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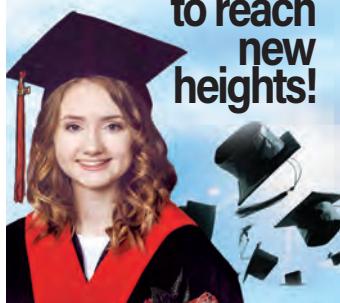
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Coming to Canada

Three immigrants share why they chose the Great White North as their new home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

What does it mean to *choose* Canada? Most of us lucky enough to have been born here don't give it much thought.

We take in the Canada Day fireworks and enjoy the day off. Maybe we put a flag or two out, or take a moment to sing along to the national anthem for the first time since who knows when before going on about our summers.

But there are many in our community who spend years, decades even, working towards the day they can call themselves Canadians.

The *Voice* sat down to chat with three such people recently.

Their home and native lands are all over the globe. Some have been here for years while others just arrived. All are proud to now call Canada home.

Kyoung Min Kim arrived in Morden-Winkler this spring with her husband and three-year-old daughter a day before the borders closed due to COVID-19.

Now, a few months later, she's still marvelling at the clean air and wide open spaces rural Manitoba offers.

"The pollution in South Korea is very severe. We always had a mask on our faces," Kim says "My daughter had a cough a lot because of the pollution, so I was looking for somewhere [that] has a clean, clean air."

As they researched potential countries to move to, Canada made the shortlist alongside Australia and New Zealand.

It was the Great White North's reputation that ultimately clinched it for Kim.

"At that time there were a lot of people around me going to Canada and they said it was so good and they didn't want to come back ... hearing that, I decided to come to Canada," she says, explaining she chose Morden-Winkler specifically after her research

brought up all the settlement services available to newcomers through programs like Morden's Community Driven Immigration Initiative and Regional Connections.

"Supporting immigrants is very, very important. I feel that now," Kim says. "There are a lot of programs, a lot of connections that [are] very helpful for us."

Before coming here, Kim says her mental image of our nation was formed in large part through television shows and movies.

"There's a TV show called *Kim's Convenience*. We watched that and studied that because that's our future, right?" she says with a grin, referring to the CBC comedy about a Korean family who runs a convenience store in Toronto. "[Through that] we were very impressed by Canada. Many, many people from many countries are mixed up together and they have very good lives. That was my very first impression."

It's an expectation that we've lived up to so far, Kim says, noting she's found Canadians to be very welcoming and friendly.

And her daughter's persistent cough? Long gone.

"She was coughing every day, but after [we got to] Canada, it just stopped. That was so great," Kim says, adding she looks forward to seeing her grow up in their adopted home. "She can be more Canadian, better than we can, in a very short time."

"Being Korean is good but being Canadian means so much more opportunity for her."

FROM ZIMBABWE TO WINKLER

If you had asked Shepherd Chiwandire a few years ago if he would ever want to live somewhere the mercury can drop to -50 C, he'd have said you



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Kyoung Min Kim and husband Byounghwa Lee moved to Canada from South Korea with their young daughter just before the global pandemic shut down international travel.

were nuts.

"I was in church one Sunday, that was in 2012 maybe, and my pastor was preaching about seasons," Chiwandire recalls. "He said in Canada that year it was -50 and that was big deal to us. I said to my friends, 'Who would

ever [live there]?'"

But then he met a Winklerite while she was working in Africa. The pair fell in love, did the long-distance thing for awhile, and ultimately got married.

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Shepherd Chiwandire and his wife Candace started their life together in his native country of Zimbabwe but today call Canada home.

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Initially they thought they would have to stay in Zimbabwe, Chiwandire says, since it was easier for her to move there than for him to be approved to come here.

"We had hopes that it would one day happen but we didn't know for sure."

And then one day came, and Chiwandire found himself walking out of the airport into a "frigid" Manitoba October day.

"Apparently it wasn't winter yet," he says, shaking his head skeptically. "To me it was. When I got to the airport, I wore every jacket I could get my hands on."

"My first encounter with snow, we sent back a picture and a video and my parents were just, 'Um, no. You guys need to move back,'" he laughs. "I went outside and I just jumped into this fluff. And I just went for my snow angel ... I saw it on TV and I'm doing it now. It was great. But it was short-lived. It started getting colder and I was like, 'How could you be so fooled?'"

He still hasn't really gotten used to our Canadian winters, but it's become just one of the things about his life

here that have required some adjustment.

"Back home, everybody will stop [to talk] in a store," he says. "So if I see someone from across the store and I wave, it doesn't mean hello, good-bye—it means I'm coming over to speak to you!"

The fact that things generally run pretty smoothly here is something Chiwandire is continually grateful for, even if he is often bemused at Manitobans' reactions when things do go wrong.

"My first weekend there was a short little power cut and for me I was like, 'I've gone three months with no power, this is nothing.' But people were calling in to the radio in a panic and it was only 10 minutes."

Along those lines, few Canadians give much thought to the wealth of food available to most of us each and every day.

"For me, if I put something on a plate, I've got to finish that. To throw it away? No. Things back home are just ... you don't throw away food," Chiwandire says.

Our free public education system

is another gift people in Zimbabwe would give anything to have access to.

"Back home, from kindergarten all the way up to university, you pay. Here, it's free." Chiwandire says it baffles him when he talks to teens considering dropping out. "It crushes me because they're taking it for granted.

"You think of home and realize there's so many people who are really wanting not to leave the country, necessarily, but wanting a system like Canada has. Sometimes I feel like if I could take some of this and bring it back home that would be great."

Chiwandire has only been able to travel back to Zimbabwe once in the past five years. He misses it and his family, but he's intent on putting down roots here in Canada with his wife and their two-year-old daughter.

He recently applied for Canadian citizenship and is awaiting the next step in the process.

"Right now, this is the best decision I could make, I think," he says, pointing to the wealth of opportunities Canada offers anyone willing to grab them.

"Being the only person from my family here, it's very difficult. And also being a minority, that comes with its own challenges," Chiwandire says. "But I'm someone who likes getting involved, getting to know people, so I've found my place in this community."

"IT FEELS LIKE HAPPINESS"

Olena Lebed and her late husband arrived in Canada in 2004 seeking a better life than they could find in Ukraine.

"Mainly we were looking at economic growth and a country's stability, financial and social equity," she says. "It was a very hard time back in the Ukraine."

With limited access to the internet for research, "so many things came as

a surprise," Lebed recalls, adding with a chuckle that she knew Canada had snow but "no one told us it would be winter for six months of the year."

"With the internet, these days immigrants can go for a 'walk' on Google and see the streets. Back then I could only judge from seeing Canada in movies, and mainly they show Toronto," she says, recalling the shock of coming from a bustling metropolis to Manitoba. "Landing in Winnipeg and seeing only very few high-rise buildings, seeing the flat prairies, it was very different ... it took some time to adjust."

Entry requirements were more relaxed back then, and so Lebed arrived with no English and no job prospects.

She spent years learning the language, and she's grateful for the patience she was shown during that time.

"Canadian-born people, how they treat immigrants, it was an awesome experience," Lebed says. "Trying to find in the store a single item ... trying to explain what you're looking for without English, everyone was very patient. No one ever gave me any bad looks."

"Canadians all exceeded expectations. People are very friendly. They treat everyone the same, whether you speak English or you don't," she says. "That was a very nice surprise."

When Lebed's sister followed her here a few years ago, she pointed her in the direction of the local immigration services programs from the get-go.

