooters both missed, giving victory to Winkler 5-4.

Liam Russell was between the posts for the Flyers this game, facing down 30 shots on goal and saving 26. His teammates fired 34 the other way.

Sunday's game in Dauphin against the Kings saw Ekblad back in net and earning a shutout with 29 saves.

Meanwhile, a pair of goals from Thomas and singles from Charlie

Weaver and Michelson won it for Winkler 4-0.

With that the Flyers have moved into fourth place in the MGEU East Division with a record of 13-9-1-2 and 29 points. They trail the Niverville Nighthawks (42 points) in first, the Steinbach Pistons (39 points) in second, and the Portage Terriers (37 points) in third and are tied in points with the fifth-place Selkirk Steelers.

Coming up, the Flyers host the Winnipeg Monarchs Thursday and then welcome the Terriers Sunday. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m. both nights.



# Local teams in top three at provincials

By Voice staff

Several local teams nearly went the distance at the provin-



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cial high school volleyball championships over the weekend.

At the AAA varsity boys tournament, the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs ranked second in their pool with a 2-1 record and then made short work of the Westgate Wings and the Linden Christian Wings in the playoffs to advance to the gold medal match against the Neelin Spartans. The Spartans won it in two, giving the Zodiacs silver for the weekend.

On the girls side, the W.C. Miller Aces (in photo at left) were 2-1 in the round robin, good for second place, and then knocked out Linden Christian and Neelin to earn a seat at the championship game against the Westgate Wings. The Aces brought



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home silver after the Wings won it in three.

At the AA girls level, the Rosenort Redhawks (in photo above) beat the Hapnot Kopper Kweens in three to take third place in the province. The Redhawks ranked second in their pool with a 3-1 record and then fell to the Gabrielle-Roy Les Roys in the first round of playoffs to find themselves in the third-place match.

# Female Hawks struggle vs. Chiefs, Wildcats

By Lorne Stelmach

The struggles continued for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks as they dropped a pair of 4-2 decisions this past weekend to the Yellowhead Chiefs and Westman Wildcats.

The Hawks were even at 1-1 and 2-2 at the intermissions against Yellowhead Saturday but then gave up two goals in the third, including a power play marker with 6:17 left in the game.

Sophia Cox and Skyla Hildebrand scored for Pembina Valley while Hannah Bannister made 33 saves as the Chiefs outshot the Hawks 37-21.

Westman took a 3-2 lead after 40 minutes Sunday and then sealed the deal with an early goal in the third period.

Cox scored her sixth of the season in the first, and Bree Pearce had a second period power play marker. Madison Froese made 27 saves with the Hawks being outshot 31-22.

Pembina Valley remains mired in seventh place at 5-7-0-1 for 11 points, which has them ahead of only Inter-

lake but also just three back of Yellowhead, Winnipeg Avros and Central Plains.

The Hawks have a break from league

play this week as they head to Brampton, Ontario to take part in the 2 Nations Prep Series tournament which features a wide array of teams from

across the United States and Canada.

They return to league play Dec. 10 against the Winnipeg Ice and Dec. 13 against the Interlake Lightning.

# Hawks rebound with win over Chiefs

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks rebounded from a humbling loss to the one of the top teams in the league by sweeping a pair of weekend games against a team chasing them in the standings.

After falling 8-1 Nov. 19 to the fourth-place Brandon Wheat Kings, the sixth-place Hawks bested the ninth-place Yellowhead Chiefs 7-2 Saturday and 5-3 Sunday.

The Hawks were very much in the game against Brandon for the first 40 minutes, trailing only 1-0 and 3-1 at the intermissions, but the Wheat Kings ran away with it in the third period with five unanswered goals.

Cole Second scored the lone Pembina Valley goal, while Koen Bleznuk made 36 saves in net as the Hawks were outshot 44-25.

In the first game against Yellowhead, the Hawks took period leads of 3-2 and 4-2 before putting it away with three more unanswered goals in the final frame.

Nolan Bravo scored a pair of goals with other markers coming from Secord, Tyson Pethybridge, Ocean Fehr, Jackson Froese, and Paxton White. Brody Peters got the win with 34 saves as the Hawks outshot the Chiefs 45-36.

Fehr had a hat trick and a four point night to lead Pembina Valley to victo-

ry in the second game as the Hawks held period leads of 1-0 and 4-2.

Carson Hiebert and Ragnar Gillis also scored for the Hawks, while Bleznuk made 34 saves with Yellowhead holding a 37-31 edge in shots on goal.

