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Local family feeling the effects of rising costs

By Becca Myskiw

With the seemingly constant rise in grocery and gas prices, locals have to put the things they love on hold.

Manitoba's year-over-year inflation rate hit 7.5 per cent in April, giving the province the third-largest rise in Canada. The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce says this is due to the war in Ukraine, which is impacting oil, commodity, and food prices.

As of April 2022, food prices in the province have increased exponentially. Bakery items by 11.2 per cent, fruits by eight per cent, vegetables by 9.6 per cent, dairy by 7.1 per cent, and meat by 11.3 per cent. Gasoline has increased by 39.1 per cent.

Helena Klassen lives in Roland with her family of six. She and her partner work full time, Klassen in Winkler, commuting daily to bring home a paycheque.

"Our family is a bit unconventional," she said. "My partner and I both work full time, though I try to provide as much as I can on my own for the kids, as I don't think it's fair for my current partner to have to be financially responsible for my children when their own father refuses to be."

Klassen used to pay around \$70 a week for gas, and now she pays almost double that with \$130. Groceries for her family are the same story. She's feeding four children, three of whom are growing boys. She used to pay maybe \$150 a week for groceries, and she now pays \$250.

Klassen doesn't have the option to work from home, so she has to commute to work and even though she's paying almost double for everything, her paycheque remains the same.

"We enjoy doing projects around the home, but that's kind of been slow going because we just simply can't afford it," said Klassen. "We also like to go camping, fishing, swimming, etc., with the children, but we have to drive a way to do those things, and the increase in the price of gas has slowed that way down as well."

She said her family is doing less of everything now. Klassen does all her errands while in Winkler after work, and besides going there daily, her family doesn't go anywhere these days. She said their bills are paid and the children are always fed, but to make what they have last, she's gone without food some nights.



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Helena Klassen's family is giving up some things they love because of inflation.

Homestead Consumers Co-op marketing and communications manager Shannon Vaughan, said many of their staple goods are facing inflationary pressures caused by global supply chain and geopolitical issues. They're seeing the effects this has on their customers firsthand and are doing what they can to remain competitive to the benefit of their customers, but as prices go up, there isn't a lot they can do.

Klassen said the inflation is causing her a lot of anxiety and stress as she worries if she'll be able to continue to provide for her family.

"The increase in the price of gas and groceries has put a significant amount of stress on us as providers," she said. "We are a two-income household, we both have good jobs and work hard but even so, we feel like we're barely making ends meet."

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Correction

Staff

In the June 30 edition of the *Carman Dufferin Standard*, in the article "DCS grad gets \$10K scholarship to Providence," we published that Josiah Smith will be commuting to

school. However, one of the conditions for Smith to win the scholarship is for him to live in residence. He will be doing so now thanks to the scholarship.

The staff apologizes for the error.

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MAEC opening doors for mature students

By Becca Myskiw

Over 16 people from across Manitoba are graduating from Midland Adult Education Centre (MAEC) this year.

MAEC runs their programming completely online, giving every student the chance to finish the coursework on their own time. For Angela Papineau, that meant doing it with her morning coffee after her children left for school.

Papineau dropped out of high school in her teens after moving out and having to support herself. She then became a single mom and life got in the way. When she came close to turning 40, Papineau told herself she had to get her mature student diploma — so she scoured the internet for places to do it and found next to nothing that would suit her needs.

“I work at a family-owned business,” she said. “Every day’s different, your

schedule changes constantly...there’s no planning life. Especially when you have kids. I could never commit to physically sitting in a classroom.”

Then she found MAEC in 2018 and registered but didn’t actually sit down to do the work until COVID-19 happened, leaving her the free time to do so.

“Our business is not something we want to retire in,” she said. “And so, it was you hit 40 and you’re thinking about retirement and I always thought ‘oh I want one of those comfy desk jobs all those old ladies have in town, the 9 to 5.’ I knew I couldn’t even do that until I did this.”

Over the past two years, Papineau’s completed eight credits. She said the hardest one was the last ELA course she did where it stripped down everything she’s ever learned — the way she’s been talking, reading, writing, studying for 40 years — and changed

it. On June 11, she took the whole day off work and hunkered down to finish the course. At 4 p.m., she sent her final assignments in.

“You’re left with nothing the next morning,” she said. “When you finish, you’re like ‘now what?’”

Executive director of MAEC, David Langill, said Papineau worked especially hard this past year, finishing five credits in one semester. She’s just one of the students who’s getting their mature student diploma this year, though.

There were 280 students registered with MAEC in the 2021-22 school year. As of June 22, 16 were graduating, but Langill expects there to be more as they’re open until June 30.

“When high school kids graduate it’s a great thing,” he said. “But these 16 people come from all over the place, have all kinds of commitments, and now they’re going to assume posi-

tions of more responsibility and more compensation. It’s a big deal when somebody finishes off their mature student diploma.”

MAEC’s first day of registration is on Sept. 7, 2022. Langill encourages anyone thinking about getting their mature student diploma to sign up and they’ll help them create a plan. Students with the school are also supported by Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD).

Students do all the coursework online at their own pace. They can take as many or as little time as they need. Because of that, Papineau was able to get her diploma while working and taking care of her children.

“My goal was to finish when I’m 40,” she said. “And I did.”

She’s not yet sure what her plan is but she knows her options are open, and that’s all she needs.

COVID booster shots recommended for fall; Doctors Manitoba revises procedure backlog

By Patricia Barrett

With the COVID-19 virus continuing to mutate and gaining traction in some parts of Canada, Canada’s National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) is recommending the administration of an mRNA booster shot this fall.

For some people, an additional shot of vaccine could constitute their third,

fourth or fifth dose.

The recommendation comes after an expected resurgence of COVID in the fall and the possibility of stressing the health-care system.

“The likelihood, timing and severity of a future wave of COVID-19 is uncertain; however, the later fall and winter months are expected to be associated with a resurgence of SARS-

CoV-2 community transmission due to indoor and seasonal gatherings,” states NACI in a June 29 guidance re-

port. “Later fall and winter is also a time when the incidence rates of oth-

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er respiratory diseases are elevated, which leads to increased pressure on health systems.”

It recommends that individuals aged 12 to 64 years of age be offered a fall COVID booster vaccination “regardless of the number of booster doses previously received.” And it strongly recommends that the fall booster dose be given to the following:

- People 65 years of age and older
- People living in long-term care or congregate living facilities
- Children 12 years of age and older with an underlying medical condition
- Adults living in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities
- Adults in racialized communities and/or marginalized communities (e.g., people living with disabilities)
- People 12 years and older who are living in congregate settings such as quarters for migrant workers, shelters, correctional facilities and group homes.

NACI said the omicron subvariants BA4 and BA5 “continue to grow” in Canada while previous omicron subvariants, such as BA2, are on the decline.

In addition to the rise of the latest subvariants – which can evade natural or vaccine-induced immunity and are even more contagious than previous omicron lineages – the proportion of people who’ve received at least one additional dose of vaccine has “plateaued” and “infection- and/or vaccine-acquired immunity wanes over time.”

With regard to adverse side effects of [additional] mRNA booster doses, NACI said health risks are unknown in the case of some serious complications because they’ve been administered to a limited subset of the

population, such as long-term care residents, and the monitoring of vaccine safety is ongoing.

“Booster doses were well tolerated and no new safety signal was identified. However, second booster doses have generally been administered in specific populations (e.g., LTC residents, older adults) or in small groups, therefore evidence of their safety is currently limited,” states NACI. “The risk of myocarditis and/or pericarditis [inflammation of the heart / inflammation of the lining of the heart] following the first booster dose was lower compared to dose 2 of the primary series, which is consistent with lower risk due to extended intervals between doses. The risk of myocarditis and/or pericarditis associated with additional doses is currently unknown.”

Many of the COVID vaccines approved by Health Canada are associated with a risk of serious health complications – including death – which include thrombosis (blood clots), thrombocytopenia (low platelets in blood), capillary leak syndrome, Guillain-Barre syndrome (the immune system attacks the nerves and can paralyze the entire body) and Bell’s Palsy (facial paralysis). The World Health Organization and researchers have also reported on multi-thousands of cases of tinnitus and hearing loss.