"We were kind of thrown into it. We had no idea where or even how to get a driver's licence. It was a different experience," she says. "For my sister, I just brought her to Regional Connections and they took over. They helped her to get registration in all the ser-

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Council forms Lake Minnewasta committee

By Lorne Stelmach

A new City of Morden committee will provide greater focus on the use and protection of Lake Minnewasta, with some emphasis on public input.

Morden city council at its June meeting established the Lake Minnewasta standing committee, and council in conjunction with that is also aiming to change how revenue generated by the lake is handled.

"We're looking at taking the profits from the campground and beach and putting them into reserve specifically intended to enhance that feature," explained Mayor Brandon Burley.

"Right now they're being taken and used to fund the city and other capital projects and operating costs ... and we think that, as a major attraction to our city, as an area that's naturally beautiful and amazing to have in our community, we want to make sure that we can continue to invest in it."

Playing a lead role in guiding that will be the new standing committee, Burley said.

"The standing committee will over-

see matters of direction for the lake and provide detailed analysis and review of how the lake is being used and how the campground and the beach is being used.

"This is also a way to allow the public to consult on how it should be used, because usage has come up time and time again in terms of boating safety, in terms of amenities and things like that," he added. "So we want to give the public the ability to have their input and to take a really deep dive into our understanding of the resource and how it's used."

The committee will be headed up by Councillor Nancy Penner as part of nine members overall, including three to be appointed from the general public.

Last week's meeting also saw council approve two construction projects while putting a third on hold.

Reconstruction of Ninth Street South will get underway mid-July with Meseyton Construction of Portage awarded the tender at a cost of about \$375,000.

"It's actually a little bit under bud-



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A new committee is being formed to provide input on the goings on at Lake Minnewasta, shown here last summer.

get," noted Burley, who said Ninth Street South has become a key arterial route in Morden. "As development continues to occur down there, it will continue to be a higher usage road."

The work won't include sidewalk extension, which the mayor said has been identified as a separate project in conjunction with a South Railway sidewalk extension in the plans for the 2021 capital project list.

A smaller project will see Water

Tower Road reconstructed at a cost of about \$74,000. Borland Construction was awarded that tender.

Meanwhile, water main reconstruction in the 100 block of Ninth Street is getting reviewed after tenders for that project came in about 75 per cent above budget.

"We're re-evaluating the scope of the work that we want done and then we will re-tender," explained Burley.

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vices that she needed and helped her know where to go and what to do."

As an immigrant, Lebed says she sees so many things Canadians see as a given in life, even though they are not in most parts of the world.

"Freedom of speech. Equality of rights between men and women ... being born in this country you just take these for granted," she says, going on to add that simply being able to see one's family whenever you want is another gift many newcomers miss out on. "We all leave our families behind."

Olena Lebed came to Canada from Ukraine seeking a better life.



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Our siblings are not always able to come to Canada, or they don't want to. Parents can come and visit but cannot always stay ... it is a very hard experience. That can be a big downside."

On the upside, she is living a life she never would have dreamed of back home.

"I built a career that I don't think I would have been able to do back home ... to get to where I am, with a stable job, a place to live, financial opportunities, opportunities to travel ... Canada has endless opportunities. The lifestyle that I have in Canada, what I've achieved here, I'm very proud of myself."

Lebed applied for Canadian citizenship the very first day she was eligible. Taking the oath six months later was an emotional moment.

"It's hard to explain how you feel. It's probably the same feeling [Canadians] have when you get back to Canada, coming from across the border," she says. "It's more than a home feeling ... more than pride ... it just feels great to be a part of it. It feels very Canadian. It feels like happiness."

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitou's most famous daughter was honoured last week.

Cathy Cox, the provincial minister responsible for the status of women, stopped by the Nellie McClung Heritage Site in Manitou Thursday to official proclaim June 25 as Nellie McClung Day in Manitoba.

It was on June 25, 1901 that McClung first felt the power of her own voice as she delivered a welcoming speech to a provincial women's conference.

"I saw eyes glisten and faces brighten ... and for the first time I knew I had the power of speech," the women's suffrage advocate later wrote of the moment.

It's fitting, then, for Manitobans to take time on that same day each year to remember McClung's tireless work to get women the right to vote, Cox said.

"This date is an important opportunity to celebrate the legacy of Nellie McClung and the powerful voices of Manitoba women who continue to follow in her footsteps," she said. "I am particularly honoured to sign the proclamation at Nellie McClung's homes in Manitou, a special place of inspiration and empowerment."

The Nellie McClung Heritage Site in Manitou features the only two of her private homes—McClung House and Hazel Cottage—that are open to the public in Canada.

McClung first moved to the Hazel District, near Manitou, in 1890 as a 16-year-old teacher. Here, she met her future husband, gave birth to four of their five children, signed her first petition, wrote her Canadian bestseller and began her travelling career as a renowned speaker. She moved to Winnipeg in 1911 at age 38.

In addition to helping lead the fight that resulted in some Manitoba women being the first in Canada to win the right to vote, McClung was also part of the "Famous Five" who succeeded in having all Canadian women legally declared as "persons."

Getting McClung's story out to younger generations is a responsibility the Nellie McClung Heritage Site takes very seriously, said co-chair Barbara Biggar.

"One of our most important goals is to plant seeds with our young people that each of us has the power to make a difference in the lives of others," she said.

Many people are surprised to learn how much McClung



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Status of Women Minister Cathy Cox with a proclamation declaring June 25 as Nellie McClung Day in Manitoba. Cox signed it in front of McClung House at the Nellie McClung Heritage Site in Manitou.

accomplished while living in Manitou.

"People think she was in Winnipeg the whole time," Biggar said. "That is one of our first challenges, always ... we want people to realize that so much of what she did ... [she did] from a town of 900 people. Her roots really began as an advocate for woman in southern Manitoba."

Biggar stressed that Nellie McClung Day is a day to reflect not just on how McClung has inspired generations of women but also "what we can do today to continue to advance the cause and improve rights of women in Canada."

The interior of the buildings at the Nellie McClung Heritage Site are closed to the public this summer in part due to COVID-19. The site is undergoing some restoration work, including the installation of washroom facilities, and plans to reopen next summer.

ACU members vote in favour of merger

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union is set to merge with Crosstown Civic Credit Union after each membership voted in favour of the amalgamation last week.

Voting took place both online and in branch June 22-25 with a two-thirds majority needed. The vote was passed with 87 per cent of Crosstown members and 77 per cent of Access members in favour.

The two credit unions will become one entity Jan. 1, 2021 under the name Access Credit Union.

Current ACU board chair Curt Letkeman believes looking at the big picture helped sway a majority of their members to the benefits of the

merger.

"The fact that we are going to be a larger player in the Manitoba system will really allow us to shape what happens, not only within Manitoba but within Canada," he said.

"People have had some concerns about getting larger ... but if we combined all of the credit unions in Canada, that organization would still be smaller than the smallest of the big five banks," Letkeman noted. "So credit unions really have a small voice in the overall picture of the Canadian financial landscape, and we need to be bigger because members want the same features that a bank can offer."

"We have to be able to compete, and the only way to compete is to be able

to become larger to have more capacity."

The two institutions touted a number of factors in advocating for the merger including the fact that as there is no geographical overlap in branches it means each will maintain a strong community foothold and branch presence.

They also stressed that amalgamating as one credit union provides the opportunity to take advantage of shared technology and member service channels while continuing to invest in technological enhancements to continue to deliver local, personalized financial services to individuals, businesses, and to the farm community.

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Free Fry Day raises \$160K for CancerCare Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Last month's Free Fry Day events in Winkler, Carman, Carberry, and Portage la Prairie raised \$160,000 for CancerCare Manitoba.

