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Goodbye high school

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William McArthur was more than excited to be graduating from Carman Collegiate on Monday, June 28. McArthur was one of 45 grads from the class of 2021. See inside for full graduation coverage.

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The Carman garden tour will be held July 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Garden tour up and coming, giving everyone a safe summer activity

By Becca Myskiw

It's only a week away — the Carman Garden Club's garden tour is July 17.

On Saturday, people from all over will be welcome to take a tour around the Carman area, scouting out gardens and seeing what everyone's growing. So far, six gardens will be on the map for sure, with a possibility of more being added before the day of.

The event starts at 10 a.m. on July 17 and runs until 4 p.m. All who go on the tour will have to register for \$15 — they can either do it online at www.auctria.event/carmangardentour before July 16 — or at the museum on the actual day.

Registering for the garden tour ahead of time will also give people the option of purchasing a \$10 meal from Crazy Lady's Cafeteria. All food orders must be in before July 15.

Registering will get people the event's program which includes a map of each garden on the tour, local landmarks, places to use the washroom in town, and other food options. So far, all gardens on the tour are within Carman limits, except for the community

garden, which is located in the industrial park just outside of town.

Paula Learmond from the Carman Garden Club said there might be a youth's garden included in the tour, too. Also at the museum on July 17 will be four or five local vendors selling goods for the duration of the event.

"If you're going to make a day of it in Carman, you might as well see some things and what our town has to offer," said Learmond, hopeful the annual garden tour will bring out-of-towners to the community.

The garden tour typically sees around 100 people every year, said Learmond. It gives avid gardeners ideas for their own gardens, shows off residents' pride in their homes, and gives everyone a safe and fun summer activity.

All funds raised from the garden tour go back into the Carman Garden Club to pay for their annual scholarship that furthers someone's education in horticulture, the speakers and presentations they have for six months, and to provide the flowers for the Carman Palliative Care garden.

Public Notice

Memorial Hall will reopen to the public on Monday July 12th for regular office hours.

Face masks are mandatory and all other public health orders will be followed.

Back Door kicks off matching funds campaign

By Becca Myskiw

The Back Door Youth Centre is now matching every donation they receive for their capital project up to \$180,000.

After a business, who wishes to remain anonymous, put forth the idea of a matching campaign, the Back Door couldn't say no. Tyler Friesen, director of the youth centre, said that business put forward \$100,000 for their capital project and asked if they'd use it for a matching campaign.

"It's a project they really believe in," said Friesen. "And they really want to see it happen."

The Back Door Youth Centre is a Youth for Christ drop-in in Carman. They've been raising money since 2016 for a 4,000 square foot addition to their current centre. Friesen said the centre started the project over five years ago after realizing they needed more space, better washroom facilities, expanded office space, and more accessibility for those with disabilities.

The Back Door Youth Centre purchased the lot next to theirs, which

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Long time educator saying goodbye to MAEC

By Becca Myskiw

All good things must come to an end, like Minnie Guilford and her time with the Midland Adult Education Centre (MAEC).

In 1998, government money became available for adult education centres. A few communities surrounding Carman had a facility, but the Midland area did not. So when community members went to the school division asking they open an adult education centre in Carman, they said they would have to do a feasibility study to ensure it was a need.

At the time, Guilford had quit teaching in the classroom and was running her own business, Minnie Help. She was the executive director for the Carman Family Resource Centre and became part of the committee that was doing the feasibility study.

Others involved were Ernie Bart who set it all up, Barb Lepp, and Jane Malcolmson.

For a centre to be opened, they needed to get 25 full-time equivalents. They ended up with 75.

"So, there was a definite need for adult ed in the community," said Guilford.

Though she had quit teaching in the classroom as it wasn't a fit for her, Guilford put in a proposal to teach at MAEC. She was one of the first teachers there since its opening in October 1999 and has been there every day since, now holding the title of executive director. The other long-time teacher is Michelle Nicolajsen.

"This opportunity for adult ed came up and it met all the parameters that I needed," said Guilford. "And it was so wonderful to be working with adults and on a one-to-one basis, and they really wanted to be there."

Lynne Wilkinson started working at the centre in 2004. She said Guilford had been one of the constants in an ever-changing field.

"She's a very dedicated, committed, and passionate woman who really looks to help," said Wilkinson. "And make people's lives better. I can't say that enough, I can't reiterate that enough. She's always just been the face of the community regarding MAEC."

When the centre started, students would come to work on self-pace material, receiving help from the staff in person. They started, and are still, in the old medical clinic building and Guilford said in all the years they've been there, the Community Development Corporation (who they rent from) has never increased the rent.

MAEC serves all Manitobans because they're one of the only centres in the province that works entirely online. Wilkinson said they started making the switch in 2005, slowly edging out paper and putting more options online. Today, it's 100 per cent online, giving everyone the chance to complete adult education amid their busy lives.

The adults enrolled in MAEC can do their classes on their time, at their pace, and still receive help when



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED
MAEC staff, left to right, Lynne Wilkinson, Minnie Guilford, Michelle Nicolajsen and Joel Boyce. Missing from the photo is Donna Gulay, longtime custodian, who has also kept the centre going.

needed.

"I believe every person deserves a second chance," said Guilford. "Some people don't fit into the classroom, and I can relate."

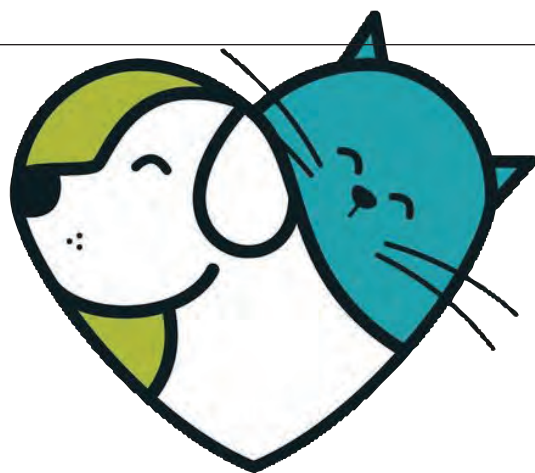
She said there's a big stigma around taking adult education and there shouldn't be. Whatever reason they didn't finish the classes they needed to in high school doesn't make them who they are today, and she's honoured to be part of making change for their future.

Now, after 22 years with MAEC, she's retiring. Guilford is looking to

spend more time with her grandchildren, do a bit of travelling, and working on projects. But, she's also retiring because of the uncertainty in the adult education field.

The government, she said, hasn't increased funding for them in over six years and it's getting more and more challenging to keep the centre running.

"It was difficult to decide to retire," she said. "I'm hoping it goes on for another 20 years. Manitobans need the self-pace opportunity...so many people can't work and go to a class, they need the flexibility. I know that with the support of the province, [MAEC staff] will continue to help adult ed students learn for life."



New logo for PV Humane Society

The Pembina Valley Humane Society showed off a new look last week, introducing a brand new logo. "The Pembina Valley Humane Society has a lot of plans for growth over the next few years, and we wanted a 'face lift' to complement our new vision," the regional animal shelter said on social media when unveiling the colourful new logo featuring a cartoon image of a dog and cat within a heart.



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Local band gearing up for end of pandemic shows

By Becca Myskiw

Rock music has brought three men together and it resulted in Trans. Jupiter.

It's a band of three — Luke Anseeuw, Braden Kauenhofen, and Colin Hay — and they write their own songs and music to play. Anseeuw plays bass, Kauenhofen is lead vocals and guitar, and Hay plays drums.

Hay lives in Carman, Kauenhofen in Winnipeg, and Anseeuw lives in Fisher Branch. They met when they were little through their love of music and have since morphed into Trans. Jupiter. Hay said he took guitar lessons with Kauenhofen and has been playing with Anseeuw since 2011.

Over the years, the three have been in different bands that disbanded, then in 2014, Hay and Kauenhofen started the "first version" of Trans. Jupiter. They had a different bassist then, but in 2018, Anseeuw joined and the three have been making music together ever since.

The three left their other bands to form this one because they wanted to focus on original music rather than covers, said Hay.

"Brayden had a bunch of songs

ready that he wanted drums on," said Hay. "So, we started playing those."

Though Kauenhofen has been their song writer until now, Hay said the group is starting to sit down together more and write together. Their 20 or so songs are about the "deep, dark topics of the human mind." Hay said they're not light songs and the music matches the lyrics perfectly.

He said their music is alternative rock. It's not like Nickelback or Metallica — it's its own breed of instruments making sounds.

Trans. Jupiter has been on somewhat of a hiatus since the start of the pandemic and they're waiting for it to "blow over" until they start playing together again. But, that won't be a problem, said Hay, because they can get together after any amount of time and play as if no time has gone by.

They've played in Ryall Park, at Breakaway Family Restaurant & Lounge, Bulldog Pizza in Winnipeg, the Graffiti Gallery in Winnipeg, and various other venues in southern Manitoba. Hay said they're hoping to play a show in Ryall Park this fall, barring any pandemic restrictions and safety concerns.



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Left to right, Luke Anseeuw, bassist for Trans. Jupiter, Braden Kauenhofen, lead vocals and guitar and Colin Hay, drums.

> BACK DOOR FUNDRAISING, FROM PG. 2

currently holds the Piston Ring building. Friesen said they plan to demolish or move that building and build their addition to connect to the existing building.

He said the expansion would also include a 40 x 60 ft multipurpose room with a 20-ft high ceiling that'll withstand floor hockey and basketball.

A matching campaign means any donation the Back Door receives now for their capital project will be matched using the \$100,000.

So, Friesen looked at how much money they had left to raise, which turned out to be almost \$320,000. If they used the full \$100,000 it would mean they'd have received \$200,000, leaving them with over \$100,000 left to go. Friesen then went out into the community to find more matching funds for this project — he sent emails and received around \$27,000 and didn't think they'd find any more money.

"Once I gave up, God took over and now we're up to \$180,000," he said. "So, we're pretty excited about it."

The Back Door's matching campaign will now be matching all funds up to \$180,000. If they do receive that much,

it will take them over the \$1 million fundraising goal.

Friesen said each business and person who donates gets to decide what they'll do with their pledged money if it isn't used, but most of them have said they'll donate it either way. The donors for the matching campaign are:

- Anonymous Local Business: \$100,000
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- Anonymous Couple: \$1,000

Friesen said so far, they've raised \$7,000 during the campaign — making it \$14,000 — and he's hopeful they'll reach their goal by the end of this year.

"We're just so grateful," he said.

"The community is amazing, they're so supportive."

If all goes to plan, the Back Door will talk with an engineer this fall and will have the first shovel in the ground by spring 2022.

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arts & culture

Morden native pens trio of thrillers

By Lorne Stelmach

A career in psychology may not have materialized for Clarke Wainikka, but it does influence the author now with three books to her credit.

Wainikka, who grew up in Morden, is making a name for herself in writing psychological thrillers.

"I'm grateful I have my psychology degree ... I have used quite a bit of information from having that degree even though I'm not in the psychology field," she said in a phone interview last week. "It gave me a base knowledge to write about these types of subjects, I guess, with a little more respect and just more of an open mind.

"I've always been interested in stories that follow characters who are flawed or characters who have lots of problems ... I'm a big fan of character development. I like being able to see a character at the beginning be different from who they are at the end of the book."

Now based in Winnipeg, Wainikka is the creator of compelling dark fiction thrillers and mysteries including *Cedar Dolls* and *The Resemblance*.

She has been published by Gestalt Media and the Alternative Stories & Realities Podcast, and she was a finalist in the 2021 Screencraft Cinematic Book Competition for her psychological thriller *All Junkies Float*.

Her captivating writing style and ability to build tension were fortified through a journey that has included teaching English and assisting ESL students with writing challenges, and her passion for developing complex characters recovering from personal trauma was deepened further by her bachelor's degree in psychology in 2016.

"I really enjoyed studying it, but psychology is a difficult field. If you just have your bachelors, it's kind of difficult to get very far without a master's degree," Wainikka suggested.

"While I was taking my schooling, I got into teaching English as a part-time job, and that work led into a lot of different things. It kind of snowballed," she explained. "I started online teaching Latin American students English, and from there it progressed to teaching children in China, and then I moved to Korea for a year and

taught English over there."

While teaching in Korea, she had a spare each day, and she used that time to write. It led to her finishing a novel, although she described that effort as "an absolute mess."

Back home teaching at Robertson College, she began more seriously building the foundation for her professional writing.

"That all kind of started the ball rolling for my writing, as I got that interest in the actual structure of writing and grammatical components," Wainikka recalled. "I had never really had enough of that base to pursue writing actively."

It was an interesting coincidence then that, in 2018, she started writing *The Resemblance* at a time when she worked briefly in Morden Collegiate in a support role.

"It's kind of funny that my first book that I published was written pretty much exclusively in Morden," Wainikka noted.

Early on as a child, there was an interest in writing, but it wouldn't have necessarily foretold a future career.

"I had always been a creative person and always enjoyed writing, but I had never really thought of it as a feasible option until I started teaching English," said Wainikka.

"I was an active participant in the festival of the arts when I was a kid in a variety of ways ... I was never really a talented artist though in terms of illustrating, but I still have several stories from my childhood ... I tried to write my first book when I was about seven years old. I was an active writer and reader from a very young age.

"It's just funny how the places that we come from can kind of instill inspiration in a variety of ways," she continued as she contemplated how the community here may be an influ-

ence.

"Morden is a beautiful place; there are amazing people in Morden and friends that I've made for the rest of my life from Morden," Wainikka said. "There's a bit of an echo chamber within Morden ... I think it has really helped me with capturing that experience through my characters.

"I get a lot of inspiration from different settings ... and I think Morden definitely has a certain quality to it ... there is a strong sense of community ... that has come into play."

Wainikka noted that at some point, when public health order restrictions allow, she would welcome an opportunity to do a reading or an event in Morden.

"I do hope there will be an opportunity for me to come to Morden."



SUPPLIED PHOTO
Morden native Clarke Wainikka is making a name for herself writing psychological thrillers.



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to share your views about the proposed rate changes from Manitoba Public Insurance

The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for a 2.8 per cent decrease to Basic Autopac vehicle insurance rates and premiums effective on April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. MPI is also seeking to replace the 5 per cent capital release from last year's application with a rebate request currently estimated at \$155 million to be filed later this year. If approved, the rebate would be equivalent to a rate reduction of approximately 15 per cent.

For further details, please contact MPI at inquiries@mpi.mb.ca or visit the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

If you are interested in learning more about this rate decrease, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

If you wish to speak at the hearing or make a written submission, please contact the Board Secretary, Dr. Darren Christle, at 204-945-2638 or toll-free 1-866-854-3698, no later than **October 1, 2021**.

For more information, visit www.pubmanitoba.ca.

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COVID-19 and international workers

By Paul Gregory, KAP

Despite some reports, producers in Manitoba are not blocking international workers from getting vaccinated. We value them and the contributions they make to our farms and communities.

It is an understatement to suggest that keeping international workers healthy and safe is critical to the success of Manitoba's agricultural industry. As a beekeeper, I rely on workers from Nicaragua and the Philippines to manage bees and harvest honey. They are like family, and the experience and skill they bring is irreplaceable. Similarly, producers across sectors rely on international workers as a significant part of their workforce. No matter the commodity, international workers are vital.

I have been troubled to hear reports that some producers are not doing all they can to help international workers get vaccinated for COVID-19. On my farm near Fisher Branch, interna-

tional workers are quarantined upon arrival and must test negative for COVID-19 three times before proceeding. Then, we bring them to a pop-up clinic to receive their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Some variation of this process is occurring on farms throughout Manitoba.

Doing everything we can to protect these essential workers is the right thing to do. That is the primary reason for taking the steps necessary to ensure access to vaccines. It is also in a producer's best economic interest. If an employee becomes sick, this can shut down a farm for weeks, resulting in severe financial impacts.

Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead for Manitoba's Vaccine Implementation Task Force, has been clear that it has been rare to find incidents where employers were not taking the steps necessary to make vaccines available to employees. Nevertheless, one case is too many. The agriculture industry must ensure that all international

workers know that they have a right to get a COVID-19 vaccine and how they can access the distribution process.

Keystone Agricultural Producers is working with the provincial government, providing COVID-19 and vaccine-related information in primary languages like German, Spanish and Tagalog. This will help break down the language barriers that may exist. On-farm pop-up clinics are another way to ensure that every international worker is vaccinated before they return home this fall.