It leaves the Hawks sitting at 14-7-0-1 for 29 points, and it has them just two points back of Southwest, Brandon and the Winnipeg Bruins while just one up on Eastman and three ahead of Parkland.

Pembina Valley has just one game this week when they visit Parkland in Dauphin Friday evening.

# Mudbugs edge Blues in shootout after fast start

By Annaliese Meier

The Red River Mudbugs built an early lead and held on through a Landmark rally, escaping with a 5-4 shootout win in Hanover-Tache Junior Hockey League action.

Red River struck first late in the opening period when alternate captain Caleb Boulanger converted at 12:48 from Ziko Pankratz and Gavin Hildebrandt.

The Mudbugs extended their lead in the second. Griffin Hilderbrand made it 2-0 at 5:14 before Lukas Banman added another at 12:08. Landmark responded with a power-play goal from Nicholas Miller, but Red River regained momentum when alternate captain Ty Tarnick scored shorthanded at 14:52 to restore a two-goal cushion. The Blues closed the gap before the intermission on Dylan Knutt's marker at 19:40.

Landmark carried that momentum into the third, tying the game with goals from Jake Esteves just 57 seconds in and Clint Plett at 11:19. Neither side scored in overtime, sending the game to a shootout.

Red River sealed the win with goals from Reece Fehr and Tarnick, while Mudbugs goaltender Connor Parago stopped both Landmark shooters he faced in the skills competition. Parago delivered a strong performance

throughout the night, finishing with 42 saves.

Despite going 0-for-5 on the power play, the Mudbugs leaned on timely scoring and resilient goaltending to secure the extra point. Landmark finished 1-for-3 with the man advantage.

This Saturday Mitchell is at Red River at 8 p.m. at the St. Jean Arena.



# Hawks' Hockey Fights Cancer game raises more than \$1,400

By Lana Meier

The Pembina Valley Hawks combined community spirit with on-ice success during their annual Hockey Fights Cancer game on Saturday, Nov. 22, raising \$1,464.50 for two local causes.

This year's fundraiser will see \$300 directed to the Manitoba Moose's charity partner, Camp Quality—an organization that supports children affected by cancer—with the remaining funds going to the Boundary Trails Cancer Foundation. The Hawks will also attend the Moose game on Nov. 29 free of charge, a gesture of appreciation for their efforts.

Spectators packed the rink for the event, with many parents and grand-

parents expressing pride in seeing the players and community recognized for their contributions.

On the ice, the Hawks delivered a strong performance, skating to a 4-1 win over the Westman Ice Bandits. After Westman opened the scoring, Rome Loewen answered late in the first period to tie the game 1-1. Alexander Hartmann put the Hawks ahead with a second-period marker, and the team sealed the win in the third with goals from Cole Prejet and Ezra Peters.

The victory capped off a meaningful night that blended hockey, teamwork and local generosity—all contributing to a cause that resonates with many families across the region.



Players from the Pembina Valley Hawks honour Hockey Fights Cancer night on Nov. 22, helping raise \$1,464.50 for Camp Quality and the Boundary Trails Cancer Foundation before skating to a 4-1 win over the Westman Ice Bandits.

## Twisters drop two on weekend, remain in hunt for turnaround

By Annaliese Meier

The Pembina Valley Twisters showed third-period push but couldn't overcome the Charleswood Hawks on Friday before being shut out Sunday by the Fort Garry/Fort Rouge Twins, dropping to 1-17 on the MMJHL season.

Pembina Valley opened with one of its better first periods of the year, matching the Hawks 1-1 after 20 minutes. Lucas Thomas buried his fourth of the season at 15:48, converting a setup from Ketema Wall after sustained pressure in the Charleswood zone.

But the Hawks took full control in the second, scoring four unanswered—including back-to-back power-play markers from Tyson Sperber and Kaelan Briggs—to build a 5-1 lead. Nathan Morrison and Lucas Turcotte added even-strength goals as Charleswood carried a 6-1 advantage into the third.

The Twisters showed late spark, scoring three times in under seven minutes to close the gap. Defenceman Brayden Cox ripped home his second of the season at 2:34, followed by a power-play marker from Josh Guilford at 4:58 and a rebound finish by Rylan Keck at 9:24 to make it 6-4.

Pembina Valley pressed with 12 third-period shots, but an empty-netter from Hawks captain Elliott Lewis with 50 seconds left sealed the 7-4 final.

