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Children were invited to hop on over to the Arborg Co-op for a scavenger hunt last Saturday. Approximately 60 children made their way through the store with a clue sheet in search of finding treats hidden on shelves, in freezers and drawers. Pictured left to right: Echo (6), Keaghan (11), Abbi (9) and Essie (4) Reimer.

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Arborg Co-op scavenger hunt entertained the young and old Saturday morning. Photos clockwise from top left: Two-and-half-year-old Olivia Ball enjoys a cupcake with mom Jessica after solving all the clues on her paper; Rowen, Lores, Adela, Victoria and Leticia Wiebe had fun visiting friends and solving clues while finding treats throughout the store; brothers Mason (4) and Landon Gessner (6) had fun shopping with Amma and Afi; Kris and Jenn Vigfusson were busy finding treats with Kallum; Lein (2) and Bruno (8) Wiebe were very excited to find chips with the bananas for their first clue; and store manager Jordan Cook, Ken Whalley, Cooper, Jennifer Skrupka and Karen Jenks were very busy welcoming shoppers for the scavenger hunt, handing out reusable shopping bags and explaining the clues and rules.



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The ALS Society of Manitoba invites you the ALS/MND Cornflower Ball on Saturday, April 27 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre.

All proceeds from this annual fundraising event help support essential client services and programs in Manitoba.

"All aboard! Be part of this adventure while supporting people living with ALS/MND. Get your passport, find your luggage tag and were off on a fun-filled journey. If you missed last year's ALS/MND Cornflower Ball when we had a mystery theme, then you will definitely want to come this year," says Diana Rasmussen, executive director at the ALS Society of Manitoba.

This year's ALS/MND Cornflower Ball theme is The Accidental Tourist. During this journey, attendees will discover why Manitoba is rated one of the Top 10 regions in the world for 2019. This themed event will include a performance by the Aboriginal

School of Dance, traditional food and amazing auction prizes while dancing the night away with The 2 Man Band.

Tickets are \$125 each. Purchase your tickets before Monday, April 22 at 4 p.m. Call 204-837-1291 or go online at alsmb.ca.

The ALS Society is a small not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1980 for people living with ALS/MND, their families, friends and other interested parties. Over the years, the ALS Society of Manitoba has helped clients and families by providing support, equipment, education and hope.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Motor Neuron Disease (MND), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a rapidly progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects the ability to walk, talk, eat and eventually breath. The number of people being diagnosed with ALS/MND in Manitoba is rising. ALS/MND affects all ethnic and socioeconomic groups,

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Documents show successive governments approved Siglavik wetland development

By Patricia Barrett

Despite Manitoba having lost more than 70 per cent of its wetlands and successive provincial governments vowing to protect what's left, an estimated four acres of coastal wetland in Siglavik have been filled in after provincial approvals were given to a development in 2016 and 2018.

Siglavik residents Jeff and Muriel Smith and their neighbours noticed infill activity at the east end of Sunrise Drive in 2016. And two years later, 1,000 to 1,200 truckloads of earth were dumped in the wetland to build up the land. A canal about 100 metres long and 25 feet across has also been dug to provide access to the lake by boat (see April 4 edition).

Citing the violation of provincial legislation and RM of Gimli bylaws, the department of Conservation and Water Stewardship in 2014, under the then-NDP, told the land manager (and/or the owner on whose behalf he was working) to stop filling in the wetland and months later denied him

permission to continue. The department deemed the site a "significant coastal wetland."

But in January 2016, Conservation back-pedalled and allowed the development to proceed, according to a letter the *Express* obtained by request from Conservation's successor, the department of Sustainable Development.

The Conservatives, who formed government in the spring of 2016, also gave the green light to the development in 2018. It was not until last month — after residents said they failed to get Gimli MLA and Minister of Municipal Relations Jeff Wharton to respond to their communiques and then made concerted efforts to bring the issue to the public's attention — that Sustainable Development stopped the infill activity.

Jeff Smith said the current government may be touting its "conservation credentials" through a \$102-million conservation trust fund that's part of its 2019 budget, but at the same time

it's sanctioning the destruction of the very wetland that is the "only real hope of restoring Lake Winnipeg to full health."

"The other issue that accompanies the wetland destruction," he added, "is the absolute failure of government at all levels — federal, provincial, municipal — and stripes — the provincial NDP and the Conservatives — to enforce the very legislation and regulatory regimes they've established and are legally required to enforce."

"The result of this practice is that de-

velopers have come to believe there are no consequences, no fines or punitive measures, for breaking the law. The adage of do it now and ask for forgiveness later is alive and well in Manitoba."

The Smiths and dozens of people from Siglavik and neighbouring Miklavik — along with people from outside their community — formed a group called People for the Preservation of the Willow Island Coastal Wet-

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About four acres of coastal wetland at Siglavik have been infilled.



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Easter excitement in Eriksdale

By Evan Matthews

Easter came early in Eriksdale this year.

On Thursday, April 18, Eriksdale's Interlake Consumers Co-op hosted a scavenger hunt for Easter, according to Tori Goodman, Branch Manager.

"The community supports us, and this is one way of giving back to them.

The store was open during the event," says Goodman.

Over 25 kids, age 12 and under, were given a sheet of paper with 12 hints, which they would take around the store and look for candy, chocolates, potato chips, and so on.

Many of the kids are part of the store's "Kids Club." As part of the club, kids receive things like a coupon on their birthday.

This was the first year for Co-op's Easter hunt, but the organization is hoping to make it an annual event, Goodman says.



A sweet treat for a sweet boy Theo Kell.



Leah and Emmett Lindell followed the clues looking for treats.



Emerson and Sawyer Billecop received a cupcake at the end of the scavenger hunt.



Nicoda Monkman, Ava Kinkead, Aaden Monkman and Stetson Taylor.



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Cooper made a surprise visit to the Easter Parker Forsyth, Katie Granberg, Keegan Granberg and Lauren Forsyth.

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lands. Their goal is to help restore the lake to good health and ensure future generations can enjoy it.

"Muriel and I are doing this for our granddaughter and her generation," said Smith. "If the lake dies, she will have nothing."

The group is also educating people on the necessity of protecting wetlands not only for the life of the lake, but also to protect the habitat of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates and plants.

Wetlands are the best defence against harmful algal blooms, which have increased in size and frequency on Lake Winnipeg since the 1990s. Muriel Smith said the health of the lake and everything that depends on it — including the commercial fishery — revolves around its wetlands.

"In what is deemed an act to protect Lake Winnipeg fisheries, the provincial government has decreased fish quotas while concurrently proposing to increase net sizes," she said.

"Meanwhile, this same government fails to protect the wetlands which are inextricably linked to the health of the fishing industry."

During question period in the legislature on April 2, Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires rebutted the opposition NDP's claim

the Conservatives are "draining" the wetland by tabling a Jan. 12, 2016, approval letter issued by Conservation.

The letter shows legal action being contemplated against the province and/or the municipality of Gimli for allegedly having dug up the property in 2005 and used it as "borrow material" for the construction of an emergency dyke. Prior to that, it was claimed the property had been at or above 717 feet.

Director of Drainage and Water Control Licensing Geoff Reimer wrote that dyke construction "may have altered" the pre-existing condition of the property, but Conservation's position is to "deny development of any sort at this location, given the ecological importance of the area, as well as the flood prone nature of the property. This being said, our department is willing to consider a single one time development of a portion of the property in question."

Conservation requested a number of conditions be met, including obtaining lot-related approvals from the municipality, establishing erosion control to prevent fill from entering the lake and ensuring, via the federal department of Fisheries and Oceans, construction activity "is not affecting fish or fish habitat."

The *Express* was unable to obtain comment from the NDP by press time.

RM of Gimli CAO Joann Murphy confirmed last week the RM had received the letter.

It's unclear whether the developer or owner met the conditions laid out by Conservation.

"We were told there's a letter dated March 2019 [from Sustainable Development], which categorically states the work undertaken by [the land manager] on behalf of Rutz [the present owner] is a clear violation of the Environment Act and the Planning Act, but we have not seen it," said Jeff Smith.

Last year, either Sustainable Development or Municipal Relations gave its blessing to the development after an assistant deputy minister [unnamed] visited the site, according to an email copied to MLA Jeff Wharton and his constituency assistant.

"Just a follow up on the Siglavik Development, our ADM went out to the property and determined [the land manager] is not in fact building a marina so if he sticks to his plan he will not have to apply for an environmental licence," wrote staff member Brie Smith [no relation to Jeff and Muriel Smith] in an email dated July 16, 2018. "He can clear the cat tails [sic] in front of the property and continue his development as planned without penalty or fees. Everyone is happy!"

Sustainable Development told the *Express* a few weeks ago the site is neither a coastal wetland nor a Class 5 wetland. When asked in a follow-up email how its status changed, a spokesperson said Conservation's original denial of the development in 2014 "referred to a larger area of land than is presently under development as a residential lot on this site. The subsequent 2016 letter is in reference to a single residential lot proposed within that larger footprint."

Ben Rutz, who inherited the property, wrote to the *Express* (April 4 edition), stating his family intends to build "one family home with water access to the lake for one boat," no more and no less than what other property owners have.