Eric Durand, Carberry plant manager for McCain Foods, says the final tally may end up being even higher as donations continue to trickle in.

"Basically every community had great turnout and we had amazing participation from the local businesses," he said, noting cars were lined up down the street in some cases as people waited for their free bags of frozen fries.

Those that could drop a few dollars in the donation bucket for CancerCare did, while others expressed their gratitude to organizers for providing their family with a few free meals during a difficult time.

"Some of the comments were, 'Wow, this will feed my kids for two weeks,' followed by tears," Durand shared. "It was one of the most rewarding days. It was pretty amazing."

In all, the campaign, organized by McCain Foods in partnership with the Carberry Potato Truck Pull, Smart Electric, and Mid-Plains Implements, handed out over 10,000 bags of potato products to hundreds of people.

They beat their financial goal by at least \$60,000, and Durand is confident Free Fry Day events coming up in Winnipeg, Brandon, and Steinbach later this month will hit new fundraising heights in support of Ronald McDonald House and the STARS air ambulance.

"We're hoping we can raise even more," he said. "I'd like to see if we could raise \$150,000 for each of them."

In addition to doing some good, the



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Over 10,000 bags of frozen potatoes were handed out at the Free Fry Day events in Winkler, Carman, Portage, and Carberry June 19.

events also serve to distribute some of the surplus potatoes caused by COVID-19 restaurant closures.

It's a chance, Durand says, to remind people of the struggles Manitoba producers are facing these days.

"That's one thing that we heard, especially in the smaller communities,

and I think that's why we saw the big turnouts," he says. "Everybody understands that local farmers are absolutely key members of the community and everybody was stepping up to do what they could to help them and also help a charity out."

Manitoba's active COVID-19 cases now at 17

By Lorne Stelmach

The pandemic remains under control in Manitoba, but eight new cases over a four day period show the COVID-19 virus is not going away.

Public health officials confirmed two new cases last Friday followed by four Saturday and then two more Monday.

Saturday's cases were two men in their 30s and one man in his 40s from the Winnipeg health region along with one man in his 30s from the Southern Health region. Monday's cases were a woman in her 20s and a man in his 30s, both from Winnipeg.

Health officials say it looks like most of these cases are related to travel or are close contacts of previously identified cases, but the investigations are ongoing.

That brings the total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases in Manitoba to 324. The province currently has 17 active cases, 300 recoveries, and seven deaths due to COVID-19. No COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized.

Officials continued to stress Manitobans need to take all the necessary precautions including practising physical distancing and following public health guidelines for gatherings whether at home, the cottage, or camping.

Stay home if you feel sick, practise good hand hygiene, and cover your

cough, they urge. If you are travelling, remember to be COVID aware and reduce stops.

Public health orders updated last Friday included removing restrictions on travel to northern Manitoba and remote communities as well as easing self-isolation restrictions for film productions and professional sports teams from Manitoba.

They also permit individuals who are self-isolating under federal or provincial health orders to visit a family member or friend who has a life-threatening disease in a health care facility, but only if the facility allows it and they are not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.

Meanwhile, in addition to releasing the plan for the resumption of school in the fall (see story below), the government also moved last week to temporarily ban evictions of commercial tenants during the pandemic if the

landlords and tenants are eligible for Canadian Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA).

The federal government's rent relief program has been set up to have landlords apply and work with their tenants to receive rent relief. The program runs until Aug. 31.

Not all landlords eligible for this funding are applying, the province says. Manitoba has received only 145 applications and has paid out \$1.5 million of the \$64 million available.

"We know this has been a tough time for many businesses, and it should not be made worse through an eviction if a business does not have the ability to pay rent on time," said Finance Minister Scott Fielding. "It is our hope that this temporary measure will protect businesses and at the same time spark increased participation in the federally and provincially cost-shared CECRA program."

In addition, eligible Manitobans looking to return to work can now apply for up to \$2,000 in direct payments through the new Manitoba Job Restart program.

The program will provide one initial payment of \$500 plus three additional bi-weekly payments for \$500 each for a total of \$2,000 over six weeks, but participants must voluntarily stop collecting CERB or CESB support from the federal government.

"Our government believes in investing in solutions, and the solution here in Manitoba as we move forward in the COVID-19 pandemic is to help as many people get back to work safely," said Premier Brian Pallister in announcing the program. "As Manitoba continues to lead the country in recovery, I encourage all Manitobans to embrace the jobs that are available now as we restart our economy."

Province outlines three scenarios for back to school

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The provincial government last week unveiled three different plans for reopening Manitoba's schools this fall.

What the start to the 2020-2021 school year ends up looking like will depend on the status of the COVID-19

pandemic in the weeks ahead, Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen said at a press conference Thursday.

"We are planning to have all students, from kindergarten to Grade 12, back in classrooms in September. While we can't be sure what the COVID-19 pandemic will look like in the fall, detailed planning is needed to

ensure schools can resume in-class learning and to prepare for different scenarios," he said. "This framework will allow schools and school divisions to prepare plans that are flexible at the local level, yet consistent with those at other sites across the province."

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No injuries in truck-train collision

ABOVE: WINKLER POLICE PHOTO. RIGHT: SUBMITTED BY DAVE PENNER

A pickup truck collided with a train at the 15th St. railway crossing in Winkler last week. No one was injured.

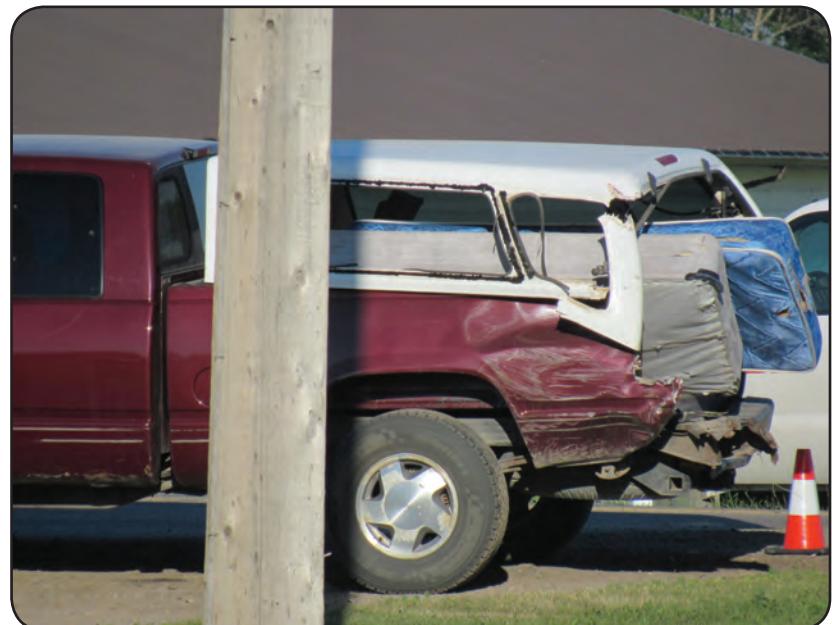
There were no injuries after a vehicle collided with a train on 15th Street in Winkler last week.

Emergency crews were called to the crossing just before 7 a.m. Wednesday morning after a northbound pickup truck collided with an eastbound locomotive.

The truck, which sustained serious damage to its rear bumper, had to be towed from the scene.

Winkler Police directed traffic in the area before turning the scene over to the Canadian Pacific Police Service.

Police remind the public to listen for train



whistles and to check both ways to ensure a train is not approaching before crossing railway tracks.