Rookie goaltender Rowan Cherkas faced a heavy workload, stopping 39 of 45 shots.

Two nights later, Pembina Valley struggled to generate offence against the Twins, managing just 13 shots in a 6-0 loss.

Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge opened the scoring late in the first, then pulled away with two goals in the middle frame—including Daniel Hamill's first of the season at 16:10. The Twins added three more in the third, including a pair on the power play.

Goaltender Riley Brown made 15 saves in 57:20 of work, while Cherkas

stopped all three shots he faced in relief.

Special teams and standings

Pembina Valley was 1-for-4 on the power play Friday and 0-for-2 Sunday. The penalty kill went 1-for-3 against Charleswood and 3-for-5 against the Twins.

Through 18 games, the Twisters sit

10th in the MMJHL at 1-17-0 (.056). Charleswood sits third overall, while the Twins moved into sixth.

The Twisters return home Friday, Dec. 5 to host the fourth-place River East Royal Knights at 8 p.m. They visit the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.

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The Bombers kept pace in a fast third period. After Portage went ahead 4-3, Kowalski responded just over a minute later, making it 4-4 with help from Tyler Campbell and Shirley.

In overtime, Morden needed just 1:52 to finish the comeback. Clark, who led the Bombers with two goals and two assists, jumped on a feed from Kowalski and Jory Mullin to score the game-winner.

Goaltender Aaron Brunn backstopped the victory with a 36-save performance, earning the win in 65 minutes of work.

The Bombers look to keep rolling when they visit Notre Dame on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

The Red River Wild book-ended their week with a strong offensive showing followed by a tight defensive battle, defeating the Île des Chênes Northstars earlier in the week before falling 2-1 in overtime to the league-leading Winkler Royals on Nov. 30.

Red River opened the week on a high note with a 7-5 win over Île des Chênes, driven by a Brendan Harms hat trick and a surge of scoring across all three periods. Tyler Anderson opened the scoring on a power play at 5:41 of the

first, assisted by Justin Baudry and Jonah Wasylak, before the Northstars answered with two straight from captain Tyler Swerdyliak—the second on the man advantage—to take a 2-1 lead into the intermission.

The Wild responded quickly in the second. Wasylak tied the game on a penalty shot at 3:38, and less than a minute later Robert Guimond put Red River back in front. Île des Chênes briefly made it 3-3 at 4:56, but the Wild regained control with Baudry's goal at 13:03 and Harms' first of the night at 19:18 to carry a 5-3 lead into the dressing room.

Red River added insurance in the third when Austin Gilmore scored the eventual game-winner at 12:41 off a feed from Troy Lehmann and Teagan Fillion. Harms struck again 45 seconds later to make it 7-3 before the Northstars pushed back with two late goals. Harms sealed the win with an empty-netter at 19:33 to complete the hat trick. The game featured heavy

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company had received no reports of incidents in Canada, and no reports of injury.

The hair-dye recall is also posted on the OECD Global Portal on Product Recalls website.

special-teams play and multiple misconducts during a chippy second period.

The week ended with a far different tone as the Wild dropped a 2-1 overtime decision to Winkler on Sunday. After falling behind in the second period, Red River tied the game at 9:53 of the third when Anderson buried a feed from Baudry. Overtime ended quickly, however, with the Royals scoring at 4:12. Jayden Catellier kept the Wild in it throughout, finishing with 32 saves.

With one win and one overtime loss on the week, Red River now holds a 4-2-1 record for 9 points, sitting fourth in the SEMHL behind Winkler, Morden and Springfield. The Wild have scored 39 goals and allowed 33 through seven games. The club remains winless at home at 0-1-1, but continues to be one of the league's strongest road teams at 4-1-0.

Red River hosts the Morden Bombers on Friday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m.