The wetland preservation group said they want to make it clear they don't bear the Rutz family any ill will, but they have concerns about the approval process and apparent disregard for Manitoba law. They also think the development may spark further infilling of the wetland as two roads currently run on either side of the property.

"More lot development is more revenue for the RM. I can see the argument for bypassing existing legislation," said Jeff Smith. "Eighty more houses could potentially bring in about \$400,000 a year in new taxes with minimal outlay on the part of the RM."

Mentorship program helps Peguis youth give back to nature

By Lindsey Enns

A mentorship program wants to help Peguis First Nation youth connect with their culture and traditional roots while giving back to nature.

Chris Benson of Selkirk, the co-ordinator behind last Saturday's mentored goose hunt and community cleanup, said the gathering centred around traditions and included a smudge as well as a blessing, prayer and tobacco offering under the guidance of a Peguis First Nation elder.

Benson said three youth between the ages of 15 and 17 took part in last Saturday's Manitoba Mentored Hunt Program, but they are hoping to welcome more in the future.

"This was just the first event but we're hoping to expand it this week to get this program rolling," Benson said, adding they have also partnered with the Red River Basin Commission.

During the first half of the day, youth learned about conservation, the importance of protecting natural resources as well as about firearm and hunting safety at the Selkirk Game and Fish Association in East Selkirk.

"When we're dealing with firearms that's always our primary concern that we're being safe," Benson said.

They then did some one-on-one practice clay shooting, learned how to use a gun safely and practised goose calling.

Conservation officers also spoke to the group about their role and how to approach them in the field.

The group then travelled to Netley

Marsh, at the end of Muckles Creek, to help pickup garbage and cleanup the area. Benson said they picked up three garbage bags full of trash, and then they headed out for the goose hunt.

"It was fantastic," Benson said. "The kids had a really good time. The mentors were always at arm's reach for the children and that really reinforces the safety of the program."

He added that one youth shot his first goose during the hunt.

"It was a really wonderful experience for him, to be connected to his traditional territory, to be where his ancestors came from," Benson said, adding they plan to prepare the goose and share the harvest with other Peguis members sometime this week.

They also did a tobacco offering for the life of the goose to show their respect for the animal.

"It's part of their culture. It's part of their heritage," he said. "It's a way to connect them to their ancestors and follow their traditional way of life."

Peguis First Nation members interested in taking part in an upcoming mentored hunt can contact Chris Benson directly by calling 204-485-4072 or via email at netleymarsh78@gmail.com.

Those interested in learning more about mentored hunts or taking part as a mentor or as new hunter can find more information online by visiting the Manitoba Wildlife Federation website at <http://mwf.mb.ca/gohunt/wheretohunt/mentoredhunts/>.



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Mentors and Peguis First Nation youth helped cleanup around the First Nation's traditional territory near Netley Marsh as part of the Manitoba Mentored Hunt Program last Saturday.

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both men and women, the elderly and young. There is no cure yet. Currently, there are over 380 Manitobans living with ALS/MND. For the most part, life expectancy is short, with 90 per cent of people losing their lives within two to five years after diagnosis, sometimes sooner.

ATTENTION COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES

The Gimli Age Friendly Committee is going to publish a new 2019-20 edition of its **Lake Winnipeg Directory** which will contain listings of community organizations and businesses in Gimli, Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar.

The directory - to be printed and posted online - will include modestly priced advertisements from local businesses. After being published in early fall, it will be widely distributed in the three communities plus high profile locations like The Forks, the Manitoba Legislature and the Canada-U.S. border.

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Women leading the way in local politics

By Evan Matthews, Reporter

The Interlake region has amazing leadership.

Each individual community, respectively, has active and involved community members through its various non-profit organizations, volunteerism and municipal councils.

The importance of these leaders and groups cannot be understated in small communities. It's these people who help the community to thrive.

However, many times in the workplace and in politics, men make up a large part of the involved demographic.

But more and more in today's society, people are having the equality conversation.

This is something the Interlake Region can be proactively proud of.

In Stonewall, there is Coun. Jackie Luellman. The RM of Gimli has Coun. Thora Palson and CAO Joanne Murphy; the Town of Arborg is overseen by CAO Lorraine Bardarson, while Bifrost Riverton has the very competent CAO Cindy Stansell at the helm. St. Laurent has Reeve Cheryl Smith and CAO Hilda Zotter; West Interlake has Coun. Penny-Anne Wainwright and

CAO Larissa Love. Nicole Christensen is the CAO of RM of Coldwell. Reeve Susan Smerchanski made history being voted in as the first female reeve of Armstrong and Debbie Kozyra as the first female mayor of Teulon. Teulon also has Coun. Barb Mankewich, in addition to CAO Doreen Steg.

RM of Woodlands has Reeve Lori Schellekens, and Deputy Reeve Lorna Broadfoot helps to steer the ship.

These are a few examples of the women working hard and making a difference in their communities. There are undoubtedly names and organizations not mentioned here as examples, and while we haven't gone through a comprehensive list, the point remains.

The Interlake region has a plethora of women leading.

These are people who our communities' sons and daughters look to as role models and for guidance.

The Town of Teulon has two student councillors: Hayley Charison and Lisa Larocque.

These two students engage with their council and are already taking steps to develop as involved community members.

It's a fact worth taking the time to celebrate.

Other communities I've worked in, including communities in Alberta, British Columbia and Nova Scotia, haven't always had a surplus of female representation in their respective non-profit organizations and municipal councils.

Yet, Forbes reported "diverse workplaces" increase productivity and revenue by upwards of 19 per cent.

While dollars and cents are a tangible measurement, the intangible benefits of added perspective and opportunity are invaluable.

People will not always agree on specific issues — society sees this all the time in the political sphere — however, the number of people, more specifically women, involved in adding perspective to these topics and conversations is encouraging.

With continued conversation, in addition to efforts of compassion, understanding and empathy, the adults of tomorrow — our future leaders — have some great role models to aspire to.

letters to the editor

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Guilty youth will have to live with the knowledge that he took an innocent life

My husband and I are writing in response to the above story which we believe to be very one-sided. There is absolutely no question that Evan's stabbing and subsequent death was a tragedy. For his family and friends,

it is a devastating loss and one that comes with a lifetime of sadness and grief for those close to him. This does not mean that the justice system has let them down. The justice system is here to establish guilt or innocence,

punish those who are convicted of crimes and deter further criminal acts in the best interests of society. It also has a major responsibility in sentencing to take into consideration the potential for rehabilitation, especially when the perpetrator is still a

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Manitoba secures minority and second-language funding

Two-year extension results in more than \$12 million for Manitoba this year

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government announced it has secured a two-year extension of the Canada-Manitoba Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second-Language Instruction with the federal government that will provide local institutions and organizations with more than \$12 million this year.

"A continuation of this funding will ensure Manitobans have access to minority language education and opportunities to learn French as a second language," said Education and Training Minister Kelvin Goertzen. "These programs enhance the linguistic and cultural identities of students so they can continue their studies in French and use the language throughout their lives."

"We are committed to promoting

Canada's official languages, and this extension will help us continue to support initiatives that will contribute significantly to the vitality of French in a minority setting and French as a second language," said Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires, minister responsible for francophone affairs.

With the funding now in place, the province can move forward on 124 grant commitments that total more than \$1.5 million under the French Second Language Revitalization Program and 49 grants of more than \$1.2 million through the Program for the Enrichment of French in Education (PEFE). Recipients include independent schools, school divisions, Université de Saint Boniface and non-profit organizations.

"As a key partner for French edu-

cation in Manitoba, the Conseil Jeunesse Provincial relies on funding from the PEFE grant to offer real opportunities to French-speaking youth in Manitoba," said Roxanne Dupuis, executive director, Conseil Jeunesse Provincial. "The projects supported allow language and social development in a dynamic and informal setting that helps youth see the opportunities that come from being able to speak French. With this funding, we are able to provide youth with a positive and modern view of the French language and culture."

The Government of Canada and the provinces and territories signed a multi-year Protocol for Agreements for Minority-Language Education and Second-Language Instruction in 2013. Under the protocol, each province and territory negotiated a bilateral agreement with Canada according to provincial priorities.

As part of the agreement, the French Second Language Revitalization Program provides financial support to

the educational community for students enrolled in French immersion or French courses. Qualifying projects help build students' confidence and fluency in French in academic, cultural and social contexts and increase their desire to continue French studies. Funding also supports teachers' professional development and heightens community awareness about the benefits of learning French.

The Program for the Enrichment of French in Education provides financial support to school-based, extra-curricular and post-secondary projects that help enhance and promote French language learning, offer opportunities to discover francophone culture, and recruit and retain students in Français, French immersion and French in the English program.

While some 2018-19 funding was delayed as the province secured federal funding, organizations are encouraged to submit their requests for 2019-20.

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child. The Gladue rights extended to Indigenous people who commit crimes exist in recognition of the damage that the Indian Act and its accompanying policies has inflicted on Indigenous people. This damage has been passed on from generation to generation and is still being felt today. There is ample evidence that the use of the Gladue rights is intended to mitigate the rate and length of incarceration currently experienced by Indigenous people. We believe that the perpetrator of this terrible crime was affected by his Indigenous heritage. He plead guilty to manslaughter, saving the Engbaek's family a lengthy trial. He served his time and there is no reason to believe that he will re-offend. He, too, will have to live with the knowledge that he was responsible for taking an innocent life.