Health Canada has instructed vaccine manufacturers to list some warnings on their product monographs. The health agency maintains that the benefits of COVID vaccines outweigh the risks of the disease.

A total of 85,133,726 vaccine doses have been administered in Canada as of May 27, according to the federal government. Adverse health events

Procedure	Backlog Estimated Range	Wait Time		
		Pre-Pandemic	Current	Trend
Cardiac	136 to 146	14-18 days	17 days	→
Cataract	1,247 to 2,747	10-14 weeks	21 weeks	↑
Hip/Knee	1,631 to 3,131	20-30 weeks	35 weeks	↑
Other Surgeries	28,650 to 33,650	N/A	N/A	
TOTAL	31,664 to 39,674			

Cardiac, Cataract and Hip/Knee were estimated using change in wait list. Other surgeries reflects estimates of missed procedures. Wait times are median based on Manitoba Health reporting. For cardiac, the waits represent all procedures. For cataract, the waits are for Misericordia. For Hip/Knee, a province-wide estimate is available. See appendix for detail.

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Estimated wait times for surgical procedures such as hip, knee and cataracts as of June 28.

have been reported by 46,635 (about 6 in 10,000) people. Of those 46,635 reports, 9,627 were considered serious.

Other health news:

-The provincial government’s weekly COVID surveillance report for the week June 19-25 shows 157 new cases of COVID. The volume of restricted PCR lab tests for the virus decreased from the previous week’s report. Provincial data is an undercount of the true number of infections.

There were also 46 new hospital admissions for the virus, of which five people required intensive care treatment, and one death was reported.

Manitoba’s COVID death toll now stands at 2,043, an increase of 18 deaths from the previous week’s death toll of 2,025.

-In its COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update published June 29, the World Health Organization reported that the number of weekly cases “has increased for the third consecutive week, after a declining trend since the last peak in March 2022.” The countries with the highest numbers of new weekly cases are the U.S., Germany,

Brazil, Italy and China.

-Doctors Manitoba revised its estimate of the backlog of surgical and diagnostics procedures. As of June 28, there are between 107,111 and 130,449 procedures in the queue. The organization reported over 166,000 procedures at the end of May.

“The new estimate focuses on the work required to clear the backlog, rather than tabulating the procedures missed during the pandemic as some of those procedures are no longer required,” states the physician advocacy organization on its website.

Some patients no longer need a test or a procedure because their condition has either improved or deteriorated, they died while waiting or they moved away, states Doctors Manitoba. And “alternative and sometimes less ideal tests or treatments were used instead.”

-The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) reported 43 additional cases monkeypox last week for a total of 278 cases as of June 29. Quebec has reported 202 cases, Ontario, 67, Alberta, five, and British Columbia, four. There was a total of 235 cases reported as of June 24.

-The World Health Organization has confirmed 3,413 cases of monkeypox and one death from 50 countries/territories between Jan. 1 and June 22. The majority of laboratory confirmed cases were reported from the WHO’s European Region at 86 per cent, followed by the Region of the Americas at 11 per cent and the African Region at two per cent.



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Remembering and sharing stories written by Linda Phillips

By Becca Myskiw

Linda Phillips started writing stories when her nursing began. She took her schooling in Brandon when she was 19 years old, then came home and worked in Winkler for 26 years as a nurse.

Phillips grew up on a farm outside of Roland, doing everything a young farm girl does — according to her dad Clarke McLaren. She was in the local 4-H club, sang in the church choir, and kept busy.

Phillips and her husband had three children while they lived in Myrtle, before moving to Graysville on a farm of their own. McLaren said she liked farming. She drove a combine just once and after half an hour, she was done and happy she had tried it.

Later on in life, Phillips had kidney problems, and a friend donated theirs, which she had for over 10 years. Earlier this year on March 21, Phillips passed from a stroke at the age of 67. Along with family, she left behind her stories of life and the things she'd seen along the way.

In a scrapbook are 44 of her stories, some published in newspapers, some in magazines, others personal. We have chosen three to share with our readers and to remember Phillips.

Morning Glory

It was foggy that morning. You know that kind of fog that is about six feet above the ground, and looks like spider webs in the trees. The sun was coming up and trying to penetrate the wispy fog. The dew was very heavy. The sun was sparkling off of every blade of grass and every weed and wildflower in the ditch and along the side of the road. If you didn't know it was twenty degrees celsius you would have thought that Mother Nature had froze everything white. It was hard to see facing into the sun and all of a sudden there was about twelve wild turkeys scurrying across the road. A little further up the road a couple of does ran across the road. The sun continued to rise above the fog and you could tell by the blue blue sky that it was going to be a beautiful day. It was one of those mornings that you stop to count your blessings. Your gift of sight, so often taken for granted is a double blessing this morning as you are witness to this glorious



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Linda Phillips recently passed away, leaving a legacy of short stories about life.
day.

What's In a Name?

How many of you out there have a someone named after you? Or have you been named after someone? Doesn't it get you to wondering about that person? Because after all, would you have been given their namesake if your parents hadn't liked and respected him or her? I was named after both my grandparents so what is that all about? My great-grandma on my Dad's side and my Grandma on my Mom's side. Not much pressure! I remember my great Grandma, vaguely sitting in her big rocking chair in this big old brick house. I do not remember my Grandma as she passed away when my Mom was still a little girl. Oh, how I wish I had known her, and even more so as I inherited her name. I have a granddaughter named after me now. She is ten months old, and there are no words to tell you how precious she is. This namesake she carries was also my Grandma's that I never knew. This

child will know me! I will pass on all the things that were told to me about my Grandma plus what this Granny knows and loves. My classmates growing up always had fun with my second name, sometimes teasing me and that name finally stuck as my nickname. The day I graduated and they call out your full name to come get your diploma, some of my fellow grads came and admitted that they did not know that my nickname was really my name. I was always secretly proud of my namesake and thought it kind of funny when the kids teased me as it really didn't bother me, most of the time. Unbeknown to them they were really just building my character. So, I hope my little namesake thinks the same way and grows up to become a strong independent woman, respectful of where she came from and who has come before her. So what's in a name? I guess, whatever you make it to be!

Untitled

In my line of work I get to hobnob with the wise ones — the wise ones being anyone over 75 years of age. They nonchalantly share their knowledge with you as you ooh and aah about things they have just taken for granted over the years. They aren't easily impressed with all our newfound modern technology. I love talking with these wise people as I think they make me appreciate where I have come from. They appreciate the little things and make you feel low when you don't save the tinfoil or serviette after you take them out for lunch. Young people are like an elixir to them and you really can't do anything wrong in their eyes, and if you do, they just very nicely tell you what you did wrong and help you make it right. Their patience is unbelievable. I wish I'd had a quarter of it when I was raising my children. This wisdom and patience did not come easy as they will soon tell you. It was gained the very hard way, over years of hard work that they took for granted. These wise ones reinforce my feelings that growing old can be a wonderful thing and that it is everything that you make it. So, if you want to gain some wisdom, volunteer to spend some time with these wonderfully wise people and make yourself feel lucky to be alive.

Prairie Sky English offers customized ESL training

By Jennifer McFee

For newcomers to Canada, the importance of language learning speaks for itself.

And for business owners, many are taking all possible steps to recruit and retain workers, particularly in rural communities.

To bolster opportunities for businesses and newcomers alike, Leah Mitchell launched Prairie Sky English two months ago. Her business provides customized English-as-a-second-language programs — both in person and online — to businesses, rural communities and individuals. As a certified Manitoba teacher with a bachelor of commerce degree in human resources, Mitchell has been working in the essential skills indus-

try for more than a decade.

"Rural businesses and regions like the Interlake are trying to grow, yet they are struggling. They want to increase economic development, but in order to do that, you need people living and working in the region," she said.

"If we want to encourage more people to live and work in our region, we must offer more services in more areas. A demographic that many rural regions are looking at is encouraging more newcomers to move into rural."

Although many newcomers might initially move to rural regions, lots don't stay due to the lack of newcomer services available to them, Mitchell noted.

