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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 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 his-

tory, 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 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 authentic 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, play-



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Barbara Rieder is seen on the far right as a guest 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.

ing 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 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 par-



Traditional 1870s Métis clothing.

ties 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.

Rosser joins CentrePort Canada Marketing Partnership Program

By Jennifer McFee

- At the Feb. 11 meeting, council agreed to provide a grant of \$1 per capita for a total of \$1,372 to STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service) Foundation.

- Council approved the South Interlake Planning District 2020 levy of \$9,227.74, which will be budgeted

in the 2020 financial plan.

- Council approved CentrePort Canada's request to join the CentrePort Canada Marketing Partnership Program at a cost of \$10,000 per year for a three-year term. This annual commitment helps to sustain the organization and allows it to continue its economic development work in the

RM of Rosser.

- The RM of Rosser has been working with Canada Post to determine if a specific postal code can be developed for the CentrePort area. Canada Post reviewed the matter and believes it is feasible. Initially, the RM requested that the name for the area with the new postal code would be

"Inland Port Special Planning Area." Now, the RM is requesting that this area be known as "CentrePort, Manitoba." The RM will work with Canada Post to implement civic addresses for mail delivery within the CentrePort North area.

Local students bring home Yes I Can! awards

By Jennifer McFee

Congratulations are in order for two exceptional young people who earned Yes I Can! awards last week.

The Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children hosted the 30th Yes I Can! awards ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 20 at Victoria Inn and Conference Centre in Winnipeg.

Juliette Neudert, a student at Warren Collegiate Institute, earned an award in the athletics category.

"Juliette loves to be active, and in doing so reaps the rewards for her physical and mental health. She has overcome many barriers in order to compete and succeed as an athlete," states the awards program.

"Juliette has learned to manage her emotions largely through her movement. Her interpersonal skills are developing due to the supportive social interactions she has with her team, coaches and educational assistants."

One of her personal successes stems from embracing the concept of food as fuel.

"She keeps a daily record of what and when she needs to eat while she is training and competing," states the program.

"Juliette reports that she was won four gold, two silver and two bronze medals, as well as two red, three blue and one white ribbon in both regular and Special Olympics track events where she competes in 100-, 200- and 400-metre races."

Aliyah Salkeld, a student at Ecole Stonewall Centennial School, is another local winner in the technology category.

"Aliyah faced many challenges when she transitioned to Grade 5 three years ago. New teachers, students, schedules and routines proved frustrating and overwhelming because she could not communicate her feelings, needs



PHOTO BY MICHELLE PROCTER
Stonewall Centennial's Aliyah Salkeld, left, received a Yes I Can! award in the technology category.

and wants," states the program.

"To overcome her communication barrier, Aliyah received a new communication device and programming app last year and was very attentive to her educational assistants who were modelling what to do."

Little by little, Aliyah began to would push icons to see what would they would do.

"This has enabled her to socialize more with others," states the program.

"It has been nothing short of amazing to see Aliyah learning to use her voice and tell us something new almost every day."

Congrats to Juliette, Aliyah and all the other recipients!



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LORI TULLY

WCI student and Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children Yes I Can! Award recipient, Juliette Neudert was surrounded by her junior varsity basketball team at the 30th annual banquet last Thursday evening in Winnipeg. Pictured back row: Michelle Riddell (coach), Lexi Carriere, Helen Alexander, Aliyah Allary and Chloe Lange. Front row: Jennifer Burling, Neudert and Emily Fehr.

> ROSSER COUNCIL, FROM PG. 2

- Suzanne Houliand of Geolind GIS Service provided council with an update about the GIS project.

- Danelle Guenther, co-ordinator of Southwest Teens at Risk, spoke to council along with RCMP representative Lacey Clarkson. They provided an annual report and requested continued support for 2020. The RM approved a grant of \$2,500 for the organization.

- Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan attended the meeting for his annual visit with council.

- Merit Foods applied for an adjustment to sewer charges. Coun-

cil set the non-refundable application fee at \$450 and the annual renewal fee at \$200 for the Rosser CentrePort wastewater system bylaw.

- Council hosted a public hearing regarding a conditional use application by Viterra Inc., which is looking to expand its existing grain elevator facility and associated railway track. Six people attended in support and two people attended for information. One person spoke about the need for dust control in front of homes along Road 5E.

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Local organizations lifting paramedic's spirits and clients

By Evan Matthews

Two local organizations have helped to lift the spirits of local paramedics, in turn helping lift clients to safety.

The Teulon Healthcare Foundation (THF) — with help from the Southwest District Palliative Care's sizeable donation — has purchased a power lift stretcher for the Teulon-based Manitoba Emergency Medical Services for roughly \$25,000, according to THF chairperson David Oakley.

"There was a great need locally for this investment," said Oakley, speaking to safety concerns both for clients as well as workplace hazards for paramedics.

"The THF decided to run a local fundraising campaign to purchase this unit, and we were supported by donors including Southwest District Palliative Care, businesses, Hutterite colonies and individuals."

He added that the campaign started with a mail out, which explains who and what the foundation is, what it does locally, and why the power lift stretcher was necessary.

The THF purchased the power stretcher in late fall, but the involved organizations unveiled it to the public on Feb. 19.

Teulon-based paramedic Kevin Kohinski said the power stretcher is a great benefit to the paramedics and clients on a day-to-day basis.

"The power lift stretcher is far less jarring to a client comparatively to the old manual lifts, which can be hard

and sudden lift by paramedics. This provides a slow up and down. It's far more calming and relaxing to the client," said Kohinski, adding paramedics are now using the power stretcher at every single call.

"It reduces the amount of (manual) labour on our paramedics. It reduces heavy lifting and the chance of injuries. It's been proven to reduce back injuries and time off. It's been proven to increase the longevity of our paramedics' careers."

Looking back at Teulon Healthcare, Kohinski said paramedics have gone from (essentially) operating out of the back of a van to being an emergency room on wheels.

Kohinski said paramedics are now showing up at people's homes with life-saving state-of-the-art equipment, which should leave residents feeling at ease about otherwise scary situations.

Often Manitoba EMS crews are dispatched based on availability, as well as proximity to an emergency. Kohinski said the Teulon-based crew has calls anywhere from Selkirk and Beausejour all the way to Ashern.

