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Gimli's Kerri Einarson (skip), front left to right, and her rink of Val Sweeting (third), Shannon Birchard (second) and Briane Meilleur (lead) captured the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Moose Jaw, Sask. Back row: Patti Wuthrich (coach) and Jennifer Clark-Rouire (fifth).

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Interlake Métis family celebrates heritage in Ottawa

By Evan Matthews

An Armstrong family proudly represented their community and their heritage at one of the nation's capital's most important tourism events of the year.

Barbara Rieder, along with her kids, went to Ottawa's Winterlude Festival last month as guests of the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF), helping the organization add a bit of Manitoba flare to the event.

"My kids are Métis, and since they have been little, they've all been involved in Métis fiddle, as well as piano and other musical activities.

"As part of our family's exploration of our heritage, we are part of Manitoba's Living History Society, where we do historical re-enactments," said Rieder, who lives north of Komarno.

"My birth-daughter is (Métis) and has connection to the Indigenous community. As we brought foster children into our home, many of them had Métis backgrounds, too."

Music and traditional clothing had become one of many ways the family began to explore the kids' heritage, and history in general, according to Rieder.

Winterlude is an annual winter festival held in Ottawa, Ont., and Gatineau, Que. — collectively known as the National Capital Region — and is run by the Department of Canadian Heritage.

The festival was started in 1979, according to Canadian Heritage, and draws hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. The 2020 Winterlude festival ran from Jan. 30 to Feb. 17, 2020.

The MMF, in collaboration with the Métis National Council, worked with Canadian Heritage to deliver a historic Métis village as part of the festival.

With musical and historical re-enactment backgrounds, the MMF naturally selected the Rieder family as one of their guests to help bring the village to life. MMF estimated the village saw 2,000 visitors over the course of Saturday.

The village was designed to teach Winterlude visitors some Métis history, in particular Louis Riel's — and the provisional government of 1869's — contributions that led to Manitoba becoming the fifth province to enter Confederation, according to Georgina Liberty, director of Tripartite Self-Government Negotiations with the



Métis fiddler and Selkirk resident Morgan Ginther was also a guest of the Manitoba Métis Federation at Ottawa/Gatineau's 2020 Winterlude Festival.

MMF.

"It was the list of rights created by Louis Riel and endorsed by the provisional government that became the Manitoba Act in 1870, which achieved royal assent on May 12 that year," said Liberty.

"The Métis village captured a historic look back in time, complete with the (Reider) family in period dress that greeted guests as they came into the Canadian Museum of History."

Guests would enter to the Grand Hall and had the opportunity to meet with Métis elders and share stories in Michif, while enjoying bannock and tea, as well as take in cultural displays set up by the MMF.

Other prominent people from the Métis set up beadwork displays, as well as played music and danced, even providing jigging lessons.

"It's our belief that the village helped provide ... more people with an understanding of the Métis people's contribution to the (construction) of Canada and the very significant role in bringing Manitoba into confederacy," said Liberty.

"Winterlude 2020 was very significant in that it was the first time the festival was dedicated to Indigenous people, and they wanted to be part of the Métis 150 and the Métis Nation 2020 celebrations."

The Rieder family stayed at Fairmont Chateau Laurier, according to Rieder, but was quite busy helping with Winterlude festivities. Sight-seeing came second to helping provide an authen-



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Barbara Rieder is seen on the far right, as guests of the Manitoba Métis Federation dressed up in 1870s clothing, guiding guests into a dinner at the Canadian Museum of History on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 1.



Traditional 1870s Métis clothing.

tic Métis experience for guests, she said.

But the family was busy, nonetheless. One of Rieder's sons played the grand piano at the hotel and the family went to the National Gallery of Canada, dressed in 1870s clothing and guiding guests prior to a dinner, playing music on the piano and the fiddle. The family was integral in bringing the Métis village to life, finishing off with a bus tour of the region, which largely discussed the area's people and history.

"Seeing some of the government buildings built so long ago, and seeing how spectacular they are after all this time, they really are amazing," said Rieder.

"It's interesting to connect the history you've read about and seeing some of it in person."

One of Winterlude's focal points, according to Canadian Heritage, is the Rideau Canal Skateway which at 7.8-kilometres is said to be the largest skating rink anywhere in the world.

Other primary sites include the Snowflake Kingdom, which is located



An ice sculpture of Louis Riel.

in Jacques-Cartier Park in Gatineau, according to Canadian Heritage.

Jacques-Cartier Park is turned into a massive snow park with ice slides and snow sculptures and hosts numerous events and activities for children.

Confederation Park — a.k.a. Crystal Garden — is the site for the ice sculpture competition, the ice lounge and musical concerts, according to Canadian Heritage, while Marion Dewar Plaza at City Hall is the home to the Rink of Dreams, an ice-skating rink that hosts skating shows, dance parties and art displays over the course of Winterlude.

Other activities include special exhibits at an array of Ottawa/Gatineau museums including the Canadian Museum of History, as well as special events in the Byward Market, Sparks Street and a race in Gatineau Park, according to Canadian Heritage.

Find Reider and her family this summer as part of Family Days, where the Manitoba Living History Society will be at the Fraserwood Hall on June 27 and 28, set up on the front lawn with interactive displays.

"IT'S INTERESTING TO CONNECT THE HISTORY YOU'VE READ ABOUT AND SEEING SOME OF IT IN PERSON."

Cool's the word at the upcoming Gimli Ice Festival

9th annual Ice Festival March 7 and 8

By Patricia Barrett

From kiteboarding and daredevil racers to flying fish and twirling taffy, the Gimli Ice Festival (GIF) is preparing to host thousands of visitors to the town's premier winter carnival in March.

For the first time in its nine-year run, GIF has organized kiteboarding demonstrations on the lake. Boost Kiteboarding from Winnipeg will be on site to show people how much fun it is to get strapped to a snowboard and a sail and go zipping across the snow.

"They're going to do some demos close to the pier, and possibly right in the harbour itself, to show people just how it works," said GIF co-chair Peter Holfeuer. "We invited them to show people that there's a lot of things you can do in the wintertime on the ice."

In addition to kiteboarding, the ever-popular Fire on Ice stock-car racing will thrill spectators with high-speed pursuits down straightaways and through hairpin turns while churning up volcano-sized plumes of ice and snow on Lake Winnipeg.

Members of the Winnipeg Sport Car Club will be competing for bragging rights on a special one-kilometre track on the lake. Stock cars will be racing Saturday and Sunday in two major classes: the rubber-to-ice and the studded classes. A half-hour Enduro race (studded) will take place on Sunday to cap off the event.

Tim Gordienko is co-ordinating the construction of the track on behalf of the club, which also receives site support from members of the Gimli Car Club.

"With the studded tires, the race is a lot faster and the visibility is much less. We have a specially prepared ice-racing tire that comes from Finland and they're more aggressive than Mercedes' [driving school] tires," said Gordienko. "But our stock cars in

the rubber-to-ice class have plenty of power."

GIF co-chair Susan Holfeuer, who's also vice-president of the Gimli Chamber of Commerce, said the Winnipeg club bundled her into a stock car a few years ago and took her into an "insane" sideways skid at 80 kilometres an hour.

If you think four wheels on ice is challenging, you should see the daredevils riding the two-wheelers.

The Ice Man Motorcycle demonstration, which is set for both days of the festival, is another crowd favourite. Kim Houde, the 2005 World Motocross Champion, will be among the competitors generating some heart-stopping moments.

The lake will also be the venue for some purely human-powered events, including a fat bike journey to the middle of the lake for a spot of overnight camping, and a running odyssey called A Viking's Challenge that will help raise funds for the Save Your Skin Foundation.

Chris Isfeld, who developed melanoma, and his friend Shawn Bjornson will be running 30 kilometres from Grand Beach to Gimli on March 7 to help raise money for the Canadian not-for-profit foundation, which raises awareness of skin cancer.

"They're childhood friends from Gimli," said Susan Holfeuer. "Isfeld wants to raise \$30,000 for cancer awareness."

When the runners — accompanied by the fat bikes — reach Gimli around midday or in the early afternoon, they'll have a GIF welcoming party waiting for them at Gimli harbour, she said.

While at the harbour, visitors can take in a pond hockey game March 7 that will commemorate the Winnipeg Falcons, a team composed primarily of people of Icelandic heritage. The



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Gimli Ice Festival co-chairs Susan, left, and Peter Holfeuer have an exciting lineup of events for the 9th annual winter extravaganza.

team won Canada's first-ever Olympic gold medal in hockey in 1920. Filmmaker Andy Blicq and school trustee Kim Malchuk are helping organize the event.

You'll never go hungry in Gimli as the town has plenty of dining establishments that offer up everything from hearty soup and sandwiches to pizza and fish and chips. GIF passholders can fill up on bannock, tea and some old-fashioned taffy, which the Riverton & District Friendship Centre will be making near the harbour.

Speaking of food, the Gimli Rotary Club is sponsoring a Chili Cook-off on March 8 with a whopping grand prize of \$175 for the best recipe. And Cast Off Winery & Brewing Supplies is selling tickets for a chance to win a

wine-making package worth \$300.

Other events include ice fishing for kids, a snow-castle competition on Gimli Beach, a frozen T-shirt competition, a frozen fish toss, an outdoor art show, an arts and craft fair, and a variety entertainment night at the Lakeview Resort.