Producers do not take international workers for granted. They are not just employees; in many cases, they are friends and like family. We also understand their importance to the financial viability of every part of Manitoba's agricultural industry.

Paul Gregory is the District 10 director for Keystone Agricultural Producers

letter to the editor

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Vandalism at the Legislature is a criminal act contrary to reconciliation

Dear Premier Pallister,

We are writing to express our shock and dismay regarding the acts of vandalism at the Manitoba Legislature on July 1, 2021. The Manitoba Conservative Members of Parliament condemn the destruction of public property on the Legislative grounds in the strongest possible terms. We acknowledge that the small number of individuals who perpetrated these acts are not representative of the thousands of Canadians who exercised their right to attend a peaceful protest.

Vandalism at the Legislature and the burning of places of worship in provinces across Canada are criminal acts contrary to reconciliation. We agree Manitoba's elected officials have a responsibility to condemn these violent acts that jeopardize public safety and endanger reconciliation.

As a province, we are committed to resolving our differences through lawful democratic debate, not vandalism. We cannot allow a small number of individuals to subvert our democracy or erode our democratic

institutions. Therefore, we respectfully request that the statues of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II be repaired and restored to the Legislative grounds as soon as possible.

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mRNA vaccine labels to include warnings of rare heart inflammation

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada advised it is updating COVID-19 vaccine labels to warn the public and health-care professionals about the possibility of serious side effects associated with different vaccine products.

The agency will require AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine (also called COVISHIELD) label and product monograph to include warnings about capillary leak syndrome (CLS), one case of which has been reported in Canada (as of June 11).

"Capillary leak syndrome is a very rare, serious condition that causes fluid leakage from small blood vessels (capillaries), resulting in limb swelling, low blood pressure, thickening of the blood and low levels of albumin (an important blood protein) in the blood," stated the health agency in a safety alert issued June 29.

It is also advising people with a history of CLS to not get vaccinated with

AstraZeneca.

If they've received the vaccine, they should seek immediate medical attention if they experience symptoms of CLS, such as rapid swelling of the arms and legs and sudden weight gain, which can be accompanied by feeling faint.

"Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada have been monitoring this condition since it was raised as a potential safety concern by the European Medicines Agency in April 2021," states the alert. "Up to and including June 11, 2021, one case of capillary leak syndrome following vaccination with the AstraZeneca or COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccine has been reported in Canada."

AstraZeneca's vaccine has already been linked to a condition called vaccine-induced thrombotic thrombocytopenia characterized by blood clots and low platelet levels. Fatalities have occurred in countries – including

Canada – that approved the vaccine.

"The [AstraZeneca] label has also been updated with information about very rare events of blood clots associated with low levels of platelets following immunization," states the alert.

International regulators have been updating labels to include capillary leak syndrome as a potential side effect, states the alert. Of 78 million doses of AstraZeneca administered in the U.K. and Europe, six cases of CLS were reported as of May 27, 2021.

Health Canada said it will continue to monitor CLS and "take further action" if necessary.

The agency will also require Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna's COVID vaccine labels to include warnings about pericarditis, an inflammation of the tissue surrounding the heart, and myocarditis, inflammation of the heart muscle, it said in an alert issued June 30.

Both conditions have been reported

in Canada and Internationally after receiving the mRNA vaccines, primarily after the second dose of the two-shot vaccines and in mostly in "young male adults and adolescents." The agency said a "small number" of cases have been reported in Canada.

People who develop chest pain, shortness of breath or experience feelings of a fast beating, fluttering or pounding heart within several days of being vaccinated are advised to seek medical attention immediately. Severe cases can lead to heart muscle damage.

According to Health Canada's weekly vaccine summary report, a total of 31,400,466 vaccine doses have been administered in Canada (as of June 18). Adverse events have been reported by 7,926 people (about 3 out of 10,000 people). Of those 7,926 reports, 6,207 were considered non-serious and 1,719 were considered serious.

Pembina Valley RCMP respond to fatal collision

Staff

On July 1, 2021, at approximately 2:20 am, Pembina Valley RCMP received a report of single-vehicle rollover on Provincial Road 21 West, approximately three kilometres southeast of Carman, Manitoba. Investigation has determined that four males were in a pickup truck travelling northbound on PR 21W when it rolled and landed

on the passenger side in the east ditch. The truck was completely burned.

There were four occupants in the pickup truck – all from the RM of Dufferin. The driver, a 19-year-old male, and the front passenger, an 18-year-old male, were both ejected from the vehicle. The two rear passengers, 19 and 20, had minor injuries and had been able to exit the vehicle.

The front passenger was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver was transported to Winnipeg hospital with serious injuries.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in

the collision.

A RCMP Forensic Collision Reconstructionist and the RCMP Criminal Collision Investigative Team are assisting with the ongoing investigation.

Selkirk RCMP respond to drowning

Staff

Selkirk RCMP received a report of a possible drowning in a rock quarry located on Taylor Road in the RM of St. Andrews on July 4, at approximately 5 p.m.

Officers were advised that a 4-year-old boy, from the RM of Dufferin, was playing in the water near the beach when a family member lost site of the child.

Emergency Services were immediately contacted and upon arrival, conducted a water and ground search.

At approximately 7:25 p.m., the body of the 4-year-old had been recovered from the water. Selkirk RCMP continue to investigate.



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Credit unions partner to bring Inuit art to rural communities

By Nicole Brownlee

Manitoba 150 has partnered with Manitoba credit unions to share Inuit art across the province.

"The Manitoba 150 Host Committee has been, from the very beginning, looking for ways to engage all Manitobans in this acknowledgement of our 150 anniversary," said Monique LaCoste, co-chair of the Manitoba 150 council.

Alongside the Winnipeg Art Gallery, Tour 150 will showcase several pieces from the Qaumajug Inuit art centre through municipalities across the province, stopping at a credit union in each town.

"We tried to think of organizations that are firmly embedded in rural communities, so of course credit unions are a perfect fit," said LaCoste. "They're the backbone of rural Manitoba."

Tour 150 will be stopping in Carman and Winkler at Access Credit Unions, among several other locations throughout the province.

"We were just happy to play our part in bringing this amazing exhibit out at some of our communities that might not have a chance otherwise," said Adam Monteith, chief marketing officer at Access Credit Union.

"I want to bring my kids," said Monteith. "I want to show them how diverse Canada is, how diverse Manitoba is and celebrate again."

A retrofitted tour vehicle, named Nakatamaakewin, which means "to leave something behind" in Michif, will house the artwork and act as a portable exhibit for visitors to explore.

Riva Symko, the head of collections

and exhibitions at the WAG and a curator of Canadian Art, said the gallery wanted to choose pieces that showcase the diversity and variety of Inuit art.

"I think people, you know, generally think of Inuit art as carving almost exclusively," said Symko. "We have carvings represented in the van as well, but we also have textiles, wall hangings... dolls made out of felt and a range of materials."

They also worked closely with the learning and programs team to create educational material about Inuit culture, Inuit voices included in the artwork and engaging stories about the pieces.

"We've been really thinking about, like, how do we make our collection of Inuit art accessible to audiences in the north as well as the south. Or how do we reach audiences that aren't necessarily in Winnipeg," said Symko.

The van, decorated with Inuit artist Kailey Sheppard's designs, became a way for the WAG to share artwork some communities otherwise would have never seen.

"The van sort of represents part of that larger objective in being able to bring art or make art accessible to these audiences," said Symko. "We're the Winnipeg Art Gallery, but in a lot of ways, we represent all of Manitoba too."

"When we live in small towns, we don't always have the opportunity to be in touch with art on a daily basis, and certainly not Inuit art," said LaCoste. "We hope people will really take advantage of the opportunity."

LaCoste said she also hopes the ac-



Cathy Cox, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage and Tour Team member Albyn Carias check out prints, wall-hangings and sculptures inside Nakatamaakewin, the Tour 150 van.



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The Tour 150 van will be travelling to credit unions across the province this summer.

cessible art will also spark conversations about Manitoba's culture and history.

"We really hope that people have an opportunity... to be proud of who we are as Manitoban. To be in awe of our province's beauty. To, you know, look

at our past, which is not an easy one, but to have conversations around it and appreciate the culture that surrounds us," said LaCoste.

To find a tour stop near you, visit <https://manitoba150.com/en/programs/tour-150/>.

Pandemic's days are numbered says Roussin

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials announced 65 new cases of COVID-19 and one more death on Monday.

The daily numbers continue to drop as the number of Manitobans getting vaccinated is on the rise, providing hope for an end to the pandemic that has upended everyone's lives for the past year and a half.

"We know that all pandemics end, and this one will be no different," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

"Looking at other jurisdictions that have had high vaccine rates, we can see that perhaps this pandemic's days are numbered," he continued. "It's certainly reason to be hopeful considering Manitoba's vaccine uptake."

As of Monday, 74.8 per cent of eligible Manitobans had received their first dose and 50.2 per cent their second. Monday's COVID numbers were part of 177 total new cases announced since Friday.

They brought the total number of active cases in Manitoba to 1,022 and recoveries to 54,309. Deaths due to COVID are at 1,151.

There are 156 Manitobans in hospital due to COVID-19, including 46 in intensive care (six in ICUs at hospitals in Ontario)

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate on Monday was at 6.3 per cent provincially and 6.1 per cent in Winnipeg.

One day soon, the health care system won't be under strain, daily COVID-19

briefings will be a thing of the past, and public health restrictions will no longer be needed, Roussin said of what a post-pandemic Manitoba will look like.

"With each passing day, more and more Manitobans are getting vaccinated," he said. "Nearly 1.5 million doses have been administered in Manitoba already."

"This is really a tribute to the vaccine team and to Manitobans for stepping up and getting that vaccine as soon as they can. We need Manitobans to continue to do so ... our ability to re-open businesses, services, facilities, to gather with each other once again relies on Manitobans getting those two vaccines. Immunization is our key to a post-pandemic Manitoba."

All people age 12 and up are eligible to make first- and second-dose appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. You can do so online at protectmb.ca or by calling (toll-free) 1-844-626-8222.

By the numbers

Red River South was leading the Pembina Valley region in COVID-19 cases on Monday with 47, followed by 17 in Lorne/Louise/Pembina, 10 in Winkler, five in the Altona area, four in Morden, and one case each in Stanley, Carman, and Morris.

Vaccination rates, meanwhile, run the gamut in this area—from lows of 19.1 per cent in Stanley and 34.5 per cent in Winkler to highs of 64.2 per cent in Carman, 65.8 per cent in Grey, and 69 per cent in Lorne/Louise/Pembina.

Cooling off on Canada Day



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Anyone trying to beat the heat on Canada Day enjoyed a free swim day at the Carman Splash Pad and pool. Temperatures reached 31 degrees c.



Incredible creatures: A scavenger hunt for flying, crawling and cryptic critters

By John Gavloski

Look closely and there are usually a lot of interesting insects living in or visiting any yard. Got some down time this summer, or the kids need an outdoor activity? This month's Incredible Creatures is a scavenger hunt; see if you can find these six types of insects over the summer.

A bee, or not a bee?

At first glance the insects in the first photo may look like bees, but they are not. They are called hover flies. Look for them around flowers. They can be valuable pollinators. There are 593 species of hover flies in Canada. Adults of many species resemble bees or wasps. But don't worry, they can't sting you. Flies do not have stingers. Hover flies can often be seen hovering and darting around. Their larvae feed on aphids.

Night-time hunters

Ground beetles are common, mostly predaceous beetles. They mainly hunt at night, and like to hide during the day. Look for them under stones, boards, etc. Many ground beetles like to feed on caterpillars, slugs, larvae and pupae of flies such as root maggots, etc. There are some ground beetles that in addition to being predators also eat plant seeds and are considered valuable consumers of weed seeds.

Green Lacewings

Adults of green lacewings have wing

veins that look like netting, and gold eyes. Adults feed on nectar, honeydew produced from aphids, and a few species are predaceous. There are 26 species in Canada. Look for them on plants. They may also come to lights at night.

Cryptic Moths

To many, moths may seem bland, but have a second look. Some can be quite fascinating. The moth shown here belongs to a group called geometer or geometrid moths. The front pair of wings in this group of moths are usually relatively broad, and intricate wavy patterns on the wings are often continuous from forewing to hindwing. When at rest, many will hold their wings flat against what they are resting on, in contrast to some other groups of moths that tend to fold their wings over their abdomen. They are often highly camouflaged. You may see many species and variations of geometrid moths over the summer. The species shown here is the large maple spanworm, and is a fall-flying leaf mimic.

Darting Damsels

Damselflies are very closely related to dragonflies; they are different sub-orders of the same order of insects (called Odonata). In dragonflies, the rear wings have a broader base and are larger than the front pair. Damselflies, by contrast, have front and hind wings similar in shape, and as a result



Hover Flies



Ground Beetle



Green Lacewing



Geometrid moth - Large Maple Spanworm



Damselfly



Katydid

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A scavenger hunt in your backyard can be a fun, outdoor activity.

they fly slower than dragonflies. Also, dragonflies can't fold their wings together when resting, and damselflies can. Both feed on other insects, which as adults they catch on the wing. In Canada there are 154 species of dragonflies and 60 species of damselflies.

Calling Katydid

If you see what looks to be a grasshopper, but it has antennae that are larger than the body, odds are it belongs to a group called the katydids. None of our species of katydids are pest species that will devour crops, like a few of the short-horned grasshoppers (those with shorter antennae) can. Katydid are usually green,

and male katydids are noted songsters.

See how many of these insects you can observe this summer, or get a field guide to insects from your library and add other insects to the list. You may find it amazing what you can find in your yard, or out for a summer walk. Have fun exploring!

Public health orders enforcement continues

Staff

While restrictions are slowly but surely easing up in Manitoba, enforcement officials are still keeping busy ensuring the ongoing public health orders are being followed.

The week of June 21-27 saw a total of 62 warnings and 37 tickets, the province reported last week.

That included 31 \$1,296 tickets to individuals for various offences, three \$298 tickets to people for failing to wear a mask in indoor public places, and three \$5,000 tickets to businesses in Winnipeg.

Officials advise that 29 of the 31 \$1,296 tickets issued to individuals were in relation to gatherings in private residences or outdoors and two were for failure to self-isolate.

Enforcement officials continue to investigate all large gatherings and rallies they are made aware of, the government has said.

Manitobans can report compliance and enforcement issues online at manitoba.ca/COVID19 or by calling 1-866-626-4862 and pressing option three on the call menu.

Since the pandemic began in spring of 2020, enforcement officers have responded to 201,649 calls, given 4,972 warnings, and issued 2,016 tickets to health order scofflaws totalling over \$2.7 million in fines.



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Nellie McClung Collegiate's class of 2021 paraded through the streets of Manitou in celebration.



NPC grads received yard signs to display on their front lawns.



GVC/NPC grad parade

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GVC's class of 2021 is its most resilient ever

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Their senior year may not have gone quite the way they had hoped, but the challenges of the past several months have left the class of 2021 stronger than ever, valedictorian Rachel Klassen said as Garden Valley Collegiate bid farewell to its graduates.

"The graduating class of 2021 is among the most resilient groups of students to ever leave GVC," Klassen said in the pre-recorded ceremony streamed online June 23. "We have faced disappointment after disappointment, struggles with motivation, and a constantly uncertain present for our entire Gr. 12 year. Yet here we are ready to take on the world in an unprecedented manner."

With remote learning dominating the year, it's better times from earlier grades that the former students will look back on with fondness, Klassen said, recalling Cinnamon Bun Fridays in the cafeteria, laughter-filled gatherings in The Zone, and Big Day festivities.

"Those were the days and the moments

that we're going to miss," she said, going on to lament the loss of such events in 2020 and 2021 and the struggle of being separated from friends.

"COVID-19 has most often felt like a curse. It stole from us the high school experience we wanted. It ruined a lot of plans," Klassen observed. "But everything happens for a reason, and some parts have been a blessing.

"For instance, the student parking lot didn't overflow for the first time in decades," she said, tongue firmly in cheek. "And, more significantly, it created an opportunity to develop grit ... people who have grit have the ability to keep going and to keep trying through failure, through disappointment, and through frustrations. Every student graduating today has grit.