The background

The Teulon Healthcare Foundation — formerly known, as far back as the 1950s, as the Teulon Hunter Memorial Health District Foundation — is a volunteer organization focused on raising funds to offset the shortcomings in local health-care funding.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY EVAN MATTHEWS

Pictured left to right: EMS manager Blair Milling, EMS operations supervisor Wayne Bustard, regional EMS director Louise Alarie, intermediate care paramedic Trevor Michalsky, South West District Palliative Care vice-chair Doug Pickell, intermediate care paramedic Kevin Kohinski, Teulon Healthcare Foundation members David Oakley and Michelle Tillett, and South West District Palliative volunteer Nancy Dumas.

The foundation serves the populations of the RMs of Rockwood, St. Andrews, Woodlands and Armstrong.

The foundation pools financial gifts into a capital fund, and the income generated in the fund is used to purchase and maintain medical equipment, beautify and maintain facilities and grounds, and assist in the recruitment of medical staff.

The organization also offers scholarships to those in the region heading into the health-care field.

Other previous purchases the foundation has contributed to include, the 2018 purchase of a \$25,000 Teulon Handivan, specialized mattresses and

power lifts for patients at the Goodwin Lodge, as well as the cosmetic renovation to the 2015 Teulon Medical Clinic, which the foundation contributed \$55,000 toward flooring, painting, ceiling tiles, desks and more.

Of note, Oakley said health-care organizations around the region in need of equipment or maintenance should consider reaching out to the THF, as the foundation keeps a "wish list" of sorts for the region's healthcare sector.

Donations can be made out to the Teulon Healthcare Foundation Inc. and mailed to PO Box 312, Teulon, MB, R0C 3B0.

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 cooperative, we are proud to be a different kind of business that shares profits with our members, en-

suring the money stays in the communities we serve and enriches those communities," said Red River Co-op CEO Doug Wiebe.

The Winnipeg-based cooperative has over 310,000 members and will be sending out cheques totaling \$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.

Red River Co-op is a business with a social conscience. In addition to sharing profits with members, the cooperative 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 and the sale of Winnipeg Blue Bomber collector cups.

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Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall Quarry Days is at a crossroads, since the festival is in danger of disappearing unless new volunteers step up to take over running the board.

Council heard surprising news from executive committee members Tanya Swanson, Stephanie Duncan and Sandra Smith at the Feb. 19 meeting. Swanson has been on the board for 15 years and has served as co-chair for the past three. Duncan has also served as co-chair for the past three years and has been on the committee for 20 years. Smith has been on the committee for more than a decade and has served as treasurer for the past 10 years.

They explained this summer will be the 36th year for the much-anticipated annual event, which brings a convergence of residents and visitors to the heart of Stonewall.

Over the years, the event has grown from a midway with vendors to a full-blown festival that includes fireworks displays, headliner concerts, a car show, a local entertainment stage and more than \$50,000 in local sponsorships each year.

"At this point, the event has evolved to a level that has become more time-consuming than any one of us can handle. Many other festivals our size and larger have a paid position to look after the areas that we find ourselves overwhelmed with," Duncan said.

"So for those reasons and more, we have decided after this year's event we will be stepping down from the committee and have been looking for a new member to take over as chair.

"Thankfully, for the two of us, we have been able to combine this work as part of our workday as well as after-hours meetings. It would have been even more difficult if it was work that would have to be done in the evenings only."

The trio has reached out to the current committee and no one is interested in taking over the position of chair. They estimated that they each put in about 250 to 300 hours per year to organize the festival, which now operates with a six-figure budget.

"As you are aware how difficult it is to find volunteers, we find it even more difficult as it is not a position that can be committed to for just a year," Duncan said. "It is a learning process and it take many years to fine-tune it."

Currently the committee is made up of 12 volunteer members, and many of them have been involved for years. Some committee members have expressed interest in staying on to volunteer in their areas of expertise, and Duncan said she would continue to look after booking advertisements and organizing the marketing pages in the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*.

"Today we are here to let the town know that we can no longer take on all the elements and planning associated with Stonewall Quarry Days," Duncan said.

"At this point, we see no other option other than cancelling the festival after this 2020 event. This is why we are here tonight — we need the town's input on how we can move this festival forward."

Mayor Clive Hinds thanked the group for their ongoing efforts.

"Words cannot express enough the appreciation from myself and the rest of council for the work the three of you do," he said.

"It's been one of the highlights of the Town of Stonewall for many years, and 2019 was the best one yet."

Council and administration will discuss possibilities for keeping the festival up and running.

Anyone interested in volunteering can email the Stonewall Quarry Days committee at info@stonewallquarrydays.ca.

In other council news:

- Lions Manor board chair Mel Harrison and general manager Andre LaFleche spoke to council about parking concerns on Keith Cosens Drive. The town has established a no-parking zone on the north side of street as a temporary measure to address problems related to vehicle and pedestrian safety.

LaFleche suggested that the town could move the sidewalk and stop



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Tanya Swanson, Stephanie Duncan and Sandra Smith spoke to council about Stonewall Quarry Days.

sign closer to 5th Street West to align the north and south sidewalks for pedestrians and give drivers a better view of northbound traffic on 5th Street West.

Another suggestion is to implement a year-round 30-kilometre-per-hour speed zone on Keith Cosens Drive from 5th Street West up to Lions Way since it's difficult to see eastbound traffic due to the curve from the second Lions Manor exit.

LaFleche also suggested reinstating north-side parking on Keith Cosens Drive with some restrictions. As well, he recommended creating a parking lane on the north side of Keith Cosens Drive or implementing a no-parking area for 20 feet on either side of the Lions Manor exits.

"This would give all drivers a clear view of each other, exiting drivers and oncoming traffic — a simple solution that would work," LaFleche said.

Council will consider the sugges-

tions.

- The Town of Stonewall will enter into a memorandum of understanding for a sustainable solid waste management and disposal study along with the RM of Rockwood, RM of St. Andrews and Village of Dunnotar.

- Council accepted a quotation by Jasperson's Greenhouse Landscapes for supplying flowers for the town in 2020.

- Council approved Dale Ciupak's conditional use request to convert a single-family home into a two-family home on Montgomery Avenue. Conditions include ensuring that separate sanitary and water servicing connections are installed for each unit, at the cost of the owner. The owner will also need to pay capital lot levies to the Town of Stonewall.

- Council appointed Mike Dola as the municipal noxious weeds inspector for the town.

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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.

letter to the editor Letters to the Editor: letters@stonewallteulontribune.ca

subhead

Dear Editor

The Indian leader on CBC Radio this morning (Feb. 13) claimed that a violent protest is the "only way that change has ever been produced." Not true. I think that it is individual thought that has produced lasting change, truthfully.