Of course, the festival wouldn't be complete without the town's marauding posse of 9th- and 10th-century Vikings, who'll be hoisting spear and shield to show the crowds what hand-to-hand combat entails.

The Gimli Ice Festival takes place March 7 and 8. A two-day pass costs \$5 and will be available for purchase on site at the Lake Winnipeg Visitor Centre and at select locations in town. For a full list of GIF events, visit gimliicefestival.com.

Clarification

Staff

In our story, "Hutterite colony to farm over 15,000 chickens plus manufacturing operation," in the Feb. 20 edition of the *Express Weekly News*, we reported that members of the Crystal Spring colony expressed interest in purchasing land owned by the RM of Armstrong. We wrote: "As for two sections of neighbouring land the colony wants to purchase from the RM (the NW and NE of 29-18-3E)" A sharp-eyed reader kindly let us know that four quarters equal one section, and that the NW and NE are technically two quarters, not two sections.

Therefore, we should have written that the colony had expressed interest in purchasing two quarter sections.

New councillor for West Interlake

By Evan Matthews

The vacant councillor position in the RM of West Interlake has been filled.

After the RM's Feb. 10 byelection, the ratepayers elected Randy Helgason as councillor for Ward 3.

Helgason garnered 102 votes, 28 more than Edith Peterson (74 total votes).

Helgason takes over for incumbent Courtney Roehl. Roehl resigned from her position as councillor in October so she could take over the chief administrative officer position.

Helgason could not be reached for comment by presstime.

Winnipeg Beach woman wins over \$230,000 in Chase the Ace

By Patricia Barrett

A Winnipeg Beach woman got a lucky break Feb. 15 when she won a Chase the Ace jackpot and took home \$230,366.95.

Canduce Tokash won the money in the town of Whitemouth, about 130 kilometres southeast of Winnipeg Beach.

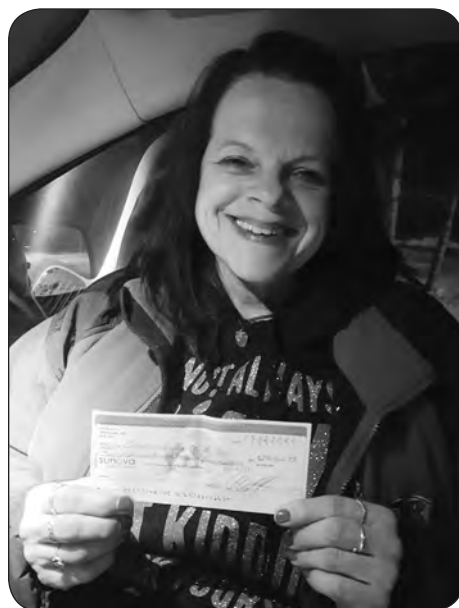
Tokash said she's still in shock but very excited by her windfall.

"When they called my number, I thought, 'That can't be my number,'" she said. "I cried all the way home."

As a 50-year-old single mom with two young kids, Tokash said the money will come in handy. She needs to buy a new furnace and pay off some debt, and then she'll decide what to do from there.

"I haven't decided whether I'll make any big purchases," said Tokash, who's self-employed.

Tokash and her friend Barbie Hudson headed to Whitemouth on the day of the draw, arriving in the small town at 9 a.m. and joining a queue to purchase tickets outside the Whitemouth Community Centre where the draw was held, she said. There were about 30 people ahead of them and some had been waiting since 4 a.m.



Canduce Tokash with her cheque in the amount of \$230,366.

"There were five people selling tickets and we [her friend] got in different lines," said Tokash. "The maximum you could spend was \$1,000 on tickets. You could buy three tickets for \$5. I only spent \$50."

The Whitemouth Hotel, which organized the Chase the Ace draw, congratulated Tokash on its Facebook page and thanked its volunteers for



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CANDUCE TOKASH

Canduce Tokash, left, and her friend Barbie Hudson huddle under blankets outside the Whitemouth Community Club at 9 a.m. Saturday.

helping with the event. The community centre will be getting a chunk of the draw's proceeds for upgrades. The hotel is set to launch a new Chase the Ace game April 4.

Tokash said she's been overwhelmed by all the attention she has gotten since winning the jackpot.

"Winning the money was exciting, but it was the response from the people — mostly people that I know

— that was overwhelming," she said. "They said, 'Good for you!' and 'It couldn't have happened to a better person' and 'You really needed it.' That's what really overwhelmed me."

She said the win has also given people hope that it's possible to have their number come up.

"You just never, ever know," said Tokash.

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Armstrong to enhance snowplowing communication

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Armstrong's snowplowing contractor and council met Feb. 11 to discuss ways to enhance communication between councillors, plow operators and the public during periods of heavy snow and to address the cost of snowplowing insurance.

Jeff Yablonski of Armstrong Construction, a contractor with the RM for several years, and council discussed the aftermath of a snowstorm on the weekend of Jan. 18 that had prevented some residents in Inwood from accessing the highway. In another part of the RM, however, the storm had continued.

The snowplows didn't start until Sunday of that weekend because of information they received about the ongoing storm. Meanwhile residents in Inwood, where the snow had stopped, were under the impression the plows would be out on Saturday afternoon.

"We've got 48 hours to do the whole RM. That is what's in the contract," said Yablonski. "It doesn't say to start in a certain area first."

Reeve Susan Smerchanski said the immense geographical size of the RM, where it can snow heavily in one area and leave another practically bare, makes targeted plowing tricky, but communication between all parties about the overall situation, including areas of particular need, can help resolve misunderstandings.

"We've seen winds blowing like crazy over there and nothing over here. Sometimes some areas don't even need a plow," she said. "But the biggest thing is communication so everybody knows what's going on."

The RM's road maintenance contracts are divid-

ed geographically into Area 1 and Area 2. The RM doesn't own its own graders or snowplows, said Smerchanski when asked later for more information about the plowing operation.

The RM's current contract with Armstrong Construction (Nov. 1, 2019, to Oct. 31, 2021) requires Yablonski to have two snowplows with nose-plows available for each area and to have the plowing completed within 48 hours.

Snowplowing maps are prepared and shared with contractors to identify routes to be plowed, she added.

"It is important to meet with and discuss issues and concerns with our contractor and to resolve anything that arises to move forward in a positive direction," she said.

Council agreed to set up a group email to "include all parties and to enhance our communication system and ensure everyone is kept in the loop," she said. "At the end of the day, communication is key and we all need to be on the same page to provide good public service."

As for the cost of liability insurance for snowplows, Yablonski said it has gone through the roof.

"In January liability insurance for snowplowing has just gone insane," he said. "I was told by [my insurance company] you've had no problems or big claims within the last 25 years, but everybody's insurance for snowplowing — not summer grading, just snowplowing — is going through the roof."

Yablonski said he usually budgets for slight increases each year but is currently facing a \$16,000 increase. He called a number of different brokers who told him the rates have increased for every-



Jeff Yablonski from Armstrong Construction



Susan Smerchanski

"I was told by [a company] it's the market, and [insurance] companies are actually dropping people, not insuring them," he said.

If the plows are called out — and paid — only four times a year, overly expensive insurance may outweigh provision of the service.

"We only plow for the RM of Armstrong," said Yablonski, referring to Armstrong Construction. "I can't eat this whole cost. There's just no way. This is something we have to sit down and talk about."

The reeve said insurance rates were high last year, too.

"Through the AMM [Association of Manitoba Municipalities], the insurance they had, they were shopping all over because it went up huge last year," said Smerchanski. "The global situation — the fires in Australia — is impacting our insurance rates."

Yablonski said he can supply council with his insurance documents.

Council agreed to discuss the matter further.

Learn about dementia and brain health with Alzheimer Society

By Jennifer McFee

Upcoming public information sessions will share some insight on understanding dementia and brain health.

The first session will take place on Tuesday, March 24 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the South Interlake Regional Library's Teulon branch (19 Beach Rd.).

Then on Thursday, April 23, a session will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Gordon Howard Centre in Selkirk.

Another session will take place on Thursday, April 30 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Stonewall library (419 Main St.).

In upcoming months, a series of presentations will also be held at Victoria Beach.

The presenter will be Samantha Holland, Interlake Easter Regional Co-ordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

Attendees will learn the facts about dementia, including the risk and protective factors. They'll also learn about

ways to keep their brain healthier for longer.

For Holland, she stresses the importance of coming to a presentation like this.

"There's still a lot of fear and stigma that surrounds dementia," she said. "So if we can get out there and engage with the community through these types of education opportunities, we're really doing our part to spread awareness and break down those walls."

To register for the Teulon event, call June at 204-886-3648 or email teulon@sirlibrary.com.

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In the end, all we have is memories

By Evan Matthews

So often, sports can be allegorical in nature for life itself, and this has never been truer than it was on last Saturday's Hockey Night in Canada.

The Toronto Maple Leafs took on the Carolina Hurricanes at Scotiabank Arena, and the Hurricanes were looking strong, up 4-1 midway through the second period.

Morweena-native James Reimer started the game in goal for the Hurricanes but left in the first period after colliding with one of his own players.

Shortly thereafter, the unthinkable happened, when Toronto's Kyle Clifford raced after a loose puck and collided with Carolina's backup goaltender, Peter Mrazek.