- Heather and Gord Payne
Gimli

We need to draw attention to federal legislation currently in the House of Commons

As a concerned Canadian citizen, I would like to draw attention to some very disturbing legislation currently in debate in the House of Commons. I can foresee that if this legislation is passed, it will not be beneficial to the Canadian people.

The government is bombarding the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada with numerous bills to be passed without debate or consent by the people of Canada. Is this looking out for the best interests of Canadians?

For example:

- Bill C-71: Law-abiding gun own-

ers in Canada will fall under stricter guidelines. i.e. background checks, record keeping requirements for retailers and further restrictions to transport a firearm. This will not curb the gang violence in this country. Criminals do not follow the law!

- Bill C-75: An act to amend the Criminal Code of Canada. The claim is to modernize and make it more efficient. Modern and efficient for whom? This bill is an assault on The Canadian Justice System. The amendments the government is trying to push through will only weaken our justice system.

How is reducing penalties for hardened criminals going to protect the Canadian people? For example, bringing back ISIS fighters and rewarding terrorists returning to Canada, criminals that smuggle firearms across the border, those that commit acts of terrorism and acts to engage in terrorist activity or harbour terrorists. Criminals forging passports, those involved with child trafficking, recruiting chil-

dren to participate in gang violence, sex crimes against children and forcing children into marriage. The list is long, but these are the amendments that are the most offensive.

To make matters worse, you want to instill these summary convictions into the hands of an already very broken system of judges, lawyers and police, who may or may not abide by the laws governing this country.

In closing, I have to say that anyone with a shred of human decency and good conscience could never impose such preposterous ideals against other human beings.

This is an assault on the Canadian people and the laws that keep our country strong and free.

Please read and contact your senator, MP and MLA to vote against these outrageous amendments!

- Tara Gionet and Tim Brooke

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Welcome, friends.

Our first two stories this week are reminders that if you fish long enough, there's a good chance you'll land something not living.

A month or so ago, I met Zack Hryciw from Winnipeg and his cousin Hillary from Teulon ice fishing on the west side of Lake Winnipeg. Zack was a quiet, kindly chap with short light hair and a full physique. Hillary, on the other hand, was a lively, effervescent gal full of energy. Her brown hair framed her rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes. She watched as Zack told of a time he was summer fishing and suddenly his line went heavy. He felt he had a big one on because the pull cycled from hard to easy. So he commenced the time-honoured rhythm of hauling up, then reeling in as he lowered his rod. Suddenly, the silvery white side of a bass appeared on the water surface, and right behind it the white underbelly of a catfish showed itself.

Something wasn't right! They weren't flopping about. Then Zack saw the fish line. He had snagged a

broken pickerel rig that had the bass on one hook and the catfish on the other. A little dismayed, Zack reeled in his dead catch. As he unhooked them, a screaming eagle flew overhead. Zack tossed the fish onto the shore a short distance from himself and in no time the eagle dove down, snatching up the bass. Zack gave the noble bird a salute as it flew off into the cloudless blue sky.

During my wanderings last week, I ran into a chap by the name of Jody Klapprat of East St. Paul. He was a thoughtful, slow-talking guy who recalled a surprise when he was ice fishing in the open on White Lake in the Whiteshell. It happened to be a warm, still, overcast day. Sitting in his favourite folding chair slowly jigging a short rod in the water of an ice hole, he felt himself nodding off. As he had done before, he dropped his rod on the ice, planted his boot on it and slipped into a peaceful snooze. Some time later, he awoke and saw his rod lying motionless under his boot. Time for supper back at the cabin, he thought as he bent over to retrieve his rod.

That's when it came alive. His felt a nervous tugging on the line. He tightened his grip. From the pull, he knew he had something very active and maybe large, so he dropped the rod. With his gloved hands, he brought the line in hand over hand. Soon a hooked two-foot pickerel came splashing up from the water only to be followed by a smaller jack on the second hook. Jody ate well that evening!

Now, once again, our family of Mick Walsh at Selkirk Canadian Tire, Brett Mitchell of the *Selkirk Record*, Lana Meier of the *Express Weekly News* and the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, our raffle ticket vendors throughout southern Manitoba along with Guy Proulx, the raffle chair of The Manitoba Ice Fishing Association, are happy to announce Larry Skdeski from Lac du Bonnet has won the ice auger and Nikki Benish of Winnipeg has won the portable ice shack in this year's MIFA raffle. We look forward to awarding the prizes at a ceremony in front of the Selkirk Canadian Tire store soon. To all those who bought tickets and believe, as we do, in not leaving garbage on the ice



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL
Jody Klapprat of East St. Paul with one of his many catches at the Whiteshell.

of our waterways, thank you.
Till next week. Bye for now.

New book society coming to Gimli end of April

By Ty Dilello

Gimli's Bokakapa Society, the Interlake's Literacy Network, is holding their first-ever meeting on Saturday, April 27 at 1 p.m. at the Gimli Public Library.

The Bokakapa Society will be working to encourage reading in all formats and ensure a thriving literary landscape within the Interlake community. These efforts will include outreach, education and access, supported by fundraising activities.

"The Interlake has arts groups (specifically in Arborg and Gimli), as well as a writers' group, and from an educator's point of view, it is important to have a group dedicated only to reading and the promotion of literacy, to act as a network for people who love reading and want to spread the word, so to speak," says Gimli Bokakapa Society founder Kristine Dubois.

"This will be a network of volunteers who will forge new avenues to connect people of all ages to the joy of

reading in all formats. I certainly have a vision and believe that partnerships and collaboration is the way forward, but I'm relying on new ideas and innovation that volunteers will bring to the group."

Dubois has had the idea brewing for the past year and is very excited to see it come to fruition with the upcoming opening meeting of the Bokakapa Society. She believes that a name is critical to the identity of a volunteer organization. She explained that she wanted to include the word "book" but add some pizzazz.

"I tried several languages in Google Translate and settled on "book cover" in Icelandic (Bokakapa) as I think it's also important to identify with your region and pay homage to your history and roots."

The Gimli Bokakapa Society's short-term goals will be to attract new members and establish the network around the Interlake.

She will be asking members to sim-

ply donate time by lending a hand to community partner events, to attend get-togethers, to brainstorm and hopefully take leadership positions such as education and community liaison, library and fundraising liaison, media and special events liaison, organizational liaison (for example, ask the RM, the Chamber and service organizations such as Rotary where we can help them).

"My hope is that all interested people will be sure to get a library card. As for long-term goals, the sky is the limit," she said.

"I do see us gathering books and dispersing them where there is a need, similar to the Book Fairies in Ontario."

The society's kick-off meeting on April 27 falls on National Independent Bookstore Day. Dubois hopes to have future meetings at book stores and libraries throughout the Interlake. She feels it is very important to promote literacy, since a thriving literary community benefits everybody.



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Gimli Bokakapa Society founder Kristine Dubois speaking on CTV Live last summer, promoting books and reading, and the value of buying used books.

Camp Morton Ladies Aide holds annual fundraising bazaar

By Teresa Carey

The annual Camp Morton Ladies Aide Bazaar is only a two-hour event, but people flooded through the doors as soon as they are opened at 1 p.m., says Rosemary Hess, Camp Morton Ladies Aide Secretary.

She was one of several Ladies Aide members who were manning tables at New Horizons 55+ Activity Centre on Sunday.

Hess sold potted plants at her table, while others were selling gently used goods donated by community members. Other offerings included baked goods, perogies and hand-knitted items that were made throughout the year and donated for the occasion.

Additional funds were raised through a silent auction, with more than 30 donated prizes from businesses in Gimli, Arborg, Riverton, Winnipeg Beach and surrounding areas (many of them repeat donors), and through various draws including a handicraft draw, a kids' draw, a cake draw, a jellybean guess, as well as a 50-50 draw for tickets that members had been selling since February.

In the two brief hours, the Camp Morton Ladies Aide raises enough funds each year to support many charitable causes. It is their one annual fundraiser, which usually nets around \$3,500, although the group will cater funeral luncheons and ac-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TERESA CAREY

The Camp Morton Ladies Aide held their annual bazaar at New Horizons 55+ Activity Centre on April 14. Members who helped make this year's bazaar a success (left to right) include Rosemary Hess (secretary), Barb Thom (member and volunteer), Carman Whittle (president), Joan Materuk (vice-president/event co-ordinator) and Lorraine Zabirka (vice-president).

cept donations for that as well.

The Camp Morton Ladies Aide distributes the monies to various community projects, programs and charities in the Gimli area. Regular recipients include Betel Home, Cornerstone Enterprises, the Down Syndrome Society, Evergreen Basic Needs Christmas hamper program,

the lunch programs at Gimli schools, as well as a \$300 bursary for a graduating Gimli High School student.

In past years, some funds have been allocated to such projects as a parking lot and new roofing for St. Michael's Church in Gimli and a new van for Heima Er Best. They have also supported families who have lost their

homes to fire. The Camp Morton Ladies Aide is willing to consider letters of request for any worthy cause.

The Camp Morton Ladies Aide, founded on April 13, 1977, currently has about 25 members. It came into existence after the dissolution of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) at St. Benedict's Church at Camp Morton that year.

The bazaar itself had originally been put on by the CWL, along with the Sisters of Service who had first come to Camp Morton in the 1940s.