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**HEARING:** Municipality of Rhineland Council Chambers  
**LOCATION:** 109-3rd Avenue NE, Altona, MB  
**DATE & TIME:** December 17th, 2025 at 9:00AM  
**GENERAL INTENT:** To serve as a general housekeeping amendment. The amendment will update the Irrigation Dugout, Pond, or Lagoon minimum setback requirements in the RR - Rural Residential Zone.  
**AREA:** Municipality of Rhineland  
**FOR INFORMATION** Lucie Maynard, General Manager  
**CONTACT:** RPGA Planning District  
Box 270, Altona, MB R0G 0B0  
Phone: (204) 324-5357 ext.3  
E-Mail: [manager@rpgamb.ca](mailto:manager@rpgamb.ca)

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## FARMLAND TENDER

## FARMLAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed, written tenders for property in the Municipality of Rhineland will be received by:

**GBH LAW OFFICE**  
504 Stanley Ave.  
Winkler, MB R6W 0M3

## Land for Sale

**Parcel One:** (78.46 acres)

Title No. 2743770/4

Legal Description:

THE E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 12-2-3 WPM

EXCEPTING - PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 1869 MLTO

**Parcel Two:** (109.79 acres)

Title No. 2743775/4

Legal Description:

THE W 1/2 OF NE 1/4 5-2-3 WPM

EXCEPTING

FIRSTLY - ROAD PLAN 1664 MLTO

SECONDLY - WATER CONTROL WORKS PLAN 1268 MLTO

**Parcel Three:** (151.27 acres)

Title No. 2743773/4

Legal Description:

THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 70202 WPM

EXC FIRSTLY: ROAD PLAN 1869 MLTO

AND SECONDLY OUT OF ALL THAT PORTION TAKEN FOR ROAD PLAN 529 MLTO

(NOW CLOSED): ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 111903 MLTO

## CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders must be received on or before **5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2025**
3. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of \$10,000.00, payable to GBH LAW OFFICE. Deposit cheques accompanying unsuccessful bids will be returned.
4. The Purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
5. Individual parcels may be purchased separately or together. Indicate clearly on your tender which parcel(s) you are bidding on.
6. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The Vendors are not obligated to sell the land or to accept any tender.

## CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted shall be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted purchase price must be paid on or before the date of possession, or evidence provided by the Purchaser that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendors. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit, the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. The adjustment for taxes is as of January 1, 2026.
4. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.

For further information contact:

LOREN D. BRAUL at:

Ph: 204-325-8850 Fax: 204-325-8830

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**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY BY-LAW 16-25**  
Being an AMENDMENT to the R.M. OF STANLEY  
ZONING BY-LAW 8-18, AS AMENDED.

**HEARING:** R.M. of Stanley Council Chambers

**LOCATION:** 1-23111 PTH 14, SW 7-3-4W

**DATE & TIME:** December 18, 2025 at 10:05 am

#### GENERAL INTENT:

To re-zone a portion of a parcel of land in the RM of Stanley  
From: "AG" Agricultural General  
To: "GD" General Development

**AREA:** Part of: LOT 10, PLAN 600 and Part of LOT 2, PLAN 62721  
IN NE ¼ 21-1-4 WPM

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Groening, Planning and Development Officer  
Rural Municipality of Stanley  
1-23111 PTH 14, Stanley MB R6P 0B1  
Phone: (204) 325-4101  
Email: [mgroening@rmofstanley.ca](mailto:mgroening@rmofstanley.ca)

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## BIRTHDAY



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## IN MEMORIAM



In loving memory of my beloved husband and our father, **Ron Dyck**, who died on December 1, 2019; and our precious second son, **James Dyck**, who died on November 18, 2023. We love you and miss you every day. Florence and family, PENTICTON, BC. James' wife Deb and daughter Kayla, Bend , Oregon.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Sophia Davidson Carruthers Dell**  
Thinking of you.  
-Ralph, family and friends

## IN MEMORIAM



**Henry (Terp)Thiesen**  
**December 7, 2022**

My dear Terp,  
Although gone since December 7, 2022.  
I will remember you, your spirit, your beautiful  
smile, and your love.  
Leaves may wither,  
Flowers may die,  
Friends may forget you,  
But NEVER will I.

-Wife Elma  
Remembering Dad  
On December 7, 2022 you joined your  
Heavenly Father and we all miss you still.  
All your children, grandchildren, and great-  
grandchildren miss your beautiful smile and  
your loving eyes. Your graciousness to all  
and your humble leadership still influences us  
today. We love you.

-Your family

**X** **CROSSWORD**

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Dough made from corn flour
5. Rise
11. Gratitude
14. A low wall
15. Kidnap
18. A cup golfers want to win
19. Outgoing
21. "Partner" to flow
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. Proverb
28. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
29. Helps a body recover

## OBITUARY

**Norman Glen Rothenburger**

February 1, 1942 – November 14, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Norman, on Friday, November 14, 2025 at Tabor Home in Morden, Manitoba, at the age of 83.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 57 years, Esther; his son Kelvin (Patti); and his three grandsons, Andrew, Thomas, and Lucas. He will also be remembered fondly by extended family and friends.