Mrazek laid motionless on the ice for some time, as medical staff tended to the injured netminder.

Then the thought struck everyone watching the game: "Who is going to step in to play goalie?"

Teams dress two goaltenders for every game, a starter and a backup, but very rarely does the backup play. Even more rarely does the backup play and then also end up injured.

There is, however, always one emergency goalie in the arena just in case

this very scenario arises.

Enter 42-year-old David Ayres, who was the long-time Zamboni driver for the Maple Leaf's AHL team. The man hadn't played a competitive hockey game in five years, and the last competitive game he played in wasn't all that competitive: a senior men's league.

It looked as though it was going to be a catastrophic situation for the Hurricanes, as the Maple Leafs scored on their next two shots.

But Ayres shut the door from there, ending up with eight saves on 10 shots and a victory.

The Hurricanes stepped up and played well in front of him, and Ayres gave all the credit to his teammates.

But his teammates gave him some credit, too, and the scene in the room after was one that sent chills up the spine of not only sports fans but people everywhere.

The Carolina Hurricanes regulars showered Ayres with Champagne and beer showers, yelling and screaming with joy, embracing him as one of their own. They celebrated as a team, evidently elated with the somewhat surprising result.

Then, Rod Brind'Amour — a former

NHL star, Stanley Cup champion and now-coach for the Carolina Hurricanes — entered the room.

"It's not often in a game that you are tied to a great memory. That's why you do this. You'll see when you're done. You'll look back (on your career), and all you have is the memories," said Brind'Amour.

"You guys just gave me one. You have yourselves one. The way you guys played ... for you," he said, pointing at Ayres, "And the way you played for us. None of us will ever forget this."

While what Brind'Amour said about the game and about sports is true in this context, it's true about life, too.

Life is a grind. It can beat us down. Routine, and the difficulties associated, can cause us to lose sight of what's important.

Little victories are important. Time with our friends and our families; time with the kids; doing the things we enjoy, the things that make us happy; what we do away from work.

As people, we should do our best to not lose sight of that.

Because when we're almost done, we'll look back on our lives and all we'll have is the memories.

Manitoba's winter road system completely open for the season

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Infrastructure advises the province's winter road system is now fully open, to serve approximately 30,000 Manitobans in 22 communities in areas where there are no permanent roads.

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allows large trucks and other vehicles to get necessary supplies to remote communities. Each year, more than 2,000 shipments of goods arrive by truck in isolated northern communities. The system also provides road access for community residents.

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Growing up on the water – An evening cruise

By Ken Kristjanson

It was late September 1940. We had moved to Albert's Point on Humbuck Bay in mid-August. For us preschool kids, this was to be our home until the end of winter fishing in mid-April. It was an idyllic place to grow up. Lots of freedom morning until evening with so many things to do.

From the radio and overheard conversations, we knew there was a war on and that things were going badly for the Allies. Every night on the 6 o'clock CBC news, the somber announcer would report to a hushed Cookhouse crowd another success for the Nazis, Japanese or Italians. The radio was only used at specific times and then only briefly — the camp only had one radio and one Ever Ready battery to last all season.

My parents were good friends with JB Johnson, Lawrence Stevens, Joey Arnason and many other Gimli fishermen on nearby Fox Island. Nearby meant eight miles by boat. So, one beautiful calm evening, my parents loaded my brother and I into my father's skiff. Now I must tell you that outboard motors were expensive, and few fishermen had them. My father's brother Hannes had got a line on a sportsman in Winnipeg who had a 4 1/2 H.P. Champion who only used it

on the Red River on Sundays after church.

My father proudly pulled the cord and the mighty Champion motor roared to life. The trip would take half an hour and we would be back for 9 o'clock coffee. We had a great visit. For Robert and me, it meant lots of cookies. The news was discussed, and the conversation filed to be repeated to the waiting gang at the Cookhouse.

All went well until we rounded the Point out of sight of everyone. Then the motor died. My father pulled and pulled to try and start it to no avail. So, in true fishermen fashion, he put us kids under a blanket in the bow. My mother had a seat of honour in the stern. He proceeded to row the five miles home. Now my father had a beautiful tenor voice and he sang to us under the stars as he rowed along. Better than any variety show, even though the words were scrunched between the creaking of the oar locks. Along the way my mother asked why the spark plug was broken. In the old outboards, the spark plugs were exposed. My father came over to take a look and unscrewed the plug — it was hanging together by one wire. With mother's help, he took a spool of seaming twine and wrapped the Auto-Lite plug like a pig in a blanket and



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Robert Kristjanson (86 years) and Ken Kristjanson (84 years) were just six and four years old in 1940.

screwed it back in place. One pull and our mighty machine roared to life.

Needless to say, our crew at the camp was starting preparations for a search when they heard the putt-putt of the outboard. It was late and so we were bundled off to bed. In the Cookhouse, strong coffee was poured with the whole crew anxious to hear of our adventure and the world news. There

was much discussion.

As for the Champion outboard with the wounded plug, it worked for the rest of the season with the jerry-rigged spark plug. Might have been two seasons. I still have the old outboard in my garage. It has a new plug now. And it works like a charm.

Roles of Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation's executive director clarified

By Patricia Barrett

The *Express* sought clarification from the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) regarding the roles held by Pamela McCallum, executive director of the IERHA's fundraising arm, the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation (IEHF).

The clarification comes after a story about the resignation of the IEHF's treasurer (see Feb. 13 editions of the *Express* and *Selkirk Record*), and after receiving a letter from Selkirk resident Lois Wales (see Feb. 20 editions of the *Express* and *Selkirk Record*), who noted two possible conflicts of interest regarding McCallum.

McCallum is listed as regional manager corp./executive assistant to IERHA CEO Ron Van Denakker in the 2018 Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Report, which is publicly available on the IERHA's website.

While McCallum did serve as Van Denakker's executive assistant, she's no longer in that role, said a spokesperson for the IERHA.

"Pam's title in the 2018 public sector compensation report is wrong," said the spokesperson. "Her title changed to executive director of the foundation in October 2016."

McCallum was Van Denakker's executive assistant when he was appointed acting CEO in January 2015, and she ceased that role in October 2016, the spokesperson said. The 2019 compensation report will reflect McCallum's correct title as it will be updated with the IERHA's human resources department.

In addition to serving as the IEHF's executive director, McCallum is a board member on 10040899 Manitoba Association Inc., which was officially incorporated on June 4, 2019, accord-

ing to a progress report the company issued in November 2019.

The numbered company, which will eventually get an operating name, will be the non-profit developer, owner and operator of a proposed primary care clinic/clinical teaching unit that

will be located on provincial land beside the Selkirk hospital.

The IEHF is in the process of fundraising over \$5 million for the proposed facility, whose total cost is estimated to be \$15 million.

RCMP Stonewall investigate theft of metal

Submitted

On Feb. 19 at about 8 a.m., Stonewall RCMP received a call of theft from a business on Patterson Drive in the town of Stonewall. Investigation revealed a newer blue Ford half-ton quad-cab truck entered the property early in the morning. The truck had two occupants in it that exited the truck and began to load metal into the back of the truck. The truck was quite distinct as it appears

to be lifted. It also featured round step side bars, a push bar on the front with four mounted fog lights and it had a lowered trailer ball receiver on the rear.

If you or someone you know has information regarding this incident please call Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5015. If you wish to remain anonymous, please call Manitoba Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Police continue to investigate.

Selkirk surgeon recruiting doctors and moving ahead on wellness centre

By Patricia Barrett

The Selkirk surgeon who built Easton Place, a state-of-the-art integrated health clinic across the highway from the Selkirk hospital, has begun a recruitment drive for additional doctors and is gearing up for Phase 2 of the project that will see a wellness centre attached to the clinic.

Dr. Anthony Anozie said he's recruiting general practitioners, family doctors and medical specialists for Easton Place, which is already up and running and serving the needs of Selkirk and Interlake residents.

"We've got a big enough space for 15 doctors," said Dr. Anozie, who is part of a team of physicians at Interlake Surgical Associates, which specializes in general, endoscopic and laparoscopic surgery.

At 20,000 square feet, Easton Place intends to unite primary care services with a variety of medical specialists under one roof, according to its brochure. The arrangement will not only make it faster for Selkirk patients to get access to specialized services but will also benefit rural patients that have to travel into Selkirk for medical services.

The clinic is located on 16.5 acres of land just off Easton Drive (Highway 9A) and has already attracted two physicians, who work under a fee-for-service arrangement with Manitoba Health, a pharmacy with private consultation rooms, the Red River Dental/Oral Health Centre and the Horizon Hearing audiology centre.

The physicians currently have access to secretarial services, nursing assistance, flexible work schedules and a staff room. The clinic also has a scrub room, two operating theatres for minor surgical procedures and a surgical recovery room. The clinic is working on getting a lab for blood services.

Starting Feb. 26, the clinic will offer walk-in patient services on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dr. Anozie said he envisaged an integrated health-care clinic and wellness centre in 2013 after recognizing a gap in service availability in the community. He hired consultants to see whether the centre would benefit the community then spent a "significant amount" of his own money building the clinic.

And now he's moving ahead with Phase 2 of the project — a wellness centre. He'll be launching a fundraising drive and is looking for community members to sit on a committee to oversee the centre.