> MERGER, FROM PG. 6

"I think the majority of members realized that there are benefits from having more capacity to be able to do more technologically," said Letkeman. "It also gives us some product diversification ... it allows us to have a bit of a diversified portfolio."

"I think they realized that Winnipeg is a market where we have 10 per cent of our membership ... a lot of our families and kids have moved away to Winnipeg, and it's important that we are able to provide service to those members."

"And I also think that culturally with Crosstown Civic there's a lot of similarities culturally with that area and southern Manitoba, so it's a logical fit, and I think a lot of people saw the benefit."

"We pursued this merger because we believe that together we can build a stronger credit union, not just today, but for future generations," Crosstown chairperson Ingrid Loewen, who will be the board chair of the merged credit union, said in a statement.

"Our combined credit union will be stronger and will have more capacity to return direct financial benefits to our members," she added. "This merger is really about the future: as the landscape in financial services continues to evolve, this partnership will enable us to exceed expectations for our members and the communities we serve."

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> BACK TO SCHOOL PLANS, FROM PG. 7

The province hopes to see students back in class Sept. 8 and teachers returning a few days earlier on Sept. 2.

The best-case scenario would see in-class learning for all K-12 students with near-normal conditions.

The second scenario would feature in-class learning as well, but with additional public health measures including limited interaction between classes and grades.

This scenario calls for an emphasis on getting K-8 students, students with special needs, and those who require additional supports back into the classroom.

High schools can increase in-class learning to five days a week as long as they can maintain physical distancing and limit interaction between different groups of students. If not, Gr. 9-12 students will have a blend of in-class and remote learning, with a minimum of two days in class per week.

The final scenario, should Manitoba's COVID-19 numbers warrant it, is for remote learning from home with limited use of school facilities, which is how schools finished off the 2019-2020 school year.

Core curriculum and required courses will be the focus come fall, which means electives like gym or music, while they may still be offered, could look different from usual, Goertzen said, especially in schools that need to use alternative spaces as extra classrooms in order to meet distancing guidelines.

Physical distancing requirements will also make for limited space on school buses, and so parents who are able to drive their children to school may be asked to do so.

School divisions are being asked to provide detailed reopening plans to Manitoba Education based on these three scenarios and to make those plans available to parents and students.

Which scenario Manitoba schools will be following will be announced by Aug. 1.

"Things will not be exactly as they were last September when students come back to school this September, but we are in a very enviable position compared to most places in Canada and many in North America," Goertzen noted. "It is happening in Manitoba because Manitobans have done the right things to make it happen. They have done the things to put us into this position and we need to keep doing the right things."

A more detailed overview of the back to school plan is available online at manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/safeschools.html.

A guide to picking berries

At this time of year, berries are abundant at grocery stores, markets and farms. Here are some tips to help you pick the best ones in the bunch.

BLUEBERRIES

The skin of a perfectly ripe blueberry is dark blue or purple with no trace of red. The fruit should be firm and round without looking dried out. Large blueberries may be more attractive, but the smaller ones tend to have more flavour.

If you pick your own blueberries, place a bucket or container under the branch and gently loosen the berries one by one with your fingers.

STRAWBERRIES

A fresh, ripe strawberry has a uniformly red hue, bright green leaves and pale seeds. The fruit should be firm, so avoid ones that look wet or bruised.

To pick strawberries from a patch, cup the fruit in the palm of your hand and break the stem with the nails of your thumb and index finger.

RASPBERRIES

A perfectly ripe raspberry should be bright red. It'll be plump and feel almost velvety. If you purchase this fruit in a container, make sure the delicate berries at the bottom aren't squished.

Ripe raspberries easily come off the plant when plucked. Look for the reddest fruit, hold it between your fingers and gently tug. Watch out for thorns on the branches.

BLACKBERRIES

A blackberry is ready to eat when it's dark, glossy and plump with no signs of red. Like raspberries, this fruit is delicate so check to see if all the berries in your container are intact.

You can pick blackberries the same way you do raspberries, just make sure to choose ones that have already started to soften.

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PHAC exhibition highlights the broad field of crafts

By Lorne Stelmach

Something as broad as the field of crafts means one may be hard pressed to find a more diverse collection of art than what will be featured in Morden for the next month and a half.

The Manitoba Craft Council's 2020 member exhibition and sale of contemporary craft comes to the Pembina Hills Gallery to be featured from July 3 to Aug. 14.

Calling it a celebration of both craft and the community that is passionate about it, Manitoba Craft Council director Tammy Sutherland sees it as a real showcase for what all crafts can be.

"We really have a lot of excellent work in the shows," she said. "You're going to see a lot of ceramics and clay, a lot of textiles; there's usually a little bit of glass, wood ... a lot of the materials that you associate with crafts, but you'll see a broad range."

Founded in 1978 as Manitoba's only not-for-profit arts organization dedicated exclusively to contemporary craft, the Manitoba Craft Council's purpose is to promote, develop and advocate for contemporary craft and its makers.

For over 40 years, the organization has worked to ensure that contemporary craft and the artists who produce it are supported, recognized and celebrated for their contribution to the cultural and economic life of Manitoba.

Its membership includes senior and emerging professional craftspeople, university trained visual artists, and self-taught DIY crafters, and the work can be functional, sculptural, decorative, conceptual, relational, installation-based or performative and more.

Regular exhibitions, mentorship opportunities, artist talks and lectures, studio visits, workshops and retail sales events have formed the core of its recent programs, and members benefit from networking, information sharing, and the promotional reach of the council.

The show in Morden will feature work by 32 artists who are council members. About 70 per cent of members are from Winnipeg, but the council is aiming to further expand its reach into rural Manitoba.

"We're changing a little bit how we're operating right



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

A few of the pieces on display as part of the Manitoba Craft Council's show at the Pembina Hills Gallery until mid-August.

now," Sutherland said.

"We also have a history of bringing exhibitions all over the province and even beyond," she added, noting they recognize it is important to "reach beyond the Perimeter because we are the Manitoba Craft Council, so we do have a desire and a duty to meet the whole province."

Sutherland suggested this show is an event that many of their members look forward to each year.

"We do many different kinds of exhibitions. This is the one time every year when all members are invited to submit work. It's not juried or curated—it's whatever our members want to submit that they've done recently," she said.

"You get a pretty wide range. It's a few people who are brand new but lots of people who have been practicing for many years," she added. "In terms of all of our exhibitions, it tends to be the most inclusive and the most diverse."

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Market season begins

Farmers' market season kicked off in the region last Thursday with the first day of the weekly Morden downtown market. Winkler's weekly Tuesday night market started up this week in the Winkler Curling Rink parking lot.

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Darlingford Memorial Service cancelled for Sunday, July 5

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For the first time in nearly a century, the Darlingford Memorial Park will not be hosting its memorial service this weekend.

The site's committee last week announced its decision to cancel the 99th annual event scheduled for Sunday, July 5 in light of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

"In this time of uncertainty, it's the right thing to do," said spokesperson Glenn Rasmussen, noting the decision was made with everyone's safety in mind.

The cancellation of the service does mean a loss of revenue for the park,

which gratefully accepts donations towards its upkeep. Donations can be mailed to: RR 1, Box 46, Darlingford, MB R0G 0L0.

The park committee now turns its focus to planning for the 100th anniversary celebration of the park's opening next July.

The Darlingford Memorial is the only free-standing memorial building of its kind in Manitoba that honours the war dead. Two black marble plaques inside list the names of the local men who served and died in the First and Second World Wars.

Everyone is welcome to visit the park and memorial building this summer, Rasmussen noted.

"IN THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY, IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO."