Anyway, it is not change they want. The change that is occurring is opposed. If they do wish change, is it

one to a place where there is no electricity, no electrical system? This is a new way of transporting electricity that is proposed, a way that will mean less chance of dangerous spillage, a better way to move dangerous goods — safer than trucks.

We need energy. We need to transport oil. This will be more efficient. The Aboriginal protestors do not yet understand these truths. People need to talk, to explain to them that the future is important for human-

kind as well as animals and forests, that change can be good for all, and not to be afraid but to have courage and come alongside.

Also, violence does not help. Reasoned, determined explanation of one's views in writing or speeches is much more logical, much more "acceptable." The premier of British Columbia says it is unacceptable to block citizens from their place of work. It is.

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The Pozernick family from Balmoral spent Sunday afternoon on the snowmobile trails southeast of Balmoral. Snowmobilers are travelling as many miles as possible as the season is coming to an end with mild temperatures. Pictured from left: four-year-old Rogan, seven-year-old Kolby and their parents Grant and Laurie.

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

By Patricia Barrett

The *Tribune* 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 re-

sources 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, according 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.

Seeking safe location for motorsports

By Jennifer McFee

Brainstorming sessions are underway for creating a future motorsports park in Stonewall.

For now, a volunteer committee is hoping to find an area for kids to ride their ATVs or motorbikes, which would steer them away from private property.

"The need is there, so we're looking to try and find somewhere that we can get these kids a place to ride," said committee member Sheldon Churchill.

"We want to keep it safe and keep everyone around happy in the town

as well without the noise."

The committee is wondering if anybody with some land would have interest in working with the Town of Stonewall to create a safe place for kids to ride.

"The distant future of it is to put a motocross track for the town as well. But right now we're just looking to find the kids a place to go rather than on all the private property and different roads," Churchill said.

"I think a quarry that's not being used would probably be the best, in my opinion. But if anybody's got land, we would absolutely look at anything

to try to make everybody happy."

Last month, the town hosted a well-attended public meeting to share ideas about the potential for a motor-sport track.

"I've had quite a bit of years in racing so I have a few ideas. We're just brainstorming ideas on how to run it here and do the best we can," Churchill said.

"It will be fun once it gets off the ground. It will be a very popular place."

In the meantime, anyone with leads on land for kids to ride can contact Churchill at 204-451-5749.

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Our Lenten Journey

Feb. 26 was Ash Wednesday, the day we began our Lenten journey. Often Lent is associated with giving something up, usually something we enjoy, in order to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. I know growing up in Ireland it was expected that we children would give up candy and chocolate during this time. Even now as an adult, giving up sweets never bodes well for me.

As we start our Lenten journey, instead of giving something up, I encourage you to focus on the Beatitudes, on what you can add to your journey, on how you can make your Lenten journey one of joy and happiness. The teachings of Jesus called the Beatitudes, recorded in the gospel of Matthew are an invitation to a way of living that brings true happiness and both inward and outward peace. The Beatitudes call us to a new way of being when we centre our lives on God. "Beatitude" is Latin for "an abundant happiness." In his lesson on the Beatitudes, Jesus calls us to an abundant happiness in which we find our true selves the person that God intends us to be. God leads us to a transformation of ourselves, gives us the ability to see what needs to be transformed and to find God's help in that transformation. They lead us to a peace and joy to be experienced here and now.

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Each Beatitude begins with the word "blessed." The Greek word translated as "blessed" means "extremely fortunate, well off, and truly happy." To live the Beatitudes is to be centred on God and God's desires for our life. They invite us to live in a true inward peace that leads to a desire to be outward peacemakers, to bring reconciliation, to seek out opportunities for mercy and compassion, to pursue justice and righteousness. We live the Beatitudes where we are right now, one day at a time, one action at a time. We live them with confidence in Jesus' promise of a joy and peace that only God can give.

As you walk your Lenten journey my hope is that you don't focus on what you need to "give up." Instead of sacrifice, I encourage you to look at what you can add to your life or the lives of those around you. How can you add happiness? What can you add to your day that brings you pure joy? In what ways can you bring joy to those you love? God gives the gift of joy to share, and Lent is the perfect time to do so, to bring joy to ourselves and others.

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Interlake School Division ponders proposed budget

By Jennifer McFee

The Interlake School Division faces the difficult task of balancing its budget with a two per cent reduction in provincial support.

Members of the public had the chance to learn about the proposed 2020-21 fiscal year budget at an open house event on Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Heritage Arts Centre.

"This was another difficult budget year for Interlake School Division when you consider that we took another decrease in funding from the provincial government on the basis that we're projecting an enrolment decline of only 30 students," said board chair Alan Campbell.

"The decline in funding from the province is in excess of \$350,000, which is consistent across the province. Any school division that is either holding with enrolment or going down likely saw a two per cent decrease across the board in provincial funding."

The proposed budget shows continued support for small class sizes, with an average of 19.49 students in kindergarten to Grade 8 classes and 16.28 students in Grade 9 to 12 classes.

"We're working hard at maintaining our pupil-teacher ratio, maintaining status quo, the number of teachers relative to enrolment," said Campbell, noting that the budget is far from finalized.

"We're doing our best to preserve an increased student services budget so that we continue to be as inclusive as possible for students of all needs."

The majority of the funds in the 2020-21 proposed budget will go towards payroll (84 per cent or \$32.3 million), with another seven per cent for supplies (\$2.8 million), six per cent for services (\$2.3 million) and three per cent for fiscal expenses (\$1.1 million).

With a closer look at spending per program, regular instruction accounts for 57.38 per cent of the proposed budget (\$22.1 million), followed by student services at 18.12 per cent (just under \$7 million) and building operations at 9.38 per cent (\$3.6 million). Another 5.97 per cent of funding goes towards transportation (\$2.3 million), 3.38 per cent to administration (\$1.3 million), 3.13 per cent to pupil support services (\$1.2 million) and 0.82 per cent to continuing education and junior kindergarten (\$315,000).

"In light of the reduction of funding, the provincial government has also mandated that school boards can only



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

ISD Supt. Margaret Ward reviews the 2020-21 budget with Patricia Proctor at the open house on Feb. 20.

increase revenues generated by local taxation by two per cent over last year's special requirements number," Campbell said.

"That leaves us short because expenses associated with all aspects of public education — be it transportation, operations and salaries — go up every year and funding continues to go down. The opportunity to generate funds locally through local taxation is capped."

Ratepayers could see a \$24 decrease compared to last year for those with properties valued at \$200,000; a \$36 decrease for properties valued at \$300,000; or a \$60 decrease for properties valued at \$500,000.