"Now that I've finished building the clinic, I want to add a not-for-profit wellness centre and I'm looking for local people to set up a committee to help run it," he said. "Basically, what we're aiming for is a mini-Seven Oaks Wellness Centre that will be attached to the clinic. It will be a community hub for physical activity, nutrition, rehabilitation and other wellness services."

The plan entails an indoor walking track, exercise equipment, pool/spa, childcare facility (for Easton Place employees and the community), retail plaza with vendors selling health-care-related products, and commercial space for eateries offering nutritious food.

"We will soon be starting a drive to fundraise for the wellness centre," said Dr. Anozie.

A senior's housing complex offering assisted living and supportive housing services has also been proposed for the 16.5-acre site.

Easton Place is located at 15 Wersch St. For more information about physician opportunities and joining a com-



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Easton Place medical clinic is now open for business.



Clinic room.

mittee to oversee the wellness centre, email info@eastonplace.ca or call Dr. Anozie at 204-757-9073.

For Easton Place clinic hours/appointments, call 204-482-4044.

Joint statement from Indigenous and Northern relations minister

Submitted by Manitoba government

The construction of the Lake Manitoba / Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels is one of our government's top priorities.

We are committed to continuing a meaningful and respectful consultation process with Indigenous communities who will be affected by this important climate-change mitigation project.

Building positive, respectful and inclusive partnerships with Indigenous people and communities is fundamental to enhancing and increasing Indigenous participation in

Manitoba's economy, and it is also critically important for advancing reconciliation through a principled approach.

Manitoba has engaged with all 39 Indigenous communities and groups that are potentially impacted; we have 1,083 individual records of communication and have held 139 meetings with Indigenous communities and groups in regards to this project. The Manitoba government has already spent more than \$650,000 on engagement and consultation.

Currently, we are working with the federal government through a con-

formity review process regarding the Environmental Impact Statement. Once the federal government approves the statement, the project will be advanced to the technical review stage and the next phase of consultation will begin.

Manitoba is in the process of signing consultation agreements with communities for this next phase, and to date, has signed consultation agreements with Lake St. Martin First Nation and the following Interlake Reserves Tribal Council (IRTC) communities: Dauphin River First Nation, Lake Manitoba First Nation

and Kinonjeoshetoegon First Nation. Six more agreements are currently being finalized.

This next phase will build upon our ongoing dialogue with communities and will follow the requirements laid out in both provincial and federal consultation processes.

We are committed to getting this project built, and we are committed to doing so in a way that respects and meaningfully engages Indigenous communities in consultation.

Interlake student gets a peek at federal politics

By Jennifer McFee

An Interlake teen enjoyed an insider's perspective of the inner workings of Canadian government.

Elisee Moore, a Grade 10 student at Gimli High School, travelled to Ottawa to attend the Forum for Young Canadians, which took place from Feb. 3 to 7.

Moore, who used to live in Stonewall, was one of 89 delegates from across the country, with only three from Manitoba.

Their excursion included 10 visits with members of Parliament, plus visits with two ministers and two senators.

The participants visited the Senate, House of Commons and Rideau Hall, and they networked with important decision-makers at a reception.

For 15-year-old Moore, she feels fortunate to have been accepted for the behind-the-scenes look at daily government activities in the nation's capital.

"I got to talk to different senators and people in the House of Commons like the speaker, the pages and the clerk," she said.

"We had Ottawa University and Carlton University come to us and give us speeches on gender equality.



MP James Bezan and Elisee Moore.

They also talked about different forms of transportation and how that affects the pollution and the environment."

In addition, Moore had the chance to participate in a national general election simulation. She also met her local MP as well as a senator from Manitoba.

But for her, the best part was the parliamentary reception.

"Different members of the House of Commons came and spoke with us," she said. "It was really cool."

The experience has piqued Moore's interest in politics and opened the door to new friendships right across the country.



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Elisee Moore had the chance to travel to Ottawa to attend the Forum for Young Canadians.

"I'm pretty interested in politics. I don't know if I'd want to take it as a career opportunity, but I find it neat to learn about," she said.

"It was a really cool experience and an opportunity that other kids should try to experience."

The Forum for Young Canadians is

geared for 15- to 19-year-old secondary school or home-schooled students. Three sessions run each year with about 315 teen participants from across the country.

There are still a few spaces available for sessions in March. For more information, visit www.forum.ca.

Red River Co-op announces \$37.8 million return to its membership

Submitted

Red River Co-op is pleased to announce a \$37.8 million return to its members for the 2019 fiscal year.

The Red River Co-op's Board of Directors approved an allocation to its membership of:

- 8 cents per litre on fuel purchased,
- 2 per cent on food purchased, and
- 4 per cent on the full price of pharmacy prescriptions.

"As a co-operative, we are proud to be a different kind of business that shares profits with our members, ensuring the money stays in the communities we serve and enriches those

communities," said Red River Co-op CEO Doug Wiebe.

The Winnipeg-based co-operative has over 310,000 members and will be sending out cheques totalling \$33.7 million in cash to its membership in Winnipeg and surrounding communities. The remainder of equity earned stays in members' equity accounts with Red River Co-op.

Red River Co-op continued to evolve to serve members better in 2019 with upgrades to facilities including the rebuild of the gas bar in Niverville and interior renovations at four gas bars and exterior upgrades at 11 gas bars. Major renovations were completed

at the Red River Co-op food store in Grant Park and the store has seen strong sales growth due to the new offerings. Red River Co-op understands members' desire for more healthy and convenient meal options, and incorporated Winnipeg's first Chopped Leaf franchise into the store's remodel which opened in late November. Red River Co-op purchased the Super A Foods store in Gimli to bring a Red River Co-op food store to the market this past summer. A build of a new food store in St. Norbert is underway and construction of a new food store in Seasons, next to the Outlet Mall in Tuxedo, is slated to begin this summer.

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Red River Co-op is a business with a social conscience. In addition to sharing profits with members, the co-operative gives back to local causes to make the communities they serve a better place to live, work and play. Red River Co-op's community investment program supported 80 charities and non-profits with over \$180,000 cash and in-kind donations. Additional 2019 community support highlights include a \$70,798 donation to the Children's Hospital Foundation through Red River Co-op's Fuel Good Day in September the sale of Winnipeg Blue Bomber collector cups.

Headingley RCMP respond to carjacking in Elie

Submitted by RCMP

At approximately 9 a.m. on Feb. 19, Headingley RCMP responded to a carjacking in Elie.

The investigation has determined that the adult male suspect went to a residence in Elie and told the homeowner that his vehicle had broken down and needed a boost. The home-

owner agreed to drive the male suspect to the broken down vehicle. As they drove, the male suspect attacked the homeowner and forced him out of the vehicle. The suspect then stole the vehicle and headed towards Highway 1. The homeowner sustained minor injuries.

The RCMP conducted extensive pa-

trols of the area but could not locate the stolen vehicle.

The suspect is described as approximately 5'10", 170 pounds, with short black hair and a possible deformed lower lip. He was wearing a black hoodie and jeans at the time of the attack.

The vehicle is a red 2014 Ford F150,

XLT, with Manitoba licence plate number EMV 397.

Anyone with information is asked to call Headingley RCMP detachment at 204-888-0358. Anonymous tips can be made to CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or via a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.

West Interlake Watershed District working toward conservation

By Evan Matthews

For the last nine years, West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD) has been working to maintain the Interlake's fish population.

Linda Miller, manager and financial administrator for the WIWD, said the organization will continue installing spawning beds in local creeks in 2020, which helps keep fish populations at healthy levels.

"We'll be installing nine (spawning) beds this year in Swan Creek," said Miller, adding the creek's location is roughly two miles west of Lunder.

"Marine biologists dig out a bit of the creek bed. ... Then they place gravel down for the fish to spawn in, while strategically placing clean rock further upstream to slow the flow of creek, having it meander a bit more than it would naturally," she said.

The spawning beds help bolster fish populations in Lake Manitoba such as walleye (also known as pickerel), northern pike, trout, sucker fish and rock bass.

Miller said any fish found in Lake Manitoba tends to benefit from the added spawning beds.

"A lot of the creeks have been straightened over the years for improved drainage," said Miller.

"The fish won't spawn sometimes because the water moves too quickly. With fish being an integral part of the ecosystem, as well as having a lot of

fishermen in the region, this is an important project on a few different levels."

The original studies and the annual installation of the spawning beds have been done by AAE Tech Services, according to Miller. AAE Tech Services is an environmental consulting company specializing in aquatic ecology, invertebrate ecology, water and sediment analysis, as well as fisheries restoration and rehabilitation.

Mark Lowdon, owner (and biologist) of AAE Tech Services, could not be reached by press time.

Each summer's installation program varies in cost, but Miller said the average is about \$25,000 per year. The WIWD is funded by the Manitoba Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund, according to Miller.

The WIWD started in 2008 as a conservation district but changed its name in 2020. The first two years of the organization's existence were spent doing studies before implementing and executing plans to maintain the region's fish population.

On Jan. 1, 2020, Manitoba's 18 conservation districts transitioned into 14 watershed districts, according to the Manitoba Association of Watersheds, as several districts merged and all districts are now aligned with natural watershed boundaries.