CFDC reports on a successful 2019, expects a challenging 2020

By Lorne Stelmach

The pandemic means 2020 has been a challenging year for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, but the online annual meeting last Thursday focused more on the successes of 2019 before COVID-19.

Board chairperson Chris Leach maintained a level of optimism but nevertheless did allow that next year's annual meeting may paint quite a different picture when looking back on 2020.

"Meeting the health directives has proven difficult," said Leach in reference to measures taken this year including cutting staff and bringing programs to a halt, at least in the interim.

"It was made clear that we would not be able to maintain staff, and so we are working on that basis because we don't know how things will go," he said. "I think life has changed with COVID-19, and the new normal will not resemble the old ... so we have to deal with all those circumstances."

Although visitation in 2019 was down from the record attendance of 2018, at 12,341 visitors it was still the third highest in the museum's 48 year history.

In his chairperson's report, Leach also touched on a number of other highlights including the fourth annual Dig Deep gala fundraiser raising more than \$20,000 to go into the Mor-

den Foundation's CFDC development fund, which has reached \$100,000.

In addition, it further boosted the Manitoba Heritage Trust Fund, which was established to help organizations by matching fundraising initiatives by contributing \$1 for every \$2 raised. In 2019 this resulted in a provincial contribution of \$10,000 to the fund, from which yearly disbursements could be used to help finance the development of new exhibits, equipment purchases, and improvements to the scientific collection.

Meanwhile, the field season saw 77 new fossil specimens brought into the CFDC, and the exhibits expanded with additions such as the MosasArt

display, which offered a unique blend of art and science that brought together mosasaur skull replicas painted by artists from across Canada.

Financially, the CFDC saw its revenue come in under budget at \$432,213, while the expenses ended up over budget at \$453,697, which left a deficit of \$21,484. Factoring in unearned and deferred revenue, though, and the museum finished the year with an excess revenue of \$4,216.

Despite the challenges of the current year, Leach remained positive about the museum's long-term future with a committee charged to work towards a new home for the CFDC.

"The board has approved a motion

to pursue the construction of a destination-worthy facility," he said. "This will of course be dependent on securing funding for the construction and operation of the proposed new facility."

"As I look ahead, amid all the concerns with COVID-19, the future still looks bright for the CFDC."

The meeting also saw the CFDC set its board for the year ahead. Remaining on as directors for another year's term are Leach, Gerry Peters, Joel Enns, Dustin Boehr, Linda Sprung, and Aaron Crossman, while starting new two year terms are former board member Kevin Campbell and Monica Rodriguez.

Habitat for Humanity MB's 500 km challenge on now

By Ashleigh Viveiros

While local fundraising activities are mostly on hold for this year, the Winkler/Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity is getting involved with a virtual campaign launched by its provincial parent agency.

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba has kicked off The Prairie 500 Virtual Fundraising Event, encouraging supporters to exercise and log their mileage online to virtually cross the province of Manitoba (500 km total)

in support of Habitat.

Winkler-Morden Habitat committee members Christina Falk and Sue Nelson are both participating, and they hope others will join them.

"Our family cares a lot about Habitat, and our kids like a challenge," Falk says, noting her entire family will be participating together. "We also do better with getting more physical activity when there is a challenge involved."

While participants are encouraged to collect pledges, there is no mini-

mum fundraising requirement to take part. There is a \$49 registration fee.

Falk hopes the 500 km challenge won't scare people off.

"Five hundred kilometres seems daunting at first, but when you break it down into a few kilometers at a time—walks as a family, walking the dog, bike rides, etc.—and the fact that we have three months to complete it, it for sure seems doable," she

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Flyers welcome back Mahesh

Former player is team's new assistant coach

By Lorne Stelmach

A former team captain on the ice is returning to the Winkler Flyers in another leadership role.

Harry Mahesh was recently named as an assistant coach for the MJHL team for the 2020-21 season.

Having played three seasons for the Flyers from 2006-2009, Mahesh brings valuable experience and skills to the job, said head coach Kelvin Cech.

"The biggest thing for me is just the depth of his character," he said. "He really fits with our ethics and what we're trying to do off the ice. With that comes his enthusiasm and his passion for the game."

In 175 regular season games with the Flyers, Mahesh scored 41 goals and made 77 assists for 118 points.

The native of Vanderhoof, B.C. went on to play one season in Sweden after leaving the Flyers and then played

five seasons of minor pro hockey with seven different teams up to the end of the 2015-16 season.

He is now going into his fifth season of coaching, including having spent two years with the Pilot Mound Hockey Academy.

"Ever since I played and finished playing, coaching was always a place I kind of envisioned myself being some day," said Mahesh.

He welcomes the opportunity to move up the ranks of coaching to the junior level.

"It's definitely a higher level ... I think the intensity can be high at any level, but this will be the highest level of players I've had a chance to coach," he said. "You kind of get to expand your coaching book a little bit and use more tools ... when you're with younger kids, there's still a little more fundamental work."

Mahesh also welcomes the opportu-



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Former Winkler Flyer Harry Mahesh returns to the junior team as its new assistant coach for the 2020-2021 season.

nity to return to Winkler.

"Having spent the last two years in Manitoba, it's a nice feeling to be back," he said. "I feel like the team has come a long way, and there's been a

lot of change since I finished playing there in terms of personnel.

"It kind of feels like a fresh start, but at the same time it's something that's familiar to me as well."

'Canes, Riot off this season, Storm ready to go

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm will be the only local adult soccer team taking to the field this summer.

COVID-19 has pushed the Manitoba Major Soccer League and Winnipeg Womens Soccer League season starts back by over two months to July.

As a result, the SC Riots men's team

and the SC Hurricanes women's team have opted not to play.

"We just didn't have enough players to run a season from July into October," said Reinaldo Oliveira of the Riot, noting the team also struggled to find a coach. Oliveira is back as coach of the Winkler Storm.

Likewise, the Hurricanes' Mel Warkentin said last week that the unpredictable season made it difficult to get players to fully commit.

The Winkler Storm, meanwhile, is lucky to have enough guys keen to play that they will be able to return to First Division soccer this summer.

"We have about 20 players interested, lots of new faces," Oliveira says, lamenting the loss of the younger Riot team but noting, "we'll focus on the Storm this year" and hope for a return to normal in 2021.

There are some changes as to how the MMSL season is going to look, in-

cluding no playoffs and no Bison Cup action this summer.

Teams will play a full 16 or 18-game season, depending on the number of teams registered, and are expected to follow physical distancing rules. The season could be cancelled midway

through if public health officials deem it necessary.

As part of the league's COVID-19 prevention plan, every team is expected to have a designated safety protocol officer who is in charge of wiping down benches, sanitizing game balls,

and ensuring players are keeping their distance from one another on the bench.

Fans are most certainly welcome to come cheer the Storm on, though physical distancing guidelines are in place at the field.

"We always love to have the fans there," Oliveira said.

The season schedule will be posted online at mmsl.ca once it's finalized.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Winkler Storm expect to start their season in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's First Division this month.

"WE ALWAYS LOVE TO HAVE THE FANS OUT THERE."

Faces of Winkler returns to Winkler Arts & Culture

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture has launched its fourth an-



Faces of Winkler returns to the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre this month.

> HABITAT, FROM PG. 14

says, noting the campaign runs until Sept. 30.

Anyone of any age or ability level can get involved, and all forms of physical activity count towards one's mileage. Progress can be tracked with a step counter, phone app, or manually.

"We are just starting to promote this here locally, so we would love to have other local riders/participants join us," Falk says. "It is a great way for everyone to be able to participate in building our next home."