The proposed budget includes the retention of 234 full-time-equivalent professional staff, as well as the purchase of two buses (reduced from the original plan for three buses).

Across the board, Campbell said they're looking at maintaining the staffing levels and pupil-to-teacher ratios.

"In cases where composition of staffing in individual schools may be changing, it would be in line with existing staffing formulas. Those would be conversations that our administration will be having with our school administrators in the coming weeks," he said.

"As well, there aren't any examples where we're looking at complete elimination of any programming, but we're certainly looking at adjusting the manner in which we allocate resources."

As another budget consideration, the provincial government has mandated all school boards to reduce their management and executive level leadership by 15 per cent full-time equivalent.

"It's not a financial cut of 15 per cent from a budget line. It's a 15 per cent cut to people hours that are in executive and management. We're in the early stages of that process," Campbell said, adding that school boards and the provincial government are working together to deter-

mine which positions are in scope.

"In cases like Interlake School Division, which is a smaller rural school division, the impact is much different compared to larger urban divisions."

As for the trustees, Campbell said they intend to remain in place for the next school year.

"This budget process was carried out in a status quo way on the basis that we were elected in October 2018 to a four-year mandate and we continue to operate on this basis," he said.

In addition, the report on the K to 12 education review is expected to be released at the end of March, which will likely lead to conversations about amalgamation.

"We believe very strongly at Interlake School Division that our school communities are best served by people who are elected from within those school communities, which is the format that we have right now," Campbell said.

"With the prospect of entering into forced amalgamation with neighbouring divisions such as Lakeshore, Evergreen or Lord Selkirk, the idea of having someone from St. Clements or Eriksdale making decisions about schools in Teulon, Argyle, Balmoral and Stonewall, for example, is very concerning. Citizens in the Interlake School Division should be very concerned about the prospect of losing their local voice in public education."

Campbell encourages community members to study the budget as well as the school board's submission to the K to 12 education review, which are both posted on the Interlake School Division website at www.interlakesd.ca. For more information about how the report of the K to 12 education review could impact local schools, Campbell suggests visiting the Manitoba School Boards Association website at www.localvoices.ca.

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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 divided 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 everybody.

"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



Jeff Yablonski from Armstrong Construction



Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski

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.

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Teulon high school students share their love of reading



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY SARAH HADFIELD AND BRENDA BAWDON
Teulon Collegiate student Megan L. reads with Teulon Elementary students, left to right, Robyn L., Olivia P. and Samantha L.



Teulon Collegiate students read to Teulon Elementary students during I Love to Read Month.



Tracker needed for cross-country ski trails

Staff

Volunteers who initiated the cross-country trails at Quarry Park are hoping to find a tracker to borrow.

Tami Couch and her husband Curtis McClintock took the initiative to start working on the trail, and Warren Collegiate Institute loaned them a tracker for about three years. Now the school needs the tracker back for their own project, so they are seeking a replace-

ment.

"The town workers help us with the tracking and Curtis McCullough lends us his sled," Couch said.

"The trails are still a work in progress, but a lot of people in town use them."

If anyone has a tracker that they could lend to the project, they can contact Couch at 204-461-2172.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Tami Couch is reaching out to the community for help in finding a tracker to help with the grooming of the cross-country ski trails at Quarry Park.

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Manitoba RCMP respond to motor vehicle collision

By RCMP

At approximately 1:15 p.m. on Feb. 23, Manitoba RCMP responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 236 between Road 81N and Road 82N.

Upon arrival, officers located an injured male in a red SUV in the southbound lane of Highway 236. The 74-year-old male from the Teulon area was transported to hospital in unstable condition with significant injuries. He is currently in hospital in stable condition.

The other vehicle involved, a white SUV, was in the west side ditch of Highway 236. Officers attended to the three occupants within the vehicle: a 52-year-old female, a seven-year-old female and a six-year-old female.

The 52-year-old and six-year-old females sustained significant injuries and were transported to hospital by ambulance in stable condition. The seven-year-old female also sustained significant injuries and was airlifted to hospital in unstable condition. All three are currently in hospital in stable condition.

The initial investigation has determined that the white SUV was travelling southbound and the red SUV was travelling northbound on Highway 236 when they collided head-on. Both vehicles had significant damage and it is believed that road conditions were a factor in the collision. The cause of the collision is under investigation.

Family night in Grosse Isle



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Families from Grosse Isle and neighbouring communities gathered at the local outdoor rink for an evening of skating, pick-up hockey and a bonfire last Saturday. Rhys Van Kemenade supervises Hayden Van Kemenade, Danica Klassen and Cooper Darragh roast smores.



Kids had fun sliding on a hill near the rink. Pictured left to right: Cooper Darragh, Madden Van Kemenade, Burke Johnson, Brayden Hueging, Hayden Van Kemenade, Enzo Melo and Devon Hueging.



Three-year-old Brooks Harris shows off his hockey skills to his aunty Lisa Harris.



Rhett Harris enjoys a hot dog.

Stonewall RCMP arrest suspects after robbery



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

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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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. 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.

"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



MP James Bezan and Elisee Moore.

for sessions in March. For more information, visit www.forum.ca.

Learn about dementia and brain health

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 pre-

sentations will also be held at Victoria Beach.

The presenter will be Samantha Holland, Interlake Eastern 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.

For more information about the Selkirk event, contact the Gordon Howard Centre at 204-785-2092.

To register for the Stonewall event, call 204-467-8415 or email stonewall@sirlibrary.com.

For more information about the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, visit www.alzheimer.mb.ca.

DID you know that a Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) is NOT just a savings account!

I have always thought that the name of this account created a bit of confusion. I actually wish the government had chosen a different name for the TFSA. A Tax Free Savings Account is not just a Savings account it is an Investment Account! Despite its name, TFSA's can hold a variety of investment options including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, GIC's and ETFs. TFSA's are special because there are no taxes paid on the income earned from the investments held in this account, it does not matter if the income is dividends, interest or capital gains it is all tax free!

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Headingley RCMP respond to carjacking

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 homeowner 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 patrols 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.

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.

Children's Wish Ride snowmobilers start in Stony Mountain

By Evan Matthews

For the 10th straight year, members of the Electrical Association of Manitoba (EAM) who double as snowmobilers helped to grant the wish of a child.

On Friday Feb. 21, over 50 snowmobilers gathered in Stony Mountain to head out and enjoy over 200 kilometres of groomed trails in the Interlake. The 2020 EAM Children's Wish Ride was in support of 17-year-old Bradyn.

"Our group was able to grant Wish Child Bradyn his wish by raising enough funds to send he and his family to Disney World," said EAM member and Inwood Snowmobile Club member Todd Campbell.