An elder Ladies Aide member, 89-year-old Lucy Marks, who joined the CWL in 1962, remembers the bazaar had been taking place at St. Benedict's Church well before she arrived on scene.

"The bazaar was going on even before the Ladies Aide was founded," she said. Marks remembers all the work it took to remove the benches from out of the small church (which at one time was the church hall) in order to have enough room to host the bazaar.

"It was too much work," Marks said. "(So) we quit using the church."

Four years ago, the Ladies Aide relocated the annual bazaar into Gimli. For the past three years, it has been held at New Horizons 55+ Activity Centre.

Furgala speaks on rural education at national conference

By Ty Dilello

Riverton Collegiate principal Erin Furgala recently had a unique experience when she was invited to present on the spiritual and cultural engagement of students at her school at a recent National Rural Congress on Rural Education meeting in Saskatoon from March 31 to April 2.

Student engagement in learning occurs when students are motivated, active and invested in the educative process. In order to foster student engagement, educational stakeholders must attend to the holistic development of our students. For the pre-congress workshop, four educators from across the prairie provinces engaged participants in presentations and conversations about current student engagement research along with innovative school-based initiatives that have created highly engaging classrooms (academic/cognitive), fostered healthy relationships (social/emotional), nurtured healthy lifestyle choices (physical) and responded to students' needs to belong (spiritual/cultural).

Participants were encouraged to explore their understandings of the components of student engagement, consider innovative practices, discuss opportunities and challenges, and develop national networks in support of enhancing student achievement and well-being in rural schools.

At the conference, Furgala was invited to speak on the spiritual and cultural engagement, responding to students' needs of belong at Riverton Collegiate.

"With RCI's unique demographic, we are very cognizant of providing an engaging community for each and every child to be a part of. Our philosophy is built around Martin Brokenleg's Circle of Courage where we are committed to the education and empowerment of children. All educational and extracurricular opportunities are centred around a student's need to build and experience belonging, mastery, independence and generosity," Furgala said at the conference.

"When students have meaningful relationships with the adults in the

community and opportunities to build independence, develop life-long skills and give back to others, there is no limit on what they can accomplish."

Furgala's presentation earned high praise from her peers and it was very well-received at the conference.

"I think the work you are trying to do to engage First Nations communities and work with them and the local community on the engagement of kids who come in to the community from other communities is fascinating work that deserves to be acknowledged," said Dr. Dawn C. Wallin, director of the National Rural Congress in an email to Furgala.

"Your context is so unique, and yet it really is a story that deserves to be shared because it really is about cultural/spiritual support but also community development and creating real understanding. I think you are trying to do some amazing things in your school. When we were thinking of potential people to invite to do this short presentation, I immediately thought of you."

Furgala is also currently working on



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Riverton Collegiate principal Erin Furgala, left, and Dr. Dawn C. Wallin, director of the National Congress on Rural Education in Canada, at the recent event in Saskatoon, Sask.

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Day trip to Disney a dream come true for 113 kids

By Lindsey Enns

A dream for more than 100 children came true during a magical day trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., last week.

Dreams Take Flight, made up of a large group of dedicated volunteers with help from Air Canada, has been helping send children aged six to 12 who are physically, mentally or socially challenged on an all-expenses-paid trip to the happiest place on earth for 26 years.

Last Wednesday morning, 113 children from across Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan as well as 77 volunteers boarded an Air Canada flight to Disney World and returned first thing Thursday morning.

Dreams Take Flight Winnipeg chapter president Bev Watson, who has been with the organization for 26 years, said seeing the reactions on the children's faces never gets old.

"It's seeing the smiles on the kids' faces that just keeps me coming back," Watson said during the flight home last Wednesday evening. "Being able to share that experience with others that would never ever get the chance to go, it just makes my heart sing."

"You know you're making a difference."

The *Express* got a chance to tag along on this year's trip and spoke to some of the local children before take-off last week.

Ten-year-old Abraham and 12-year-old Sean, both of Winnipeg Beach, said they were looking forward to going on all the rides.

"I want to go to Splash Mountain," Abraham said.

"I'm so excited," Sean added.

To help make this trip a reality each year, Air Canada donates the use of the plane and the pilots, and the two onboard doctors, chaperones and group leaders are all volunteers.

Before departure, children were provided with a Dreams Take Flight T-shirt, shorts, hat and shoes. During the flight, children took part in a pillow fight, were offered snacks and were entertained by the flight crew in between watching movies. Upon their arrival, children were provided with special passes so they wouldn't have to wait in line for any of the rides. They also enjoyed lunch, dinner and some snacks at Disney World.

Dreams Take Flight raises funds through corporate and private donations, charity golf tournaments, raffles and their annual gala for the trip each year.

Watson says the organization fills a need for children who are physically, mentally and socially challenged.

"Ours is a very diverse group that we attract," she said.

This year, children chosen by the Manitoba Burn Fund took part in this year's trip, along with participants who have never been on an airplane and were selected by the Boys and Girls Club and various other organizations and elementary school principals.

Although the children selected each year need to be medically fit, there are some who are facing serious health issues.

Watson recalls a little girl with leukemia who came on the trip one year with her father and passed away shortly after.

"Her dad said right up until her last moment she was talking about her trip to Disney," Watson said, as tears came to her eyes. "We had another little guy, his mom buried him in his Dreams shirt."

Watson said many past recipients return as adults to volunteer so that other children can have a day when their everyday lives are left behind.

"We have volunteers from all differ-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

More than 100 children from Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan, including two from Winnipeg Beach, took an Air Canada flight to spend the day at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., as part of this year's Dreams Take Flight trip last Wednesday. Dreams Take Flight, made up of a group of dedicated volunteers, has been helping send children aged six to 12 who are physically, mentally or socially challenged on an all-expenses-paid trip to the happiest place on earth for 26 years.

ent kinds of backgrounds," she said. "It's very much a family affair."

Those interested in volunteering or applying for a future trip with Dreams Take Flight can visit their website for more information at dreamstake-flight.ca/location/winnipeg/.

Verna Blais, who has been volunteering with Dreams Take Flight for 25 years, said they organize and fundraise for this trip all year long. Plans are already in the works for next year's trip, which will take place once again in April.

"Security has changed a lot over the past 25 years," Blais said. "It makes the job a lot more difficult than it was in the very beginning but that's the world today."

But one thing that's never changed is year after year both the children and volunteers return home with memories to last a lifetime.

"It's a great day and that's all we hope for is that we make a difference in the lives of these children," Watson said.

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Chief Glenn Hudson defeats Spence

By Evan Matthews

Incumbent Chief Glenn Hudson will retain his position on council, as community members elected Hudson as Peguis Chief to a second consecutive two-year term.

Hudson more than doubled fellow candidate Cindy Spence in votes, earning 1,250 to her 548.

"Today, the people have chosen who they want as their leadership! I am looking forward to working with a great team over the next 4 years!" said Chief Glenn Hudson via the Peguis website on the day of the election.

Mary Tyler Bear (incumbent), Annette Spence-Meeches (incumbent), Glennis Sutherland (incumbent), Wade Sutherland (incumbent), Martin Favel and Kevin Charles Wilson were all elected as councillors.

Advanced polls were open on March 28 and 30, with April 1 marking the final day for voting.

According to the Peguis website, the ballot counting went into the early



Kevin Charles Wilson



Marty Favel



Mary Tyler Bear



Wade Sutherland



Chief Glenn Hudson



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Annette Spence-Meeches

morning of April 8.

Chief Hudson did not respond to our email or phone call interview requests.

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Animal rights activism is big business

By Harry Siemens

Animal rights activism is big business, with prominent groups in the United States bringing in more than \$500 million annually.

Hannah Thompson-Weeman, vice-president of communications with Animal Agriculture Alliance, sees the mission of the non-profit organization being to bridge a communication gap between farm and fork.

The AAA dedicates a lot of their time and resources to monitoring animal rights activist organizations and has done so since 1987.

"So an essential part of that is paying attention to the groups out there who are spreading a lot of myths and misinformation about animal agriculture," she said.

"We know they are very strategic, very savvy and often very well funded. Animal rights groups in the U.S. are bringing in to the tune of \$500 million annually, and, as we know, they're using those funds most of the time for lobbying efforts and campaigns and negative work against animal agriculture rather than any efforts on the ground to help animals."

In many cases, she said it might shock the public which organizations are working against animal agriculture.

"They dedicate a lot of their resources to at-

tacking animal agriculture and encouraging people not to eat meat because these are animal rights organizations, not animal welfare," Thompson-Weeman said.

"That's a fundamental distinction. These organizations believe that animals should be afforded the same rights as people, and that means we can't use them for food, for transportation or for really any purpose.

"They believe that's unacceptable. Such groups like the Humane Society here in the U.S., groups like Mercy For Animals, very active in the U.S. and Canada. Even a group like ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), that again, people tend to think that they are doing the right thing, and they are very active in dogs and cats, but they also have a farm animal division that promotes, again, veganism and is very negative towards modern animal agriculture."

She said the AAA has profiles on over 100 of these organizations.

There are groups of all different sizes, groups of all different tactics, but she suggested they are working together and their goal is the same, and that's to put farmers and ranchers out of business.