"I've worked adult education and

training in the Interlake for the last 10 years and one of the biggest struggles I've had is referring people for English supports. Most of the time, I had to refer them to Winnipeg," Mitchell said.

"For example, the only ESL class that I know in the past year was run by Red River College in Arborg and only certain levels were offered. While it's great that we had something, that only helps a small percentage of whom are living here."

Right now, many businesses and organizations face a staff shortage across the Interlake.

"Businesses are short staffed and we have these groups of amazing people with amazing skills, yet there's a

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Leah Mitchell is offering customized English-as-a-second-language programs to businesses and newcomers.

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Wage equity in the early learning and child-care sector funding announced

By Manitoba government

The governments of Canada and Manitoba announced the allocation of nearly \$37 million to implement a wage grid that will support wage equity for the early childhood workforce in funded child-care facilities.

“Our government recognizes that a well-compensated workforce is essential to stabilize and strengthen the early learning and child-care sector and is a critical step in addressing labour market shortages,” said Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Wayne Ewasko. “This investment will support the dedicated staff who provide high-quality care and early learning opportunities that promote positive early childhood development outcomes, setting the stage for the lifelong success for young Manitobans.”

Under the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, \$34.7 million will be allocated to the existing operating grants through an additional Wage Grid Supplement to support wage equity for early learning and child-care sector staff who care for children under the age of seven.

The funding will allow non-profit child-care boards to develop fair, consistent and competitive wage scales for early childhood educators and child-care assistants across the province. The wage grid in the Canada-wide agreement sets out equitable

wage targets to provide funded facilities with guidance on wages for child-care assistants and early childhood educators.

“Early childhood educators are at the very heart of the Canada-wide early learning and child care system,” said federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Karina Gould. “Today’s announcement with Manitoba is a meaningful step in valuing their essential work and ensuring they have the support they need to continue caring for our children every day.”

The wage grid supplement will be effective as of July 1 and will help the sector retain qualified, experienced staff and boost recruitment efforts. Through the Wage Grid Operating Supplement, all funded facilities will receive a 12 per cent increase in the revenue generated per space, to support increased, equitable staff wages.

The Manitoba government is investing an additional \$2.3 million to ensure staff working in school-age child-care programs are also fairly and consistently compensated.

“Today’s announcement builds on recent investments under the extension of the Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreement announced in February 2022. At that time, \$6.6 million was allocated toward the Wage Bridge Benefit, which would carry us over to the launch of the wage grid,” said Ewasko. “The

Wage Bridge Benefit provided a one-time retroactive wage supplement for the lowest-paid child-care assistants and early childhood educators during 2021-22, to increase their wages and move us closer to the targets outlined in today’s wage grid announcement.”

The development of a wage grid is a commitment made by all provinces and territories outside of Quebec as part of the investment to build a Canada-wide early learning and child-care system.

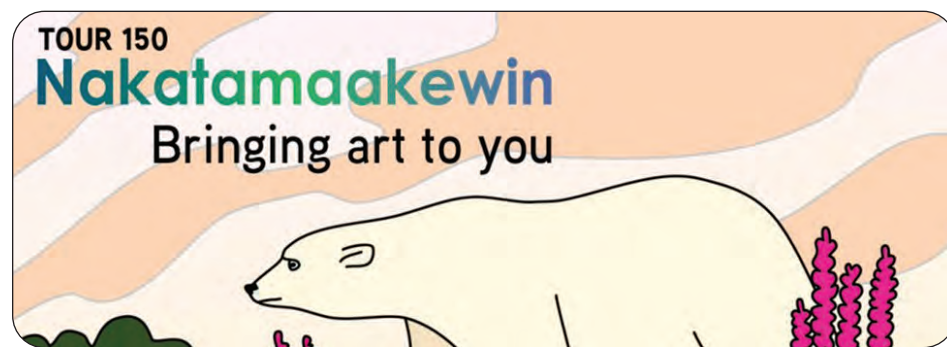
“The Manitoba government recognizes the invaluable service of the province’s child-care assistants and early childhood educators, and we are proud to be one of the first jurisdictions in Canada that is ready to proceed with implementing a wage grid to better support the early childhood learning workforce,” said Ewasko. “These important investments are part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring all Manitoba families, regardless of where in the province they live, have access to high-quality, affordable, flexible and inclusive early learning and child-care services.”

For more information on the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, visit www.manitoba.ca/education/childcare/actionplan.html and www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/agreements-provinces-territories/manitoba-canada-wide-2021.html.

WAG Inuit art exhibition coming to Carman on July 12

By Becca Myskiw

The Winnipeg Art Gallery’s mobile art exhibition, Nakatamaakewin, is coming to Carman. The exhibition is a world-class collection of Inuit art in textiles, prints, stone sculptures, and audiovisual stories. Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) has been selected as one location to host it on the tour. The mobile trailer will be set up in the parking lot on July 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibition is free of charge to anyone who wants to attend.



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Carman’s Golden Prairie Arts Council are hosting the Nakatamaakewin mobile art exhibition showcasing Inuit art.

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“Celebration of Gardens Tour” happening on July 16

By Becca Myskiw

Carman’s gardens are bursting with colour, and the local garden club is getting ready to tour the town’s brightest flowers.

The Carman Garden Club is hosting its annual Celebration of Gardens Tour on July 26. Starting at 10 a.m., people can stop by seven different yards to see what’s growing.

Garden tours are an opportunity to be inspired, explore innovative ideas, talk to other plant enthusiasts, and receive gardening advice and valuable tips for success.

Claudia Kohler and Charlene Veenendaal are two club members in charge of the tour. Kohler said each garden on the tour this year is different, making every stop worth it.

“The garden tour is to encourage other people to keep their yards nice and beautiful, to show people how much fun it can be to have a nice yard and how good gardening can be for the soul,” she said.

Tickets are on sale for \$15 at www.auctria.events/gardentour where people can buy lunch from Crazy Lady’s Cafeteria along with their garden tour ticket. Tickets are also available the day of at the Dufferin Historical Museum, but lunch cannot be ordered as Crazy Lady’s Cafeteria needs to know in advance.

All people on tour will get a map and program, so



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The Carman Garden Tour is on July 26 this year.

they know where to go and whose garden they are visiting. At the museum, various vendors will also set up selling things like birdhouses and handmade goods. They’ll be set up all day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the tour ends.

This year, two of the gardens on the tour are outside of Carman. The other five are in and around town. Kohler said one garden is in a small yard and uses recycled containers as planter boxes with ev-

ery plant started from seed. Another garden is by a huge fishpond, and another is a vegetable garden.

“It’s a nice outing with friends,” said Kohler. “You can have a good visit and see different gardens, getting new ideas for your own garden.”

All money made from the garden tour goes back into the Carman Garden Club. Most of the funds generated go into paying for their junior garden club, which has almost 50 members this year.

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struggle to connect the two. And in most instances, the barrier to connecting the two is language,” she said.

“Having more opportunities for local language training benefits communities in many ways. It helps local businesses find staff because now you have more skilled people who can work in the community. You then have more people who decide to stay and invest in the community, which contributes to the local economic development.”

Communication is key to ensuring an employment arrangement works for both the employer and the employed.

“There are many businesses in the region that hire and recruit newcomers. These are all skilled workers; however, many are still at a level of English where they struggle at work. I am able to work with the business to create ESL classes suited to their staff that can be taught onsite during or after work,” Mitchell said.

“I’m in consultation with some communities that would like to offer ESL classes in their town for locals as well as groups of businesses that would like to offer to their staff. It can be a large financial commitment for one business with, say, two employees with ESL concerns. So when you work with the community, it makes more financial sense for 10 businesses to

work together to bring the program in.”

In addition, Mitchell works with individuals, since some people prefer one-on-one classes or might want to focus on a specific area like pronunciation.

“Everything is customized. With my educational background, I’m going to do an initial assessment and make recommendations, but if a group wants a 10-week class, it will be 10 weeks. If they want six months, we can make it six months,” she said.

“If they want certain workplace vocabulary included or, say, Canadian culture training fused in, we can do that as well. That’s the benefit of working with a private ESL business — you get a say in what is taught.”