"We have had every reason to be angry at our circumstances this past year and a lot of opportunities to give up," Klassen said. "Despite all that, we have achieved the end goal. Resilience has brought us to graduation day, and the lessons we've learned this past year about inner motiva-



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Left: A fun commentary on the impact of COVID-19 on this year's grad festivities. Right: GVC principal Carrie Friesen's tassel-turning duties were done from a distance this year.

tion are not going to disappear. "Because we spent our final high school semesters in a global pandemic, we are prepared for the world and its difficulties in a way that is unprecedented. That is why I am certain that these graduates will find success and do great things ... in this group of students there are future businesspeople, artists, health

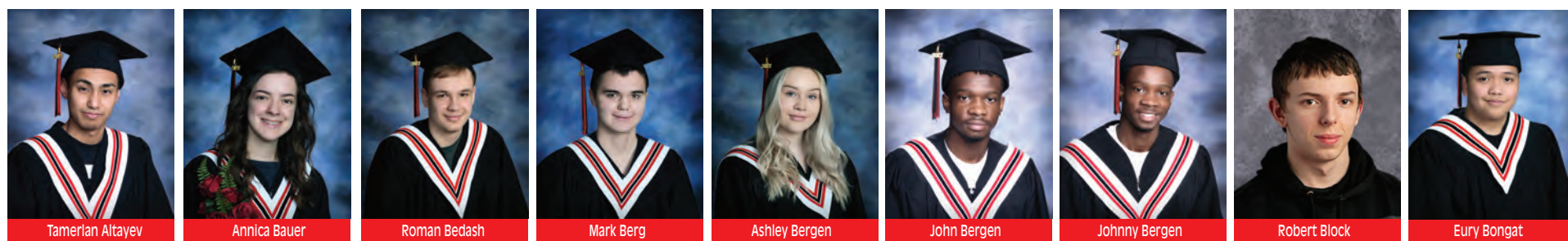
care workers, philanthropists—you name it. We have the grit to achieve whatever we want and to overcome any obstacles that will stand in our way."

Principal Carrie Friesen stressed how proud everyone is of the graduates for all that they've achieved.

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lenging, and at times lemon of a year and made some pretty impressive lemonade," she said.

"You didn't become who you are alone and you will not be alone in your next steps," Friesen continued. "We are all cheering for you today as you celebrate what you've accomplished and for tomorrow as you move forward to your next adventures."

Guest speaker Don Bergen, GVC's home and school liaison officer, urged graduates to not just survive but thrive.

The lessons they've learned both in and outside of school have helped shaped them into the people they are today, he said, and will aid them as they continue to

grow in the future.

"What you were pretty much doing during those years were sharpening the skills that would see you through to where you needed to go next," Bergen said. "You were creating a collage of who you were through all those times and who you are today, and this collage really was about who you're going to be for the rest of your lives."

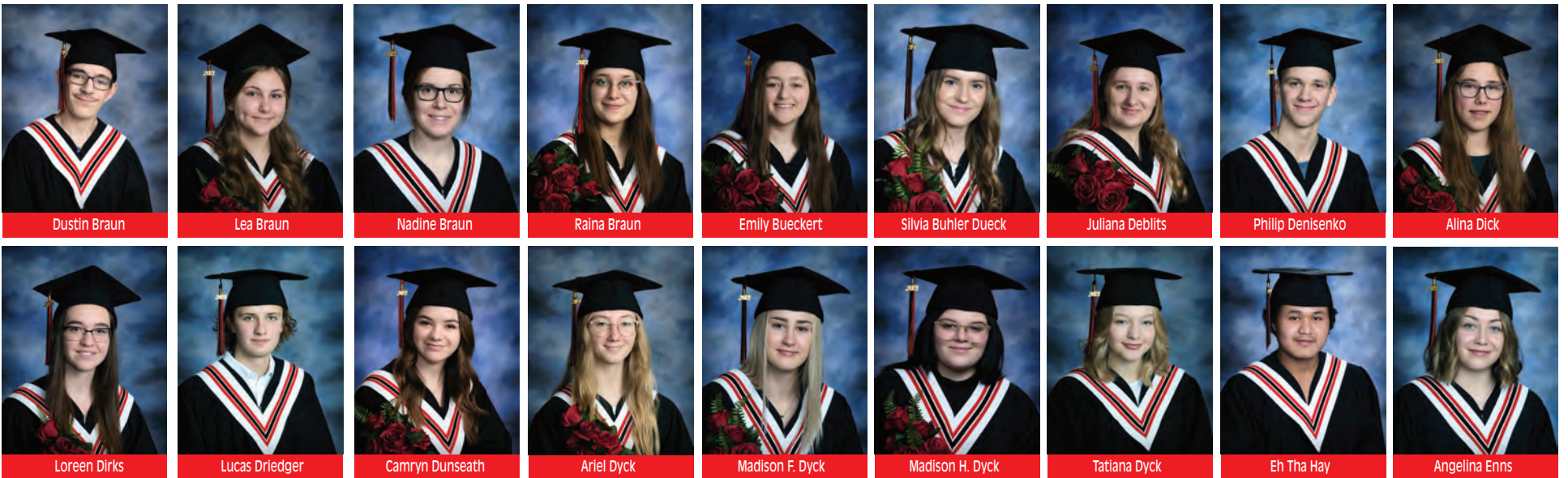
"Continue to develop your own compass," he said. "Share your dreams and trust your intuition. Dare to challenge yourselves beyond what you know you can be. Do the things that make you proud of yourselves, things that make you love yourself better."



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Left: GVC's grads this year picked up their diplomas outside in front of the school as friends and family looked on from nearby vehicles. Right: GVC valedictorian Rachel Klassen said the class of 2021, having lived through a global pandemic, is "prepared for the world and its difficulties in a way that is unprecedented."

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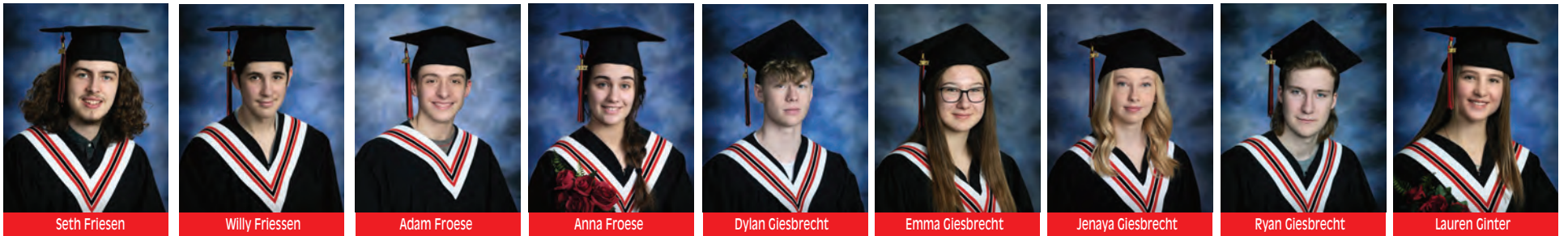
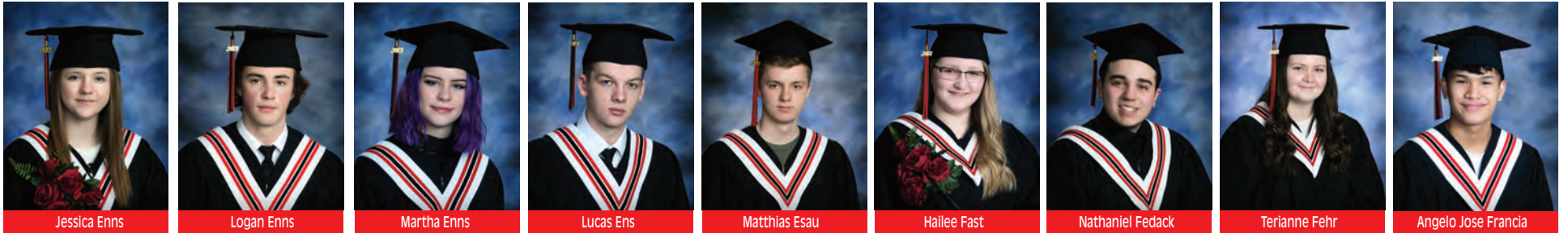
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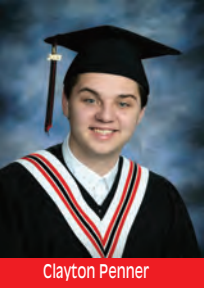
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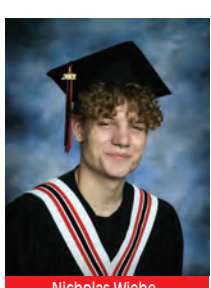
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“Don’t settle for good enough”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate graduates heard words of wisdom from not just one guest speaker but several this year.

With the school year cut short, many NPC staff felt they never got a real chance to say goodbye to the students, and so history teacher Garrett Speers decided to invite some of them to share guest speaker duties with him.

“Hey, I said the ceremony was going to be unique,” he joked of the online video streamed on the school’s website June 23.

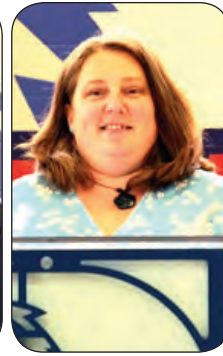
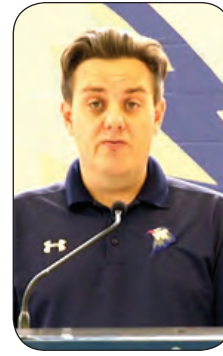
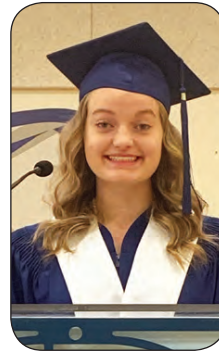
Speers and fellow teachers Dustin Rachul, Joey Elias, Andrea Breiter, and Carmelle Gerein each took a few moments to tell the grads how proud they are of them and to share words of encouragement.

“History remembers those who inspired others to be better, to motivate

others to reach for a higher standard,” said Rachul. “My final challenge to you as graduates is simple: find those around you who would inspire you to be the best versions of yourself, because you don’t know one day who might look to you as an inspiration as a friend, a coach, a leader, influencer, or even a teacher.”

“This year has been a test of everyone’s character, but in the face of this adversity you have preserved,” said Elias. “No matter where life takes you from here, you will face difficult tasks, but I believe each of you has what it takes to keep going and reach your goals.”

“During all this chaos you’ve learned the very important skill of resiliency,” echoed Breiter. “With the stress, adversity, and trauma also came your ability to function and succeed ... you’ve harnessed your inner strength and met the challenges head on.”



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Far left: NPC valedictorian Cerulean Wolfe reminded her fellow graduates that “success is not always a straight line.” Centre photos: Garrett Speers and Andrea Breiter were among five teachers who were guests speakers this year. Far right: Michael Neufeld won both the Grad of the Year and the Governor General’s Award.

“You have all worked very hard to get where you are today, and you should be very proud of yourselves,” said Gerein. “It’s important to keep dreaming of everything you’d like to accomplish in life. Set goals for yourself and these goals will help you achieve your dreams.”

Returning to the stage to round out

the multi-speaker address, Speers urged the grads to always give their best effort.

“Don’t settle for good enough. If you give an honest 100 per cent in everything you do and you push yourself to get better each day, you will never look back with regret.”

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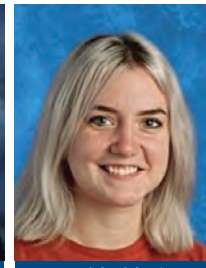
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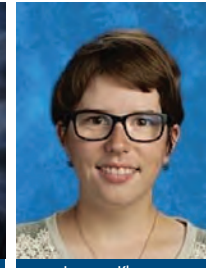
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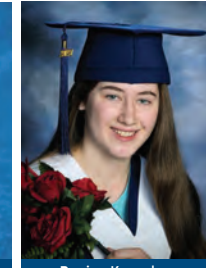
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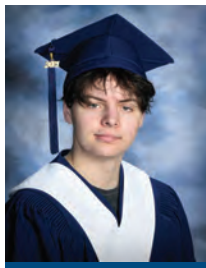
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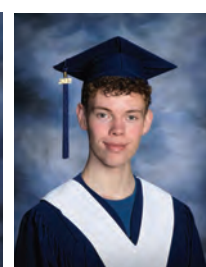
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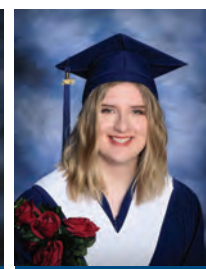
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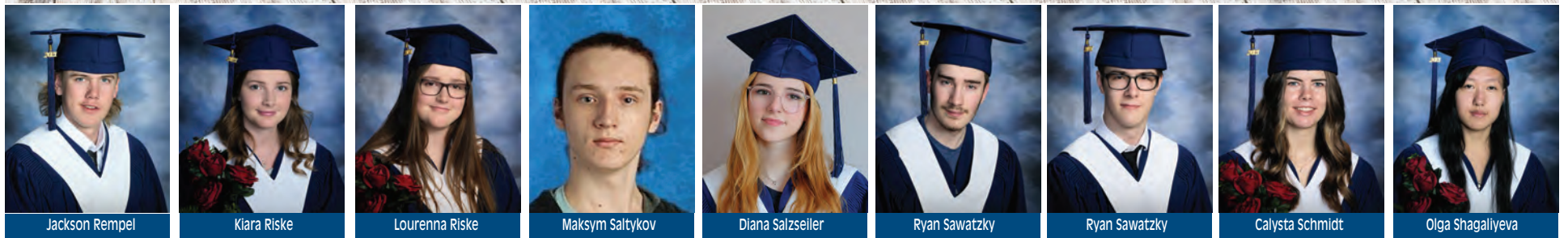


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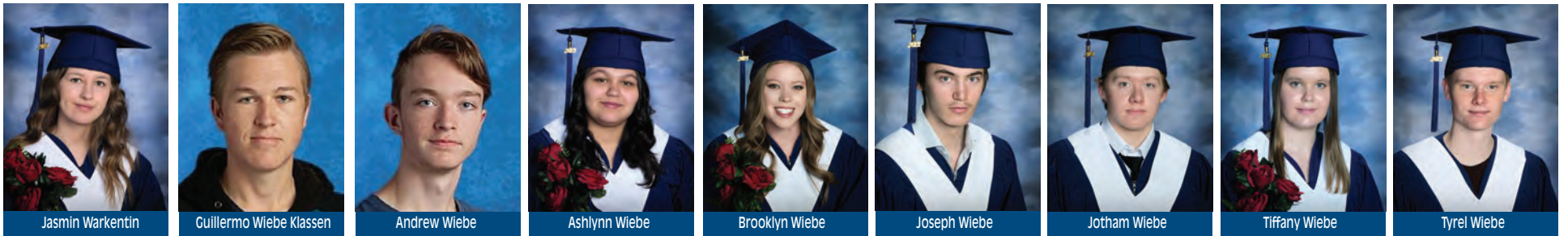
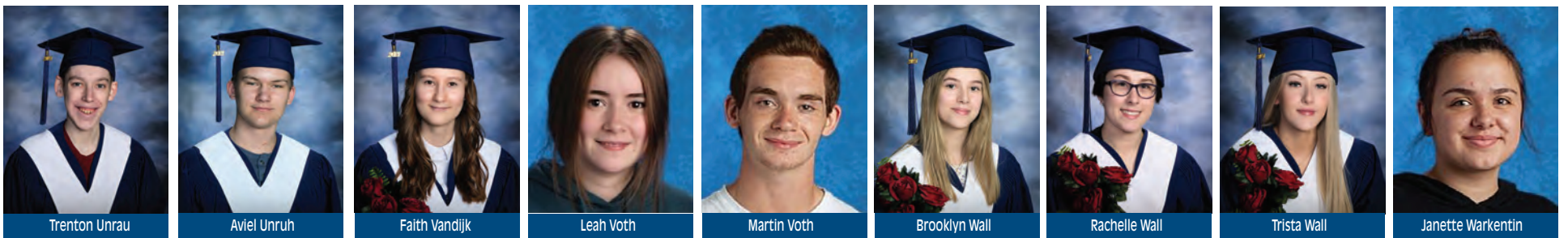
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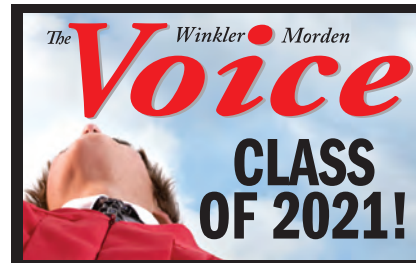
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“The class of 2021 will be one to watch”

By Lorne Stelmach

A hundred Morden Collegiate graduates were honoured in pandemic style June 28.