"We actually exceeded our goal and will be able to share some funding for another child," he said.

The group raised over \$17,000 during this year's ride, as the riders spent time in the Stony Mountain, Stonewall, Warren, Woodlands, St. Laurent and Teulon areas.

Wish child Bradyn was born premature. He and his twin brother arrived at 25 weeks gestation and spent the first three and half months in the neonatal intensive care unit, according to the EAM press release.

During that time, Bradyn had numerous surgeries to relieve pressure on his brain, to make repairs to his intestines, surgery on his eyes and even heart surgery to close a valve, the release reads.

Although Bradyn's prognosis wasn't positive during those first few months, they fought as a family and the boys were able to go home.

Shortly after turning two years old, Bradyn was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and with autism, global developmental delay, hydrocephalus, epileptic seizure disorder and was pronounced legally blind.

Over the years, Bradyn would continue to have other surgeries to help with mobility. However, in February 2018, a second surgery on his legs had devastating complications. Bradyn was diagnosed with methicillin resistant staph aureus (MRSA) infection, a bacterium causing infections in different parts of the body. The infection is resistant to some commonly used antibiotics, which makes it more difficult to treat than most strains of staphylococcus aureus — or staph infections.

With this new infection, his internal organs started to fail, resulting in



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY EVAN MATTHEWS

Over 50 riders enjoyed 200-plus kilometres on the Interlake trail network, starting in Stony Mountain and travelling to Warren, Woodlands, St. Laurent, Stonewall and Teulon on Feb. 21 in support of the Electrical Association of Manitoba's 2020 Children's Wish Ride.

more surgeries including a skin graft from his thighs to cover open wounds on his knees. In addition, he had to have seven fingers amputated.

With lots of hard work and physical therapy daily, Bradyn is back at home. Although he using a wheelchair, he is working at being able to walk again on his own.

The press release reads that Bradyn loves to splash in the water, loves to sit around the campfire, and loves to watch Disney movies and listen to the soundtracks. His most heartfelt wish is to go to Disney Aulani Resort,

where he will get to meet Stitch, his favourite Disney character.

Past EAM Children's Wish Rides have been hosted in the Falcon Lake and Gimli areas. Campbell said EAM moves the Children's Wish Ride throughout the province in order to showcase trails that local snowmobile clubs take pride in.

EAM is a non-profit organization made up of electrical contractors, wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, agents, consultants and educational institutions.



You're Invited to a Farm Retirement Workshop

Not sure how to handle your transition into retirement? Join me as we go over different farm retirement options in this free 2-hour workshop.

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Guest Speaker

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March 10th, 2020 Ashern - Legion Hall 9:30AM - 11:30AM
March 10th, 2020 Arborg - Legion Hall 1:30PM - 3:30PM
March 12th, 2020 Stonewall - Legion Hall 9:30AM - 11:30AM
March 12th, 2020 Beausejour - Superior Inn & Conference Centre 1:30PM - 3:30PM

Is this workshop for you?

Colin was raised on a family farm south of Winnipeg, so it was only natural for him to specialize in working with farmers on their retirement and transition plans. This workshop will focus on farm specific examples for farmers who are near or currently in retirement.

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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
 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



Three Mushroom and Garlic Grilled Pizza

in garlic and basil; cook 1 minute. Sprinkle in flour while quickly whisking to form paste.
 Reduce heat to medium. Slowly pour in half-and-half while continuing to whisk until there are no clumps. Increase heat slightly to bring to simmer. Stir as mixture thickens into sauce, about 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper; set aside.
 In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Add mushrooms and cook until they begin to turn tender, about 2 minutes. Carefully pour in wine or stock and continue cooking until liquid evaporates, about 1 minute. Sprinkle with salt.
 Stretch dough to make 14-inch pizza. Brush grill grates generously with olive oil. Place dough on grill and let cook about 3 minutes, until underside is browned and dough removes easily from grill. While removing dough from grill, flip it onto baking sheet sprayed with nonstick cooking spray so cooked side is up.
 Spread sauce over pizza and evenly cover in mushrooms. Add mozzarella cheese.
 Return pizza to grill, topping-side up. Close lid and let cook 3-5 minutes. Once top crust browns and cheese melts and bubbles, remove from grill. Let rest 2-3 minutes.
 Garnish with Parmesan and basil leaves; slice to serve.

Recipe courtesy of the Mushroom Council
 Servings: 4
Sauce:
 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 4 garlic cloves, minced
 5 basil leaves, minced
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 3/4 cup half-and-half
 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 3 ounces crimini mushrooms, sliced
 3 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced
 3 ounces white button mushrooms, sliced
 1 ounce dry white wine or chicken stock
 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
 pizza dough (14 inches)
 olive oil
 nonstick cooking spray
 4 ounces whole milk mozzarella cheese, chopped
 shaved Parmesan, for garnish
 basil leaves, for garnish
 Heat grill to medium-high heat, about 425 F.
 To make sauce: In medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Whisk

Diversification

It's a safe bet that with volatile markets, dealing with your investments can become stressful. I'd like to offer a way to deal with that stress.

Now is the perfect time to see if your portfolio is properly diversified. Diversification is the practice of spreading investments among different types of mutual funds or securities such as stocks, bonds, or ETFs to help reduce the risk of being too concentrated in any one type of asset. Here are the keys to diversification:

Your portfolio should include an appropriate mix of the three major asset classes: **stocks, bonds and money market instruments.**

Choose mutual funds that combine different types of securities, such as large-capitalization and smaller cap stocks, with different investment styles like growth or value.

Use securities that represent different market sectors to avoid heavy concentration in any one industry (like technology).

Varying positions by geographic

area and currency (international stocks) can offer further diversification to a portfolio otherwise concentrated in domestic securities.

This is a good strategy to revisit any portfolio with, regardless of market conditions. It can help re-position a portfolio to better weather future fluctuations.

Diversification is not something you do once and forget about. The natural cycle of investment returns requires a periodic rebalancing of every portfolio to control risk.

I'd like to offer my assistance in reviewing your portfolio mix to ensure that you are taking advantage of this key investment strategy, and to help you ensure that you are still on track to achieving your objectives. If you'd like to meet to visit your investment plan, or just want to ask questions, feel free to contact me.

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Sauteed Mushroom and Sun-Dried Tomato Avocado Toast

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 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.

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



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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



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

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.

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



TRIBUNE 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.



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.

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.