"And they're intentionally very misleading,



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Hannah Thompson-Weeman (second from left), who is vice-president of communications with Animal Agriculture Alliance, said animal rights activism is big business with prominent groups in the United States, bringing in more than \$500 million annually.

realizing that just telling people 'we want you to go vegan' doesn't work for them because people like eating our products," said Thompson-Weeman.

"The products of animal agriculture are nutritious; they're delicious. People want to support farmers and ranchers and want to eat milk, meat, poultry and eggs. So these groups are intentionally being misleading about what they want. They intentionally are targeting certain production practices because they want people to think that their goal is animal welfare, but it's not."

She said when you look at some of these organizations through their websites and the staff that they have, it's clear what their goal is — to end animal agriculture and everything that they do they view as a step towards that mission.

"A lot of these groups are attacking farmers on different platforms. So it's not just animal welfare or animal rights that they're promoting. We're seeing these same groups look at the environmental impact of animal agriculture and trying to target either individual farms or eating meat as a whole, saying that it's detrimental to the environment and the best thing people can do to reduce their footprint is to stop eating meat," she suggested.

"And that's despite the fact livestock in the U.S. is less than four per cent of greenhouse gas emissions. There are a lot of other things that would be much more impactful, but the level of conversation about animal agriculture is so outsized because of activist groups intentionally trying to drive that conversation."

Antibiotic use is another example. Some groups are attacking farmers' ability to use antibiotics to manage ani-

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KAP advisory meeting: canola front and centre

Submitted

At Keystone Agricultural Producers' spring advisory council meeting yesterday, KAP members discussed a wide range of issues — especially the current canola crisis.

KAP president Bill Campbell noted that federal Agriculture Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau indicated she had forwarded a letter to her Chinese counterpart requesting to send a delegation led by the president of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to talk about the quality of Canada's canola.

"We believe in a science-based approach to regulation and market access, and we support a technical delegation to China," said Campbell. It is evident that China's allegations are not science-based or this would be sorted out by now.

"We need a diplomatic response as well, and we expect high-level elected officials to deal with China as soon as possible. Farmers want and need action immediately. We're four weeks away from seeding, and each week we don't get a decision puts us in a more precarious situation."

KAP recognizes that the Advance Payments Program — a program that assists farmer with short-term cashflow, some of it interest-free — could be an important tool for some if the limit and the interest-free portion were increased and the deadline extended.

However, although this program may help in the short term, it will not help longer-term market disruptions.

"If prices don't improve from the low they are at now due to lack of demand, many farmers will have difficulties paying their advances back," said Campbell.

Another option could be the federal-provincial AgriStability program. However, Campbell says that farmers are skeptical that AgriStability will provide assistance in this situation and what, if any, assistance it may provide will be a long time coming.

"The long and the short of it is that we need the government to be prepared for an ad-hoc program designed for this critical situation," he said.

"This situation has created uncertainty and we do not

know the impact and will not know the impact until long after the canola acres are in and the new crop is off. We would ask AAFC to provide regular market updates so that we can continue to monitor the situation."

Another issue addressed at the meeting was a review of the Canadian Grain Act that creat-

ed the Canadian Grain Commission to protect the quality and reputation of Canada's grains. Farmers and the industry can go to discussions@grains.gc.ca to have their say.

In total, eight resolutions were passed at the meeting. Please contact val.ominski@kap.mb.ca for a list.

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mal health and animal welfare, and it's because that's a valuable tool farmers need.

She said these groups attack the efficiency; any production practice that allows farmers to be more efficient is going to come under fire by these groups because that's what they want. They want to find any way to make production less efficient, drive up costs and try to put farmers out of business that way as well.

Thompson-Weeman said it's not just consumers giving money to these groups. While they might attempt to position themselves, again, as speaking for the end consumer, they're getting a lot of funding from private foundations.

"One, in particular, the Open Philanthropy Project, has a lot of funding from one of the founders of Facebook. So obviously there's a lot of money there ... to fund their campaigns, specifically pressure campaigns on restaurant and retail brands to adopt certain policies."

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Barvinok dancers to perform at spring concert

By Ty Dilello

The Gimli Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Club has been running since 1982 and has always been a vibrant and busy club in the Gimli and surrounding community.

The club currently has more than 60 dancers aged three to 19 and many will perform at the Barvinok Spring Concert on April 27 at the Gimli High School.

"We are so thankful for all the people that have been passionate about keeping this club going so successfully over the years," said Barvinok Club president Samantha Michaluk.

"Our executive is a passionate group of moms, many with no dance or Ukrainian background. This group of ladies all volunteer many hours to the running of this club and I think it is safe to say they do it for the love of their dancing kids, the love of dance and Ukrainian culture and for our community to enjoy."

Michaluk said the club is lucky to retain some of the high school grads that continue to dance with the club. This year the club had an abundance of three- to six-year-olds and three groups of boys age four to six, seven to 11, and 12 and up.

"Our club competes at the Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Festival, which was last month, and just finished competing at the Zirka Dance Festival from April 13 to 15 in Dauphin where we won 13 gold medals, six silvers and three bronze," Michaluk proudly told the *Express Weekly News*.

"We have many group performances and are also competing in the Pryvit event this year for the first time. We also have many solos, duets and trios that competed in Dauphin and hopefully all will perform at the Spring Concert."

"We have a new Pryvit this year and have just received our second batch of costumes from the Ukraine," Michaluk said.

"Our Hopak is performed by our pre-senior girls and boys. This dance received the second highest



The Barvinok pre-beginner trio brought home gold medals from the Zirka Dance Festival in Dauphin this past weekend.

mark in the Showcase of the Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Festival this past March."

New to the club this year is the addition of portable mirrors.

"We have been fundraising to purchase this addition to our club for two years with separate fundraising events, mostly our WTFundraising Bingo, which takes place in October," she explained.

"The mirrors have been on our wish list for a few years and they were used for the first time at last week's practice."

Michaluk and the rest of the folks at the dance club are very excited to show off their talents at the upcoming Spring Concert in Gimli.

"The Spring Concert is always an exciting event



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The Barvinok Beginner Girls won gold medals.

for our club," she said. "It is somewhat of a final showcase of all our dances that have been mastered over the season. Selected dances will continue to be practised and performed at Folklorama."

The two-hour concert will take place on April 27 at 7 p.m. at Gimli High School. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with tickets for sale for \$7.

There will be an intermission with coffee and treats, flowers for sale, a silent auction and a 50/50 with all proceeds of the draw going towards The Gimli Barvinok Bursary.

The bursary was awarded for the first time last year to the club's high school graduating dancers that are continuing their post-secondary education. Each qualifying dancer received \$250.

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a research study that she is participating in with professors from the University of Saskatchewan that relates to rural education.

"The National Rural Congress also provided me an opportunity to network with colleagues I am working alongside in a research study out of the University of Saskatchewan, working on the role and leadership practices of teaching principles in rural, remote and Northern contexts in the Canadian prairie provinces with Dr. Dawn C. Wallin and Dr. Paul Newton. (Teaching principals are school principals who have a teaching role in addition to their principal duties.)"

Principal Furgala returned to River-ton Collegiate with new knowledge learned at the conference in Saskatoon that she will be taking going forward at her school in 2019 and onward.

IERHA staff members donate \$14,500 to programs and services

Submitted by IERHA

Interlake-Eastern RHA staff contributed \$14,500 in total to organizations that benefit residents from across the region.

The five organizations that received money were Nova House shelter for woman and children in crisis and Survivor's Hope Crisis Line that assists victims of sexual assault; Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation that benefits health-care throughout the Interlake-Eastern area; Children's Wish Foundation to grant a wish for a child living with a life-threatening illness; and Camp Stepping Stones for children experiencing grief. The funds were generated through the Five Dollar Club, Interlake-Eastern RHA's staff-led, corporate giving program where staff voluntarily contribute \$5 from every pay cheque through payroll deductions. The donation recommendations were generated and voted on by Five Dollar Club members.



Susan Gunderson, Viktoria Westgate and Pamela McCallum

IERHA employee Five Dollar Club member, Susan Gunderson along with executive director of Nova House, Viktoria Westgate, and executive director of Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation Pamela McCallum acknowledged the donation of \$4,800 in support of the women's shelter.

Westgate says the program relies heavily on community support. The money will be used to purchase sheds for stroller storage.

"On behalf of the staff at Nova House and the individuals that utilize our services we would like to express our extreme gratitude for this donation," Westgate said. "We were working, unsuccessfully, on trying to find a donation for sheds so that we would have a practical area for moms to store strollers, of which we have many. This donation is timely and now we will be able to buy the sheds/storage space we need."



Stephanie Klassen

Stephanie Klassen, executive director of Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre, and Pam McCallum, Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation executive director, acknowledged the donation of \$4,700 from the Five Dollar Club. Survivors Hope provides crisis intervention support, and information to primary and secondary victims of sexualized violence in north-eastern Manitoba.

"These funds are going to help us proceed with the project of ensuring our programming is culturally appropriate and facilitating training that enhances the cultural safety of all the work we do addressing sexualized violence in the region," says Klassen. "We are grateful that the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation acknowledges the importance of this work. Thank you!" Interlake-Eastern



Bill Bodman

Health Foundation board director and finance chair Bill Bodman acknowledged the \$1,000 from the Five Dollar Club. The donation will be added to the Interlake-Eastern Health Fund, which benefits all of the regions' facilities and programs. Donations to the Interlake-Eastern Health Fund remain under the foundation's management in perpetuity with only the annual interest spent.