Restrictions required students to drive by the school during the day to receive their diplomas before an evening parade took them to the Stardust Drive-In, where the prerecorded speeches were presented on the big screen.

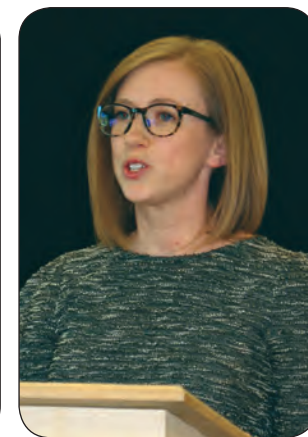
It was just another example of the perseverance that the class of 2021 has shown throughout the past year.

“Everyone who wore a cap and gown this year battled through adversity and fought to the very end,” valedictorian Dane Chapman said in his address. “We took every punch a class could take and yet we stand here victorious with nothing left to lose.

“We fought day in and day out with the world we had to live in ... I could not be more honoured to speak to such a class, filled with the fire and strength we earned,” he added. “Nothing came easy this year, and yet there’s not a person here who can look back and say they fell short. There is not a person here who could be told they didn’t deserve what they earned.

“What a year we had,” Chapman continued. “The memories of high school will live on with us forever. Sharing the classroom with you all was a pleasure, and when we all look back at the yearbooks and go through all the people we used to know, we will be filled with the amazing stories to tell and people to remember.

“The class of 2021 will be one to watch. We have



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Valedictorian Dane Chapman and guest speaker Dr. Jessica Lautenschlager address the class of 2021.

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all learned so much about ourselves and what we are capable of.”

Guest speaker Dr. Jessica Lautenschlager recalled her own graduation 17 years ago and being excited to close that chapter of her life and move on from Morden.

She was later drawn to move back in 2015 and follow in her father’s (Dr. Earl Lautenschlager) footsteps at Focal Point.

“It was a unique experience, seeing Morden through a different lens,” she reflected, noting how she gained important perspective and appreciation

as well for the community.

“Continuing to learn new things keeps life interesting,” she said. “You can’t always be afraid to experience or do something new on your own. If you have the opportunity to travel and see somewhere new, you should say yes.

“At the end of the day, Morden will always be here, ready to welcome you back from wherever you have been.”

Western School Division board chairperson Brian Fransen reflected on how much more was asked of not

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Left: Morden Collegiate graduates on parade. Right: A physically-distanced photoshoot in front of Morden Collegiate.



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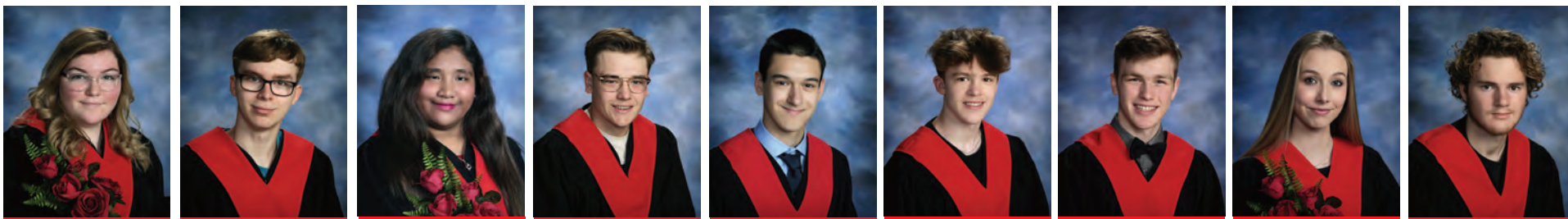
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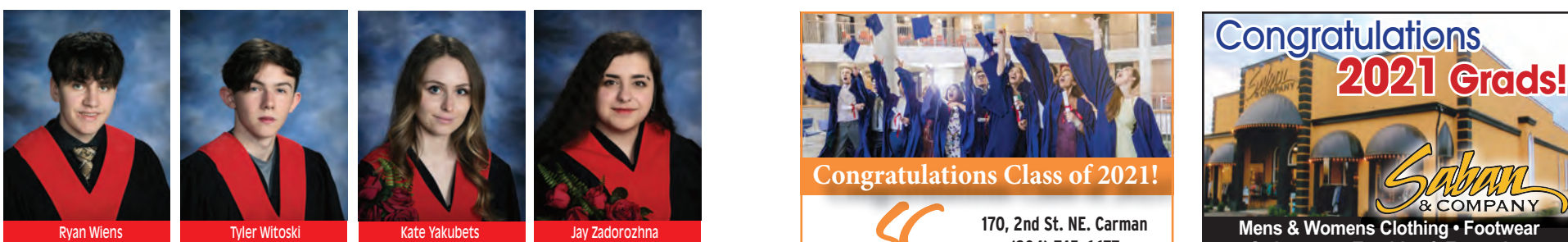
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“We have no doubt that each of you will achieve great things”

By Lorne Stelmach

The pandemic again meant the community was not able to honour the Nellie McClung Collegiate class of 2021 in the usual way, but students, families, and dignitaries didn't let that dampen their celebration.

The June 26 ceremony was held outdoors and restricted in size for a second straight year, but principal Pat Nakonechny stressed that shouldn't make it any less special.

“I read a headline that said ‘Graduation 2021 ... Reflections on a Lost Senior Year,’ and I thought to myself: this was not a lost year. It was a frustrating year, an uncertain year, a stressful year but certainly not a lost year,” Nakonechny said in his address.

“I feel, as a school, we have tried to stay positive and focus on the things that have gone well this year. That's been important.”

He offered some encouragement as well for grads to move forward without fear.

“You've already survived some challenges you didn't even know you were capable of,” he said. “That should give you confidence when you face the unknown from here on in; you are clearly wired to be resilient.”

“The world is going to need you and your generation,” Nakonechny continued. “With the worst part of the pandemic behind you, a much more positive part of your life is in front of you. Don't let this whole COVID thing define your future.”

Co-valedictorians Ashlynn Barron and Erica Sprung reflected on the character and nature of the graduating class.

“The class of 2021 is known for their quiet mannerisms, kindness toward others—I think we broke the record for hosting the most going away parties—but especially, for hardly ever complaining, right Mr. Gundrum?”

They touched on the range of emotions being felt as they looked both back into the past and forward to the future.

“We stand here today with so many mixed feelings ... feelings of relief and accomplishment for being done high school and a mixture of excitement and uncertainty for our future, but



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Nellie McClung Collegiate's grad ceremony was held outdoors with limited guests to meet public health orders.

there is also a feeling of sadness for the amazing teachers and friends we will be leaving behind.

“Today's theme is a look back before we leap,” the pair noted. “Like most people, we spend so much of our time waiting and looking forward to the future that it's easy to forget to stop and appreciate the moment.”

“Not only did we make memories as a class, but we have so many memories with our teachers too. We have each one of you to thank for making our school years unforgettable ... and maybe teaching us a thing or two along the way.”

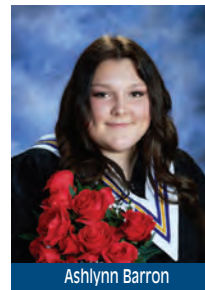
In concluding, Barron and Sprung encouraged the graduates to “be proud of your accomplishments ... we will move on to the next goal and the next dream. And, if you aren't sure what those dreams are, that's okay too; just enjoy the journey and live in the moment.”

“We have no doubt that each one of you will achieve great things in whatever path you take.”

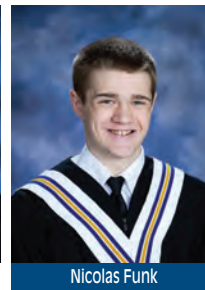
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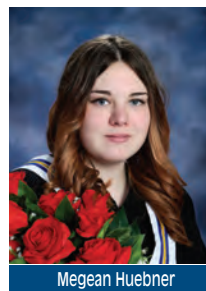
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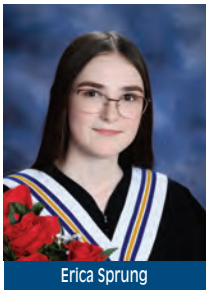
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“Take chances and trust that God will carry you through”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It certainly wasn't a normal year at Mennonite Collegiate Institute, and the school's graduation celebrations reflected that.

Instead of a traditional ceremony, MCI's grads shared their thoughts on life and learning with their fellow students during the school day on June 21. Parents were then invited to watch the grads receive their diplomas at a special drive-by event on June 27.

Valedictorians Julie Klippenstein and Julia Suderman reflected on how the global pandemic helped shape the class of 2021.

“We have matured so much throughout the years, and sometimes I think that might be partly due to COVID,” said Klippenstein. “Don't get me wrong, I wish COVID never happened, but it taught us that sometimes we have to make sacrifices and change our plans.

“COVID was a good example of how life isn't just one straight path—it will sometimes veer in a different direction,” she continued. “Our high school experience has been a twisty road with a few u-turns, but we found the exit and reached our destination.”

Looking to the future, Suderman and Klippenstein urged their classmates to trust in God's plan for them.



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Mennonite Collegiate Institute celebrated the graduation of 21 students this year.

“It's okay to feel uncertain about the future, but trust that everything will fall into place,” Suderman said. “Uncertainties cause a bit of fear, which is normal. Each of you is incredibly capable and whatever you choose to pursue is in your reach.”

“Pursue what will make you happy, whether that is in a career, a relationship, or any other big decision,” continued Klippenstein. “God is by your side and will help you figure it out and find joy.”

“Take chances and trust that God will carry you through,” said Suderman. “This year has taught us that nothing is guaranteed. Don't be afraid of what might happen when you try something new ... time passes

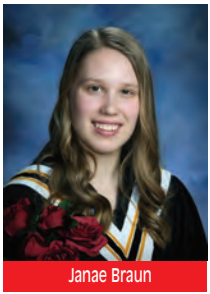
quickly and you don't want to look back in 50 years and feel like you've missed out on living.”

The duo went on to thank their classmates, parents, and MCI staff for their support and guidance over the years.

Fellow graduate Jesse Wiebe echoed those thanks in her speech to MCI staff on behalf of the class.

“Thank you just isn't enough,” she said. “You have been supportive, kind and encouraging through these past four years.

“You all have been more than just part of the MCI staff but also mentors. You have helped to teach us to turn to God in every stage of our lives.”



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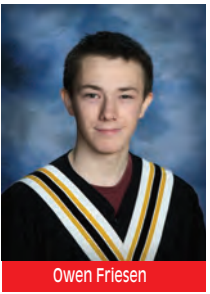
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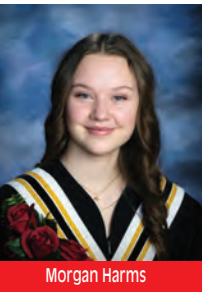
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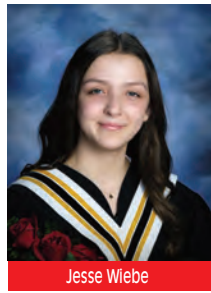
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Adult Ed. grads overcame all challenges

By Lorne Stelmach

Going back to school to finish your education is challenge enough, never mind then also doing that in the midst of a pandemic.

The level of commitment that it required was celebrated last month as 11 mature students graduated from the Morden Adult Education Centre.

"I cannot express how excited we all are to watch you achieve this goal," director Todd Folkett said as part of the outdoor ceremony. "Although not easy, this group of graduates made it work even in the face of a global pandemic. It showed great determination as any one of these could have derailed the goal of graduating."

"We all worked so hard and pushed through all the obstacles in our way," said valedictorian Tina Fehr. "We made it through school during a global pandemic, lockdowns, self-isolation, sleepless nights, busy jobs and kids who needed us. And we are here

today to celebrate those accomplishments."

Fehr, who was the recipient of the Western School Division and Morden Adult Education Centre scholarships, described making the decision to start school again as terrifying.

"It was so out of my comfort zone, and I didn't believe that I could do it. But I pushed through the fear and never looked back," she said. "It required discipline, commitment, and most of all courage. Courage to take that first step, to want a better career and a better future for ourselves and our families."

"Thank you to my parents for always being there for me when I needed you," Fehr added. "Whether it was a babysitter, supper and a visit, or just some advice, I'm so thankful for you."

"Because of all of you, I am standing here as valedictorian and most importantly a stronger woman and mom. I couldn't have done it without you," she concluded in offering thanks for everyone who supported her.

Folkett noted the diversity of the class.

"We have graduates from many different areas in the Pembina Valley; some students have been with us for many years while others only for the year."

He went on to offer further praise for their hard work and commitment to lifelong learning.

"Being a mature student means adapting daily life to fit in school. For many, that meant rearranging work schedules, day care routines and other responsibilities. We know that most graduates had help from family and friends; this is what makes this day so special, it is an achievement by so many not just the graduate."

"It is for most a big unpredictable step. But as most of you quickly found out, the centre is a place that is inviting, encouraging and a place where friendships are made. We are happy for that, and we encourage you to keep taking those big steps with your newfound confidence."

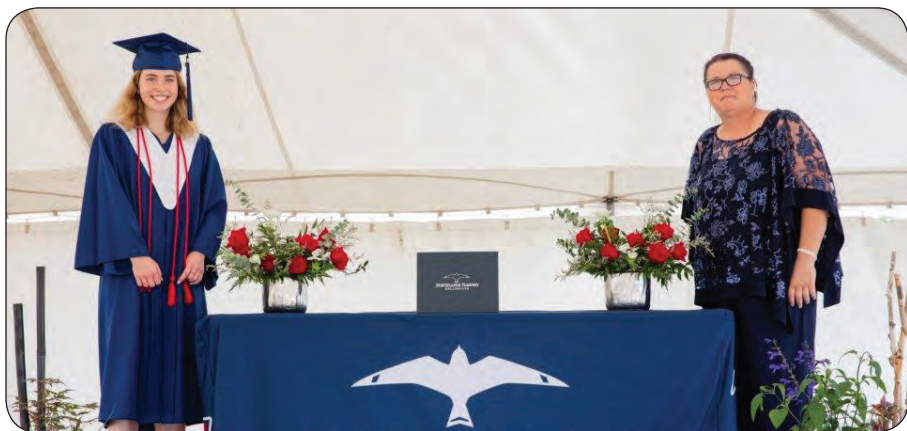


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Class valedictorian Tina Fehr shared how it was scary but ultimately rewarding to return to school to earn her high school diploma.

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NPC grads picked up their diplomas from principal Tammy MacDonald in an outdoor ceremony this year. Here, Clarissa Unger poses for a shot as friends and family look on from nearby vehicles.

Also bringing greetings was parent Darcie Goertzen, who reflected on how amazing it's been to watch the class of 2021 grow up.

She recalled marvelling at the students' prowess in athletics, art, music, and drama.

"Every one of you has something special to offer. We as parents are proud of you," Goertzen stressed. "Grads, no matter where you go after today, don't give up. Follow your dreams. Do what you want to do. We as parents will be cheering you on."

The final words went to class valedictorian Cerulean Wolfe.

"This is certainly not the end any of us expected or how we pictured our senior year ending up," she said.

"COVID was certainly a huge twists in all of our paths, but there were a

few positives that came out of it," Wolfe said, pointing to all the extra sleeping-in time the class had thanks to remote learning.

Wolfe thanked NPC teachers and staff for doing everything they could to keep the school a safe space for everyone and parents for always being there to support the grads, especially during these last few challenging years.

"Usually it's the valedictorian's job to talk about the success of our graduating class from over the last four years, but because every extracurricular activity was cancelled this year and half of last year, I believe that our greatest success was simply making it through this year," Wolfe observed.

"In our futures, success can look

many different ways and take many different forms ... however, success is not always a straight line," she said. "There will be many twists along our paths and things will go wrong, but in the end even our failures contribute to our successes in one way or another."

"Unlike graduation, success is not an event but it is a process. Just like Walt Disney said: 'All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.'"

Wherever life may take them, this unique group of students will always have one thing in common, Wolfe stressed.

"We are the graduating class of 2021 for Northlands Parkway Collegiate."

> MORDEN COLLEGIATE, FROM PAGE 12

only the students but the parents as well this past year.

"At the best of times, it is a tall order to balance all the demands of raising kids with everything else that life throws at you. You have done well!"

"And to our teachers, EAs, support staff and administration, you were thrust into the front lines of our community's need. I know our community is grateful for everything that you

have given of yourselves to ensure that all of our community's kids had a safe and effective year.