The WIWD covers 4,560 square kilometres on the eastern shores of Lake



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Spawning beds installed by AAE Tech Services in the West Interlake Watershed District are located in areas where creeks have been straightened to improve drainage, thus making it difficult for fish to spawn.

Manitoba and is home to more than 6,500 people. It includes the RMs of Grahamdale, West Interlake, Coldwell and St. Laurent, as well as (parts of) Woodlands and Fisher.

A watershed (or a drainage basin) by definition is an area of land that acts like a funnel, collects precipitation as it falls and funnels it into a creek, river and, ultimately, a lake (or ocean). Individual watersheds are separated topographically from adjacent watersheds by a geographical barrier such

as a ridge, hill or mountain, according to WIWD.

The landscape of the WIWD is generally flat to gently undulating, dotted with different size water bodies or "potholes," according to the WIWD, while tributaries, creek and channels flow west through the numerous wetlands and sloughs on their way to the lake. WIWD spawning beds can get started as early as winter, so Miller said she expects the organization to get to work quite soon.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Recipe courtesy of the Mushroom Council
Servings: 4

8 ounces white button mushrooms, halved
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 cups cooked wheat berries, warm
2 green onions, sliced
2 tablespoons dried cranberries, chopped

Roasted Mushroom and Wheat Berry Salad

Dressing:

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
1 teaspoon curry powder
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Heat oven to 400 F.

Place mushrooms on baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss to coat. Bake 10 minutes.

Carefully stir mushrooms and bake 5 minutes until tender. Transfer mushrooms to medium bowl. Add wheat berries, green onions and cranberries. To make dressing: In small bowl, whisk olive oil, orange juice, curry powder and salt; pour over salad. Toss to mix. Serve warm.



Recipe courtesy of the Mushroom Council
Servings: 4

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional, for drizzling
1/4 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
8 ounces sliced button mushrooms
1/4 cup water
1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves kosher salt, to taste
2 ripe avocados, pitted, peeled and sliced
4 slices toasted bread
shaved Parmesan cheese

In skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium heat. Add tomatoes and cook 1 minute. Add mushrooms and gently incorporate with tomatoes. Add water and stir well until water evaporates and

Sauteed Mushroom and Sun-Dried Tomato Avocado Toast

mushrooms darken and become tender, about 4 minutes. Add thyme and salt, to taste. Set aside to cool.

To assemble, gently smash half of each avocado over one slice of toast. Top each slice of toast with mushroom mixture. Top each with Parmesan cheese and drizzle with olive oil before serving.

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Author shares dream of becoming an artist and writer

By Evan Matthews

What better way to celebrate I Love To Read month than with a local author?

Melanie Matheson, an author from Winnipeg, read to Grade 5 to 8 students at Fisher Branch. Matheson wrote and illustrated *Hokey Dowa Gerda and the Snowflake Girl*.

"She read the book to students in our library, and they were all extremely engaged with her story," said teacher Amanda Garton.

"Afterwards, she explained a little bit about her career as a graphic designer and how it was her childhood dream to be an artist and writer," she said, adding that the staff have been trying to introduce new career options to students through guest readers over the month.

Matheson emphasized to the students the positive feeling involved in the process, what it felt like to come up with a concept and see it through to holding a finished copy of the book in her hands, according to Garton.

Matheson was the recipient of the 2020 McNally Robinson Award "Book for Young People" for the picture book.

"This has been an excellent opportunity to tie in career outcomes, as students hear first-hand how reading can impact each person within their profession," said Fisher Branch Collegiate guidance counsellor Amanda Bouchard.

"Students even had an opportunity to have Ms. Meghan Burr, a former Fisher Branch Early Years School student teacher, read to them from Kuwait," she said.



Melanie Matheson proudly holds her award-winning book *Hokey Dowa Gerda and the Snowflake Girl* after discussing career outcomes with students.

Garton added that staff believes if the students see someone who has been successful in their field and hear tips from the professional, they may be more inspired to follow their dreams and work toward their goals.

Creating 'better citizens'

This year's I Love To Read month's theme is "Books for a Better World," as planned by the Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg, and is intended to encourage readers to start taking steps towards creating a better world for everyone.

Many of the emphasized books dis-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY AMANDA BOUCHARD
Matheson read her award-winning picture book —self-written and illustrated — to Grades 5 to 8 at the Fisher Branch Collegiate Library.

cuss how to be a better citizen or how to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Fisher Branch Collegiate also participated in an event called "One School One Book."

The school is collectively reading *Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Garton said the staff sent home a pacing guide that outlines which chapters need to be read by set dates.

"Everyone is encouraged to read the book at home or during their independent reading time at school," said Garton.

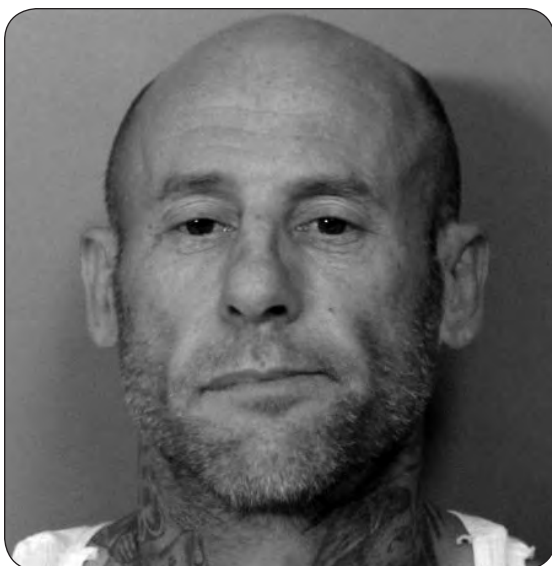
"Throughout the month we will ask trivia questions about the reading

during our morning announcements, and students can win reading-related prizes."

Staff is reading the book as well, and Garton said they will be informally discussing the book with students throughout the month.

The goal is to create a community of readers at school and at home, according to Garton, since people who read more read better, and people who are surrounded by peers who enjoy reading also tend to read more.

Stonewall RCMP arrest suspects after robbery



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A warrant of arrest has been issued for 51-year-old Tom Joseph Raill of Bifrost.

Submitted by RCMP

On Feb. 18, at approximately 6:20 p.m., Stonewall RCMP were called to a robbery at a rural residence in the RM of Rockwood.

The initial investigation has determined the suspects arrived at the rural property in a red pick-up truck. The suspects then stole items from the property and tried to flee in their vehicle. The suspects then drove through a closed gate, nearly striking the homeowner who was attempting to stop them from leaving.

Officers from Arborg, Stonewall, Gimli and traffic services responded and conducted extensive patrols of the area. The suspects' vehicle was located at approximately

11 p.m. near Riverton.

A 35-year-old male from Riverton, a 36-year-old female from Arborg and a 26-year-old male from Winnipeg were arrested and charged with robbery. A warrant of arrest has been issued for 51-year-old Tom Joseph Raill of Bifrost.

If you have any information on this incident please call Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5015, call CrimeStoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, or secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.

It is believed that the suspects and the victim are known to each other. Stonewall RCMP continue to investigate.

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Local artist inspired by black and white plant photography

By Sydney Lockhart

A book published in 1942 containing the photography of Karl Blossfeldt inspired Pearl Edwards van Muijen's latest art display *The Blossfeldt Effect* at the Piano Nobile Gallery at the Centennial Concert Hall.

The book *Wunder in der Natur* containing macro photography of plants was carried from Indonesia to Holland by Edwards van Muijen's grandmother and then brought to Canada by her aunt until it was passed down to her.

The collection of paintings on display is Edwards van Muijen's own interpretations of the black and white photos that she transformed into colour using her acrylic pallet and paint style.

The names of the photographed plants are all in German, Edwards van Muijen did not research what they looked like in colour so that it would not influence her series.

"I was naturally attracted to the composition [of the photos] because plants are so organic," said Edwards van Muijen. "Plants are more whimsical forms of nature."

The book that inspired her series sits in her home art studio just outside Teulon filled with pink sticky notes marking her favourite photos, the pages yellowed from age.

Edwards van Muijen remembers her grandmother as an intellectual woman who had books everywhere in her house.

Now not only those books but other trinkets passed down from her grandmother inspire her art.

Her interest in art started when Edwards van Muijen was just 10 years old and her family was living in Holland.

After her father had taken a drawing class, he came home and taught her what he had learned. She then took that knowledge and decided to draw her dream house and all the rooms inside it.

This was the beginning of her lifelong relationship with art.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY SYDNEY LOCKHART

Pearl Edwards van Muijen's art display *The Blossfeldt Effect* will be on display in the Piano Nobile Gallery at the Centennial Concert Hall until April 11.

Two years later, when she was 12, her family immigrated to Canada.

Here she began to use art to express her feelings and cope with moving.

"It became a passion," she said, "It's how I internalized and figured things out."

Edwards van Muijen worked as a graphic designer after graduating from Red River College in 1985.

"Now I'm back to where I was as a teenager and starting over. It's kind of nice," says Edwards van Muijen about her retirement.

Now at the age of 63, Edwards van Muijen has completed *The Blossfeldt Effect* after two and a half years of painting.

Visitors at the art display stopped and observed the new display last Thursday.