Pamela McCallum and Maria Toscano

Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation executive director Pamela McCallum and Children's Wish Foundation provincial director Maria Toscano acknowledged the \$1,000 donation for the Five Dollar Club.

The Children's Wish Foundation will use their donation to enhance the life of a child who is ill.

"We feel extremely fortunate to have been the chosen charity of choice from the great people at the Interlake-Eastern RHA's Five Dollar Club," says Toscano, "Every contribution, big or small, makes a measurable impact on children living with pain and uncertainty. This donation will certainly create some magic for a special child suffering with a life-threatening illness and who will have his/her wish granted soon."



Pamela McCallum, Sanela Maric, Tammie-Lee Rogowski and Sandra Milotte

Interlake-Eastern Foundation executive director Pamela McCallum, along with IERHA employee and Five Dollar Club member Sanela Maric and palliative care clinical team manager Tammie-Lee Rogowski and Camp Stepping Stones volunteer coordinator Sandra Milotte, celebrated the donation of \$3,000 to the camp for children that have recently experienced the death of a loved one. The camp relies 100 per cent on donations and volunteer time. This donation from IERHA staff will allow for pro-

gram enhancements that would have not been possible otherwise.

"The organizing committee of Camp Stepping Stones is over the moon with sincere thanks and gratitude for this generous donation. The camp weekend would not be possible without donated time and resources. We try to incorporate small changes each year to make camp as beneficial and rewarding as possible while keeping up with technology because as the generations of children change, so do their needs. Donations like this help us better the camp experience and meet the needs of grieving children," says Rogowski.

All donations went through the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation. For more information visit www.iehfc.ca or contact Pamela McCallum, executive director of the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation, at 204-785-7044.

RCMP looking for public's assistance

Submitted by the RCMP

Project Devote, Manitoba's Task Force for missing and murdered exploited persons, is requesting the public's assistance with the homicide of Crystal Shannon Saunders.

Crystal was last seen in the late evening hours of Wednesday, April 18, 2007, in the West End area of Winnipeg. Her body was discovered the following day near St. Ambrose, Manitoba; a small community approximately 100 km northwest of Winnipeg. Crystal was 24 years of age at the time of her death.

"This week marks 12 years since Crystal was murdered and investigators are asking anyone who may have seen Crystal the evening of her disappearance in Winnipeg, or recalls seeing something concerning or out place near the community of St. Ambrose, to contact Project Devote" said Cpl. Julie Courchaine of the Manitoba RCMP. "If you live in the area of St. Ambrose, please be aware that Winnipeg Police Service and RCMP investigators from Project Devote will be conducting enquiries throughout the week. It is their hope that someone from the community may have critical information that could help further the investigation."

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact Project Devote at 1-888-673-3316 or Manitoba Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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Gimli's Kerri Einarson wins Grand Slam event

By Ty Dilello

Gimli's Kerri Einarson capped off a fantastic week of curling at the old Maple Leaf Gardens (Mattamy Athletic Centre) in downtown Toronto on Sunday when she won the Players' Championship, a marquee Grand slam event on the World Curling Tour calendar.

For Einarson, it was her second Grand Slam title but the first with her new first-year squad, which includes Alberta import Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Meilleur.

After a slow 1-3 start to the event, Einarson rallied off four straight wins over Casey Scheidegger, Tracy Fleury, Robyn Silvernagle and Anna Hasselborg to take home the title.

It was a big payday for Einarson. Not only did she win \$30,000 for the first-place prize, but she also won an extra \$25,000 for finishing third overall in the Pinty's Cup points race, which is a yearly tally of all results at the Grand Slam level.

Einarson's final against Sweden's Anna Hasselborg was a back-and-forth affair that saw the Gimli rink eventually pull out a nail-biting 5-4 win in an extra end.

Hasselborg started the game out with hammer, but it was Einarson who got on the board first, stealing a point in the second end. Hasselborg replied with a deuce the next end,

and by the game's halfway point, the game was locked at 2-2. After forcing Hasselborg to a single in the fifth end, Einarson scored her lone deuce of the game to take a 4-3 lead.

The seventh end resulted in a blank and Hasselborg was unable to score a game-winning deuce in the final end and was forced to take a single to bring the game to an extra end. In the extra end, Einarson made a lovely hit-and-roll with her first stone, and because of her great rock-placement, she didn't have to toss her final stone as Hasselborg's last-rock draw came up a little wide.

"It's really phenomenal," said Einarson's second-stone shooter Shannon Birchard.

"We had kind of a slow start to the week, so I don't think any of us really expected to be in the position we were today (Sunday), let alone qualify for playoffs. Once we did, I think that really lit a fire in us and we were able to use that momentum and carry us through to the final and to winning that game."

It's been a wonderful season for Einarson's new rink, to say the least. Although they stumbled in the Manitoba Scotties provincial final and the Scotties Wild-card game, they've now won five World Curling Tour events and are ranked fourth in the world.

"I think it's pretty huge for a brand



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Pictured left to right: Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Meilleur celebrate with the Players' Championship women's trophy on April 14 in Toronto.

new team," Birchard said.

"I'm amazed with what we've been able to do and I can't wait for the future and how we're going to grow and build on this. I'm super excited about this team."

On the men's side at the Players' Championship, Alberta's Brendan Bottcher won his second-career

Grand Slam when he defeated provincial rival Kevin Koe 6-1 in the final.

In other curling news, Winnipeg Beach's Colton Lott received an invitation last week from Newfoundland's Brad Gushue to play with his rink as second at the upcoming Champion's Cup Grand Slam event in Saskatoon, Sask., from April 23 to 28.

Gimli High School hosts junior varsity badminton tournament

Staff

Birdies were flying all over the Gimli High School gymnasium on Saturday.

Gimli hosted a junior varsity badminton tournament, which attracted players from 12 schools.

The boys' singles division saw Vincent Massey's (Winnipeg) Aiden Hiebert defeat Maples Collegiate's Jagtar (no last name given) 21-18, 21-18 in the final.

Jagtar earlier beat Gimli's Erik Isfeld 21-17 in a quarter-final match. Another quarter-final game saw Vincent Massey's Aiden Hiebert down Riverton Collegiate's Gracyn Melsted 21-14. In the third-place game, the Maples' Justin (no last name) defeated Dufferin Christian School's Kelvin

Hamming 21-15, 21-11.

In girls' singles action, Lac du Bonnet's Serenity Poirier beat Garden City's Mai Toyoda 21-10, 21-3 in the final.

The Maples' Jasleen (no last name) defeated Garden City's Gabby Lingad 21-10, 21-3 in the third-place game.

The boys' doubles final saw RD Parker's

Evan Alcock and Ethan Alcock defeat Garden City's Daniel Esperanza and Jasper Pabalan 21-6, 21-6

In a semifinal matchup, the Alcocks downed Gimli's pairing of Keenan Karish and Zack Meadows 21-15, 21-2.

Karish and Meadows had beaten College Louis Riel's Paul'hiver Lafreniere and Josh Berube 21-13 in a quar-

ter-final game.

Esperanza and Pabalan, meanwhile, advanced to the final after defeating Teulon's Victor and Gavin (no last names) 21-13, 21-10. The Teulon duo defeated Gimli's Luke Michaluk and Harris Dankochik 21-16 in another quarter-final match.

The girls' doubles final saw Lac du Bonnet's Paisley Poirier and Sasha St. Pierre defeat Garden City's Daisy Caneda and Allizon Dollosa 21-8, 21-12 in the championship match.

Poirier and St. Pierre downed Teulon's Amanda and Chloe (no last names) 21-5, 21-8 in the semifinals.

The Teulon pairing earlier defeated RD Parker's Emma Tomchuk and Amber Miscabish 21-19 in the quarter-

finals.

In the mixed doubles final, Garden City's JC O-Campo and Paula Camangian defeated Maples' Jalen and Bracelin (no last names) 21-19, 20-22, 21-16.

The Maples pairing beat Arborg's Natasha English and Logan Pearce 21-18, 21-19 in the semifinals.

English and Pearce defeated RD Parker's Kamryn Horvath and Brady Krentz 21-11 in the quarter-finals.

In two other quarter-final games, O-Campo and Camangian defeated Warren's Karson King and Abby Procter 21-12 while Garden City's Jackson Sansagret and Jesrel Pabalau downed Teulon's Hannah and Jaxson (no last names) 21-12.

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Peguis wins fourth consecutive KJHL title

Staff

For the fourth consecutive season, the Peguis Juniors have been crowned Keystone Junior Hockey League champions.

Peguis defeated the Cross Lake Islanders 8-5 on Saturday in Cross Lake. No scoring summary was listed on the league website at press time.

The Juniors forced a Game 7 after trouncing Cross Lake 8-1 last Thursday in Peguis.

Cross Lake's Keith Monias opened the game's scoring midway in the first period but it was all Peguis after that.

Sundance Paul tied the score late in the first period and then Ethan Daniels-Webb put Peguis up 2-1 at 5:27 of the middle frame.

Then Tyrome Spence-Bair took over the game.

He closed out the second period with a natural hat trick and then added his fourth goal of the game late in the third.