"You have worked hard to get here," Fransen told the students. "You have persevered through some of the most challenging educational and social hurdles of the last number of generations, and we know that you are prepared for the next chapter of your lives."



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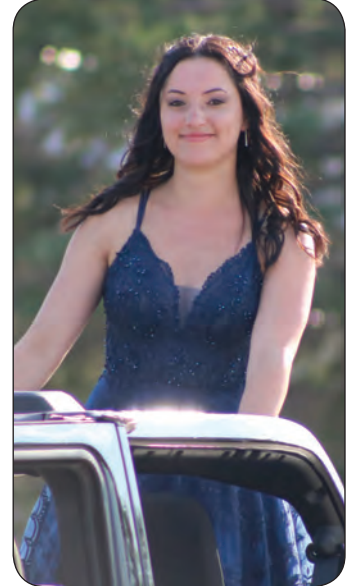
Carman Collegiate's Riley Takvam put on a show for parade-watchers.



Each of the 14 attending Dufferin Christian School grads tossed their caps to celebrate the end of their high school chapter.



Brooke Love, left, and Avrey Murdy rode in the back of a pickup during the Miami Collegiate Graduate parade.



Jaylyn Deurbrouck rode in the back of a black jeep during Elm Creek School's grad parade.



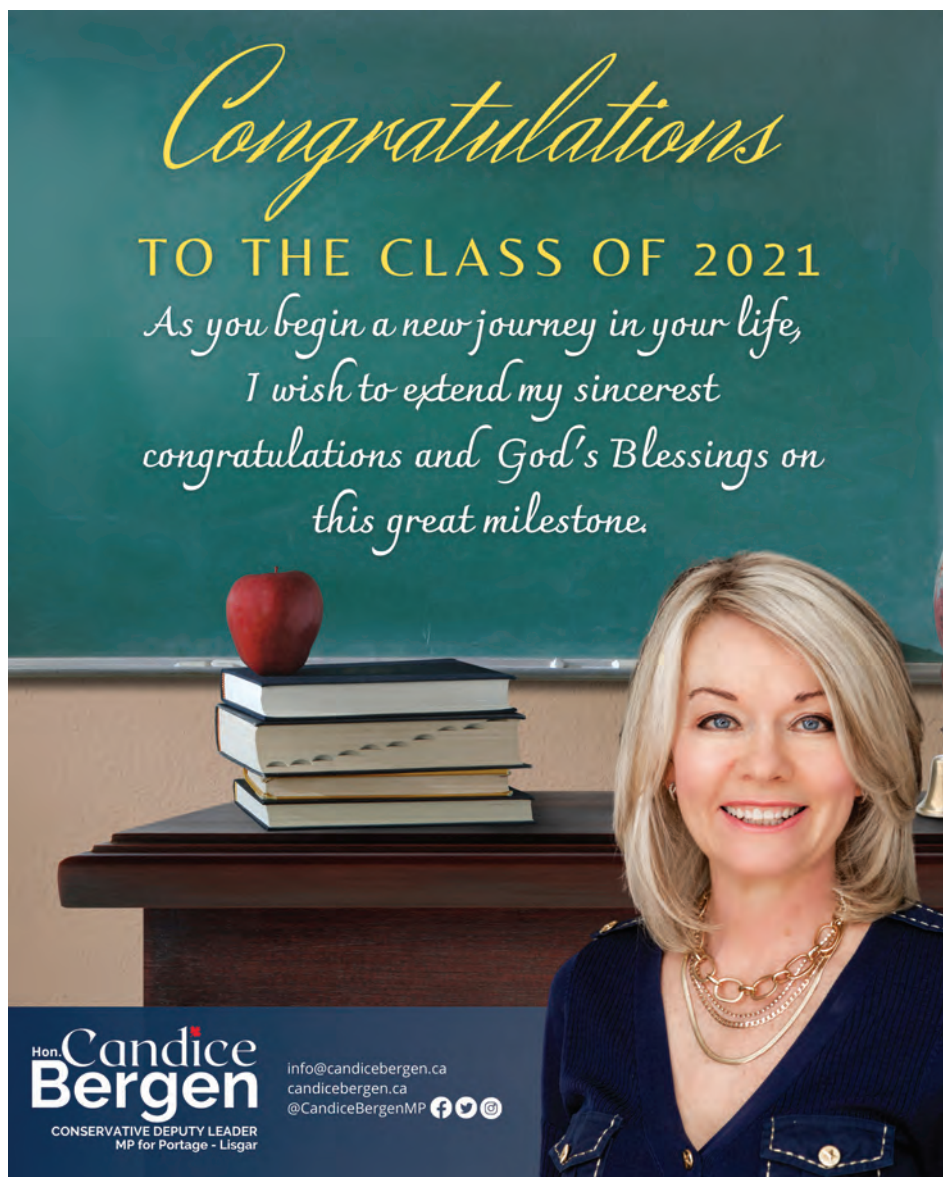
St. Claude grads sharing a congratulatory hug.

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Carman Collegiate hosts first-ever drive-in graduation

By Becca Myskiw

The sun beat down on 45 Carman Collegiate grads last Monday, June 28.

A stage decorated with pink and white flowers and greenery of all kinds on the school's soccer field with the Carman Collegiate logo in the middle, a podium on the left and "GRAD 2021" in large wooden letters. The wooden décor was draped in outdoor patio lights, giving the whole setup a beautiful rustic feel.

After the national anthem opened Monday's ceremony, principal Jeff Latimer started the afternoon by congratulating the students. Graduates Riley Takvam and Regan Durand then gave the toast to the parents on behalf of their class.

"It blows my mind to accept that fact that we have turned the page to the next chapter of our lives," started Takvam. "We have moved from childhood to adulthood...it's time to learn what we want to be if we haven't figured it out or follow our dreams if we have."

Durand then said the graduates owe all their thanks to their parents because without them, none of the past 13 years would have been possible.

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Nick Carnelley gave the student address on Monday.



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Grade 9 English teacher Verna Clemis was Carman Collegiate's guest speaker at grad.

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"To quote our Kindergarten concert song," said Durand. "Thank you, thank you. We really want to thank you. Thanks."

Once the car horns and cheering subsided, graduate Ryan Toews came on stage to give a toast to the teachers. He went through each of the staff members at Carman Collegiate, recalling a memory or a joke the students had with each of them.

"Our teachers taught us more than just the curriculum," he said. "They taught us life lessons."

Latimer and vice principal Mary Reimer had the honour of presenting the diplomas. The graduates were split into four groups and one group by one, they lined up to the side of the stage, waiting for their turn to move the tassel.

Car horns honked, parents and students cheered, staff members teared up, and Carman Collegiate's class of 2021 was officially graduated.

But the ceremony wasn't over. Grade 9 English teacher Verna Clemis was Monday's guest speaker. She started her speech by acknowledging the tough year the students had, but said she wasn't going to focus her address on the pandemic.

"Some of you have had to scratch your way up to this po-

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Nick Carnelley received the Carman Collegiate Staff Award.



Karen Kucharsky was this year's winner of the Governor's General Award.



Mackayla Reimer, left, and Kayla Valentine waving to the crowd during the grad parade.



Riley Takvam, left, and Regan Durand toast the parents

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dium in the worst way possible," she started. "We get it...but you're here. You made it. So now what? I could share with you all the clichés a normal graduation speech would contain...but I won't. I want to talk more realistically. You are not the first generation of young people who have had their lives turned upside down."

Clemis then reminded the graduates about the soldiers who didn't return home in 1918, those who suffered through the Spanish flu, and how Dr. McGavin was the only doctor during that pandemic working 24/7 in a 40-mile radius with nothing but a horse and buggy.

"Keep in mind Dr. McGavin didn't quit when times got tough," Clemis said.

She went on to discuss the many life-changing events the community's gone through, including her own personal struggles. Her speech encouraged the grads to realize their struggles and to overcome them because there will be many more along the way.



Hayden Lysiuk was one of the sunglasses-wearers of Carman Collegiate.

"You come from good stock," she ended. "You come from families, a community of fighters — of not-giver-uppers."

Nick Carnelley, recipient of the Carman Collegiate Staff Award, then gave the student address, noting the year was disappointing, but there were so many positives along the way.

"We can officially say that we were Carman Col-



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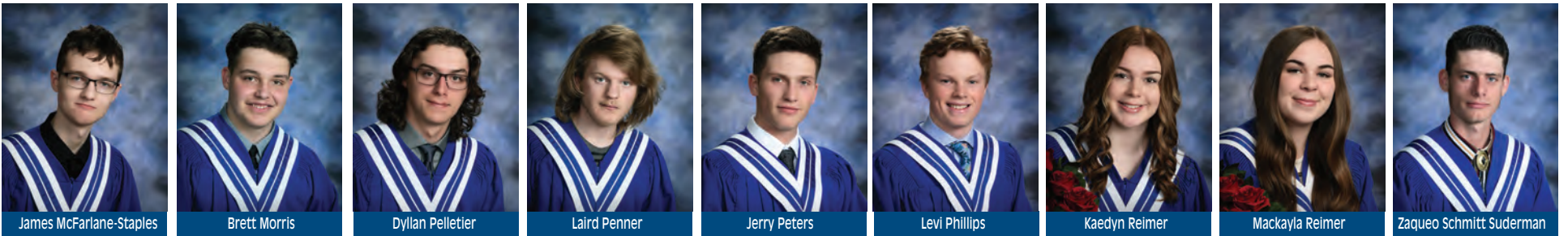
Mackayla Reimer showed up to the ceremony in style.

legiate's first drive-in grad in the history of the school," he said.

After that, he received his special award, as did Karen Kocharski, this year's recipient of the Governor General's Award.

After the ceremony, there was a parade where the town could cheer on the graduates.

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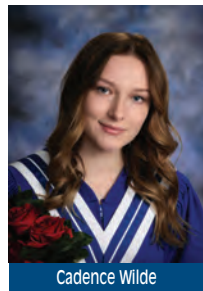
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Ryan Toews gave the toast to the teachers.



Anthony Bueckert had lots of honks and cheers as he left the stage.



Payton Doerksen was all smiles after receiving her diploma. She's going to Mayville State for softball in the fall.

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Elm Creek School

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Elm Creek School says farewell to eight students in 2021

By Becca Myskiw

It ended with float upon float decked out in balloons, ribbons and bows — the Elm Creek class of 2021 has graduated.

At 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, eight students crossed the stage — a flat deck trailer decorated by two graduates — set up outside the Elm Creek School and entered adulthood. The sun shone down, illuminating the stage in golden yellows and burnt oranges, creating a somewhat cliché moment for the grads as they move into their bright futures.

Interim principal Leslie Howard presented each graduate with their diploma before vehicles filled with graduate's family members. Then, one by one, the eight students made their way across the stage and waved on to the cheering crowd. Jaylyn Deurbrouck won the Governor General Academic Medal, the most prestigious high school award.

"Unprecedented, once in a century, strong, persistent, ever-changing," stated Howard. "When

you hear these words, you likely think, 'Great, another speech about COVID!' Well, if that was your first thought, then I am sorry to disappoint. These words, which yes, have been used to describe COVID, are instead being mentioned to describe the Elm Creek Graduating class of 2021."

Her speech talked about how the graduating class is a once in a century kind of group. She said the last 15 months was rough, but the class was persistent, pouring 100 per cent of themselves into every want, feel, and need.

Howard was a teacher and interim principal over the years and said they constantly challenged her but looking back, they've shaped her into the mother, administrator, teacher, and woman she is today.

She ended her speech with a Mark Twain quote: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

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The Elm Creek School class of 2021.

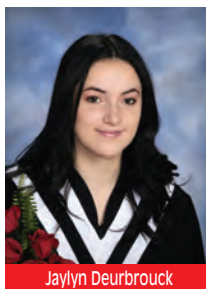
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The traditional cap toss, signifying the end of high school.



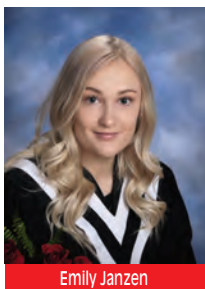
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Valedictorian Emily Janzen addressed her classmates, saying they're a group of oddballs — and there's nothing wrong with that.

"We would not be the people we are today without each other," she said. "Because of each individual classmate, each teacher, and every single one of our parents, we are all graduating today. To some of us, this day means more than it might to the average student, as many of us struggled mentally, physically, and academically."

Janzen thanked each teacher and parent and ended their speech with a Bill Gates and Mr. Schroeder quote: "Life's not fair, get used to it."

The ceremony was short and sweet but gave each now-adult their time in the spotlight. After graduates moved the tassel from right to left and tossed their cap, the Elm Creek School class of 2021 hopped into trucks, cars, jeeps, and ATVs to parade around town.

One graduate rode on a motorcycle, another stood in the back of a jeep, some waved from truck boxes, and one even rode his ATV around, doing burnouts every chance he got. A celebration of his own.

Community members stood in driveways and sat in parking lots to cheer on the young adults they might not even know. Some brought cowbells, noisemakers, and signs, while others used their voices to spread their congratulations.

Ladies in blue and red gowns waved while the men in black and grey suits smiled — everyone looked happy to be graduating.



Jaylyn Deurbrouck, left, won the Governor General Medal, and Emily Janzen was valedictorian.



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Emily Janzen waved from the back of a motorcycle during the grad parade.



Cody Banman showed off his ATV during the grad parade.



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32. Royal Canadian Legion No. 18 - Larry Aymont Memorial Award - Emily Janzen
33. Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athletic Award - Jaylyn Deurbrouck



Miami School

Congratulations
to the **Graduating Classes of 2021**

Miami School sends graduates off to be tenacious, positive, and resilient

By Becca Myskiw

On Tuesday, June 29, vehicles lined up side-by-side on Miami School grounds to watch 21 students graduate.

It was 5 p.m. with nothing but clear skies and sunshine for the Miami graduates. Each grad was set up in their vehicles and was allowed to have a second one filled with family accompany them.

Vehicles were pointed towards the stage where acting principal Steve Doell presented each graduate with their diplomas and individual awards. Families and other grads sat in vehicles listening to the ceremony through an FM transmitter.

They heard valedictorians Jordon Holowachuk and Lori Stepler receive several awards. Holowachuk was the recipient of the Governor-General Medal while Stepler received a total of 12 awards.

"I know they tell us that school is



Valedictorian Lori Stepler had her whole family on the float with her.

about learning, but the things we will remember most aren't the classes we took but the people we took them with," said Stepler during the pair's speech. "So, this evening, we thought we would share a few words about the graduates of 2021."



Kezia Swan and her nephew Killian Stewart sat on a porch swing float.

The valedictorians then shared memories they had of each classmate, noting Vincent's pessimistic attitude, Kezia's jokes, and Fiddler on the Roof star William. "Whether you've been here since kindergarten or have just joined us this year, we've made lifelong memories," finished Holowachuk. "Wherev-



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Jordon Holowachuk, back, Adrien Wall, front left, and Troy Steuart sat together during the parade.

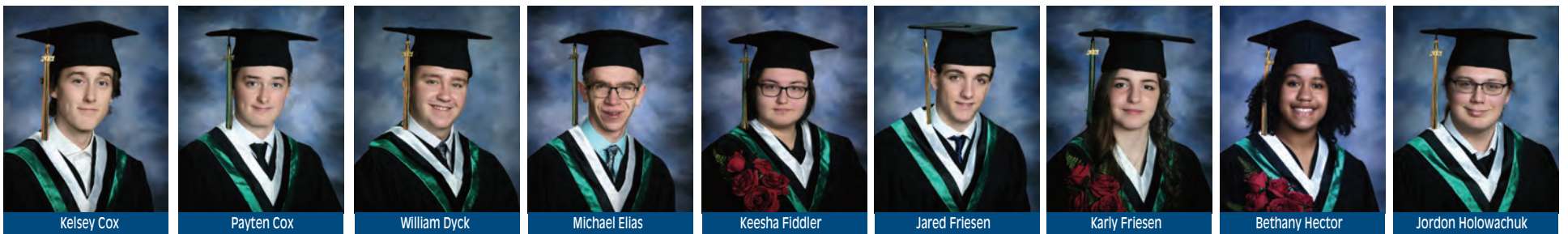
er life takes you in the years to come, I wish you luck and hope to see all of you again soon. See you at the 20-year reunion."

Acting principal Steve Doell's speech went over three traits he hoped each graduate would leave with — tenacity, positivity or gratitude, and perseverance or resiliency.