At the same time, these classes offer a comfortable environment for newcomers to discuss more than just English language.

“An ESL class is also a safe space to ask questions about something that maybe happened at work and they aren’t sure if it’s OK or not. For example, I also volunteer with an immigrant group in Winnipeg teaching ESL. And a few times I’ve had a student ask ‘Is this normal?’ ‘What should I do when this happens?’” she said.

“There’s only so much funding to go around to support newcomers, and

with numbers expected to increase over the next few years, unless there is more funding coming in, newcomer programs are going to get more and more stretched with whom they can help.”

At the same time, Mitchell encourages more workplaces to give newcomers a chance.

“We have so many newcomers moving to Canada with amazing skills that are much needed. Just because someone has a strong accent doesn’t mean that they can’t read, write and

understand English perfectly well,” she said.

“A person that is able to speak two languages and work in the second language is already proving themselves to be highly capable and hard working. It’s not easy to learn a new language, much less get a job in a workplace that requires you to speak it.”

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Businessman and visionary.....Remembering Ross Laycock

By Dennis Young with nephew Roy Wood's stories

Ross Laycock began a record in business development in the Carman area unlike any. Adding to the local economy and providing services that all proved to be commercial successes. From a John Deere agency to automobile sales to a transfer franchise to a feed mill to potato production and real estate, Ross was not afraid to dabble and develop.

As a young farmer at Homewood, Ross needed better equipment so approached John Deere in Wpg. He asked them how many seed drills I need to sell to get 1 free? Six they said. Ross sold those 6 and picked up his new drill! That fall he did the same for a free binder!

His own John Deere Ag dealership opened in 1934 with an office in the Palace Livery Barn (now Catholic Church lot) in 1934. With tough times in the "dirty 30s" Ross would take horses in trade for machinery from farmers. He had sources to sell them to from his time spent cutting and hauling lumber with his stationary engine/buzz saw. Forestry had a huge calling for horses. At times there was as many as 40 in a barn (now Riverview Lodge).

Those practices were not the kind Deere or banks endorsed but he was able to convince them to stay with him and it proved to be the right thing to do. From his lot on Centre Avenue (now Phillips Construction) in 1941, he sold 67 new tractors the most in Western Canada.

Along the way Ross ran into an Ag rep who was promoting potato planting. Next thing you knew Ross had a 1 row planter and a 1 row digger sowing 40 acres in 1948. There was no fry business back then but spuds were hauled to Winnipeg for processing.

During his foray in that business, Ross along with Buster Brechin bought A.J. Smith's South West Transfer, a Wpg-Carman run. Since it was always heading into Wpg without a load, he would ship his harvest to the city and return with groceries/hardware for to deliver to Carman/Morden/Winkler. Never empty!

Then as sole owner since 1941, he bought out his competitors Jim Bowes and Bill Mennie of the Carman Transfer in 1953. That company would eventually be run by his son-in-law Jim Witt (married to Evelyn) into the 1990s before becoming Gardewine Transport.

He would sell the John Deere business to Cam Johnston and Ike Harder in 1952 and the lot to Hank Churchill but hung on the Chrysler auto portion he had added in 1936. Since the tracks ran right in front of the dealership, Ross frequently had to deal with blocked access. On 1 such occasion the engineer yelled out of his car and asked Ross "How much for that car?" He returned the next day with the cash.

One day a gentleman stopped by the dealership selling tickets for which you could win a 1956 Ford Fairlane. Hearing his bookkeeper Stan Last turning down the sale, Ross bought a tkt. He won!! So here was a Chrysler business owner driving a Ford for years! Laycock Motors prospered and by 1965 became (Bill) Murray Motors on Centre Avenue (now Carman Dental).

The Dept of Hwys was looking for someone to maintain #13 north (before pavement) in the 50s so Ross painted a John Deere D yellow, added a scraper and hired 2 men to that 5 days a week.

Again in 1953 he purchased Dufferin Feed Mill from Norm Loepky, hired his son Earl to run it and then sold it in '59 to Blake Atkins (now Seahawk location).

With 3200 acres of productive farmland (1100 still being farmed by Grandson Buck and his son Shane) near the growing Carman boundaries, real estate development was an obvious choice. Beginning in 1950 he sold lots that are now 2nd Street S.E., 3rd Street S.E., Carman Collegiate (10 acres for \$10,000), Ross Place, Oak Place, Sunnyside, Carman Industrial Park and Homestead Co-op. Not bad for a man with a grade 6 education.... not bad at all.

Ross eventually would relax business wise and look after his extensive secluded grounds. His carefully designed landscaping, along with his Christmas time elaborate lighting, attracted admiration from area residents year round. Roy, who



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Carman's Ross and Becky Laycock smile proudly over the cairn unveiled along the Carman Community Pathway to Active Living. The Cairn is in recognition of land use for the pathway donated by the Laycock family.

worked in those potato fields at 16, wrapped it up. "I was so enriched by his encouragement to go forward with any of my ideas and opportuni-

ties I had over my years. We all should be so encouraging to each other!"
Ross passed away in 2002 at 95.

Green thumb accolades



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Carman resident and CIB volunteer Marg Riddell, left, presents the July 2 Yard of the Week certificate to Bernice and Russell Patterson for their charming, flower-filled property located on Eagle Drive. The couple say the inspiration for their yard comes entirely from the beautiful neighbouring properties surrounding them. The Pattersons' yard is the first of four Yard of the Week presentations CIB will make during July. Yard of the Week is a 2022 Year of the Garden project of CIB highlighting the substantial work Carman residents put into making their properties attractive, which, in turn, makes our community look so great. Local businesses are generously supporting Yard of the Week with donations for the gift baskets. The custom-made sign for Yard of the Week was built by local welding artist Melissa Emerson-Froebe who does metal sculptures under her business name Ironmaidens' JAM.

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Carman Collegiate grads staying golden

By Becca Myskiw

It was an emotional afternoon for the 37 Carman Collegiate graduates last Tuesday.

At 1 p.m. on June 28, the now-former students of Carman Collegiate walked down the aisle, watching each of their classmates cross the stage to receive their diplomas.

Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) board trustee Marilyn North started the ceremony with greetings, and by welcoming current vice-principal (and

Carman Collegiate alumnus) Mary Reimer into the principal position, she'll be taking next year.

Then the fun and emotions began with the presentation of diplomas, awards, bursaries, and scholarships.

Graduate Quinn McLaren received the Carman Collegiate Staff Award and the Governor General's Academic Medal, among other awards.

Guest speaker Marilyn Thompson was the afternoon's guest

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Lexie Nelson and her classmates clap as each other crosses the stage.



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speaker. Thompson was the graduating class's Grade 8 teacher, and she reminisced on her various memories when the grads were younger. She remembered them being late to class, getting lost, showing up with the wrong books, and showing up with no books at all.

"You're one of those classes where I cherish the memories," she said.

She ended her speech with four pieces of advice that were taken from novels they read with Thompson and songs she enjoys:

1. Stay gold Pony Boy, stay gold.
2. In some cases, we learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it than we do from learning the answer itself.
3. If you've got a dream chase

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Quinn McLaren received the staff award and the Governor General's Academic Medal among other awards and bursaries.



Kaylee Wiebe was emotional at her graduation.

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Coltyn Plaitin



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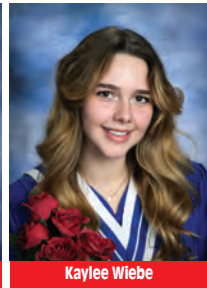
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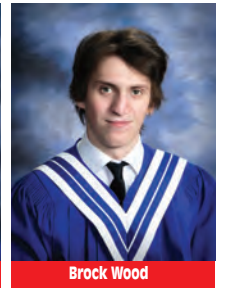
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it, cause a dream ain't going to chase you back.

4. Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens. Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance, and when you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance.

McLaren and graduate Coltyn Plaitin gave the student address, starting with the quote, "Graduation is not the end, it's the beginning."