The Juniors' Wyatt Bear and Shaydon Mousseau also scored in the third.

Bear, Spence-Bair and Quinton Flett each finished the game with four



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Peguis Juniors won their fourth-straight KJHL title after defeating the Islanders 8-5 in Game 7 of their best-of-seven final in Cross Lake on Saturday. Both Peguis and Cross Lake now advance to play in this week's Keystone Cup, which will be hosted by the Juniors.

points.

Dray Flett made 33 saves for the victory. But the season is not over for either club as Peguis First Nation will host the Keystone Cup, which begins Friday and continues through Sunday.

The 2019 Keystone Cup will pit the

top two teams from the KJHL against the best two teams from Ontario's Lakehead Junior Hockey League.

The two Ontario teams in the four-team tournament are the Thunder Bay Fighting Walleye and Thunder Bay Northern Hawks.

Peguis will begin the tournament Friday with an 11 a.m. game against Cross Lake.

The Juniors will then battle the Northern Hawks at 6 p.m. before taking on the Fighting Walleye on Saturday at 2 p.m.

CRJHL enjoyed very successful first season

By Brian Bowman

As the final whistle blew last week to end the Capital Junior Hockey League's inaugural season, there was time for applause.

And it had nothing to do with the action on the ice.

The CRJHL enjoyed an extremely successful season with its five-team league. Playoff games were very exciting, the play was outstanding, and there was a ton of parity amongst the teams. The CJHL couldn't have asked for a better first season.

"We thought the season went really well," said CRJHL president Cliff Malzensky. "We had a lot of positive comments from the general managers and such. Everybody seemed happy with the way things went."

The Selkirk Fishermen captured the league title after defeating the North Winnipeg Satellites 4-2 on April 7 at the St. James Civic Centre. Selkirk won the best-of-seven series in six

games.

"There was a lot of overtime, it was really good," said Malzensky, who is also the assistant general manager of the Satellites. "We went into overtime twice with Selkirk with 2-1 scores. We were on the losing end of both of them but they were good games."

The playoff crowds were real good for all of the teams. Any team could beat another on any given night, especially in the playoffs.

"It was real good, Lunder and Selkirk went to seven games," Malzensky noted. "That was real close and us and Selkirk, in the first four games they won in their barn and we won in our barn, and it all came down to Game 5 and when they won that, they just had the momentum going into Game 6."

Players and management in the league all had positive things to say about the CRJHL.

"As far as the league goes, it was so much fun," said Fishermen head

coach Chris Poponick. "It was so much fun and enjoyable going to the rink. Going into games, you knew you were going to get good (competition). You look at the game sheets and how few penalties were called, and the whole parity. We had an outstanding regular season but when it came to playoffs, it was a whole different ball game."

"The games were exciting and there were a lot of people that I know that came to our Game 7 and came to a few playoff games and have become fans of the league because there wasn't a lot of crap going on in the games."

"It was just good, sound hockey so hopefully we can build on that and the momentum we've gained and maybe attract a few more teams," he added.

Malzensky agreed.

"We all enjoyed it," he said. "There was no BS at all, just a lot of good hockey."

The league, which also includes the Arborg Ice Dawgs and St. Malo War-

riors, left the Keystone Junior Hockey League due, in large part, due to lengthy travel times.

That shorter travel was very welcomed by all of the teams who did not have to make the lengthy trip up north for games.

"We're home just between 11 and 11:30 (p.m.) from Arborg and Lunder, depending on how slow the boys are getting out of the showers," Malzensky quipped.

Looking ahead, the league expects to have a meeting in the next month or two. One of the topics expected to be discussed is the possibility of expansion. It would be great for the league to add a few more teams in the near future.

"So far, it's just rumours," Malzensky said. "We haven't had any concrete contacts or anything like that but a team in Beausejour would be really nice,

"But right now, it's just speculation."

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Major Junior careers of six Stonewall Jets now over

By Brian Bowman

With the Stonewall Jets' loss in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League semifinal series, it brought the end of the junior careers of six players.

Four of those players are forwards, including captain Bryce Stovin, Aiken Chop, Sam Mandryk, and A.J. Nychuk.

There is a lot of talent - and leadership - that will be lost with those players moving on.

"Nychuk was a great pickup for us," said Jets' head coach Brock Couch. "He's been around and has experience but no one has really given him a shot but he fit perfectly in that third centre spot and he's a big body who knows the game so that was a huge pickup." Couch will really miss Stovin.

"With Stovin, he's basically irreplaceable," said the Jets' coach. "He

plays hard minutes, he's first-line power play, first-line penalty kill, and he blocks shots and works hard. He'll leave a big hole to fill but I know guys that have watched him play the last few years so I think there's guys on our roster that could fill that (role)."

With Chop and Mandryk now gone, the Jets will be losing a lot of scoring and touch around the net.

"Mandryk had a tougher time battling injuries and illness and with Chop we're going to be losing offence and we need someone to step up," Couch said. "We still have two thirds of that top line so we'll have to find a guy that fits that role. If he's not already in our lineup, we'll have to seek out a goal scorer, for sure."

On the blueline, Stonewall will say goodbye to assistant captains Andrew Bayduza and Braden Groot. Groot was very deservedly selected as a MMJHL

first-team all star.

Both logged a lot of minutes in their careers with the Jets.

"On the back end is where we're most concerned," said Couch. "We lose two major impact guys. Bayduza played four years with us and Groot is arguably one of the best defencemen in the league. That's definitely tough."

While those players won't be around next season, Stonewall should be in decent shape if players come back to play another season with the Jets.

"If everyone sticks around there's roles that they can fill," Couch said. "I feel that we're not taking as big as a hit as last year with losing (Chase) Faulkner and (Hunter) Ploszay and guys like that."

"Every year is different when you lose guys. We'll give guys an opportunity to step up and it will be interesting to see. The last three years here,

we've changed identities like three different times. We might see another identity change next year, but we'll see what we get."

A big part of any hockey team is their goaltending and the Jets are in real good shape if Curtis Beck returns for his final MMJHL season along with Adam Swan.

Both players gave the Jets some stellar performances between the pipes.

"Our goaltending tandem will stay the same, which is awesome," Couch said.

In other news, Jets' forward Ryan McMahon is the MMJHL's winner of the Kip Kelly Award for the hardest-working player in the league.

He is the sixth Jets' player to have his name engraved on the trophy in the past 12 years. The MMJHL annual awards banquet will take place May 9 at the Canad Inns Polo Park.

Headed to the final



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The St. James Canucks and goaltender Nathan Cvar, formerly of Gimli and who now lives in Stonewall, are headed to the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League best-of-seven final series, which begins Wednesday in Morris. St. James defeated the Transcona Railer Express 3-2 in Game 7 of their semifinal series on Sunday.

Lightning players participate at POE female camps

Staff

Several Interlake Lightning players participated in Hockey Manitoba's Female Program of Excellence at the Seven Oaks Arena last weekend.

At the U16 camp, which featured about 100 players that were invited, included Lightning forwards Emerson McAuley, Kenady Christensen and Brooke Wadge, blueliner Kiorra Johannesson, and goaltenders Katelyn Dorsch and Anya Epp.

The U16 camp split the players into six teams. They held practises Friday and games on Saturday and Sunday.

From the 100 players, 40 will be chosen to attend the Top-40 camp in Portage la Prairie next month. A summer prep camp will be hosted by Winnipeg in July.

At the U18 camp, invites were handed out to 68 players. Brenna Barylski was the lone Lightning player at the camp.

The camp held three practices and

six games. Players were put on four different teams.

Those 68 players will be whittled down to approximately 40 when the POE holds its next stage in May in Portage la Prairie.

The players will then participate in a summer prep camp in July in Winnipeg before playing an exhibition series with the University of Manitoba Bison women's hockey team on Aug. 30 and Sept. 1.

The 2019 U18 Women's National Championship will take place in November in Morden.

The POE is designed to provide high performance female players with the opportunity to develop advanced skills as well as an introduction to the concepts needed to play at an elite level.

Players from the POE go on to play at the CIS, NCAA and international level.

Nedotiafko joins Bisons football program

By Ty Dilello

Fraserwood's Colton Nedotiafko has committed with the University of Manitoba Bisons football program for the 2019-20 season onward by recently signing a letter of intent.

The 5'11", 200-pound running back is happy that he's been able to sign on with a top flight university and stay close to home.

"Since I was very young I've always loved football. It's something I grew up around, watching games with my family and playing outside with my dad and brother since around five years old," said Nedotiafko. "I knew I always wanted to play at higher levels regardless, but things got more real and real as I got older, and going into my third year of football, teams started watching me and showed interest in me playing at the next level."

Nedotiafko, who attends Gimli High School, spent the 2018 football campaign with the Interlake Thunder where he helped lead the team to the league championship.

Playing in seven Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL) regular-season games last year, Nedotiafko carried the ball 181 times for 1,675 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also had 10 catches for 127 yards with one passing touchdown to boot. In the post-season, Nedotiafko posted 550 yards and three touchdowns over the course of two playoff games to help lead his Thunder to the RMFL championship that they won in Stonewall last November in a convincing 42-20 win over the Swan Valley Tigers.