"Nothing fosters success more than determination and persistence," he said. "Educa-

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tion, genius, or talent is absolutely nothing without the drive and dedication to accomplish your goals. Go out into this world and explore your passions with tenacity. Meet your goals with ferocity, pursue your passions with curiosity, and you will find success."

Doell challenged his students to be like the wolverine (tenacious), the wood frog (positive), and the polar bear (resilient). The wolverine, he said, roams the toughest conditions and scares of the scariest predators. The wood frog freezes solid in the winter but wakes up every spring without fail, ready for a new year. And the polar bear, Doell said, has figured out how to hunt beluga whales when sea ice slowly disappears and takes away their main food source.

"Learn to control only what you can control," he finished. "You may not like the situation

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Vincent Sanders waved on from the back of a truck.



Karly Friesen is going into the arts after high school.



Jared Huston	Travis Ketler	Brooke Love	Avrey Murdy
Kaitlin Parisien	Kezia Swain	Adrien Wall	Claudia Wall
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- Anne Dyck Memorial - Bethany Hector
- Blair Sharpe Career - Lori Stepler
- Brigitte Grenier Memorial - Troy Steuart
- Carman Community Health - Brooke Love
- Cory Rutter Construction - Adrien Wall
- Gary Smart - Troy Steuart
- Miami Fire and Rescue - Brooke Love / Lori Stepler split
- Miami United Church - Lori Stepler
- Orchard Grain Farms - Kezia Swain
- Pembina Creeks Wildlife - Troy Steuart
- Candice Bergan - Kezia Swain
- Refined Health - Brooke Love
- Roseisle Friendship - Troy Steuart
- Ryan Peters - Adrien Wall
- SJ Agronomy - Kezia Swain
- Station Bar and Grill - Bethany Hector
- TOPS - Lori Stepler
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- Patrick Mowbray Memorial Bursary - Jared Friesen/Jordon Holowachuk
- Prairie Rose Teachers' Association Career Scholarship - Bethany Hector
- Prairie Rose School Division Diligent Commitment to Learning Award - Jordon Holowachuk
- Prairie Rose School Division Academic Excellence & School & Community Service Award - Jordon Holowachuk
- Homestead COOP Bursary - Avrey Murdy
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Dufferin Christian School

Congratulations
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DCS sends grads off with the word of the Lord

By Becca Myskiw

It was a night to remember for each of Dufferin Christian School's (DCS) 15 graduates — the day had finally come.

After 13 years of writing, equating, reading, and testing, the DCS students early, middle and high school chapter was complete. At 5 p.m. on Monday, June 28, families packed into their trucks, cars, and SUVs, and parked on the school grounds to

watch the Grade 12s cross the stage.

One by one, each graduate, whether in heels or dress shoes, climbed the steps and walked onto the stage and smiled on while former principal and teacher Dr. Chris deBoer gave the speaker address and presented the diplomas.

"You have, it seems, successfully completed high school," he started. "Tonight, you chose a challenging grad text; not so much for me to comment on, but for you to live up to."

Their chosen grad text was, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." (1 Tim. 4:12) deBoer told the students that text is an encouraging one. It encourages the grads to step out of their comfort zone, practice the strong message of Christ and command it, and do bold things for God's glory and Christ's church. That text does so much more, too.

"You want to set an example for the believers," he said. "Then pray every day for the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, to mold your heart, to renew your mind and flesh. Delve into the Bible — it is the wellspring of life! It is not a boring old book; as you continue to grow in your faith, in your conviction of God's sovereignty, of His grace in Christ, and of the Holy Spirit's work in your life, you will

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continue to set an example to the believers – it will be evident.”

But the ceremony wasn't over yet. Valedictorian Joshua Blok had a few things to say to their classmates. His speech focused on one word: example, which is right in their graduation text.

“The word ‘example’ in 1 Tim. 4:12 is an English translation of the NT Greek word ‘tupos,’ which refers to an image produced by some powerful blow or stamp,” said Blok. “Think of the chiseling that goes into engraving words or images onto stone. The results are things like memorials, plaques, and headstones. So, guys, we should think of ourselves as walking inscriptions.”

He then went on to make his class think about the inscriptions they bared. The first was senioritis, meaning they were lazy, absent, and had dismissive attitudes here or there. But it also meant they were a close-knit group who liked everything together.

The positive inscription they bared was setting a good tone for the school, he said, and they were supportive to each other constantly.



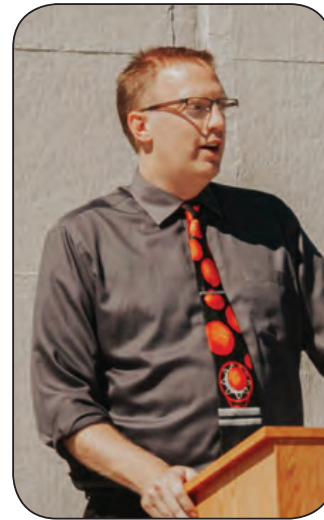
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Principal Nathan Kok presented graduate Todd Bouwers with their diploma.

“These are not just memories to cherish, but things to keep up wherever life leads us,” finished Blok. “Whatever God’s plans are for our futures, may he use our exemplary living to his glory, both within the community of believers, but also wherever he leads us in life.”

Once each of the 14 attending grads had tossed their caps high into the sky,

they were ready to move onto the next chapter of their lives. Some did it in light blue gowns, while others did it in red ones. Some moved on in navy blue suits, and some moved on in black ones. But each did it with a smile and blessings from God.

DCS focuses on three things for its students: growing in grace, equipping for excellence, and learning for life.



Dr. Chris deBoer gave the speech at the graduation ceremony.



Valedictorian Joshua Blok gives his address to his classmates.

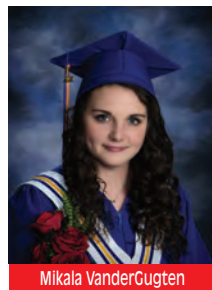
That means each student they graduate has grown through God’s grace, has been equipped with the excellence each is called for and has desired relevant, practical, and lifelong learning.

Wherever each DCS grad goes, they will do it knowing they can.

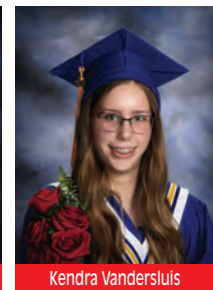
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École Regionale Notre-Dame

Congratulations
to the **Graduating Classes of 2021**

École Regionale Notre-Dame celebrates 17 graduates

By Becca Myskiw

École Regionale Notre-Dame sent 17 students off into the real world on Saturday, June 26.

It started with a slideshow, showing each of the grads adorned in grad caps and gowns. Principal Gisèle Bosc then opened the ceremony outside the school on a stage decorated with pink and white flowers and a congratulatory banner.

Families of the grads sat in vehicles together while over 270 others watched from their screens at home. The national anthem played, Bosc gave heartfelt words, then Alex Bazin was first to cross the stage in his black and green colours.

Each grad walked onto the stage, grabbed their diploma, moved their tassel from right to left, and removed their mask for a photo.

Seven certificates were handed out to eight seniors on Saturday, along with 18 bursaries. The Governor General Medal was awarded to Roux Bazin this year. It's among the most prestigious award a high school graduate can receive, recognizing the student with the high-

est GPA from their Grade 11 and 12 years combined.

Once all the 2021 École Regionale Notre-Dame graduates had crossed the stage, Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine (DSFM) superintendent Alain Laberge spoke to the students virtually, giving an encouraging and congratulatory speech. Next, Louise Legal-Perrin, assistant superintendent, followed him to give her own words to the grads, then secretary-treasurer Rob Dupré-Ollinik, and assistant superintendent René Déquier.

The ceremony then returned to Bosc, who gave her speech to the students she's known for the past years.

"These students start their school first with a mix of emotions," she said. "On entering kindergarten, some anticipated the first day with enthusiasm and joy, while others showed more anxiety or fear. In the years that followed, the emotions felt may have subsided. However, we are sure that during this last year of their journey with RND, the feelings took on a new dimension."

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École Regionale Notre-Dame's graduating class of 2021. (Missing from the photo is Brett Durand).



Jamie Girouard celebrated receiving his diploma and his \$1,000 UM Hogg Centennial Entrance Scholarship Tier 3.



Vice principal Jocelyne Toupin, left, and principal Gisèle Bosc presented each grad on Saturday.

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Alex Bazin

Roux Bazin

Paige Cenerini

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Bosc went on to acknowledge the difficult year her students had gone through, and though it wasn't easy to finish high school like that, there was a lot of light hidden in the dark. She said the lessons each grad learned this year would help them to overcome other challenges they'll face in life.

École Régionale Notre-Dame, principal Bosc, finished her speech by encouraging the students to remain confident and un intimidated. She ended with this quote:

"Today we celebrate your accomplishments and efforts. Congratulations to each of you, and we wish you all success."

Vice-principal Jocelyne Toupin then gave her own words to the graduates.

The graduates tossed their caps while one could hear family cheers from miles away. From there, the grads paraded around town where the community cheered and waved them on, commending them for their achievements.



Roux Bazin won the Governor General Medal for his academics.



Julien Dizengremel earned \$5,000 in scholarships to further his education.



Yannick Grenier was all smiles. Grenier was recognized for her marks in Psychologie 40S.

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Certificates

- Mathématiques pré-calcul 40S - **Jamie Girouard**
- Mathématiques au quotidien 40S - **Jolyne LeClair**
- Français: Langue et communication 40S - **Julien Dizengremel and Sydney Rondeau**
- Anglais: Comprehensive Focus 40S - **Julien Dizengremel**
- Annuaire et vidéos scolaires 41G - **Sophie Le Moullec**
- Conception avancée 40S - **Sophie Le Moullec**
- Psychologie 40S - **Yannick Grenier**

Bursaries

- Governor General Medal - **Roux Bazin**
- Division scolaire franco-manitobaine - \$800 - **Kenzie Dupasquier**
- Chambre de Commerce Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes - \$300 - **Julien Dizengremel**
- Comité culturel de Lourdes - \$350 - **Julien Dizengremel**
- Caisse Groupe Financier - \$500 - **Kenzie Dupasquier**
- Famille Lucie et Maurice Boisvert Sr des Fonds communautaires Notre-Dame - \$500 - **Kenzie Dupasquier**
- Candice Bergen Leadership Award - \$300 - **Sophie Le Moullec**
- E. Jay Watson Memorial Entrance Scholarship - \$1,000 - **Julien Dizengremel**
- Bethany Lutheran College International Scholarship - \$11,425 - **Jolyne LeClair**

- Motor Vehicle Industry of Manitoba Inc. - \$1,000 - **Alex Bazin**
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- Simplot Canada Limited Entrance Scholarship (Farm operation) - \$1,440 - **Julien Dizengremel**
- UM Hogg Centennial Entrance Scholarship Tier 3 - \$1000 - **Brett Durand, Jamie Girouard, Sydney Rondeau**
- University of Manitoba Chown Centennial Scholarship - \$1,000 - **Brett Durand**
- University of Brandon Board of Governors Entrance Scholarship Tier III - \$1,400 - **Julien Dizengremel**
- Westman's Communications Excellence Award - \$500 - **Julien Dizengremel**
- 2021 MASRC 2002 NAIG Legacy Athlete Scholarship - \$600 - **Jolyne LeClair**

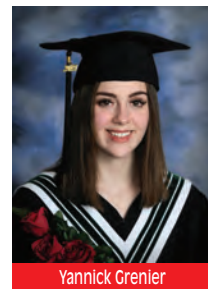
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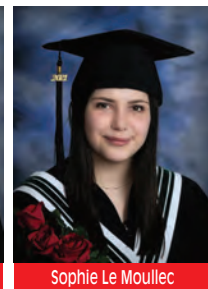
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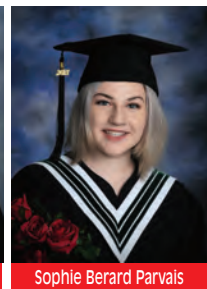
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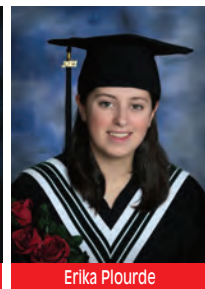
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St. Claude School Complex

Congratulations
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St. Claude School Complex graduates nine students in 2021

By Becca Myskiw

It was Friday, June 25, when St. Claude School Complex (SCSC) sent nine of their long-time students into adulthood.

Sun shining down on the graduates dressed in their very best made for a picturesque day. Each one wore a different colour — girls wore dresses of purple, light blue, red, pink, and green, while the boys wore black and white, navy blue,

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Class valedictorian Jayde Chevrier has hope for positivity for her classmates.



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The St. Claude School Complex graduating class of 2021.

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Current Topics in Science 30S	R-Way Ag	Vanessa Theroux
ELA 40S Comprehensive	Pembina Coop x 2	Nicoline deRocquigny / Vanessa Theroux
Essential Math 40S	Leding Edge Lights Ltd./Klotz Service	Jayde Chevrier / Carson White
Français 40S	Caisse Financial Group	Vanessa Theroux
French 40S	MIG Insurance	Tasha Layton-Souque
Histoire du Canada 30S	St. Claude Autobody	Vanessa Theroux
Music 2A: Concert Choir 40S	Caisse Financial Group	Vanessa Theroux
Woodwork Technology 40M	Shop Easy Foods - St. Claude	Jesse Schulz
Honour Roll (above 80%)		Jayde Chevrier, Nicoline deRocquigny, Kayla Rey, Tasha Layton-Souque, Vanessa Theroux, Carson White
Bursaries/Scholarships	Presenters	Recipient
Advisory Council For School Leadership		Nicoline deRocquigny
Brian Pallister Sports Scholarship		Tasha Layton-Souque
Brian Pallister Ag / Ed Scholarship		Vanessa Theroux
Caisse Financial Group Bursary		Nicoline deRocquigny
Candice Bergen Leadership Award		Vanessa Theroux
Comite Culturel de St-Claude et Haywood		Vanessa Theroux
CSSC Français Bursary		Vanessa Theroux
4-H Council Scholarship		Vanessa Theroux
Fortunat and Laurence Champagne Memorial Scholarship		Kayla Rey
Jenn Dion Safety Programs Scholarship		Nicoline deRocquigny
Lactalis Canada Bursary		Kayla Rey
Mountain Foundation Bursary		Kayla Rey
Prairie Spirit School Division Grad Merit Award		Nicoline deRocquigny
RM of Grey Scholarship		Tasha Layton-Souque
St. Claude Grad Foundation Bursary		Tasha Layton-Souque
St. Claude Health District Foundation Bursary		Nicoline deRocquigny / Kayla Rey
St. Claude Pharmacy Scholarship		Nicoline deRocquigny
St. Claude School Academics Credits Scholarship		Vanessa Theroux
Westman's Award of Excellence Scholarship		Nicoline deRocquigny
U of M Entrance Scholarship		Vanessa Theroux
U of M Chown Centennial Scholarship		Nicoline deRocquigny
Governor General's Medal		Nicoline deRocquigny

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and purple.

“School has been a prominent part of our lives for the past thirteen years, and it is now coming to an end,” said English valedictorian Jayde Chevrier. “It is kind of melancholy if you ask me. Now is not the time to be sad about what was, it is time to celebrate what is and what will be. It is time to celebrate our struggles, our accomplishments, our development, and our undecided destinies.”

Chevrier went on to say that though the world is “riddled with negativity” right now, she has no doubt her class’s future endeavors will bring positivity.

For Chevrier, that means becoming a freelance animator and artist. For graduate Daniel Zamora, it means working hard until he opens his own business. Nicoline de Rocquigny plans to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy

degree, Tasha Layton-Souque is getting her Bachelor of Arts degree, and Kyle Pritchard is joining the workforce. Graduate Kayla Rey plans on receiving her Bachelor of Nursing degree, Jesse Dylan Schulz wants to become a movie director or blacksmith, Vanessa Theroux wants to become an author, and Carson White is going to eventually take an electronics course in post-secondary.

All inspirational speech stuff aside, although grad didn’t turn out exactly how we wanted it to be because of stricter restrictions, I still think it will be just as memorable as any other grad in the past,” continued Chevrier. “Everything leading up to our grad was pretty memorable as well.”

She noted how her class raised money when grad planning, went dress shopping, and put

their handprints on the wall mural. She then wrapped up her speech by thanking parents, teachers, friends, and family for getting each of the nine students to where they are today and then congratulated her class.