They told fellow graduates to take pride in all they do and do everything with determination. Though they're now out in the real world, the two took a few moments to share memories they have with their classmates. Like when someone kept leaving chocolate milk around on breaks to invite fruit flies in. Or the first school ski trip in Grade 7 when someone went too fast, lost their ski, and tumbled down the hill.

"Now, it's time to celebrate," they said. "Because after a long few years, we've finally graduated."



Anthony Lehmann is all smiles after graduating.



Coltyn Plaitin, left, and Quinn McLaren giving the student address.



Coltyn Plaitin hugs family outside the school after the ceremony.

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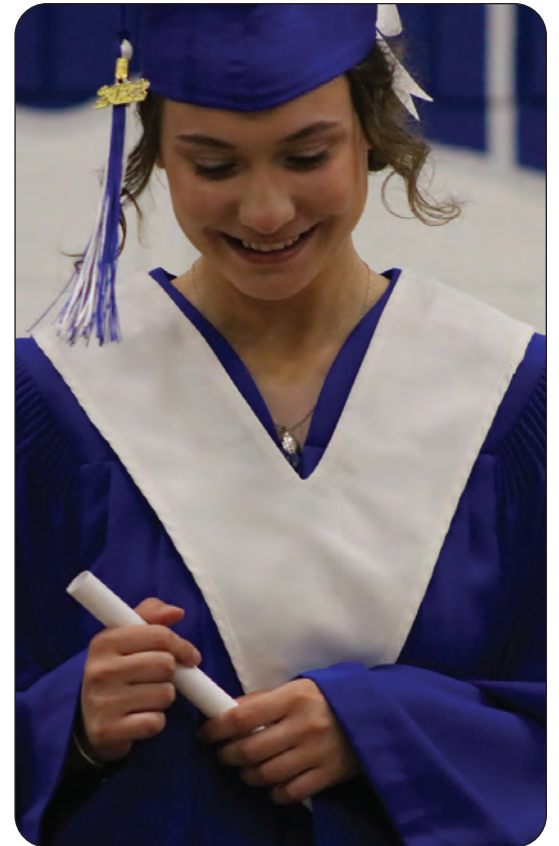
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Quinn McLaren shares a moment with family after Tuesday's ceremony.



Slade Sotheran was happy to be done high school.



Sara Neufeld is all smiles after getting her diploma.

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Mary Church receiving her diploma from principal Jeff Latimer



Tracy Enns, left, and Isabel Hendricks share a laugh as she presents her with a bursary.

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Samuel Kohler after receiving his diploma on Tuesday.



Carson Park giving high-fives as he leaves the Carman Collegiate gym for the final time as a student.



Cadence Krahn receiving her diploma.

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Zindi Cope was happy to graduate Tuesday.



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Elm Creek School

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Elm Creek graduates prepare to write the next chapter

By Tammy Karatchuk

It was a small graduation class, but a mighty one.

On Monday, June 27, eight graduates awaited the flipping of their tassels to signify the end of high school.

Elm Creek High School, Mr. Jesse Thomaschewski, co-hosted the evening with Mrs. Leslie Howard. Thomaschewski gave a land acknowledgement, then proceeded to welcome the graduates.

First, Thomaschewski instructed the graduate's family and friends to be quick with their photos.

"On behalf of the graduates and myself, please do not make us hold hands for an uncomfortably long time with our handshake pose," said Thomaschewski. "With that being on everyone's radar, let us get the graduates to join the action."

Thomaschewski praised the eight graduates on their dedication and hard work, especially during difficult times.

"Navigating school can present its challenges in a typical year," said Thomaschewski, "so I can only imag-

ine completing your senior year's chapter has been quite the experience during a pandemic. Kudos to you!"

Thomaschewski spoke about the adventures that awaited the grads in the future, and the strong character traits of the graduates, and three important ones to carry throughout their lives.

"A positive attitude helps you see the bright side of life," said Thomaschewski. "Secondly, to give back. Nothing makes a person happier than giving your time and efforts to cause you to feel a real connection and, finally, gratitude. Never take for granted the good you have present in your life. Gratitude means thankfulness, counting your blessings, noticing simple pleasures, and acknowledging everything that you receive. When times are tough, shift your focus from what your life lacks to the abundance that is already present."

Thomaschewski wrapped up his speech with a quote from the 17th president of Illinois Wesleyan University, Minor Myers.

"Go in to the world and do well, but more importantly, go in the world



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The 2022 graduating class of Elm Creek High School.

and do good."

Amber VandeVelde was chosen as valedictorian and gave a heartfelt speech mixed with humour.

It feels good to be here doesn't it?"

said VandeVelde. "After learning so many useful things in school that will surely help us in life like ... how to

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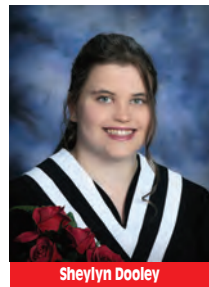
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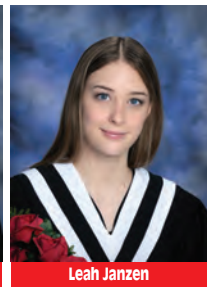
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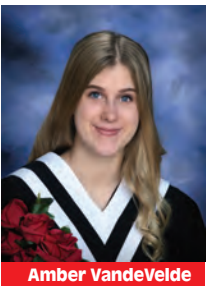
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position things around your house in French, how to throw a javelin, reciting the periodic table, and mastering long division without a calculator," then adding, "these things has probably, well maybe helped us grow a little bit."

VandeVelde thanked the teachers for their hard work and dedication to the graduating class, even with their antics, negotiations, tears, bribes, pure anger, persuasion, and the occasional lip or two. You have all been steady helpers and encouragers in our lives, and none of us would be here today without you. So, thank you.

VandeVelde encouraged the graduates to take a chance and remember that sometimes it's okay to fail.

"Life is all about taking risks and making mistakes," said VandeVelde. "Just remember never to lose hope, and that eventually, there is nowhere to go but up ... Always remember that an individual who falls and gets back up is much stronger than someone who never falls."

VandeVelde equated graduation closing another chapter in their lives, and the newly minted eight graduates are eager to begin a new one, they can't "skip through the pages of life to see how long the next chapter is going to be."

"We all have our own book of life that has not yet been written and every day that passes is a page that we write in ourselves," said VandeVelde. "Luckily, as Elm Creek graduates, we have been given all the paper and ink we need to write our own stories."

"And with the love and support from our friends and family, our books will become best sellers."



Rob Bryson from Newman Hand presenting the Newman Hand scholarship to Harleigh Carlson, Leah Janzen and Joseph Price.



Sheylyn Dooley with her grad sign before the ceremony.



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Leah Janzen receiving her diploma on Monday.



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Miami grads pay tribute to lost classmate

By Becca Myskiw

A heartfelt ceremony to celebrate the grads who were and should have been in attendance was held on Monday, June 27, for Miami School.

Principal Brandy Chevalier started her speech by letting everyone know this was her first graduation as a principal. She promised a short and sweet speech for the crowd, so she imparted her wisdom in five bullet points.

- Chevalier told the grads:
1. Money can come in handy, but it doesn't buy love or happiness.
 2. Find a job you love, and you'll never work a day in your life.
 3. Sleep is underrated. Get plen-

ty of rest; you won't miss a thing.