"I was intrigued by the play of the colours, the intensity, and it's like it went through history and time," said Anne Cathcart as she points to a bright yellow piece of the exhibit.

Cathcart and her friend Rhonda Kennedy Rogers came to the gallery in search of the artwork.

"It's like botanicals with a modern

twist," said arts facilitator and educator Kennedy Rogers. "We're thrilled with the impact of colours. They're very reminiscent of different parts of time and the world."

Edwards van Muijen said she has concepts for her next art collection and is planning on focusing it on the environment.

Using old kitchen cabinets and recycled wood instead of canvas, she says she hopes to convey an environmental message.

"I found this at the end of our road. Someone had dumped an old organ," she says holding a large wooden panel painted with a landscape.

Underneath her stairs are stacks of wood that she has already collected and plans to recycle into her work.

Her current series *The Blossfeldt Effect* is on display until April 11 in the Piano Nobile Gallery inside the Centennial Concert Hall at 555 Main St. Winnipeg.

All paintings are for sale. Pearl Edwards van Muijen can be contacted at pearlevm.com.



Edwards van Muijen's paintings are inspired by the book *Wunder in der Natur* containing macro photography of plants.



The collection of paintings are Edwards van Muijen's own interpretations of the black and white photos that she transformed into colour using her acrylic pallet and paint style.

Manitoba Canola Growers elects executive and looks to fill vacant seat

Submitted

The Manitoba Canola Growers Association (MCGA) held its reorganizational meeting and elected a new executive for the upcoming year.

Clayton Harder from St. Clements was elected president, Chuck Fossay from Starbuck was elected vice-president, Curtis McRae from St. Andrews was re-elected treasurer and Bill Nicholson from Shoal Lake was

re-elected secretary.

"I am honoured to be elected as president and look forward to working with my board colleagues to represent a strong voice on behalf of Manitoba canola farmers," says new board president Clayton Harder.

"I would like to thank outgoing chair Chuck Fossay for his leadership and also recognize outgoing director, Ron Krahn, for his dedication to MCGA

and his contributions to our industry."

Ron's departure from the board, with no nominations to fill the seat coming out of the 2019 fall election, leaves a vacant seat at the board table. MCGA directors will now take on the task of appointing a farmer to join the board.

If sitting on the MCGA board of directors interests you or if you have any questions, please reach out to executive director Delaney Ross Burtnack.

John Sandborn will represent MCGA on the Canola Council of Canada board of directors. Clayton Harder and Jack Froese will continue to represent MCGA on the Canadian Canola Growers Association board of directors, and Chuck Fossay will represent MCGA on the Keystone Agricultural Producers board of directors.

For more information, please visit www.canolagrowers.com.

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Gimli's Einarson wins dramatic Scotties final

By Ty Dilello

Gimli's Kerri Einarson can finally say she's a Scotties champion and will now be wearing the Maple Leaf for the first time representing Canada at next month's World Championships. On Sunday night, Einarson overcame a late game surge from Ontario's Rachel Homan to win 8-7 in an extra end.

Sunday night's triumph was the first Scotties championship for Einarson and her team of (third) Val Sweeting, (second) Shannon Birchard, and (lead) Briane Meilleur.

"This means absolutely the world to me," Einarson said. "I really wanted to do this for myself and my teammates. We really put it together this week and so proud of everyone."

All game it seemed like a win for Einarson was never in doubt. They led 7-3 into the ninth end, but one can never count out the Homan rink, who have been a dominant foursome in women's curling for the last decade. Homan rallied by taking two in the ninth, followed by a steal of two in 10 as Einarson was heavy on a last-rock draw to the four foot.

In the extra end, with the game on the line, Einarson had a draw to the four-foot once again and this time made it perfect to cap-off an incredible week for the Interlake squad.

"What an emotional rollercoaster," said Einarson. "My God, this is so amazing. I'm so incredibly proud of my teammates, and they'd played so well all week. If it wasn't for them, I don't know where I'd be today. All those shots I made out there was because of them."

Einarson first brought this team of four former skips together at the start of the 2018-19 season. They had a stellar first season together but fell in the Scotties wild-card game. This season



Kerri Einarson

they once again had a breakthrough year, winning the Manitoba Scotties and now the National Scotties. Einarson is quickly making the claim of being the best woman's team in the world and is something they'd love to solidify by capping off the season with a World Championship.

Einarson got to the final after finishing the round robin in first place with a 9-2 record. She then defeated St. Vital's Jennifer Jones in the 1v2 game to reach the final. For Homan, the Ontario skip defeated provincial rival Krista McCarville of Northern Ontario in the 3v4 game and then Jones in the semi-final to set up Sunday night's date with Einarson.

Einarson will now be heading to Prince George, B.C., for the women's World Championship which takes place March 14-22. Also for winning, they will return to next year's Scotties in Thunder Bay as Team Canada.

Einarson also earns a berth into the 2021 Olympic trials and takes home \$105,000 in prize money.

Finally, for becoming national champions, Einarson's rink will be receiving an additional \$170,000 in funding



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Left to right: Kerri Einarson, Briane Meilleur, Shannon Birchard and Val Sweeting.



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Einarson with her twin girls following her win.

over a two-year period.

Lakers reach B final of MHSAA Boys Curling Championship

Staff

The Gimli Lakers lost to the Jeanne Sauve Olympiens 8-6 in B final at the MHSAA Boys Curling Championship last Saturday.

Gimli, whose rink featured skip Josh Maisey, third Oliver De Meyer, second Sean Giesbrecht, lead Elias Humanicki, and fifth Tanner Graham, be-

gan action with a 7-5 victory over the Strathclair Skyhawks last Thursday.

The Lakers then crushed Swan Valley 9-4 on Friday morning but were defeated 7-4 by Jeanne Sauve later that afternoon.

In the B-side playoffs, Gimli defeated Calvin Christian 4-3 and the Garden Valley Zodiacs 6-1 before reach-

ing the B final.

Meanwhile, at the MHSAA Girls Curling Championship, the Ashern Cobras were eliminated after a 7-5 loss to the W.C. Miller Aces last Saturday.

Ashern started the girls' curling provincials with an exciting 10-8 victory over Brandon's Crocus Plains Plains-

men.

The Cobras then stopped Winnipeg's Vincent Massey Trojans 5-2. But Ashern ran into a very good Dakota Lancers' rink, losing 6-2 in a Friday afternoon draw. The Cobras' team consisted of skip Tansy Tober, third Alyssa Tritthart, second Ashley Meisner, and lead Korissa Gasper.

Double gold for Manitoba rinks at Junior Worlds

By Ty Dilello

It was a wonderful week of curling for two Manitoba rinks in the heart of Russia.

Jacques Gauthier of the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club and Mackenzie Zacharias of the Altona Curling Club represented Canada amazingly well at the 2020 World Junior Championships and both capped things off with gold medals.

Gauthier won the gold medal with a decisive 7-2 victory over Switzerland. Following that game, Zacharias took to the ice for their gold medal game and rallied from 4-1 down to defeat

South Korea by a 7-5 scoreline.

Gauthier's Winnipeg-based squad includes Zach Bilawka from East St. Paul who throws lead stones. And the team's alternate is Thomas Dunlop of Stonewall.

"It definitely doesn't feel real for us. I think it won't set in for a while," said Gauthier. "We were basically just getting used to the idea that we are Canadian champions and now we got to come to grips that we're the world champions. I think once we get home, it will set in with the recognition that we'll get."

Gauthier reached the final by go-

ing 7-2 in the round robin and then defeating Germany in the semi-final. Zacharias got to the gold medal game by also finishing 7-2 in the round robin and then by beating Russia in the semi-final.

"It was a fantastic game as Korea's a great team. We struggled a bit in the first half but we had a great second half and now we can say that we're world champions and that's just amazing," said Zacharias after winning gold.

"The whole team played fantastic in the second half. Everyone made a lot of shots and we had a great last two ends, which made the difference for

us today."

Gauthier and Zacharias' triumph was also quite historical as it's the first time that two Manitoba teams have won gold at the World Juniors in the same year.

For winning the World Junior Championships, Gauthier and Zacharias have earned an invitation to compete in the 2020 Humpty's Champions Cup grand slam event taking place April 29 to May 3 in Olds, Alta. It will be the first grand slam event played for both teams as they will now be looking to move on from the junior ranks to the men's and women's game where more challenges await.



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Assiniboine Memorial's Jacques Gauthier won the gold medal at the 2020 World Junior Curling Championships in Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Pictured left to right: John Lund (coach), Thomas Dunlop (fi fth), Zach Bilawka (lead), Brayden Payette (second), Jordan Peters (third) and Jacques Gauthier (skip).



Altona's Mackenzie Zacharias captured the gold medal at the 2020 World Junior Curling Championships in Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Pictured left to right: Sheldon Zacharias (coach), Rachel Erickson (fi fth), Lauren Lenentine (lead), Emily Zacharias (second), Karlee Burgess (third) and Mackenzie Zacharias (skip).

Ice Dawgs to tackle North Winnipeg Satelites in playoffs

By Brian Bowman

The real season has begun for the Arborg Ice Dawgs.

The fourth-place Ice Dawgs will battle the fifth-place North Winnipeg Satelites in a best-of-three series that began this past Tuesday at Billy Mosienko Arena.

Arborg is looking to do some damage in the postseason.