Some notable awards for the students were Nicoline de Rocquigny’s Governor General’s Academic Medal and Prairie Spirit School Division Grad Merit Award. Tasha Layton-Souque received Brian Pallister’s sports scholarship and Vanessa Theroux got the Candice Bergen Leadership Award.

Once each SCSC grad threw their caps into the air, they were ready to move on to the next chapters of their lives. But the day didn’t end until they paraded through the community, waving to residents who were cheering them on.

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you have found yourself in, but if you choose to accept it as it is, and control what you can control, you win.”

Once the ceremony ended, the grads had time to take it all in — the rest of their lives was beginning. But while they took a few moments to themselves, community members started setting up lawn chairs down every street.

A town-wide parade started at 8 p.m. led by a fire truck and an RCMP vehicle. Each grad rode on a float. There was everything from a decorated semi to a porch swing on a flatbed. Local residents, friends and family cheered on the recent graduates as they motored their way through Miami.

The class of 2021 dressed in reds, greens, and blues and young men in suits of blues, blacks, and greys coloured the streets of Miami as they said goodbye to high school. But the night wasn’t over until after 11 p.m. when the last firework went off at the Stepler Farm.

Doell extends his thanks to Miami Post-Secondary Educational Organization for organizing the scholarships.

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DUFFERIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AWARDS AND BURSARIES 2021

1. The DCS BEACON Award is based on the following criteria: B - Bold in the LORD, E - Enduring under pressure, A - Active as God’s child, C - Courageous in adversity, O - Overcoming obstacles, N - Nurturing friends and others. It is awarded to Joshua Blok
2. The DCS Citizenship Award, which is open to nomination by the community, is presented to recognize a particular student’s role in the wider sphere of school and community. It is based on four criteria: Christian regard for others, extra-curricular involvement, involvement in other community activities, and academic achievement. It is awarded to Lianne Riedstra
3. The Alice Linde Memorial Award, which is in remembrance of Mrs. Alice Linde, who had a passion for students that led her to use “outside the box” methods of teaching. Mrs. Linde enjoyed the challenge of these particular students and took great joy in watching them succeed. Each student that passed through her class over the years will remember her kind heart, patience, and understanding. “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Phillipians 4:8). It is awarded to Kelvin Hamming.
4. The Halarda Farms Bursary is awarded to any stu-

- dent going into trades or university who has had to overcome challenges but who showed a lot of heart, determination, and courage in achieving goals. In short, “God gave you talents as gifts, praise God by using your gifts well.” It is awarded to Brooklyn Kamminga.
5. The Walinga Inc. Trades and Technology Bursary, is awarded to a student pursuing a trades-based education. It is awarded to Devon VanderWoude.
6. Bud McKnight Seeds Bursary is awarded to a student pursuing post-secondary studies in the field of agriculture. It is awarded to Todd Bouwers.
7. The Carman Community Chamber of Commerce Bursary is awarded to a student going into a business related field. It is awarded to Todd Bouwers.
8. The Carman Granite and Marble Works Bursary is awarded to a student going into a business related field. It is awarded to Jamin VanderZwaag.
9. The Newman-Hand Insurance Bursary is awarded to a student entering a post-secondary program in mathematics or business who, during his or her time at school, performed at a high level academically, while contributing strongly to the extra-curricular programs of the school. It is awarded to Nathan Voogt and Kameron Toews.
10. The Field 2 Field Agronomy Bursary is awarded to

- a student planning to pursue studies in agriculture or sciences. It is awarded to Danielle Smith.
11. The Janzen Chevrolet Bursary is awarded to a student, as chosen by the staff, who exemplifies responsibility and strength of character. It is awarded to Gianna Bergsma.
12. The LCL Construction Award is presented to a DCS graduate who plans to enter a trade-related career based on the following criteria: academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and community involvement. It is awarded to Devon VanderWoude and Nathan deRuiter.
13. The Ed’s Tire Bursary is awarded to a student pursuing a career in the trades. It is awarded to Devon VanderWoude.
14. The MMJS Law Bursary is awarded to a graduate entering university studies in a field related to mathematics. It is awarded to Nathan Voogt.
15. The Nakonechny & Power CPA Bursary is awarded to a student pursuing post-secondary studies in the field of accounting or business. It is awarded to Todd Bouwers.
16. The Roseisle Friendship Club is presenting an award to a student from the district. It is awarded to Kelvin Hamming.
17. The Vanderveen Commodity Service Bursary is

- awarded to a student pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture. It is awarded to Todd Bouwers.
18. The Rev. Scholten Bursary is a DCS bursary, made available by generous community donations, awarded to students pursuing post-secondary studies in the pursuit of telling “the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done” (Psalm 78:4). It is awarded to Joshua Blok.
19. The Chown Centennial University of Manitoba Scholarship goes to the best ‘all-around’ graduate with an average over 85%, who is planning to attend the U of M. It is awarded to Danielle Smith.
20. The Portage-Lisgar Conservative EDA Bursary is awarded, on behalf of Candice Bergen, to the graduate that most clearly demonstrates ‘leadership through quiet confidence and character.’ It is awarded to Joshua Blok.
21. The Dufferin Historical Museum Bursary is awarded to a student who excelled in the study of history throughout his / her senior years. It is awarded to Joshua Blok.
22. The prestigious Governor General’s Bronze Medal is awarded to the graduate with the highest academic average for Grade 11 and 12 courses. It is awarded to Danielle Smith.



Winnipeg is your urban oasis this July

Clockwise from left: Assiniboine Park's English Gardens (Mike Peters); Oodena Celebration Circle at The Forks (John Slipec); Explore The Forks (William Au)

Temperatures and vaccination rates continue to rise, while Winnipeg's outdoor attractions are back and better than ever.

Now's the time to rediscover the city's lush new attractions—where hidden gems will be music to your ears and hotels will have you sitting poolside within the city's glittering skyline. Here are some options for a full day of exploring this month.

Great gardens, goats, mini donkeys and massive dinos

Assiniboine Park and Zoo is a peach of a place to spend a morning, providing a little something for everyone. The English Garden

and Leo Mol Sculpture Garden provide a brilliant bouquet for the senses, from the smell of fresh flowers to visions of Mol's wondrous bronze works, which depict everything from local ambassadors to scenes from Greek Mythology.

The Gardens at The Leaf are new for summer 2021 and open July 9. This near 30-acre horticultural exhibit surrounds the impressive, 90,000 sq. ft. conical Leaf building, which is currently under construction. The outdoor gardens consist of The Indigenous Peoples Garden, the Kitchen Garden, Sensory Garden, Performance Garden, Seasonal Garden and the Grove, providing a bountiful showcase of plant species, all interconnected by charming pathways.

Assiniboine Park Zoo also offers plenty of new things from the cute and whimsical to the fierce and ferocious.

On the cute side of things, there's Aunt Sally's Farm. This new exhibit is such good fun with inhabitants that include goats that traverse right over your head via rainbow-coloured bridges. Pot-bellied pigs, mini donkeys and llamas that frolic to and fro, guaranteed to bring a smile to your face.

For something more ferocious, Dinosaurs Uncovered has returned, with 17 life-sized animatronic dinos lurking in the Zoo's forested trails. This time around, Dinosaurs Uncovered also includes museum-quality fossils and interactive archeological fun.

Plus, while you're at the zoo you might even encounter some stars—and we're not just talking about the polar bears that swim right overhead in the Sea Ice Passage. Several of the zoo's caretakers and research scientists were recently featured in CBC Television's *Arctic Vets*, which you can still stream.

Find it at The Forks

For the afternoon, adventure awaits at The Forks, where the Red and Assiniboine rivers meet and inspirational new works are ready to welcome visitors.

In the past few years The Forks has become, to quote national award-winning columnist Niigaan Sinclair, "One of the largest collections of Indigenous-led public expressions in any historical site in Canada." Sinclair is the Indigenous Curator at The Forks and the host of *The Forks: A self-guided audio tour*, which reveals some of its 6,000-year history and public works of art. This includes the massive Niimaamaa ("my mother")—a huge sculpture by KC Adams, Jaimie Isaac and Val Vint that is a must-see on the south-east side of The Forks. You'll also find signage throughout the area in Cree, Ojibway and Michif.

The Forks Market is open for shoppers and culinary enthusiasts. It's the place to be for locally made fashions, products and gifts. End your day by sipping wine or craft beers under a spacious, tree-covered patio, while sampling food from kiosks run by some of the city's best chefs.



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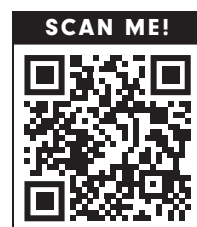
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Russell Prairie Market selling transparency, health, local option

By Becca Myskiw

Local farmers are making transparency a part of their farm to plate cycle.

Carman's Heidi and Tyler Russell run Russell Prairie Market, a black bean and pinto bean business. They seed the crops, watch them grow, harvest them, send the beans off to be cleaned, then package them before selling them to the consumer.

Tyler Russell said their products are 100 per cent traceable, meaning he knows exactly which field each bean came from, its fertility, its field's history, which trucks it was on, and everything from there on, too.

"We realized that we were producing a premium product," said Heidi Russell. "And it felt like consumers would prefer to have something straight from the farm over having something go through all the avenues when you're buying produce or anything from the store...you never really know where it comes from."

To track, each product has a lot number. After the beans get cleaned, they return with one that is recorded and kept on a data sheet.

They got the idea for this business

after speaking with the manager at a wholesale food store. She told the Russells most of their organic products come from China and her customers didn't trust that.

Russell Prairie Market is an extension of the Russell's farm. So, they grow more than just black beans and pinto beans — they also harvest canola and wheat, and they're hoping to add those crops to their transparent food business in some way soon.

They currently sell their bean products out of select Homestead Co-op grocery stores, some Red River Co-op grocery stores, food delivery services, a few restaurants, and a bit online. Their online presence is strictly on Instagram (@russellprairiemarket) and their website at www.russellprairiemarket.com.

They sell dry pinto beans and dry black beans in 1.136 kg bags or 6 kg pails on their site. Their Instagram shares different recipes to use the beans in — vegan pozole, black bean brownie, black bean burger, and charro beans.

"It's not a typical product Canadians or North Americans eat a lot of,



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Russell Prairie Market's black beans and pinto beans are 100 per cent traceable.

but I feel like the trend is there," said Heidi Russell. "It's a very cheap and healthy product."

Tyler Russell said their dry beans alone could easily produce 30,000 servings of beans on one acre and

a whole field would feed the entire province. That's another reason they're offering a local product to locals — to make food at home and eat it at home.



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Carman's campground cruisers

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Hayley Boyachek, left, and her sister Taylor were camping at the Carman Campground in June.

Williams takes home seven titles on opening weekend

By Becca Myskiw

And they're off — Manitoba Harness Racing has officially begun for 2021.

Hosted in Miami all summer long, the sport is hoping to bring in bets and viewers from all over Canada with the help of simulcasting.

Saturday, June 26 marked the first nine races of the season, and president of the Manitoba Standardbred Racing Industry Trevor Williams cleaned up. He had horses in eight of the nine races and brought home a title in seven of them.

"It felt really good," said Williams. "We have put in tons of hours, so to come out like that is super rewarding for sure."

Driving for Williams in a good chunk of those races was Glen Drew, who was coming off of a four-year layoff. He won six.

"He was a good driver before the layoff, so we weren't too worried about him," said Williams. "But I did think he'd have some rust to shake off...but he won the first race of the

day and went on to win four consecutive...and won two later in the cards... so he shook off the rust early I'd say."

Of Williams's horses, Read The Proposal, Farmerstrikesfame, Lisplaced, Filly, and Buck Rogers got first. Pure Addition got second and Dawns Night Owl got third. Other first place winners were Cereal Killer, owned by marc Fillion and Wanda Howlett, Millies Million owned by Richard Rey, Bold N Sporty owned by Aurel Vodon, and Two Shoes owned by Denis Chapelaz.

The only thing that could have made that weekend better for Williams would be having fans there. Though Manitoba's restrictions have loosened a little, they still don't allow horse racetracks to have any fans present.

So, Manitoba Harness Racing is working off of simulcasting and collecting bets online. On June 26, they took in bets from people in seven different provinces, which is good news, said Williams, but it's not the same.

Having fans at the races and betting



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Trevor Williams had horses win seven times of nine races on opening weekend.

in person typically produces more money for the sport and in Manitoba, that's the only way the racers make their money. Though they'll continue simulcasting for the rest of the season — nine more weeks — Williams is

hoping the province starts to allow at least some fans to come.

"Every day I'm just refreshing my email and waiting for that health order update," he said.

A grandmother's love

Peony planted at gravesite 88 years ago continues to bloom

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Country cemeteries are a familiar sight on the Prairies.

Some continue to be lovingly tended by the distant descendents of the settlers who lived and died on the land they worked so hard to carve out a home on.

Others have fallen into disrepair, fading tombstones left crumbling and overrun by nature.

A tiny cemetery a few miles north of Plum Coulee falls closer to the former than the latter, marked all these years with a grandmother's love.

Eighty-eight years ago this March, six-month-old George (Geordie) Howard Wiebe succumbed to pneumonia.

He was laid to rest in the family plot. His grandmother, Sarah Wiebe, planted a peony to mark his final resting place.

That peony has flowered every year since.

"It's a pretty hardy plant," says Ken Wiebe, Geordie's younger brother, born over a decade after he died. "It must have a very good root."

"It's gone through some very dry years there," he observes, noting it's

pretty much been left to its own devices for decades now but seems intent to continue living up to its perennial designation.

Wiebe and his three surviving siblings grew up not far from the cemetery. They return to it each year to visit not just Geordie but their parents as well.

While there, they always sign the memory book that's been tucked into a stone pillar for as long as anyone can remember.

"The book has been there for many years already so there's a lot of entries," says Wiebe, acknowledging his two sisters are perhaps more eloquent in their annual entries than he.

"I'm not a writer," he says. But he does enjoy seeing who else has come to visit over the years. "It is amazing how many people do sign in the book and how many people are still going to that little graveyard."

He hopes his children and grandchildren will continue the tradition.

Peonies can live to be over 100 years old, so little Geordie, with some help from his grandmother, certainly left his mark on the world during his short time on it.



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Geordie's peony, planted near his grave by his grandmother, has been blooming for 88 years. The extremely dry conditions this summer made for a very short bloom; the above photo was taken a few years ago in better conditions.

A one and a two and now just one..... The Carman Band

By Dennis Young,

Few towns in Manitoba can boast about having such a large multi instrument marching band as Carman had for over 100 years! It was barely after the first settlers arrived that a group of musicians formed the Carman Band in 1881.

The first band master was a Mr. Bailey who passed the baton over to many until it was caught by Stan Cochran in 1915. He started playing in 1907 with just 13 other members but eventually took the leadership role and grew them into one of the finest amateur bands in the province.

During the early-mid 1900s, the band would play for masses of people who lined the banks of the Boyne on Sunday evenings to enjoy concerts at the swimming hole. The band also staged summer concerts at the park and in winter music was a must for those skating at the old rink. Band members were paid \$1.00 a night but they could play ½ the evening and skate the other ½ and get .50.

The Carman Band performed several breathtaking concerts at the Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg, Morden Sports day, Pilot Mound Races and Portage Fair. The band was able to finance themselves for many years but over the years, Town grants and donations helped assist them in travel and keep them in instruments, music and uniforms.

Uniforms originally consisted of white shirts, slacks and blue capes lined with gold. The attire would change to red and gold capes, grey slacks with gold braid and grey caps trimmed with a red band. Majorettes, girls ages 8-12, were welcomed as an added attraction as well.

A successful membership drive would attract talent from Roland,



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The Carman Band 1965 - Back Row: Shawn McCutcheon, Marilyn Brown, Tom Wilton, Ron James, Bob Murray, Graham Wilton, Keith Allison, Brian Duncan, Milt Woods, Carl Atkins, Neil Allison, Jane Cochran, Reid Cochran; Middle Row: Carol Brown, Karen Cochran, Alfhild Cochran, Murray Billing, Sheldon Smith, Jim McCutcheon (tuba), Don Krohn, Joyce Pethybridge, Iris Atkins; Front Row: Blake Atkins, Gus Dupas, Milt Allison, Les Allison, Earle Garnett, Stan Cochran, Doug Whiteside, Wayne Lehmann, Chic McIvor, Kelvin Brown, Oliver Stonehouse, Suzanne Billings, Lynne Garnett, Harold Garnett, Brian Garnett, Ray Garnett; Majorettes: Debbie Pethybridge, Cindy Kachor, Heather Kerr, Kathy Allan, Debbie Kachor, and Jonina Funk.