Donating scrap for cash



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Community Living Interlake (CLI) recently became a recipient of the Donate a Car Canada program. On Feb. 24, the Stonewall & District Handivan Committee donated a 2010 Handivan vehicle, that was rusted out and not worth having safetied to the program. Once the vehicle is delivered to Donate a Car Canada it is either recycled or sold at auction depending on its condition. In turn CLI will receive a monetary donation and the donor of the vehicle will receive a tax receipt. Donate a Car will gladly accept your car, truck, RV, boat or motorcycle. For more information contact Jimm Simon at 204-467-9169 or jimms@aclinterlake.ca. Pictured left to right, Angela Emms, Blair Good, Jimm Simon, Lorna Broadfoot and Curtis McClintock.

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Feb 28 Presentation: Organizing & Downsizing by 906 & Me @ 1:30 pm

March 2020

Mar 2 Afternoon Cribbage Tournament @ 1 pm
Mar 3 Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Begins 10 am – 3 pm
Mar 5 Ukulele Jam @ Something Beautiful @ 7 pm
Mar 6 Quilter's Corner @ 10:30 am
Mar 10 Income Tax Clinic – Woodlands 1 – 3 pm

Mar 11 Shamrock Luncheon @ 12 Noon
Entertainment by Irish Cowboy
Mar 12 Shopping Trip to Grant Park Mall @ 9:30 am
Mar 12 BINGO @ 1:30 pm – Change of Date!!
Mar 13 Travel Club Meeting @ 10:30 am
Mar 19 Ukulele Jam @ Something Beautiful @ 7 pm
Mar 20 Quilter's Corner @ 10:30 am
Mar 24 Income Tax Clinic – Woodlands 1 – 3 pm
Mar 25 One Stroke Painting Class @ 12 pm
Mar 26 Presentation: Cooking with Caroline @ 1:30 pm

Shamrock Luncheon Wednesday, March 11th

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Thursday, March 12th

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February 28 @ 1:30 pm

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Cooking with Caroline

Thursday, March 26 @ 1:30 pm

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sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

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 going 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 has won the gold medal at the 2020 World Junior Curling Championships in Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Pictured left to right: John Lund (coach), Thomas Dunlop (fifth), Zach Bilawka (lead, Brayden Payette (second), Jordan Peters (third), Jacques Gauthier (skip).

Three-peat for 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 (third) Terry McRae, (second) Tom Want, (lead) George Hacking, and (fifth) Kerry Fedorchuk, it's their third straight provincial senior championship. A very impressive feat considering the strong depth of senior men's curlers in our province.

Boehmer will now be setting his sights on taking home the National Championships next month. They 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.

Boehmer and Ursel will not have to travel far for Nationals as the 2020 Everest Canadian Seniors Championship will be held in Portage La Prairie from March 16-20.

A send-off part will be held for the Boehmer rink in the coming weeks at the Petersfield Curling Club. Stay tuned for details.

Stick curling champs



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The Warren Curling Club hosted 24 teams at their annual stick spiel Feb. 21-23. Photos left to right: A-side champions Wayne Johnston and Charlie McLullough; B-side champions Pat Kilcullen and Harold Cook; C-side champions Melanie Shura and Darlene Maywood.

Rams win Teulon JV girls' basketball tournament

Staff

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams won the championship at the Teulon Collegiate Saints' junior varsity girls' basketball tournament last Saturday.

The Rams defeated the Warren Collegiate Wildcats 50-25 in the final.

Stonewall started the tournament with a dominating 62-11 victory over the Fisher River Hawks. The Rams then beat Immanuel Christian 40-31.

Warren earlier earned wins over the Sanford Sabres (45-32) and the Teulon Collegiate Saints (32-30).

Teulon, meanwhile, lost 54-22 to Immanuel Christian in the third-place game.

The Saints began the tournament by trouncing the Ebb and Flow Thunder 62-8.

At the varsity girls' level, Stonewall was defeated 48-42 by the St. John's Tigers in the third-place game at its home basketball tournament last Saturday.

Stonewall started the tournament with a hard-fought 45-42 win over the Linden Christian Wings on Friday.

The Rams then lost 77-30 to the St. James Jimmies.

Warren's varsity boys' basketball team, meanwhile, reached the final at the Green Valley tournament last weekend.

The Wildcats lost 82-59 to the Green Valley Pirates in the championship game on Saturday.

Warren earlier defeated the Oscar Lathin Wolverines (79-36) and the Ross L Gray Raiders (85-55).



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY CRYSTAL SNIVELY

Back row, left to right, J. Cassils (coach), Alex Clark, Chelsea Snively, Grace Fines, Sidney Schaeffer, Ryann Snell, Rena Kathler; front row, Nicole Paguio, Natalie Taylor, Kira Hatcher, Hayden Turner. Missing from the photo Emerson McAuley, Gillian Gesell, Nadia Schultz, and Hunter Lupyrypa (coach).

Rams crushed by OT playoff loss to Crusaders

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams gave the St. Paul's 2 Crusaders everything they could handle in their Winnipeg High School Hockey League playoff series last week.

St. Paul's swept the best-of-three series 2-0 after a thrilling 2-1 overtime win last Wednesday in Stonewall.

The Rams hung in there against the Crusaders the entire series.

"We played really good and the only thing that you could ask for is a little bit of offence but it wasn't for a lack of chances," said Rams' head coach

Kyle Nixon. "It's tough when your playoff run lasts two days."

St. Paul's took a 1-0 lead on the first shift of the game and the score stayed that way until Stonewall's Adrian Klimpke tallied with about three minutes remaining in the third period. The goal came right after the Rams killed off a penalty.

Stonewall started the series with a very tough 1-0 loss to St. Paul's on Feb. 18.

This was a typical defensive type of playoff game.

"Defence starts with your goalie and

we had a pretty good one," Nixon said. "He played good, we played pretty well in our own end, and they didn't get a lot of chances, either."

The early playoff exit is tough but the Rams should be very pleased with how the year went as they made a return to the WHSHL after a one-year hiatus.

"We came a long way from where we started the season," Nixon said. "We had guys that hadn't played together a whole bunch and we were trying to reestablish a culture around our high school hockey team and that

was a challenge for a few months but I think a lot of those things off the ice changed. That was almost more important than winning and losing."

The Rams had a very successful second half of their season and gave St. Paul's a real good battle in the playoffs.

The future looks bright for Stonewall.

"We have a lot of guys coming back next year," Nixon noted. "It would have been nice to win a (playoff) round or two but overall I think we accomplished some of our goals."

Rams' basketball teams winning league games

Staff

For the first time in a few seasons, the Stonewall Collegiate Rams' varsity boys' basketball team won a league game.