"If we get full attendance were a good hockey team so anything can happen," said Arborg head coach Jim Werbicki. "We have to get by North Winnipeg. I don't anticipate a lot of problems but you never know, playoffs are different."

The Ice Dawgs are going to have to stay out of the penalty box, Werbicki warned. They must also have good goaltending and the head coach is confident the Ice Dawgs will get that.

"We have one probably of the three top goaltenders in the league," Werbicki said.

Arborg expects to have some Interlake Lightning U18 players in their lineup for the playoffs. Interlake failed to make the playoffs.

"We're going to insert two or three key guys there and they have been at our practices the last two weeks so they know what to expect," Werbicki said.

Game 2 of the series will be played in Arborg this Friday at 8 p.m. If necessary, Game 3 will be held Saturday (7:30 p.m.) in Arborg.

Last Saturday evening, Arborg was doubled 4-2 by the Falcons in Lunder.

Kalen Guimond and Josh Berger scored first-period goals for Arborg but Lunder's Riley Wirgau and Ronald Johnson replied with second-

period markers.

The Falcons' Josh Wilkinson and Wirgau tallied in the third.

Lunder's Shayne Desjarlais had two assists in the game. Dillon Rapinchuk stopped 18 Arborg shots for the win.

In off-ice news, Ice Dawgs' defence-man Logan Clarke was selected to play for Team Manitoba at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in May in Regina.

Clarke, 16, led all CRJHL defence-man in scoring this past season with 13 goals and 26 points in 25 games.

Meanwhile, the Falcons lost 11-3 to the Selkirk Fishermen in Lunder last Friday.

Selkirk led 1-0 after the first period exploded for seven second-period goals to take an 8-1 lead after 40 minutes.

Bryce Allary, with a goal and an as-

sist, Wilkinson and Johnson scored for Lunder.

Jordan Donald led Selkirk with two goals and two assists while Cole Wasnie and Evan Bedard each tallied twice and added a helper. Jordan Simko chipped in with a goal and two assists.

Reece Tessier, Josh PoPONICK, Travis Spratt and Braeden Hummel also scored for Selkirk.

Owen Derewianchuk made 19 saves for the victory.

Third-place Lunder will play second-place St. Malo in a semifinal series but no dates had been released at press time.

The winner of the Arborg/North Winnipeg will take on the Selkirk Fishermen in the other semifinal.

Interlake Lightning fail to make U18 AAA playoffs

By Brian Bowman

After a good start to their U18 AAA Hockey League regular season, the Interlake Lightning had dreams of making the playoffs.

But those dreams eventually became a nightmare as the Lightning ended their regular season with 13 consecutive losses. Interlake won just twice in its final 20 games.

"It went south and we got eliminated but the boys fought," said Lightning head coach Scott Wong. "It was a whole bunch of different things, injuries plagued us, especially during the second half."

"But, all in all, our first half was excellent and our second half we really struggled. We know where we need to improve next year."

Interlake ended its season Sunday with a 12-2 road loss to the Pembina Valley Hawks. The Lightning gave up six goals on the first 12 shots they allowed in the first period.

Karson King and Ayden Manningway scored for the Lightning.

Daniel Isaak (four), Derek Wiebe (two), Justin Keck (two), Michael Hladky (two), Kaden Dyck, and Roux Bazin replied for Pembina Valley.

Last Saturday evening, the Lightning

played well despite losing 5-3 to the Southwest Cougars in Teulon.

"That was one of the better games that we had played in a long while," Wong said. "They were moving pucks and doing the things that they needed to do. They had fun with it."

Interlake's Ayden Manningway and Matthew Vandell scored shorthanded goals in the first period and then Kaden Stewart added a power-play marker early in the second.

Hunter Wallace (two), Trevor Hunt, Brayden Knox, and Braeden Lewis scored for the Cougars.

Goal scoring was a problem for the Lightning down the stretch. Interlake scored just 27 goals in its past 13 games.

The Lightning will lose several players from this year's team as they have aged-out of the league. This year's edition of the team was a young one. Wong expects Interlake to be better next season.

"They have to figure out how to continue playing when things aren't going good in a game," Wong stressed. "They can't play any other way. There's talent here, where were we at Christmas time, fifth or sixth, we were right there."



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The Interlake Lightning's Mark Hamrlik, right, a Hodgson product, battles for the puck against a Pembina Valley player on Sunday.

SEMHL best goaltender



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Warren Mercs' Hayden Dola, right, was presented with the SEMHL's best goaltender award by league referee in chief Brent Smart before Game 1 of their best-of-seven semifinal series against Altona last week. Dola, a Winnipeg Beach product, posted an 8-2-1 record with a 3.11 goals-against average and .919 save percentage during the regular season.

Bantam, U17 Prep Lightning lose games

Staff

Both the Bantam and U17 Prep Interlake Lightning male hockey teams suffered losses last week.

The Lightning Bantam squad lost 8-2 to the Wheat Kings in Brandon last Friday.

Rylan Slatcher and Reid Byle scored for the Lightning. Brayden Bear as-

sisted on both goals.

Nolan Chastko (four), Carter Dittmer (two), Jackson Aldcroft and Skyler Ramsay scored for Brandon.

Interlake's U17 team was defeated 8-1 by the Winnipeg Wild last Thursday in Stonewall.

No scoring summary was posted on the league website at press time.

Three-peat for Petersfield's Boehmer

By Ty Dilello

On Monday night, Petersfield's Dave Boehmer capped off a perfect week of curling to win the 2020 Manitoba Senior Curling Championships at the Morris Curling Club. Boehmer went 9-0 on the week and clinched the title by defeating La Salle's Randy Neufeld by a 8-4 scoreline in the final.

For the Boehmer rink which includes Terry McRae (third), Tom Want (second), George Hacking (lead) and Kerry Fedorchuk (fifth), it's their third straight provincial senior championship. Boehmer will now be setting his sights on taking home the National Championships in Portage March 16-20. The Boehmer rink came close last year losing out in the semifinals and finishing in fourth place, so this time around they will definitely be looking to go all the way and bring home a

national championship banner to the Petersfield Curling Club.

Other Interlake rinks on the men's side included East St. Paul's William Kuran who went 4-3 in the round robin before falling in a tiebreaker to Gilbert Plains' Butch Mouck. Stonewall's Lawrie Hogg also participated and finished the event with a 2-5 record.

On the women's side of the event, Arden's Terry Ursel stole the extra end to defeat Charleswood's Maureen Bonar 5-4 in the championship final.

Stonewall's Laurie Deprez started off the event with a couple of wins but would lose three straight qualifier games to miss out on the playoffs. Other Interlake teams curling were Stonewall's Susan Buckle who finished 0-3 on the weekend, while East St. Paul's Kim Link finished with a record of two wins and three losses.

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Sudoku Answer

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

Crossword Answer

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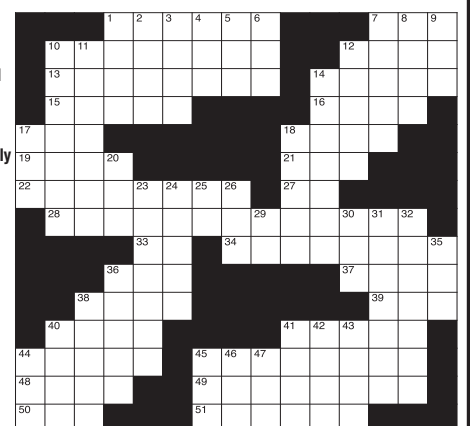
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Stain one's hands
7. Subdivision
10. A passage to be performed slow
12. Invests in little enterprises
13. Medians
14. Member of the giraffe family
15. Makes official
16. Choose in an election
17. Hill or rocky peak
18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
19. Crest of a hill
21. Small, faint constellation
22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
28. Hollywood tough guy
33. Chinese drums
34. Merits
36. Indicates center
37. Increases motor speed
38. Mentally fit
39. BBQ favorite
40. Wings
41. Female parents
44. Marks left from wounds
45. Soften by soaking in liquid
48. They resist authority (slang)
49. Formats
50. Many subconsciousnesses
51. Vogues

CLUES DOWN

1. Mental object
2. Blackbird
3. Undergarments
4. Old cloth
5. One from Utah
6. Greek goddess of the dawn
7. Become less intense
8. Developed to readiness
9. Defunct phone company
10. About Freemason
11. Taking everything into account
12. Famed Czech engineer
14. Impress into silence
17. Boxing term
18. Marketplaces
20. Pounds per square inch
23. Locomotives
24. Short musical composition
25. Football position (abbr.)
26. Heavyhearted
29. Denotes particular region
30. Famed NHLer
31. Ingested too much
32. Formulates
35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
36. Broad, shallow craters
38. Thick cuts
40. Breezed through
41. Breakfast is one
42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
43. Periodicals (slang)
44. Indian title of respect
45. More (Spanish)
46. Creation
47. A loud utterance





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OBITUARY



Theodore Sobkowich

The family of Theodore Sobkowich would like to announce his peaceful passing on February 7th, 2020. Ted will be missed greatly by his wife Alma (Dandeneau); daughters Mona, Rhonda (Weldon) and grandchildren Bryan (Breanne), Brady, Aaryn, Ben, Olivia and extended family, Bennett, Emmett and Vaughan. He is also cherished by his great-grandchildren Brooke, Harlowe and Huxton.