4. Buckle up and never text while driving.

5. Do a good deed for someone every day without being asked.

She ended her speech with what she called the "important stuff." Chevalier said the following is her personal Top 20 list for avoiding the mistakes so many have made:

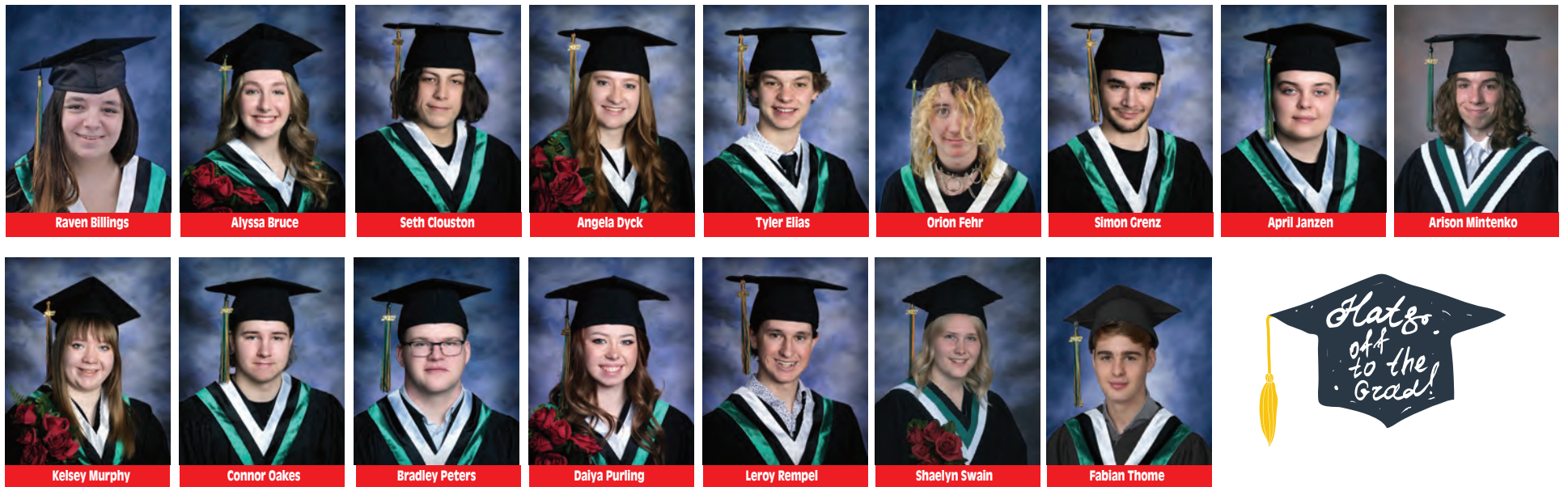
1. A toothbrush is not built to last a lifetime.
2. Don't wait until the "check engine light" comes on to schedule an oil change.

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The graduates tossed their caps at the end of the ceremony to signify the end of high school.



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3. Stopping at red lights is law, not a suggestion.
4. It's OK to look closely at your car tires, even if they're not flat.
5. Always pay your electric bill before they shut off your lights.
6. Science experiments belong in labs, not the fridge.
7. Tattoos are best decided upon when sober.
8. Don't marry someone just because they look good in jeans.
9. Mom's Tupperware is not disposable.
10. Don't microwave Styrofoam, plastic bags, and aluminum foil.



Principal Brandy Chevalier shared some advice with the graduates.

11. Life is a balancing act; the dishes in the sink aren't.
12. Take a break from your phone every now and then.
13. Walmart parking lots are not NASCAR practice tracks.
14. Credit card companies provide a lot of interest, but not the kind you want.
15. What you post on the internet lives forever, for even future employers to see.
16. Buy something on credit and pay for it on time.
17. Always clean out the dryer lint trap.
18. When your car makes a noise, drowning it out with loud music is not a fix.
19. Use sunscreen.

The valedictorians, Arison Mintenko and Alyssa Bruce, reminisced in their speech, then talked about the perseverance they needed to graduate.

"There were many days where it felt like we were taking it hour by hour, whether that was at home with our computers or six feet apart in the classroom," they said. "But what we didn't know was that each of those long, tire-some days was a stepping stone towards this moment."

They talked about each classmate, taking extra time for Robert McMillan, who passed away in 2020. He had a love for roses, so the class integrated a rose on their grad hoodies and Monday's ceremony.

"Every time we see a rose, we think of him," said the valedictorians.

After thanking everyone, they ended their speech, and the class went on to toss their caps and begin adulthood.



The grads paid their respects to classmate Robert McMillan.

Miami High School graduates paid tribute to classmate Robert McMillan by placing a red rose on a chair with his photo. McMillan passed away in December of 2020.



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Arison Mintenko and Alyssa Bruce gave the valedictorian speech.



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Dufferin Christian graduating class of 2022



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The DCS class of 2022 singing a hymn.

By Becca Myskiw

It was an evening of singing and celebration for 13 Dufferin Christian School (DCS) graduates.

On Wednesday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m., every pew in the west Canadian Reformed Church of Carman was full as family and friends watched the graduates get their diplomas.

Principal Nathan Kok started the service by reading the graduating class's chosen text. Isaiah 43:1b: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Guest speaker Stuart Harsevoort based his whole speech on the text, starting with the question, "Where is

your firm foundation?"

By using a Star Trek analogy, Harsevoort got the message across that even though external factors are out of the graduates' control; they have the Lord who is at work to turn their suffering to their advantage and to his glory. Their firm foundation, in short, is God.

Valedictorian Xander Klaassen then congratulated his classmates on completing the last 13 years of school. He said the past 13 years they've spent at DCS had got them a Christian education and bonds with each other.

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“Some of us didn’t think about what happens after grad,” he said. “We just thought of it as an end.”

But grad isn’t an end, said Klaassen; it’s the start of endless possibilities. And as their grad text says, the graduates do not need to be afraid — they’re at a threshold, but God has it under control, which is exciting.

The graduation ceremony had four breaks for songs — Hymn 66, Psalm 25, Hymn 8, and Psalm 121. Twenty-four awards were given out after Klaassen’s speech. Kenzie Vanderveen received the Citizenship Award, which recognizes a student’s role in the broader sphere of school and community. Sarah Slaa received the BEACON award for being Bold in the Lord, Enduring under pressure, Active as God’s child, Courageous in adversity, Overcoming obstacles, and

Nurturing friends and others. Josiah Smith received the Governor General’s Academic Medal. All but two graduates got DCS student-specific bursaries for post-secondary education.

Each graduate received their diploma and bible before the evening ended with verses one and four of O Canada.



Kenzie Vanderveen received the Citizenship Award.



Sarah Slaa received the BEACON award.



Xander Klaassen was DCS’s class valedictorian.



We are really proud of you and for everything that you have accomplished. We are very confident that you will continue to achieve more successes in life. Good luck on your future endeavors. Congratulations!



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École Regionale Notre-Dame

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École régionale Notre-Dame adding to vibrant French community with new grads

By Becca Myskiw

After two years of no traditional graduations, École régionale Notre-Dame opened its doors to the public to celebrate its graduates last week.

Valedictorians Steph Parvais and Janik Grenier started their speech by welcoming everyone back into the school gym. They said everyone there watching had helped them in one way or another, big or small.

They thanked their teachers for the hours dedicated to improving the graduates' education. Finally, they thanked their friends and families for encouragement and support over the last 12 years.

"To our classmates, we did it," they said in French. "Our last years in high school were far from the norm. We have faced difficult times such as a pandemic and online courses. It is certain that we are all grateful to have finished our last year together and to be able to graduate face to face."

The valedictorians said graduation marks the end of a chapter, which for them also means overcoming the challenges of high school. Now, it's time for them to move on to their new adventures.

"We're sure many of us are excited, sad, or anxious because, unlike a book, we can't peek into the next chapter to see where life will take us," they said. "Graduation is not an end; it is a new beginning."

Principal Gisèle Bosc started her speech by addressing the parents of the graduates. She said communication between the school and the family is essential for the students and she thanked each of the parents for their



Graduate Clairron Mesina received the Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship.



Steph Parvais was awarded the Governor General's Academic Medal.



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Felix Marcq received an excellence award.

collaboration the past years.

"You have been by their side when they were little," said Bosc. "But also during their adolescence to encourage them to persevere and not to give up."

She thanked the staff members for doing their part in helping the students graduate. Throughout the pandemic, she said they've been able to adjust and readjust so well to continue teaching and maintaining connections with the now graduates.

To the English-speaking people, Bosc said, "13 years ago you chose to send your child to our school, a

French school, in hoping that he or she would learn to communicate fluently in French and English. Today, you have before you not only a bilingual or multilingual young adult but also someone who now has the choice to live the French culture as part of his or her life."

She ended by telling the graduates how proud she is of each of them for persevering during difficult times. Those are now behind them, though, she said, and their determination will allow them to progress wherever they choose to.



Janik Grenier accepts her diploma.