The Rams put forth a fantastic effort in defeating the Portage Collegiate Trojans 60-56 in Stonewall on Feb. 18.

Colton Unger had a strong game for the Rams with 19 points — which included three three-pointers — while Gage Lambert added 13 points.

Tyler Hogg was Stonewall's assist leader with eight. Lambert was the Rams' top rebounder while Andrew Perrie led the team in steals.

The following evening, Stonewall lost 90-57 to the Elmwood Giants.

In varsity girls' action last Wednesday, the Rams beat Elmwood 36-33. The Rams finished league play 5-4 after starting the season 1-4.

On Feb. 12, the Rams rolled to a 44-37 home victory over the Grant Park Pirates.

Stonewall's junior varsity girls' basketball team, meanwhile, downed the John Taylor Collegiate Pipers 63-51 last Thursday.

On Feb. 13, the Rams defeated Portage 31-23.

Stonewall finished league play with a stellar 10-2 record.

The Rams' junior varsity boys' basketball team lost 61-43 to the Westwood Warriors last Thursday in Stonewall.

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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 Hlady (two), Kaden Dyck, and Roux



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The Lightning's Karson King scored against the Pembina Valley Hawks' goaltender in their 12-2 road loss.

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 Vandel 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."

Special teams hurt Stonewall Jets in pair of losses

By Brian Bowman

Special teams were not so special for the Stonewall Jets last weekend.

Stonewall allowed six power-play goals and a shorthanded marker in just two games - both losses - in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action.

On Sunday evening, the Jets lost 4-3 to the Charleswood Hawks in Stonewall.

The Hawks' Sean Robinson scored a first-period power-play goal and then Thomas Hansell and Matt Lawrence made it 3-0.

The Jets' Daniel Paseschnikoff scored just 22 seconds after Lawrence's goal but Charleswood's Max Fisher quickly answered that tally, however, to put the visitors up 4-1.

Paseschnikoff and Jayson Brooks made it a one-goal game with goals in the third.

The Jets lost a wild 9-5 decision to

the first-place Pembina Valley Twisters last Friday in Morris.

Pembina Valley broke the game open with four straight goals to close out the second period. Three of those tallies came on the power play.

For the game, the Twisters tallied five times with the man advantage and once shorthanded. The Jets added a power-play goal and a shorthanded marker in the third.

Stonewall goals were scored by Carson Ouellette (two), Marcus Dewey, Brooks and Chance Dickenson.

TJ Matuszewski (three), Brendan Keck (two), Jordan Keck, Elijah Carels, Jeremie Goderis and Jacob Carels replied for Pembina Valley.

The Jets, now 22-18-1 and in fifth place with 45 points, played the fourth-place St. James Canucks in an important game this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time. Stonewall will play the Ft. Garry/Ft.

Rouge Twins in Winnipeg this Friday and then it will host the St. Vital Victorias on Sunday.

The Jets will wrap up their regular season when the Transcona Railer Express come to Stonewall on March 6.

Game time for all three contests is 7:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, on March 24 during the Jets' Town Takeover, there is an opportunity for children ages 8-13 to be part of the Jets' alumni portion of the day and participate in drills run by the alumni.

Details will follow on how the experience will look, however, if parents want their child to be involved, they must attend one of the Jets' final two home games (March 1 and March 6) to have their child's name in a draw.

Stonewall Minor Hockey parents will have discounted admission of \$5 to the games and for every paying adult, they will have the ability to in-

put two ballots for entry to be selected to skate with the Jets' alumni.

Opportunities to enter will take place from 7-9 p.m. at the March 1 and March 6 games.

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 assisted on both goals.

Nolan Chastko (four), Carter Dittmer (two), Jackson Aldcroft and Skylar 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.



Stonewall Jets Player Profile

#25

Ryan McMahon "C"

Forward, Shoots Right, 5'9" 165 lbs, DOB 1998



Upcoming Games

Stonewall Jets at Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins on Friday, Feb. 28 7:30 p.m. at Eric Coy Arena

St. Vital Victorias at Stonewall Jets on Sunday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at VMSC

Come out to support the Jets

Mercs trail Maroons after three SEMHL playoff games

By Brian Bowman

During the regular season, the Warren Mercs won three of their first five games in overtime.

But overtime has not been a pleasant experience so far for the Mercs in the playoffs.

For the second consecutive game, Warren lost in OT as Altona pulled out a 6-5 road victory last Saturday in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action.

"There's only a couple of ways that you can take an overtime loss," said Mercs' coach Matt Figur. "You can get fuel from it and be better the next game or you can get into a situation where you get down on yourself and the mountain becomes even steeper and it makes it tougher for the entire team."

Justin Augert had tied the score at 5-5 at 12:06 of the third period and then he netted the game winner.

Warren led 4-1 late in the second period but surrendered goals to Steve Doel and Augert in the middle frame and then the Maroons' Keenan Wiebe tallied in the third.

Scott Corbett, regained the Mercs' lead, though, when he scored at 2:47 of the third period.

Warren's Braydon MacDonald and Altona's Mitch Doell traded power-play goals in the first period.

The Mercs' dominated most of the second as Trent Genyk, Kyle Luschinski, and Dylan Hykawy tallied to give Warren a 4-1 lead.

Brenden Luschinski assisted on two of those goals.

Warren is going to have to find a way to stop Augert. He has eight goals and 11 points in the three playoff games.

"The guy played four years and he's the top-five leading point getter for the Steinbach Pistons and he played Manitoba Bisons," Figur noted. "He knows how to score. He's a guy you have to keep a tight gap on and we have to have back pressure on him. It's going to take a team effort. He's a good hockey player but one hockey player isn't going to beat the Warren Mercs."

Altona evened the series at a win apiece after a 7-6 overtime victory on home ice.

Nolan McGuire scored the game winner in OT. Augert had tied the score at 6-6 at 10:09 of the third period.

Warren, which held period leads of 3-1 and 5-4, received goals from Chad Deprez, Hykawy, Johnny Lazo, Mitch Hansen,

MacDonald and Chase Faulkner.

Skylar Klassen, Caleb Suderman, McGuire, Augert, and Mitch Doell scored Altona's other goals.

Curtis Beck made 51 saves in the losing cause.

The Mercs drew first blood in the series with an 8-5 home victory on Feb. 18.

Warren led 3-2 after the first period and then padded their advantage to 4-2 after 40 minutes.

The two teams then combined for



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Warren Mercs' Johnny Lazo has a great scoring opportunity against Altona during the SEMHL playoffs.

seven goals in the third.