Ted is also lovingly remembered by his younger sister Margaret Woloshyn (John) and their children Lori and Jeff.

Ted was born in Fisher Branch, MB on March 11, 1941 to Sam Sobkowich and Mary Stonoga. There was always something to do on the farm, and Ted spent many years helping his parents build a life there. Hard work was always in his blood, and he never shied away from a task. It was in his growing up years where he learned to appreciate and love the outdoors and nature.

Ted eventually became a school teacher, much to the surprise of his mother. Apparently, he didn't always apply himself, and he and "the boys" would skip out from time to time to go hunting. Ted thoroughly enjoyed his 35 years in education, first starting at a one room schoolhouse at Salt Point, then to Bartlett, Laval, and onto Woodlands. It was at Woodlands where Ted would teach for most of his career, as both a principal and as a teacher.

Many of Ted's spare hours were spent tinkering on making things. Why buy it when you could make it? From boats to trailers, to fishing shacks, to engines, to reloading shells, making fishing lures, making Mom's kitchen cabinets...he did it all! Ted's trademark for marking personal items was well-known among family and friends; orange spray paint and his initials, T.S. We will cherish these items for years to come, and won't lose them either.

Teddy taught his girls all about the important things in life; how to survive if lost in the bush, how to shoot a gun, how to fillet a fish, and most importantly, how to sit and visit and share a good story! Teddy loved to visit, and he always made time for friends. He had a very distinct way of laughing that we will cherish forever.

Ted was forever a learner and reading was a passion of his. Right up to a few short weeks ago he was doing his best to read a few more books before he had to leave this beautiful world that he loved so very much.

Many discussions were had over the past few months, and one important thing he wanted passed on was for his grandchildren to know how much he loved them and how proud he was of all of them.

Thank you to God for giving us this most amazing husband, Dad, Grandpa, uncle, brother and friend. He is now peacefully back in your loving care.

Ted has been cremated according to his wishes and a family service took place on February 14th, 2020. His remains will be laid to rest at Fisher Branch at a later date.

A Community Celebration of Ted's life will take place on May 22nd, 2020 at the Woodlands Hall.

Ted and family would like to express their appreciation to many wonderful friends and family for their love and support over the past two years. There are far too many individuals to name, but you are all appreciated. Dr Graham and the staff at the clinic, the staff at Stonewall Hospital, the Palliative Care team; at CCMB, Drs Buchel, Akra, Banerji and Gingerich, and their nurses; to everyone of you we thank you for your dedication to your patients and to your professions. You have difficult jobs and we appreciate your kindness.

We have cherished our times together...till we meet again, Dybosia!



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OBITUARY



William Peter Zazulinski

July 12, 1949 - February 18, 2020

With heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Peter at his home at the age of 70.

He leaves to mourn his wife of 48 years, Linda; daughter Sheri (Kevin Pemkowski); grandchildren Ryan (Chantal) and Emily. He is survived by his sisters: Mary Siatecki, Anne Senga, Connie (Roman Szczerba), Debbie (Jerry Hayduk); sisters-in-law: Elsie Zazulinski, Mary Gzegotski, Nancy (Ed Ratz); brother in-law Mike Olyarnick (Dolores) and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Peter was predeceased by his parents Pauline and John, in-laws Teenie and Nick Olyarnick, infant sister Emily, brothers Gordie and Mike, brother-in-laws John Siatecki, Mike Senga and Phillip Gzegotski, and sister-in-law Irene Zazulinski.

Peter was born on July 12, 1949 and raised in Fraserwood, MB. He attended Devonshire School and graduated from Gimli High School in 1968 just in time for the opening of the distillery, Calverts, where he spent 48 years as a cooker operator, retiring from Diageo in 2016.

Peter met Linda in high school and they were married in 1971. When Sheri was born he adored her, but was a typical Dad of the time and stayed away from changing diapers! He cherished Ryan and Emily and always looked forward to them coming for visits.

Peter was an outdoors man. In the 70's he enjoyed playing on a local baseball team. He loved hunting for deer, moose, elk and geese and he also enjoyed fishing. He went on many fly-in moose hunting trips every fall with his brothers Mike and Gordie, close friend Dave Pomarenski, and in later years his son-in-law Kevin. His other love was his Harley Davidson which he refused to part with, even after being unable to drive it. Peter was one of the founding and life-long members of the Dennis Lake Wildlife Association.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

I would like to thank neighbour, Allison Dann for coming to help, calling 911 and staying with me. Thanks to all the paramedics for everything they did trying to save Peter. Also, thank-you to Cst. Kevin Trefry for all his care and compassion. Thank you to all our family and friends for their visits, phone calls, and support.

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Williamina (Mina) Alexina Peltz

(nee Mattern)

June 15, 1937 - February 12, 2020

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Mina Peltz announces her passing after a brief illness, on February 12, 2020, at the age of 82 years.

Mina will be lovingly remembered by her son Mark (Lisa), daughter Nicole (Ben) Nichol, daughter-in-law Tracey; grandchildren Ashley, Keegan (Samara), Jason, Ryan, and Robyn (Frank); great-grandchildren Lachlan Anderson and Sophia Peltz; and sisters-in-law Eleanor Berezuk and Dody Budge. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Mina was predeceased by her husband Edward, and her sons Bill and Robert. She was also predeceased by her parents Phillip and Barbara Mattern; brothers Phillip (Mary) Mattern, Charles Mattern,

Ernie Mattern; sisters Barbara (Bill) Smith, and Dorothy (George) Schwitek; her parents-in-law William and Annie Peltz; brothers-in-law Stan (Josephine) Peltz, Casmir (Eleanor) Peltz, and Stephen Peltz; sisters-in-law Mary (Joe) Moran, Frances (Steve) Berzuk, Jean (John) Gerstmar; and brother in-law Emil Berezuk, and several nieces and nephews.

Mina was born on June 15, 1937 in the log cabin on the family farm in the community of Dog Lake, Manitoba, in the RM of Woodlea. She attended school in Dog Lake, where she completed Grade 8. She continued her education by correspondence under the tutelage of the teacher from the Dog Lake School.

Mina left home at the age of 17 and went to live with her Aunt Chrissy in Warren, where she helped run her aunt's café. It was during this time that she met her future husband, Edward Peltz. Upon turning 18, she moved to Winnipeg with two of her friends, and went to work for the Winnipeg Free Press. She worked at this job until she married.

Mina married Edward Peltz on June 6, 1959. They took over the family farm in the mid 1960's where they raised their family. She spent countless hours and drove many miles ferrying and cheering on her four children with their sports and activities as they grew up. There was always somewhere that someone needed to be, and she would ensure that they got there. This continued on with her grandchildren. She resided on the farm until her health deteriorated to the point that she had to leave.

Mina was actively involved on the farm with her husband Ed. They worked side by side, raising various types of livestock, and grain farming. She drove tractors and grain trucks until the boys were old enough to help on the farm. Mina particularly enjoyed raising her chickens, geese, ducks, and sheep. She took great pride in her flower and vegetable gardens. Her gardens were always bountiful, with plenty to share among family and friends. She was renowned for her homemade dill pickles, canned fruit, and jams. She was also an incredible cook. No one ever left her table hungry.

Mina was also very involved in the community. She was a member of the Warren United Church, teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir. She was a member of the Warren Hall Board, and actively volunteered at the Warren Arena and Baseball Club during the time that her children were growing up. She was a member parent of the Warren Figure Skating Club. She was also a staunch supporter of her husband Ed's political career. She accompanied him to many different functions, whether they were local, within the province, or interprovincially. She was always there for him.

As the children got older, Mina restarted her professional career in 1981, as an Educational Assistant at Warren Elementary School, and later Warren Collegiate Institute, until she retired in 2002. She worked with many different students, teachers and staff over the years. She had many fond memories of this time, and held a place in her heart for those who had a special meaning to her.

In 2010, Mina took a part time position as a collator with the Stonewall Teulon Tribune. She continued with this work, until 2017. She loved the work that she did, and the people that she worked with.

In 2005 Mina and Ed decided to retire from grain farming. They did however keep raising her chickens and sheep. She decided to end her chicken business in 2010, but continued to raise her sheep until 2015, when they decided it was time to fully retire from farming.

Mina's greatest passion in life was her family. Her love and devotion to her late husband Edward, her children and their spouses, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren was boundless.

Our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother will be sadly missed by all of us, as well as her extended family, friends, and neighbors, who held her near and dear.

A celebration of Mina's life will take place at MacKenzie Funeral Chapel in Stonewall, on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

A private family interment will take place at the Warren Cemetery at a later date.

A thank you must be said to our extended family, friends, and neighbors who came to visit, call or text Mom and ourselves while she was in the hospital, and have continued to keep in touch with us following her passing.

A special thank you to the doctors, nurses, health care aides, and staff of the Selkirk Regional Hospital must be mentioned. The care and compassion that you offered our mother is beyond words that we could ever express. We truly appreciate everything that you did for her and our family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Interlake Eastern Foundation for the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, in memory of Williamina Peltz. Donations may be made online at www.iehf.ca or via cheque to the Interlake Eastern Health Foundation, P.O. Box 5000, 120 Easton Drive, Selkirk, MB R1A 2M2.

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