Memorial service was held on Saturday, November 22, 2025 at St. Paul's United Church, 353 Thornhill St. in Morden, with private family interment at Hillside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Norman's memory to either the Menzies Medical Centre (130-30 Stephen Street,

Morden, MB R6M 2G3) or to the Pembina Parish Building Fund (353 Thornhill Street, Morden, MB R6M 1M8)

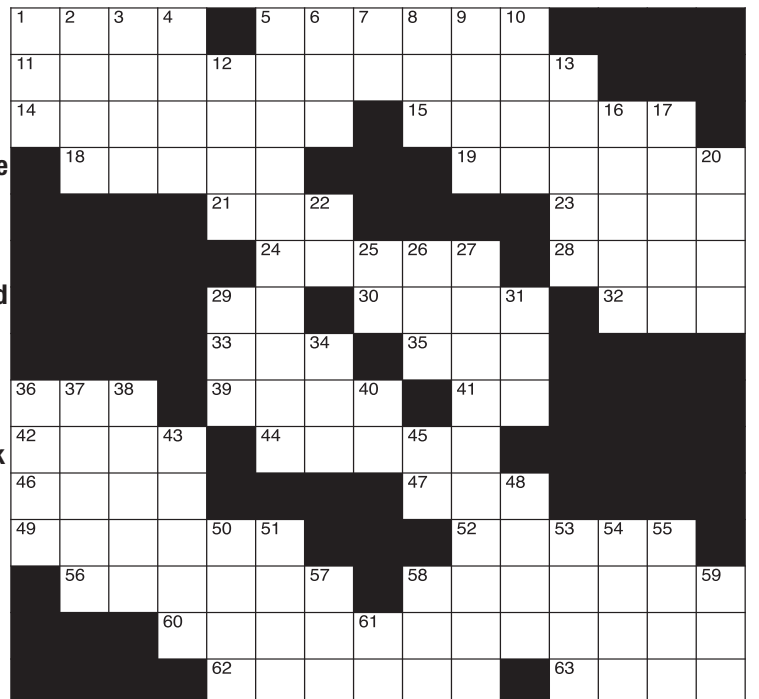
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30. Baseball Cy Young winner  
32. Very fast airplane  
33. Offensive baseball stat  
35. Body of water  
36. Record of one's heartbeat  
39. Signs a contract  
41. Atomic #24  
42. Bind securely  
44. French Jesuit theologian  
46. Fragrant brown balsam  
47. Post office box  
49. Sells tickets at inflated prices  
52. Places to hang coats  
56. Jewish salutation  
58. Yellow fruits  
60. Poorly educated  
62. Microorganism  
63. Talk show host Barrymore
- CLUES DOWN**

1. A way to plan
  2. Three-banded armadillo
  3. Mobile
  4. Romanian city
  5. Making sour
  6. Take a seat
  7. "The Golden State"
  8. When you hope to arrive
  9. Pointed ends of pens
  10. Extinct flightless bird
  12. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
  13. Nape of neck
  16. Problems (Spanish slang)
  17. Narrow carpet
  20. To avoid the risk of

22. Spiritual academic degree (abbr.)
25. Equally
26. Traditional cars still need it
27. Eligible voters
29. Greek alphabet letter
31. Body part
34. Referee-declared outcome
36. Means to moving money
37. Popular footwear brand
38. Cockatoo
40. NFL's big game
43. Botswana currencies
45. News-reporting organization
48. Batman villain
50. Urgent request
51. Not all
53. Hallmark's specialty
54. Knot in a tree
55. Satisfy
57. Notable space station
58. Baby's dining accessory
59. Stitch clothing
61. \_\_\_ and behold



## Sudoku Answer

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

## Crossword Answer

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## Sweetpotato Blueberry Baked Oatmeal

1/3 cup maple syrup, plus more for drizzling

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2/3 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen)

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Coat inside of 2-quart baking dish with butter, oil or nonstick cooking spray.

Mix oats, cinnamon, salt and baking powder.

Beat in milk, eggs, sweetpotato, butter, 1/3 cup maple syrup and vanilla extract.

Mix together, saving blueberries for last to prevent staining or crushing, and spread inside dish.

Bake 30-35 minutes until oats are tender and moisture has been absorbed.

Drizzle with maple syrup, to taste.