Miami, Rosebank, Sperling and Elm Creek. That plus the junior program, swelled the numbers to 50 for a performance during the 1967 Centennial. Things were sounding good for the future with Les Allison and Frank McKinnon taking over after Stan's retirement.

Over the years however the band member numbers dwindled with students heading off to University, off to start careers or just off to the lake and missing Band events. Interest was dwindling but in the 70s the Carman

Band was saved from playing its last note.

In 1974 the remaining Carman Band joined with a new Carman Collegiate Band. The Carman Kinsmen raised \$8000 which was used to buy instruments for the school program and as a result the name was changed to the Carman Community Band. Frank McKinnon was President, Ray Garnett VP and Earl Garnett the Sec-Treasurer.

Unfortunately by the mid 1990's member numbers had dwindled

again. A letter to the editor asking for community support rec'd no response thus the Carman Community Band was dissolved in 1992.

Although the Carman Band has ended its musical journey, the band's unique and magnificent music lives on in the hearts of many. Several musical directors have contributed since to the school music program which still continues today but known now as the Carman Collegiate Band.

See part 2 with band Alumni memories nest week!



Winkler Flyers GM Justin Falk

Falk steps into GM role for Winkler Flyers

Staff

Former pro hockey player Justin Falk is stepping into the general manager role for the Winkler Flyers.

Falk, who came on board with the junior team as assistant coach and assistant GM this spring, steps into the shoes left behind by departing GM Jeff Jeanson.

"We are very excited to announce Justin as our general manager,"

Winkler Flyers president Caleb Suderman said in announcing the change. "Justin has already done great work this off season to build off the work already done by his predecessors, and we look forward to a bright future with him at the helm."

Falk brings a wealth of hockey experience to the role, including an 11-year professional hockey career that saw him play 279 NHL

games and win the Calder Cup in the American Hockey League. Prior to that, he won the Memorial Cup with the Spokane Chiefs in the WHL.

Falk is currently working on earning his high-performance coaching certification.

He could not be reached for comment as of press time.

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Sotheran signs with WHL team Portland Winterhawks

By Becca Myskiw

A local hockey player has signed with the Portland Winterhawks.

On June 26 Sanford native Carter Sotheran, 16, announced he will play on the roster. The Portland Winterhawks is a Western Hockey League (WHL) team.

Sotheran started skating when he was just three years old and got into competitive hockey three years later. He began as a defenceman because growing up, he said they were hard to come by, and he's stuck with the position because of its complexity.

"I feel like you're wanted on both sides," he said. "You've got to defend your net, hold the blue line, have offence."

He started playing on his hometown team, the MacDonald Lightning, and has since played for the Blue Army in Minnesota, Laker Academy in Winnipeg, the Manitoba Mustangs, the Junior Jets, and most recently the Pembina Valley Hawks.

One of Sotheran's favourite parts about the sport is the friendships it's given him all across Canada. Now, with signing for the Winterhawks, he'll be staying with a billet family in

Portland during the training camp.

Sotheran got to where he is now after being drafted in last year's WHL draft and spending the year on zoom calls with the head coach and general manager. He said during those calls, he'd discuss how he's staying fit — working out five times a week for an hour at a time, going on runs — and come early June, he was told they wanted him to sign.

"I didn't want to say no," said the 16-year-old. "That's the road I want to take."

But being signed doesn't mean Sotheran will play with the Winterhawks this fall. First, he has to go through a training camp in September. It runs for about three weeks and from there, the team will choose who will hit the ice for them in the 2021-22 season.

Sotheran is hopeful he'll make the team and to ensure he does, he's focusing on his skills, endurance, his shot, and everything else he can fine tune.

"It feels good," he said. "It shows me that they have confidence in me and what they've seen in the past. I can become an even better player if I go down there."



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Carter Sotheran from Sanford has signed with WHL team Portland Winterhawks.

2021 Baseball Manitoba provincial championships cancelled

Staff

Baseball Manitoba has made the difficult decision to cancel all provincial championships in 2021.

The announcement was made on Baseball Manitoba's website on June 29.

"The decision was made with the safety and de-

velopment of our members as the top priority," read a statement. "Provincial championships create environments with large gatherings with people from across the province. Also, by cancelling provincial championships, we believe that there is more opportunity for a longer season for more players, as

they compete late into summer within their regions.

"Baseball Manitoba would like to thank our 2021 championship host groups for all the work they have done this year. We will be working with each host, as we plan our 2022 provincial championships."

MJBL season gets underway this week

Staff

Baseball is finally back.

The Manitoba Junior Baseball League's season officially gets underway Wednesday with three games on its schedule.

One of those games features the Interlake Blue Jays hosting the Carillon Sultans for a 7:30 p.m. game at Fines Field in Stonewall.

But the current provincial health guidelines still present a long list of challenges to sport organizers and coaches in Manitoba.

The current rules, which came into effect June 26, allow for outdoor organized sports and recreation activities for groups up to 25 people.

That poses a problem for older-aged teams,

specifically the MJBL, which voted on expanding its rosters to 20 players for this season.

The MJBL has been discussing the scenario of having home teams with 13 players each game and the visiting clubs only 12.

The group of 25 doesn't include coaches or officials and a maximum of 25 spectators are also allowed if they can be physically distanced by at least two metres.

The MJBL schedule has been reduced to 18 games this season. The St. Boniface Legionaires were not able to field a team this year so the league is down to seven teams this year.

At press time, the playoff format had not been announced.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Blackened Salmon Sliders with Pickled Beet Relish

1 cup baby arugula
 Drain beets well. In medium bowl, combine diced beets, scallions and radishes. Set aside.
 In small bowl, combine yogurt, feta, parsley and oregano. Stir in 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt and black pepper. Set aside.

Cut salmon into 12 roughly 2 1/2-inch squares, about 1/2-inch thick. Slice thick parts of fillets in half to make thinner, if needed.

Sprinkle fillets with salt, to taste, on both sides. Sprinkle evenly with blackened seasoning until well coated.

Heat nonstick skillet or cast-iron pan over medium heat and add oil. Add salmon, in batches if needed, and cook, turning once, until salmon is crisped and almost cooked through, about 1 1/2 minutes per side. Remove and let rest.

Spread each slider bun with about 1 tablespoon yogurt sauce. Layer arugula, salmon and beet relish on each slider and serve.

Recipe courtesy of tarateaspoon.com
 Prep time: 40 minutes
 Yield: 12 sliders (2 per serving)
 4 single-serve cups Aunt Nellie's Diced Pickled Beets
 1 finely chopped scallion (about 2 tablespoons)
 1/2 cup shredded radishes
 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
 1/2 cup finely crumbled feta cheese
 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
 2 teaspoons chopped oregano
 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
 1 pinch ground black pepper
 2 pounds salmon fillets, skinless
 3 tablespoons blackened seasoning
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 12 slider buns



BLT Potato Salad

2 cups baby arugula
 6 slices crisp-cooked bacon, crumbled
 Dressing:

1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
 3 tablespoons olive oil
 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Place potato salad in large bowl. Gently stir in diced tomatoes and onion.

Add arugula; stir gently to combine. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon.

To make dressing: In bowl, combine apple cider vinegar, olive oil, salt, garlic powder and black pepper. Drizzle over potato salad to serve.

Recipe courtesy of eazypeazymealz.com
 Prep time: 20 minutes
 Servings: 4
 1 can (15 ounces) READ German Potato Salad
 3 Roma tomatoes, diced
 1/4 cup finely diced red onion



3-Ingredient Strawberry Ice Cream

Servings: 4-6
 1 pound fresh strawberries, stems removed
 1 pint heavy whipping cream
 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk

In blender, puree strawberries.

In bowl of stand mixer, beat whipping cream and sweetened condensed milk until stiff peaks form. Fold in strawberry puree. Pour into loaf pan. Freeze 5 hours.

Before serving, let ice cream soften 5-10 minutes.

Expert Patient Here to Help!

By Susie Schwartz

Which is worse? Brain tumour removal surgery or a pandemic?

Having experienced both, I could spin forever in circles but can land only on this:

Try to find the good in the bad. (Note: Not instead of.)

What I'm saying is, by no means should we stuff down or ignore the hard bits of life. In fact, in my opinion, that makes things worse. 'Ignorance is bliss' is only true when truly ignorant. When our body, spirit, or mind knows something, it knows.

But.

While we are feeling frustrated, impatient, sad, grief, in physical pain – all or any of it – there will also be a plus side. Actually...I take that back. Life is not about balancing positive and negatives. It just is. Circumstance and thoughts and emotions in constant flux.

Here's a couple of personal examples: While lying in my hospital bed after my brain surgery, I felt weirdly thankful for my catheter, removing the need for movement (Plus, no more brain tumour!); While at the bedside of my uncle as he died from Diabetes complications, my heart broke, my mind flashed to my possible future (also having type 1 diabetes) fear choked as I cried, and I also felt honoured that he waited for me to be there with him for his journey 'home.' We also laughed as my aunt carried his fake leg down the hospital corridor - the most bizarre leaving present he could give her. By the time we left the elevator, we had designed it as a feature plant stand for their living room. Since I was almost delirious from 24 hours of trav-



Susie Schwartz

el on my own, knowing Uncle Ivan would approve of the dark humour freed me up of guilt over the jokes. (I maaay have instigated them.); As a 'vulnerable person' in this never-ending pandemic, the need to isolate hard-core style has triggered a felt loss of freedom, fear, given me time to observe the divide of the human spirit with such strong opposing views on the subject– causing me a deep sadness (And joy at watching so many people step up to help the weak, elderly and vulnerable). I have also: taken an online course, made more music, moved more outdoors, bought less shoes (although lately...) and got a puppy.

So yeah, life is all of it. I'm taking this as a reminder to myself to recognize and feel it all.

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and motivational speaker, Susie currently lives in the UK. She welcomes feedback and questions. Find her on FB @ medicalmissstress, Instagram @ susie.suscha and her website lesshealthstress.com



Power Packed Popcorn Cookies

dried fruit, chopped
 1/2 cup sunflower seeds or chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly spray baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray and set aside.

In small bowl, stir flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; set aside.

Cream butter and brown sugar together then add egg and vanilla; mix well. Stir in flour mixture, wheat germ and oatmeal until well blended. Add coconut, popcorn, raisins and sunflower seeds, if desired; mix until well blended.

Drop rounded teaspoons onto baking sheets with 2 inches between cookies.

Bake 7-8 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned.

Allow cookies to cool on pan 5 minutes before removing to racks to cool completely.

Yield: 4 dozen cookies
 Nonstick cooking spray
 1/4 cup whole-wheat or all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter, softened
 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 cup toasted wheat germ
 1/2 cup oatmeal
 1/2 cup flaked coconut
 3 cups popped popcorn
 1 cup raisins, dried cranberries or other

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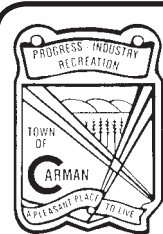
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- Presentation of the audited financial statement
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- Election of Directors



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OBITUARY



Ian Barendregt

Early on the morning of July 1, 2021, Ian Barendregt was taken from this world by his heavenly Father in a tragic motor vehicle accident in the R.M. of Dufferin.

Ian was only 18 years old, born on October 1, 2002. He left behind his father Nick and mother Anna-Marie, as well as seven siblings of various ages – Erienne, Mekayla (Thomas), Kiera, Tessa, Molly, Thomas, and Adam. In addition, he was close with the extended family of Les and Karen deLeeuw in Elm Creek, as well as maternal grandparents Peter and Molly Plug in Smithers B.C., paternal grandmother Lucy Barendregt in Smithers B.C., and many other extended family members. He also left behind a number of dear friends.

Ian worked as a fuel truck operator for Prairie Roots Co-Op in Elm Creek, and he loved his job and the meaningful relationships that he was able to build through it. In his spare time Ian worked for Starstruck Holsteins and Del Dairy farms, worked on his Jimmy, enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and could be found fishing in all seasons of the year.

Funeral service was held outdoors at the Canadian Reformed Church of Carman West and burial took place in the Elm Creek Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Alice Marie Novak

On Sunday, June 13th, 2021 Alice Marie Novak (McNabb) passed away peacefully at Carman Memorial Hospital.

Alice is predeceased by husband Lawrence, son Mitchell as well as parents Doris and Albert McNabb, sisters Mary and Lana and brothers Gary and Dalton.

Alice was born in Portage la Prairie in 1938. She was the oldest of nine children, grew up in the Layland district and attended school at Wingham. There she met and married the love of her life Lawrence. Together they had three children Heather, April and Mitchell.

Alice spent her spare time volunteering as a secretary for the local legion auxiliary and sewing many figure skating costumes. In their retirement years, Alice and Lawrence spent many hours gardening and tending to their flowers. Also much time was spent

with their hockey stick craft and travelling all over the province to craft sales.

Alice's most favorite pastime was BINGO. She went up to 3-4 nights a week to local bingos until her health no longer permitted her to.

Alice is survived by her daughters Heather (Mike) Touchette of Portage la Prairie, MB and April (Tom) Loewen of Elm Creek, MB.; sisters Karen, Barb and Leora and brother Cameron; grandchildren Danielle (Garth) Shultz of New South Wales, Australia, Melissa Loewen (Jason Speiss) of Brookdale, MB, Eugene (Charlee) Touchette of Nanimo, BC, Travis (Rachael) Loewen of MacNutt, SK, Nicole Touchette (Kevin McIntyre) of Winnipeg, MB and Pierre Touchette (Justine Duchaine) of Winnipeg, MB.; as well as seven great-grandchildren Dawson, Jasper, Tayte, Tayter, Roan, Logan and Morley.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

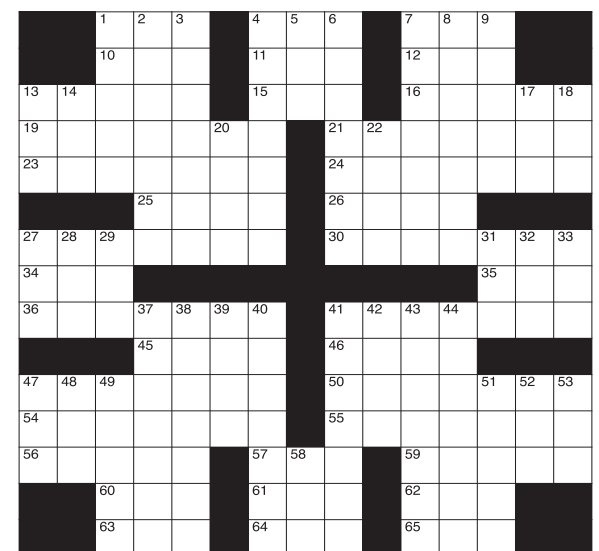
Here's How It Works:

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!

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CLUES ACROSS

- Sr. enlisted Army member
- Payroll firm
- Monetary unit of Macao
- Cooking vessel
- Cow sound
- Hairpiece
- Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
- Mother
- Remove from record
- Foolish
- Mailman
- Unit of data size
- Stirred
- Deceptive movement
- We all have one
- Direct from pasture beef animal
- A person's own self
- Helps little firms
- Deep, red-brown sea bream
- Tumbler
- A short section of a musical composition
- Young woman (French)
- Wings
- Wine bottles
- Thin layers of rock
- Opposite to
- American state
- Uncertainty about something
- Basics
- Indian seaport
- Owed as a debt
- Buffer solution
- Unit of work or energy
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- One point south of due east
- Born of



CLUES DOWN

- Small stem bearing leaves
- Female Bacchanalians
- Mediterranean city
- Measures electric current
- Arrived extinct
- Edible butterflyfish
- Causing wonder or astonishment
- Behaviors showing high moral standards
- Ancient Irish alphabets
- Footballer Newton
- Utilize
- Sum of absolute errors
- Opposite of the beginning
- Shoe company
- Algerian port city
- Girls organization (abbr.)
- Type of cell (abbr.)
- Swiss river
- When you hope to get there
- Fall behind
- Expresses distaste, disapproval
- Volume containing several novels
- Less sharp
- Food for the poor
- Having made a valid will
- Royal estates
- Relating to wings
- Japanese three-stringed lute
- Taking something through force
- Angry
- Before the present
- Showy ornaments
- Norway
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Consume
- Founder of Babism



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