Falk encourages participants to get in touch with Winkler/Morden Habitat for Humanity on social media.

"We would love to hear from them so that we can maybe do some features on our Facebook page and track how people are doing," she says.

If you're not keen to log the kilometres yourself, you can still support the cause by making a donation at habitat.mb.ca/events/prairie-500-virtual-cycling-event.

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nual Faces of Winkler exhibition.

Thirteen Winklerites nominated by the general public are being showcased through both artwork and photography on display at the gallery now through Aug. 13.

The goal is shine a spotlight on all the different kinds of people that make up our community, says WAC art and community director Ray Derksen.

"Faces of Winkler features a variety of people within our community, from public servants to citizens, from business owners to children," he says. "Everybody has a story and everybody plays a role in our community."

Some of this year's "Faces" will be very familiar to people as prominent local leaders, while others fly more under the radar. All are integral to the fabric of the community.

"In every neighbourhood there's someone that shines," Derksen says, pointing to the neighbour who helps others shovel out after a storm or volunteers at a community event to make sure it happens.

The artists and photographers were paired up with their subjects last fall and encouraged to capture them however they wished using their respective mediums.

Derksen, a painter himself, says it's always a fun challenge to try and depict an aspect of a person's life story or character through art.

"I like being involved with it. I really love it," he says of the show. "I start with their whole story when I interview them, going back to when they were a child. Tell me something about you, how did you learn and grow?"

"You try to capture the essence of the person,"

"EVERYBODY HAS A STORY AND EVERYBODY PLAYS A ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY."

Derksen says.

The show, which was originally scheduled for this spring but delayed thanks to COVID-19, will have a closing reception on Aug. 13 instead of a grand opening. Artists and subjects will be in attendance. Contact the gallery for ticket information.

ART PROGRAMMING

While Faces of Winkler is on display inside the Park St. gallery, WAC is taking one of its art courses outside this month.

Abstract Painting in the Park will run weekly at the Winkler Park from July 4-25 featuring lessons from artist Alayna Friesen.

Also coming up at the WAC is its Summer Art Camp for kids ages 7-12. Also led by Friesen, this day camp will run afternoons from 1-2:15 p.m. July 27-31.

WAC is also looking at launching an open studio program to invite artists to come paint together at the gallery. Further details will be released soon.

For programming registration information, head to winklerarts.com.

Orioles split season opener

By Lorne Stelmach

Kicking off their pandemic delayed season Sunday against the defending MJBL champions presented an extra challenge for the Pembina Valley Orioles.

Coming home from Winnipeg then with a split against the Elmwood Giants was encouraging enough to coach Jim Odlum.

"We're pretty happy coming out of Elmwood. They're a pretty good ball team," said Odlum, who saw his Orioles rebound from a 12-2 loss in game one with a 6-0 shutout win in game two.

"We're very happy with what we had seen out there. When you have some guys, the whole left side of our infield had never played a game of MJBL ball before ... it's only going to get better. They're all good ball players."

In game one, the Orioles only trailed 3-1 after two innings and 4-2 after four, but the Giants rolled from there starting with five runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Kyle Dyck allowed nine runs on eight hits

through five innings. Jesse Otennadzahe then gave up three runs on three hits in two innings, while the Giants outhit the Orioles 11-5.

"They hit the ball well, but when we make five or six errors, it's pretty tough to contain a team that good," said Odlum.

Things turned around for the Orioles in game two, led by the stellar pitching of Tyler Pringle, who threw a one-hit game.

Pembina Valley capitalized on four hits starting with putting three runs across the plate in the first inning. Tristan Peters went 2 for 4 at the plate, including a double and two RBIs.

"We got a great start from Tyson ... he had a no hitter going into the bottom of the seventh inning," noted Odlum.

The Orioles are among six teams that split their opening doubleheaders last week, while the Altona Bisons swept their pair against St. James.

This week, the Orioles have their home field debut against the Sultans on Wednesday and then hit the road Friday to play the Legionaires.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE

BY-LAW NO. 9-20

To Amend By-law No. 5-19 rural water distribution system

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Stanley has scheduled a public hearing at:
The Council Chambers

Thursday, July 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Under By-law No. 5-19, which was approved by The Municipal Board E-19-074, Council created two categories of taxpayers: specific properties with a frontage tax rate and all taxpayers in the RM on which a mill rate was to be levied. The amendment under By-law No. 9-20 is proposing to change all taxpayers from all taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt properties in the RM to all taxable and grant-in-lieu properties in the RM.

The estimated costs, funding and all other details of the project remain the same.

Under this proposal, there will be no tax impact to taxpayers in the RM:

Under the approved by-law No. 5-19

<i>Estimated Municipal borrowing:</i>	
<i>Local Improvement Debenture (Municipality)</i>	
Amount	\$300,000.00
Maximum Interest Rate	4.5%
Terms	10 years
Annual Payment	\$37,913.65

Based on the 2019 Assessment roll (\$37,913.65 /\$564,174,420) an estimated mill rate of 0.067 mills will be required. Based on a residential property with a value of \$100,000 (portioned 45,000) a \$3.02 LI tax will be levied annually for 10 years.

Under the proposed amending by-law No. 9-20

<i>Estimated Municipal borrowing:</i>	
<i>Local Improvement Debenture (Municipality)</i>	
Amount	\$300,000.00
Maximum Interest Rate	3.27%
Terms	10 years
Annual Payment	\$35,655.46

Based on the 2020 Assessment roll (\$35,655.46 /\$630,373,810) an estimated mill rate of 0.057 mills will be required. Based on a residential property with a value of \$100,000 (portioned 45,000) a \$2.57 will be levied annually for 10 years.

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at 23111 PTH 14 in the RM of Stanley prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the amending by-law.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the amending by-law are available at the municipal office at 23111 PTH 14 and on the municipal website at www.rmofstanley.ca. Feel free to call the RM Office for additional information at 204-325-4101.

Dated at the RM of Stanley this 29TH day of June 2020 and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

Dale Toews, Chief Administrative Officer

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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS R.M. OF ROLAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days:

July 15, 16, 17, 20 and 21, 2020
between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (closed 12:00-1:00)

at the Office of the R.M. of Roland,
at 45 3rd Street, in Roland, Manitoba,

I will receive nominations for the office of:
Councillor
of the Rural Municipality of Roland.

The nomination deadline is July 21, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.
Nominations cannot be accepted after this day and time.

All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least twenty-five voters, or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the authority, but in all cases by at least two voters. Each nomination shall also be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

Nominations may be filed in person at the above location, on the dates and hours specified, or by an official agent. To obtain a nomination paper, and/or candidate's declaration of qualification, contact the S.E.O. at the telephone number listed below.

Nomination papers not accompanied by the required documents and not properly filed shall be rejected.