Recipe courtesy of Sarah Schlichter on behalf of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

Butter, oil or nonstick cooking spray  
2 cups uncooked rolled or old-fashioned oats

2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1 1/2 cups 1% milk

2 large eggs

1 cup mashed sweetpotato

1 1/2 tablespoons butter, melted



## Simple Salami Sliders

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Heat oven to 350 F.

Halve slider buns, creating top and bottom portions. Set top portion aside, leaving bottom portion in original container. Place bottom portion and container in baking dish to prevent sticking.

Layer Swiss cheese, salami and ham then cover with top buns.

Mix melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar, Parmesan cheese, onion powder and garlic powder. Pour over sliders.

Cover with foil and bake 15 minutes then remove foil, sprinkle with everything bagel seasoning, if desired, and bake, uncovered, 10 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

1 package slider buns

8 slices Swiss cheese

8 slices salami

8 slices ham or other deli meat

1 stick butter, melted

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

1 teaspoon onion powder

1 teaspoon garlic powder

everything bagel seasoning (optional)



## Breakfast Cookies

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 12

Cookie Base:

2 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup butter, melted

1/2 cup whole milk

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

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Susie Schwartz

## THOUGHTFUL GIFTS FOR WELLNESS

By Susie Schwartz

So, you've got a friend or family member who is acutely or chronically ill this season. I'm here to help you with your gift-shopping list, because there may be items you might not think of if you're healthy.

Assuming you aren't buying them diamonds or a puppy (boo), here are some more practical ideas.

Many people who are ill have extra time on their hands, and boredom becomes another symptom of their ailment. If they like to read, (covertly) find out their preferred genre and check out the current bestseller list. Even better, if there's a book you're confident will be up their street, get that. (Or re-gift it! Then you have the budget room to add to the gift!) If they suffer from headaches or eye strain, buy them an audiobook subscription. When I temporarily lost my sight years ago, I started "reading" books this way, and it opened up my world.

If they're the type who loves learning, get them a subscription to sites like MasterClass. Every topic under the sun can be learned about on MasterClass, and from people at the top of their field. (Think: comedy writing with Amy Poehler

or cooking with Gordon Ramsay.) Just because people are sick doesn't mean they want to stop living. On-line classes are a great way to feel empowered and productive... and to feel like life isn't over.

Here are some more tangible items that might be appreciated: a heated blanket (not ugly, please — simple is best); thick, fluffy socks (the softer the better); their favourite face cream (but only if you know what it is — don't guess, or it may go in the bin); woolly arm or hand warmers; an easy-to-care-for plant like a succulent (it feels nice to live around something full of life and growth); or a night eye mask with tiny speakers built in, so they can lie down and listen to music, podcasts or an audiobook without disturbing whoever is in bed with them. (I have one of these and use it every night!)

Another idea is a tea or coffee subscription. As a coffee addict, I'd love a subscription of my favourite coffee beans to arrive at my door every month!

Think about whatever their hobby is. Knitting? Get wool. Painting? Canvases. Music? Noise-cancelling earbuds or headphones. Shopping? Gift card. (Yes! As a shopping addict, I love a gift card to my favourite store! Apparently, I have a few addictions. Oops!)

Here's another idea: if they're really struggling, give them your time. Set up a weekly or monthly visit, coffee date or even phone call to catch up. Those with illnesses often feel alone and forgotten. Put your commitment in a card, and then stick to the plan the best you can.

Merry Christmas, everyone. I hope you feel well-loved and full of peace.

*Less health stress, yes?*

A published author and speaker, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on Instagram @authorsusieschwartz and at [www.lesshealthstress.com](http://www.lesshealthstress.com). (Email: [info@lesshealthstress.com](mailto:info@lesshealthstress.com).) The second edition of her book *Help the Doctor Help You!* is available now on Amazon.

Heat oven to 350 F. Line cookie sheets with parchment paper; set aside.

In large bowl, stir oats, flour, brown sugar, baking powder and salt. In medium bowl, stir butter, milk, egg and vanilla until well mixed; add to oat mixture. Stir until combined and evenly moistened.

Drop 1/4 cup dough onto prepared cookie sheets. Slightly flatten dough with hand.

Bake 15-17 minutes, or until lightly browned, firm to touch and baked

through. Move to wire rack to cool.

Variations: Add maple syrup and crumbled bacon; sliced almonds, dried cherries and almond extract; semi-sweet chocolate chips and banana pieces; or peanuts and peanut butter.

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