Lazo led Warren with two goals while Brendan Luschinski had a goal and three assists and Kyle Luschinski chipped in with a goal and two helpers.

Hansen, Wes Pawluk, MacDonald, and Brock Genyk also tallied for the Mercs.

Augert (three), Michael Soffilas, and Nolan McGuire replied for Altona.

The game featured a third-period scrap between Warren's Kyle Lundale and Altona's Tyrel Bueckert.

Bryce Spittal made 32 saves for the victory.

In off-ice news, the Mercs' Hayden Dola was named the SEMHL's best

goalkeeper during the regular season last week.

After missing the first three games of the series due to injury, Dola was expected to get the start in Game 4 this past Tuesday in Altona (no score was available at press time).

Game 5 is set for Thursday in Warren. If necessary, Game 6 will be played Saturday in Altona and then Game 7 would return to Warren next Tuesday.

All of the games start at 8 p.m.

In the other league semifinal series, the Portage Islanders led the Carman Beavers 2-1 heading into this past Tuesday's Game 4.

Rams curl well at mixed doubles provincials

Staff

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams — whose team included Lauren Brown and Carter Ives — finished with a 4-1 record at the MHSAA Mixed Doubles Curling Championships last Saturday in Tyndall/Beausejour.

Stonewall was eliminated from the provincials after a 4-3 loss to the Treherne Tigers last Saturday.

The Rams began their playoff push with a 7-3 victory over the Miles Mac-

donell Buckeyes.

Stonewall started the provincials with a dominating 7-2 win over the Springfield Sabres last Friday morning.

The Rams then beat the Pierson Panthers 5-2 and the Carberry Cougars 7-1 to finish first in their pool with a 3-0 record.

The Morden Thunder won the provincials after doubling the Prairie Mountain Predators 8-4.

Tourney champs red hot




TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KENDRA LITTLEPAGE

The Stony Mountain Flames' PeeWee Red hockey team went undefeated at a Teulon 'A' tournament. Stony Mountain blanked Beausejour 7-0 in the gold-medal game. The Flames earlier defeated the Pineview Saints (14-1), Teulon 'A' (4-1), and Beausejour (8-3). Pictured front row: Matty Penner, Daniel Forsythe and Carson Littlepage. Standing are Meara Smithson (assistant coach), Rob Smithson (head coach), Justin Braid, Wade Byle, Cole Swanson, Evan Deprez, Cooper Carey, Damon Marquart (AP) Darcy Forysthe (assistant coach) and Tyson VanDeSype (AP). Missing from the photo are Evan Roy, Jackson Vandersteen and Liam Smithson (assistant coach).

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18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
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22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
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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
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12. Famed Czech engineer
14. Impress into silence
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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
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36. Broad, shallow craters
38. Thick cuts
40. Breezed through
41. Breakfast is one
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OBITUARY



Johnny (John) Persowich
December 21, 1945 – February 23, 2020

Very tired after a long hard battle with cancer John passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 23, 2020 because he always considered Sunday "A DAY OF REST."

His wife, Joyce, and daughters, Roxanne and Shannon, sons-in-law, Kory and Rudi, grandsons Milo, Kaspar, Abel and Tawney spent the last few days constantly by his side assuring him that he was never alone.

During his struggle, he had a huge stream of family and friends come to show their love and support. He thoroughly enjoyed having everyone there.

Thank you, Dr. K. Graham and all the wonderful staff at the Stonewall Hospital for all your help and support during this difficult time.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Teulon Rockwood Centennial Hall on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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OBITUARY

Evelyn Durant

It is with the deepest sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Evelyn Durant. Longer obituary to follow.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Stonewall.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Lee Fobes

April 24, 1944 – February 19, 2019

No longer by my side
But forever in my heart.

-Missed by all your friends,
and your wife Delores

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Colleen Anne Oughton (Ritchie)
June 18, 1953 – February 28, 2019

Even though you are gone, Colleen, you will always live on in our hearts and minds. Loving you was the easiest thing in life; losing you was the toughest. Your love, trust, kindness, guidance and friendship - never to be forgotten.

-Love forever,
Al and family and friends

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of
Alvin Edward Good

who passed away February 25, 2010

I thought of you today,
but that is nothing new;
I thought about you yesterday
and days before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name;
All I have are memories,
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake,
from which I'll never part;
God has you in his arms, I
have you in my heart.

-Loved and remembered by your family

*There is a link death cannot sever,
Love and remembrance last forever.*

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OBITUARY



James William Persoage
May 24, 1927 – January 31, 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Jim Persoage, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather at the age of 92 years.

Jim is survived by his loving wife Olga, daughter Karen, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by his parents William and Dorothy Persoage, sister Olga Theriault and son Dennis.

Jim was born on May 24, 1927 at Teulon, MB on the family homestead where he lived his entire life until moving to Tudor Home in 2017.

He attended Netley School till grade 8. After completing grades 9 and 10 at Teulon School, Jim started farming with his father at age 16 taking over the farm in 1974. Farming was one of his passions in life along with attending auction sales.

He enjoyed attending dances at Crabby Steve's barn in Malonton, MB. and at a dance in Silver, MB is where Jim met his future wife Olga Powroznik.

He held various positions on many boards; Jim was a member of Manitoba Pool Elevators and he served on different committees -14 years as delegate, 20 years as councillor, 30 years as secretary of Teulon local, Sub-district 804. He was a member of Canadian Seed Growers Association for 30 years.

He was also secretary – treasurer of St. Stephen's Ukrainian Church, Pleasant Home, MB for 60 years retiring from the Church in 2015.

Jim and Olga enjoyed being snowbirds and spent many years travelling to Texas during the winter. They also travelled to different parts of Canada and USA. Jim travelled six times to Ukraine to visit family.

He will be truly missed.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the staff of Tudor Home and Goodwin Lodge for their kindness and compassionate care.

A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Stephen's Church Cemetery, Pleasant Home or Teulon Goodwin Lodge Recreation.



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!

OBITUARY

John L. Schenkers

April 11, 1966 - January 10, 2020

It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of our son and brother, John Schenkers.

John is survived by his loving Dad and Mom, Ron and Jo-Anne; his brother Mike (Sue) and family and sister Tracy (Barry) Cross and family.

A memorial service will be held on March 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Stonewall, Manitoba.

We love and miss you Johnny.

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OBITUARY



Shirley Unrau
1943 – 2020

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Shirley Unrau on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at the Health Sciences Centre at the age of 76 years.

Memorial service will take place in the spring, longer obituary will follow closer to the date.



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