Kristin Olson,
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On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

MSTW BY-LAW NO. 2-2020

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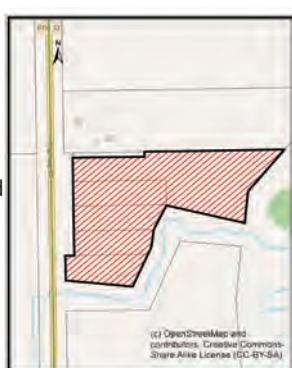
HEARING: R.M. of Stanley
LOCATION: Council Chamber
1-23111 PTH 14

DATE & TIME: July 16, 2020
at 7:00pm

GENERAL INTENT: To re-designate the portion of land highlighted on the attached map:
From: Agricultural Policy Area
To: Emerging Communities Area

AREA: R.M. of Stanley
Lot 1-5, Plan 59948
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Morden MB R6M 1C9
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A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

IN MEMORIAM**IN MEMORIAM**

Bill L. Fehr
July 4, 2000

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Linda

IN MEMORIAM

Anna Giesbrecht

June 2, 1983 - June 26, 2005

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OBITUARY**John Mervyn Peters**

1927 - 2020



John Mervyn Peters was born on October 18, 1927 in a little house on Park Street in Winkler, MB. to John J. and Sarah Peters. He grew up with three siblings, James, Betty and Ron on a farm 4 1/2 miles North of Winkler in the Rosenbach School District. He learned how to work hard, have fun, sing, and love the Lord in this home. As a youngster, he contracted polio but through the ardent prayers of his loved ones, and their submission to God's will, John experienced a miracle and only had minor side effects throughout his life. John received his assurance of salvation one day as he was on his McCormick Farmall B tractor. His faith took on new meaning from that day. Not long afterwards, when he was about 17 years of age, he was baptized on confession of his faith,

together with his brother, James. John married Lena Dyck on September 13, 1953. He was good friends with Lena's brothers and so there were lots of opportunities to see each other. They built a small house on the farm where his parents lived and raised a family of four children. The house was added onto several times as the family grew. This house became a home of laughter, music, discipline and Christian teaching...not to mention that ethic of hard work!

John was a farmer all his life. He dabbled in many types of farming: grain, sunflowers, dairy, and chickens. It was a life of various experiences and we soon learned the circle of life on the farm. John had a grade 10 education and proceeded to attend Winkler Bible Institute for four years then took some University courses to further his agricultural expertise. John and Lena farmed all their lives, so didn't have many opportunities to travel, but they have managed to get away a few times. Their travels included: a trip to Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Hawaii (a farm tour, after they sold the dairy), Mexico, California, BC, Missouri and Arizona. John's hobbies were baseball, collecting toy farm implements, singing, reading, and I think work on the farm was actually a hobby as well. He was on many different community boards including Winkler Co-op, Co-op Vegetable Oils (now Bungee), Winkler Credit Union, church boards and the Heritage Village (as recently as about 10 years ago). He also directed choirs and taught Sunday School, as well as being a deacon in the church. John was not an idle man. He loved to be useful.

In December of 2017, John was admitted as a resident of Salem Home. He had experienced a steady decline, attributed to dementia. This was a tough one, but he handled it with grace. Salem Home provided him with excellent care over the 2 1/2 years that he resided there. Lena was faithful with her visits and continued to love and care for him until the very end! When Salem Home staff talked of John, they often talked of how much fun he was. His laugh was contagious, and it wasn't hard to get a reaction from him with a little teasing. His singing was also a highlight for everyone who connected with him! Even as we video chatted in the last few months, we would sing, and he would add his bass line at the other end. He especially engaged with the bass lines that moved around with intricacy. He had a special flare for executing these!

John M. Peters passed away after a very quick decline just before 6:00 in the morning on Friday June 19, 2020. He must have had a field to go and cultivate, as he did so many mornings before breakfast. He was 92 years of age. We, the family, would like to thank the staff at Salem Home for doing what they do and having a passion for investing in the lives of people like John (our Dad)! John M. Peters was predeceased by his parents, John J and Sarah Peters, parents-in-law, Aaron P. And Lena Dyck, brother, James, niece, Betty Lou, brothers-in-law, Aaron, Henry and Jake, sisters-in-law, Annie, Ruth, Anne and Susan. He is survived by his wife, Lena, son, James (Charity), son, JC (Lin), son, Lawrence (AJ), daughter, Dorothy (Keith), as well as 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, sister, Betty (Jake), brother, Ron (Ginny), brother-in-law, Frank and sister-in-law, Evelyn.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 24, 2020 at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in John's memory online to Square One World Media.

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OBITUARY



Olga Enns (nee Dyck)

1930 – 2020

On Wednesday June 24, 2020, at her home, Buhler Active Living Centre, Village East Olga Enns passed away at the age of 90 after a year plus long battle with cancer and recovering from a crushed hip.

Mom was born May 2, 1930, in Plum Coulee, MB the youngest of Jacob and Gertrude (Abrams) Dyck. Olga has been released from her earthly home to be with her husband of 57 years, David P. Enns (2005) in heaven with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ along with a daughter, Dorothy (1948) and two sons, David Allen "Micky" (1991) and Billy (2020). Olga was also predeceased by two older brothers (stayed in Russia), by her parents, Jacob and Gertrude Dyck, a brother in law, David P. Fehr, brother, Abe Dyck, her only sister, Helen Fehr (June 2019), sister-in-law, Sarah Dyck (May 3, 2020) and numerous Enns sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Olga will be forever remembered by her children, Grace O'Connor, Andy (Lise) Enns, Gail (Abe) Loewen, Jim (Sandra) Enns, as well as 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Rest in peace momma. We will miss you greatly and we love you forever.

Private funeral service was held at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Olga's memory to Winkler Villages for Older Adults.

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OBITUARY

James "Jim" Gerald Bayliss

On Friday, June 26th, 2020 after declining health, James (Jim) Bayliss passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre at age 86.

Jim was born on the family farm near Miami, MB the 4th oldest of a family of 11. His family and farming became his life. He was hard working, kind and caring with an infectious smile and quick wit. Dad was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, family was truly his priority whether helping with projects or participating in his grandkid's adventures over the years. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and going for his daily walks. Many days were spent working in his shop on the farm tinkering on machinery or carpentry. Dad will be fondly remembered but sadly missed by all who knew him.

He married his loving wife and soul mate of 59 years Glenda (Stewart) June 17th, 1961. Their daughter Sheri was born March 3, 1963 and their son Kevin October 26, 1965.

Jim was predeceased by his parents Richard and Helen Bayliss; brothers Leslie, Dave, Lyle, Clarence, Larry and sister Nellie; brothers-in-law Orne and Roy; in-laws John and Joyce Stewart; brothers-in-law Ken and Donald (Joe).

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife Glenda; daughter Sheri (Paul), son Kevin (Andra) and his grandchildren Tyler (Arli), Landon and Trinda; great-grandchildren Thomas and Debbie; along with his brother Dick (Lyne); sisters Shirley (Mark), Judy, Carol; sisters-in-law MaryAnne, Fran and Linda; brothers-in law Dale (Katherine), Cohn (Joyce), Doug (Nola), Graham (Marg) and sister-in-law Gloria as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

We wish to thank Dr. Zang and all the nurses and aids at Boundary Trails Palliative Care unit that took such great care of Jim (Dad) during his time there.

A family graveside service will be held at the Miami Cemetery on Friday, July 3rd.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Jim's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Unit.

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OBITUARY

Henry Friesen

1933 - 2020

Henry was born on May 7, 1933 to Gerhard and Sara (Janzen) Friesen in the Louise Municipality a few miles from Crystal City. He was the 4th child in a family of six children: George, Weigand, Sara, Henry, Annelie and Vern. A year later, the family rented a farm closer to Clearwater. This is was known as the Parr Place. The Friesens called it home for 11 years and it is here where Henry started school. He attended the Cypress School which was less than two miles from the Friesen farm. Then in 1945, the decision was made to move to Mountain City (south of Morden) where Henry's parents bought a 1/2 section near relatives. Henry and his siblings went to school in Mountain City. They had many good memories there. Many a story was told of their adventures, usually

unrelated to their academics. This was also where Henry had his first job. He was responsible for lighting the wood stove during the winter months making sure the school was warm. He was paid a small amount for this and Henry saved the money to buy a new bicycle, the only one the Friesens had. Henry had the opportunity to attend the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna for most of his grade nine year. His faith was deeply impacted there but the desire to farm was also strong. Henry made the decision to end his formal education and work with his dad, milking cows and grain farming. Faith and church were important to Henry. He attended the Morden Bergthal Church and was baptized on May 24, 1953 by Reverend David Schulz. At age 21, Henry struck out on his own and rented the same farm his parents had years ago near Clearwater at NW29-1-12W. He farmed during the summers and worked in Winnipeg during the winters at a warehouse called the Archibald Brokerage with his brother Vern. He did this for six years. After that, he helped Harry Enns, a contractor in Morden when he was not busy on the farm.