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St. Claude School Complex

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SCSC grads going into far better things ahead

By **Becca Myskiw**

What started as a rainy afternoon ended in sunshine and smiles for the St. Claude School Complex (SCSC) graduates of 2022.

On Friday, June 24, 10 students saw their tassels go from right to left at the town church in front of family and friends. As the ceremony progressed, light started to shine through the stained glass windows of the building, adding to the cheery mood during the French and English events.

Principal Jean Godard opened Friday's ceremony with a warm welcome.

"I am optimistic that we are reaching the end of the pandemic, and it's time to look toward the future," he said.

Before looking forward, Godard took his now-former students and their guests on a trip down memory lane. He told of his days in high school and how he thought he'd be an accountant but soon found his calling as an educator. Godard's entire speech was full of music puns, starting with 1980s song titles and ending

with 2000s ones.

"Choose a career you will enjoy and not get in an uptown funk," he told the graduates.

Before ending his speech, Godard had two requests for the SCSC graduates of 2022: to follow their dreams and make a difference in the world and always to keep their cup half full.

Prairie Spirit School Division (PSSD) board trustee Colleen Philippot then came up and used the ABCs in her speech. "A", she said, stands for attitude and how important it is to choose a good one every morning. "B" is for being kind and understanding everyone has different struggles. "C" is for courage, defined as the ability to face danger or pain without fear. It is also for choosing a career based on talent and passion rather than money.

Philippot went on to tell the grads how many advantages they have coming from a rural community. They know everyone they graduated with, including their friends and families. Those people (and more) hold the graduates accountable, making them

better people.

She ended her speech with a quote from Mother Theresa: People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful,

you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy over-

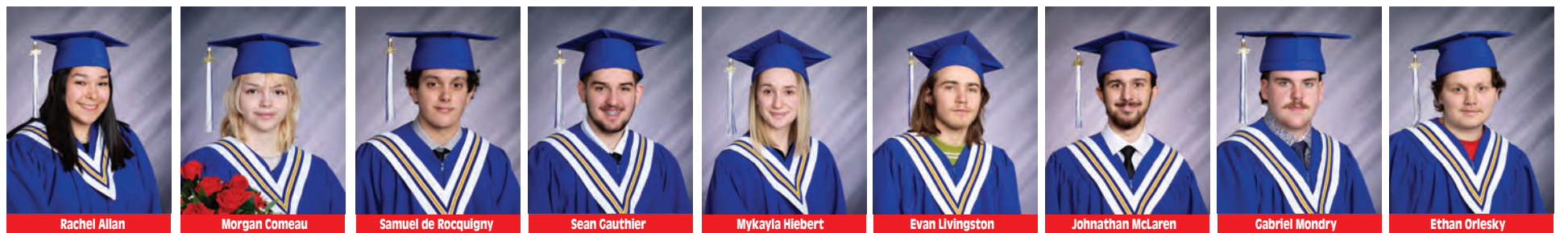
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St. Claude School Complex's 10 graduates of 2022.

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night. Build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Valedictorians Sam de Rocquigny and Sean Gauthier ended the afternoon by going over memories with their fellow graduates and thanking their teachers. They said each of them in this class will go different ways in life because they're all unique and ended with the C.S. Lewis quote that says, "There are far far better things ahead than any we leave behind."



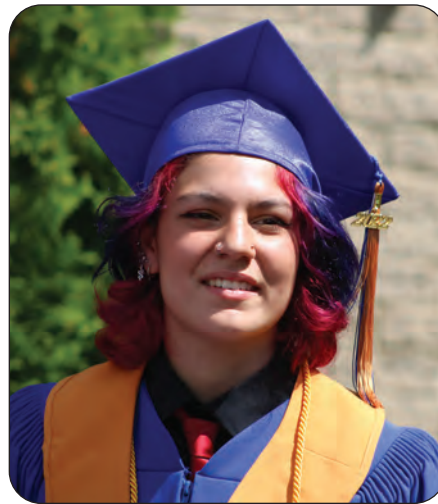
Morgan Comeau received the Governor General's Academic Medal.



Sean Gauthier, left, and Sam de Rocquigny were class valedictorians.



The iconic hat toss following the ceremony for St. Claude's graduating class of 2022.



Good old fashion fun and games for Canada Day



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The towns of Elm Creek and Roseisle were flooded last Friday as everyone came out to celebrate Canada's 155th birthday. Both towns kicked things off with a parade, hosted a truck and tractor pull, and ended the day off with fireworks. Elm Creek had a dunk tank to raise money for Katie Cares, a petting zoo, a slo pitch tournament, and more, and Roseisle had kid's races, lawnmower races, and baseball. Hundreds came out to each town to celebrate Canada Day after two years of virtually no celebrations.



Carman's junior garden club growing in numbers

By Becca Myskiw

Gardening is blooming in Carman and so is the junior gardening club.

The Carman Garden Club's junior club has grown to 46 members this year.

The junior garden club program, sponsored by the Carman Garden Club, gives children of all abilities the opportunity to see what gardening is all about. Liana Alton's eight-year-old daughter is in the club. Alton said her daughter is artistic and thought it would be the perfect fit for her. Now, she's choosing junior garden club meetings over baseball practice.

"I thought it would be really good for her to be responsible for her own project and to see how much work goes into growing her own food," said Alton. "It's also a very affordable program. It's very inclusive for all different kinds of kids. I like that about it too."

Charlene Veenendaal of the Carman Garden Club runs the program. Children ages six to 12 years can sign up for \$5, and the club covers the rest of the costs. This year, because so many children are junior gardeners, they're in three groups, split by age.

The junior garden club has three or four meetings a year throughout May, June, and July, where they do crafts, watch a presentation and then discuss their plants.



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The Carman Junior Garden Club has a record number of members this year.

Alton's daughter is growing peppers, spinach, snap peas, beans, and various flowers. All of her seeds were supplied by the Carman Garden Club.

"It's really important to encourage gardening with our younger people," said Veenendaal. "We understand [gardening's] a cost issue, and some kids might not have access to seeds

and plants. This way, they have everything and are told what to do. They just bring it home and put it in ground."

She said gardening also helps children to grow as people and as part of the community as the club has a group aspect. There's no better time to get into gardening with the price of

groceries constantly increasing.

Once all the junior gardeners' plants have come up, they'll be able to sell some produce at the Carman Farmer's Market. Alton's daughter plans on doing that and fresh eating whatever she doesn't sell.

"There was lots of adapting and changing ..."

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year was not only one of continued adjustment amidst the pandemic but also one of growth for Regional Connections.

Driving it all is the continued emphasis on client-centred services and a co-ordinated response to welcoming and helping newcomers, executive director Steve Reynolds said following the organization's annual meeting last Thursday.

They continued to adjust and be responsive to client needs and to be flexible during COVID-19, he emphasized.

"It was very challenging. With so many of the programs and connections, the in-person connection is so critical for newcomers to the community, to meet people and community members to meet newcomers and build those relationships. So there was lots of adapting and changing and doing things remotely by video call and one-on-one instead of groups.

"We still made it work, and the staff were flexible, and community volun-



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH

Regional Connections staff and board members gathered for its annual meeting last week. The settlement services agency worked hard to be flexible through the pandemic so they could be responsive to its clients' needs, says executive director Steve Reynolds.

teers were great. We made it work but for sure missed the in-person component of getting groups together ... so we're looking forward to more of that again now in the future."

Reynolds said it speaks well to the

dedication and commitment of all involved that they not only maintained programs but have also been expanding.

"Staff worked hard, and we worked hard to adapt and adjust and still had

some opportunities to build programming over the last year, so that was really positive."

He cited the Gateway to Work Ex-

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perience program as an example of a key program which just last week received a commitment of funding from the province.

“It’s a more in-depth employment bridging program,” he explained. “It takes a couple months of employment skills training and work placement. For newcomers who have a bigger gap as far as transferable job skills, it will hopefully bridge that gap and people will be in good jobs.

“We have also some additional refugee support starting now for refugees arriving to the area,” he added as an example of another newer initiative.