"Last season was very special for me as it was my final senior year with Interlake Thunder and it ended in the best way possible, with an undefeated season and a championship," said Nedotiafko. "It's everything I could've asked for in my final year at that level. It meant a lot to me and the team to have that much success, and we had fun doing it. Last season proved what you can achieve with hard work and lots of heart."

When it came time to pick a school going forward, Nedotiafko had colleges and universities from all over Canada and some in the United States inquiring about his service. At the end of the day, however, Nedotiafko opted to stay in Manitoba and join the Bisons program.

"A few schools were looking at me along with some junior teams who were also interested and I decided on the U of M Bisons because it felt like home there. They have plenty to offer with an amazing complex and facility, plus the Bisons are close to home as well, which I think will help having the support of my friends and family close by."

Nedotiafko is looking forward to joining his new teammates and getting things started at the U of M. In a few weeks' time, the Bisons will be holding their annual spring camp, and for Nedotiafko, it will be the first time he takes the field for the Bisons.

"I'm very excited to join the Bisons and I can't wait to start playing football again with everything the Bisons program has have to offer. I'm equally proud and excited to be a part of the Bisons family."



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER
Fraserwood's Colton Nedotiafko recently signed with the U of M Bisons.

Interlake Thunder to host 'Try Football for Free Camp' this month

Staff

The Interlake Thunder are already thinking football.

Interlake will be hosting a "Try Football For Free Camp," which will take place April 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Stonewall Collegiate.

The camp is for anyone of any age

who wants to see what football is all about. It is a non-contact camp run by Thunder coaches (and possibly some guest coaches) that will cover the basics of football so athletes can try the sport before registration.

The Thunder will be holding registration dates on May 1 from 6 to 8

p.m. at the Gimli High School, May 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ecole Selkirk Junior High School, and May 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Stonewall Ice Palace.

Interlake competes in the Manitoba Major Football League at the Cruncher, Atom and PeeWee levels.

The Thunder also play in the Rural Manitoba Football League at the high school level (players born from 2002-05) and attending high school.

For more information, please visit interlakethunder.org or email president@interlakethunder.org.

Stampeders even MJHL final series with Terriers

Staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League final series between the Portage Terriers and Swan Valley Stampeders is now even at two wins apiece.

The Stampeders trounced the Terriers 7-2 on Saturday evening in Swan River.

Swan Valley's Josh Tripp and Matthew Osadick scored first-period goals and then Bradly Goethals, a former Selkirk Steeler, Osadick and Campbell Balk tallied by the 5:36 mark of the middle frame.

After Portage goaltender Ethan Peterson received the hook, Swan Valley welcomed new netminder Nathan

Moore with goals from Balk and Brian Harris just 5:49 later for a 7-0 lead.

Portage finally got on the board at 14:33 of the middle frame when Caelan McPhee found the twine. The Terriers' Scott Mickoski then scored late in the period to cut the deficit to 7-2.

Game 5 of the best-of-seven series was played this past Tuesday in Portage la Prairie but no score was available at press time.

Portage took a 2-1 series lead with a 3-2 home win last Wednesday.

Scott Mickoski's second goal of the game (on a power play) at 15:14 of the third period pushed the Terriers to a

3-2 win over the Stampeders in Game 3.

Jay Buchholtz scored Portage's other goal. The Terriers led 2-0 early in the third before Swan Valley's Alexander Uryga and Dane Hirts tallied 3:14 apart.

Portage was 1-for-6 on the power play while Swan Valley finished 0-3.

The Terriers outshot the Stampeders 37-18 as Peterson posted the win.

Game 6 will be played this Thursday in Swan River. If necessary, a Game 7 would return to Portage on Monday.

In other league news, Stampeders' forward Josh Tripp is this year's MJHL nominee for the Canadian Ju-

nior Hockey League player of the year award.

Tripp, a Swan River product, scored 36 goals and added 48 assists in 57 regular-season games this season.

He was recently voted the MJHL's most outstanding player, a first-team all-star, and the recipient of the Mike Ridley Trophy as the league's top scorer.

All 10 leagues in the CJHL nominate an individual for the national award. Manitoba's last winner was Portage Terriers' forward Eric DeLong in 2009.

The winner will be announced at the national junior "A" championship next month in Brooks, Alta.

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Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.
Town of Arborg Municipal Office
337 River Road Arborg, MB

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions or register an objection in respect to the Town of Arborg's 2019 Financial Plan.

Copies of the 2019 Financial Plan are available for review at the Town Office during regular office hours as of April 25th, 2019.

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CHARLES FREEMAN

August 25, 1933 – April 1, 2019

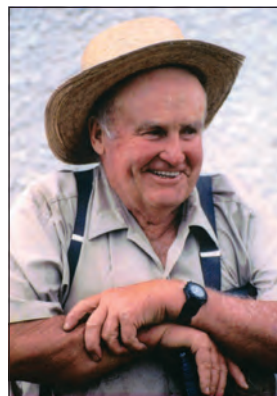
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Treasuring memories of Charles are children: Charlene and Craig Kaartinen, Darcy and Roxanne Freeman; grandchildren: Derek, Ashley (Kyle Heppenstall) and Calvin (Kelsey Zarichney) Kaartinen.

On October 10, 1953 Sigurdur Ingvar Charles Freeman married Myrtle Marie Biy (November 3, 1934 – January 4, 2010). They created 56 years of memories with family and many friends.

Charles spent the last nine years at their farm in Eriksdale, missing the love of his life every day. They are reunited once again! ♥

“You held our hand when we were small. You caught us when we fell. You’re the hero of our childhood and our later years as well.”
XOXOXO Following Charles’s wishes - no funeral.



OBITUARY

Jean Hendrickson

May 18, 1930 – April 10, 2019

Jean Frances Hendrickson (born Jennie Sklepowych) was born at home on May 18, 1930. Her parents, Rose Negrych and Nykola Sklepowich, were Ukrainian immigrants. Her mother came to Canada as a child with her family, her father immigrated alone as a young man. They met, married, and farmed in the Venlaw area near Gilbert Plains, Manitoba. Jean was a twin, but her sister did not survive the birth, and Jean forever felt something was missing in her life. She had three older brothers and five older sisters, all of whom predeceased her, and a younger sister, Zita, who survives her.

Jean is survived by her six daughters, Barbara, Kathy (Allan), Susan (Terry), Lorna, Karla, and Jennifer (Gord), and her son Henry; and her grandchildren Anthony (Lorraine) Hendrickson; Jonas,

Aaron, and Kieran Hendrickson-Gracie; Jane, Thor, and Hanna Hendrickson-Rebizant; Kristin Hendrickson; Nick and Claire Pankiw; Adam, Matthew and Peter Revel; and Luke Hendrickson. Jean is also survived by her sister-in-law Bernice and many much loved nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Jean lived on her family’s farm near Gilbert Plains, excelling in school, playing ball, and making lifelong friends, until her mother’s death in 1948. She moved with her brothers and sisters to Winnipeg and had many stories about life on Young Street. She started grade 12 at United College, but decided instead to teach on permit at Oatfield, a one room school near Eriksdale. Jean loved that year in Oatfield and believed her year there helped her get through the grief of her mother’s death and to grow up. She returned to Winnipeg to finish high school at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate, then went to teach, again on permit, at Cossette School in Inwood. There she would meet Wallace Hendrickson, a handsome and slightly wild young Swede, who most likely literally swept her off her feet. After a year in Normal School to train as a teacher (class of ‘52), Jean taught for a year at St. Daniel School near Carman. Jean married Wallace on July 4, 1953 and taught for two years at Pembina Crest School in Winnipeg before she and Wallace, with baby Barbara, moved to Wekusko for a northern adventure. Five years later they returned to Winnipeg, now with four little girls, and lived in the house at 736 Warsaw Avenue.

The next move, but not before two more girls joined the family, was on January 1, 1967, to a farm near Narcisse. Henry was born after this move, and Jean and Wallace would live out their days on the farm. There were years of hard work on and off the farm, (Jean returned to teach in Inwood) and watching her children grow up, her daughters move away, and her son take over the farm. Jean lived through the most exciting of times. This world has changed so much over the past nine decades. Jean was always learning, whether in classes, reading, watching television, and listening to the radio, or from the people who graced her life. She was interested in all world issues, politics and in most sports, and she had an opinion on everything.

Jean loved a good joke and always had a joke to share. She loved her garden and her flowers. She loved meeting new people and her Jean’s home was always a welcoming place. The coffee was always strong, the food was always delicious, the company and conversation were always good. Rarely did a day pass without someone stopping by for business or pleasure.

Our mother was smart and strong and determined and hard working. She was kind and supportive and loyal. She was proud of her family, of her home, of her life. She had lifelong friends but made new friendships quickly and easily. She was a cherished teacher to so many children. She was a special daughter, and a loving sister and a wonderful friend. She had a long, successful marriage and worked side by side with our dad, before he passed away in 2016. She was a really good person. And mostly, to us, her seven children, she was a wonderful mother.

Our mother had a full and blessed life. We like to think that our mother died peacefully and satisfied, without any great regrets. She was a woman of great faith and was not afraid to die, but she loved the life she lived. Lorna and Kristin were with her as she left this Earth. Our lives will never be the same, but we are so blessed to have had her for as long as we did. We will hold her dearly in our hearts.

A family memorial will be held at a later date.

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