The annual meeting offered some highlights of their range of programming:

- Settlement program - helps newcomers to settle and integrate into life here. It involves a variety of initiatives ranging from weekly conversation groups to helping clients prepare for their citizenship tests.

It noted the top ten countries of origin for clients were Philippines, Kazakhstan, Germany, Ukraine, Russia, India, Mexico, Paraguay, Syria, and Brazil, and it worked with 257 new temporary workers last year and reached out to over 250 employers in the region.

- Employment program - two employment facilitators worked with 360 clients, and 208 gained employment, while some shifted to further education and training.

Falling under this area is the Professional Bridging Program where clients receive support in the credentials recognition process. There were 149 such clients who benefitted from that program last year.

- Language program - there were 605 registrations in English language classes with 335 attending in Winkler, 93 in Morden, and 75 in Altona.

- Child care program - care is provided while clients are taking day

time ESL and literacy classes. The programs offered on site in Morden, Winkler, and Altona had 50 children in the past year.

- HIPPY program - Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters had three home visitors who held weekly visits with 27 families in Morden, Winkler, and Altona. They also hosted some group meetings and activities.

- SWIS program - Settlement Workers In Schools works in the Borderland, Garden Valley, Mountain View and Western school divisions. It had eight workers and one co-ordinator helping support newcomer students so that they can fully participate and succeed in school life. There were 184 students in Borderland, 112 in Garden Valley, and 57 in Western.

- Volunteer program - includes community mentors as well as interpreters, who were able to provide that service for 25 languages. There is also the language buddies program that had 65 volunteers and 51

clients matched up to practice their language skills and just connect in the community. In addition, there is the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership, which in the past year had six area municipal councils pass welcoming and inclusive communities policies and created an interactive Pembina Valley services map, a podcast series sharing stories, and held its second annual Connecting Cultures and Communities Celebration. In addition, it conducted a comprehensive immigrant survey.

Reynolds said all of their community partners play a vital role in their continued success in the region.

“We have tremendous opportunities in our communities to work with other partners,” he concluded. “The spirit of collaboration is alive and well in rural Manitoba. We know that working with community members, service providers and stakeholders is a key component of building community together.”

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

Sudoku Answer

T	E	M	D	T	O	R	A	O
S	V	E	A	T	E	P	E	S
E	N	T	A	B	E	B	V	O
V	L	I	B	T	V	L	P	O
L	A	V	T	R	A	N	S	O
S	E	S	O	C	V	A	B	G
N	A	R	I	S	A	H	V	U
E	B	E	S	O	M	L	P	V
E	R	E	F	I	M	S	A	O
K	L	E	S	V	D	V	O	C
N	W	N	O	S	N	H	O	J
W	A	O	H	V	M	F	E	P
N	I	X	O	T	I	N	V	A
S	E	S	T	N	V	M	S	A

Crossword Answer

X **CROSSWORD**

CLUES ACROSS

- Ancient Greek sophist
- Genus of insects
- Culinary herb
- Neutralizing antibody
- Plan
- Pa’s partner
- A city in S Louisiana
- TNT sportscaster
- Atomic #25 (abbr.)
- Well-known bug
- Body parts
- Monetary unit of Albania
- Kids’ play things
- Coastal city in Malaysia
- Famed French physician
- Flourishing
- Excessively overweight
- Pampered
- Emerged
- Order of tailless amphibians
- Indian term of respect
- Shift sails (Brit.)
- Beloved Mexican dish
- Scottish tax
- Health insurance
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Move about
- Execute or perform
- Taste property
- Unit of dry measure
- Blood group
- Something you can up
- In great need
- Breezes through
- Spoke
- Become acquainted with

CLUES DOWN

- A particular part
- Spanish neighborhood
- Business
- Reddish browns
- Extinct Hawaiian bird
- Disney town
- Part of the Bible (abbr.)

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10			
						12				13	14	15	
16						17			18				
19			20	21			22	23			24		
25							26				27		
28					29					30			
				31	32					33			
34	35	36	37					38					
39					40	41	42						
43					44					45	46	47	48
49					50					51	52		
53					54					55			
56			57									59	
60					61	62						63	
												64	
													65

- Atomic #22 (abbr.)
- The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
- In a moment
- Submerge in a liquid
- Yellowish cotton cloth
- , denotes past
- Hoopster Morant
- Not
- Indian title of respect
- Horsley and Marvin are two (abbr.)
- Hoover’s organization
- Round globular seed
- University official
- Spherical body
- Iraq’s capital
- To any further extent

- Swollen lymph node
- Anger
- Technological marvel
- Peruvian district
- Salt of acetic acid
- What Santa says
- Israeli city — Aviv
- Late Heisman winner
- Reveal the presence of
- Long upholstered seat
- Most wily
- Sword
- Respiratory disease
- The Ocean State
- Fleshy watery fruit
- Lying down
- Superheavy metal
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Indicates position

Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month – July 2022

What is childhood arthritis (CA)? Many people mistakenly think arthritis is just a disease of the elderly, but the statistics tell a different story. About three in 1,000 Canadian children has childhood arthritis (CA), which makes it more common than most chronic childhood diseases. You may have heard of the medical term “juvenile idiopathic arthritis” and wondered what it means. “Idiopathic” simply means “unknown”. This word is used when other illnesses known to cause arthritis have been ruled out as the cause of a child’s arthritis.

How is CA diagnosed?

Children with arthritis do not always complain of pain, so it may be difficult to tell if a child’s joints are inflamed (red, swollen and warm to the touch). Sometimes the only initial clues to arthritis may be that the child is stiff when waking up or there is some difficulty using an arm or leg. In some cases, there may be no signs other than a swollen joint or some loss of movement. As a result, CA can be difficult to detect and may go unrecognized by even the most experienced physician. Your child’s doctor will look carefully for any signs of joint swelling

or loss of mobility, which indicate that the joints are inflamed.

Arthritis or its symptoms may be a result of many different illnesses, including infection, injury, allergic/drug reactions or other autoimmune diseases (such as thyroid disease, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease or lupus). Since there is no single test to diagnose CA, tests to rule out other causes of joint pain and swelling must be done. Your child will likely have X-rays as well as urine and blood tests.

Once the diagnosis of CA has been confirmed, routine tests (such as blood tests, X-rays and eye examinations) will need to be repeated from time to time in order to follow the illness and assess the effects of any medication. Your child’s doctor will discuss with you how often these routine tests need to be done.

What are the patterns and forms of CA?

The symptoms and nature of CA vary greatly. Once a doctor suspects CA, your child will usually be referred to a specialist, such as a pediatric rheumatologist (a doctor who is specially trained in the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of disorders of joints, muscles and bones in

children).

There are seven major types of CA:

- Oligoarticular–persistent JA
- Oligoarticular–extended JA
- Polyarticular–RF negative JA
- Polyarticular–RF positive JA
- Systemic JA
- Enthesitis–related arthritis
- Psoriatic arthritis

Determining the form of CA your child has is mostly based on the information collected during the initial physical examination and tests. What happens with your child’s disease over the next six to 12 months is also important. It may take time for your child’s doctor to be absolutely certain which of these types of CA your child has. If the course of your child’s disease changes, a different, more appropriate form may be assigned. Your child’s healthcare provider can still begin treatment without knowing exactly what form of CA your child has. But confirmation of the form of CA will give you, your child and his or her healthcare providers the best information for creating a specially designed treatment plan.

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Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise, or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of reeve(head of council): Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

For the office of councillor: Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the Rural Municipality of Dufferin office, 12-2nd Avenue S.W. Carman, Manitoba during the regular hours of business, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To obtain a registration form contact the SEO by email at cao@rmofdufferin.com or telephone 204-745-2301.

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Senior Election Official



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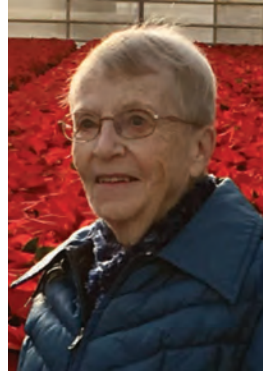
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OBITUARY



Morden, Jane Allison (nee Bridges)

October 30, 1921 - January 24, 2022

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