Henry met Helen Unrau during this time. They were married on June 15, 1968 and made the farm at Clearwater their home. Henry built a house for them and together, they built their life with hard work and dedication. They planted over 400 evergreen trees around the yard along with flower beds to make a beautiful yard. In 1982, Henry and Helen received an award for the Best Farm Home Grounds in the RM of Louise. Henry and Helen were also involved with their community and the Crystal City Mennonite Church. Henry and Helen's family consisted of one daughter, Shirley who was their pride and joy. Henry enjoyed going to events Shirley was involved in and was always there for church and school concerts, piano recitals, figure skating carnivals among others. Sundays were always reserved for church in the morning and family time the rest of the day, whether that was going visiting, having company over or spending a quiet time together to unwind from a busy work week. Every morning after breakfast, the Bible was read, and devotions were had around the table. This never changed and was done until the day he was admitted to the hospital. Henry did not like to be the center of attention or speak in front of a crowd. He preferred rather to help in practical ways. He loved helping the neighbours and spending time with them. His service at church was hands on. Henry did maintenance at the church for many years. During the winter, he took his John Deere tractor and made a home-made cab for it so he could drive to church and clear the snow. He took great pride in making sure the church was well-maintained. In 2001, Henry and Helen had an auction sale and retired from farming. They continued to live on the yard-site and dad worked for other farmers during that time as needed. After much discussion and planning, they decided to move to Morden in 2008. They were sad to leave their church and community behind but knew they needed to start a new chapter in their life. Henry enjoyed putting around the yard, especially mowing grass with his riding lawn mower. Henry was a quiet, gentle man who liked to work with his hands and took pride in everything he set his mind to. He was happy that him and Helen could still live in their own home. He was only in the hospital for a short time and that is how he would have wanted it. He is now in his eternal home where there is no more pain and suffering. Praise the Lord! Special thanks go out to Dr. Kevin Convery and all the caring and compassionate staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre during his time there.

He will be missed by his wife of 52 years, Helen; their daughter, Shirley and son-in-law, Jason; sisters, Annelie and Sara; sisters and brothers-in-law, Louise Friesen, Elvira Friesen, Phyllis Friesen, Diedrich Unrau, Betty Dueck, Ann Friesen, Cornie and Martha Unrau, Frank and Jessie Unrau as well as many nieces and nephews.

Private funeral service was held at the Morden EMMC with interment at the Southside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Henry's memory to the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

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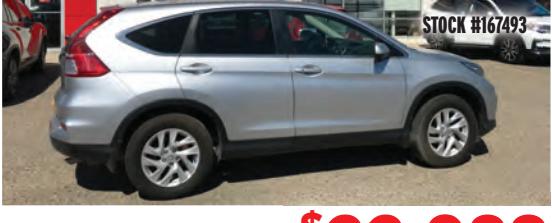
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"You have made it to the finish line"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate's class of 2020 didn't let a little thing like a global pandemic stop them from finishing off their high school careers in style.

The Winkler school streamed its grad celebrations online last week, bidding farewell to nearly 200 students with a pre-recorded ceremony filled with memories, words of wisdom, and congratulations.

"You have made it to the finish line and we couldn't be prouder of you," principal Carrie Friesen told the former students. "It's important to recognize that today is not as you had imagined. Our world has changed

and our version of normal may never be the same. But here's what we learned about you over the years: You are resilient. You are courageous. And now you are ready. Just in time, because our world needs you."

Valedictorian Abbey Peters admitted that this was most certainly not the way anyone envisioned their time in school would come to an end.

"Our senior year has been made memorable, but not in the way we all expected," she said, noting, however, that adapting to change is something the class of 2020 has been doing for years.

"From the start of our lives we have been raised in a world that is constantly advancing and have had to



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GVC principal Carrie Friesen moves the tassel for valedictorian Abbey Peters. In the days following an online ceremony, GVC grads were invited to the school for photos and diploma presentations.

navigate through it," Peters said.

"Change is often unexpected. At the same time, it brings some of the best moments in our lives. Each of us wouldn't be who we are without it," she continued. "The world we live in

is fast paced, inconsistent, and unpredictable. But we can choose to make the most of it ... we can be a part of a change for the better.

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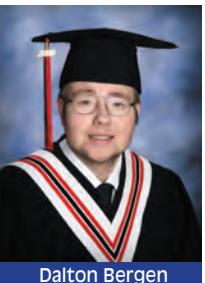
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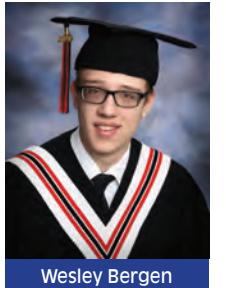
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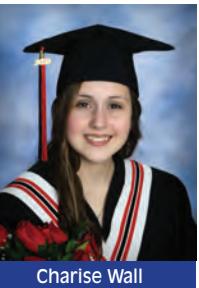
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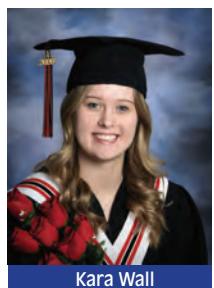
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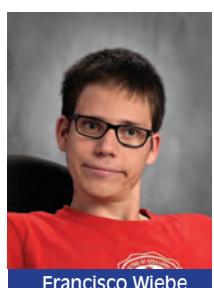
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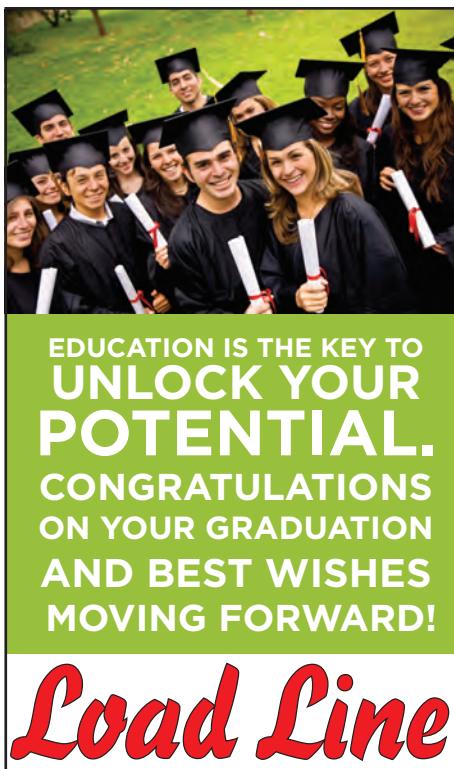
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"Stand up for the little guy, speak out for what is right, and challenge oth-



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Jessica Giesbrecht was named GVC's Grad of the Year. The award is selected by the GVC staff and comes with a \$2,000 cash prize. Here, principal Carrie Friesen presents Giesbrecht with the trophy.

ers to do the same. Choose to accept the change with positivity. Choose to make the most of each situation, even if it's not what you had wanted, hoped for, or dreamed about. Choose to make the most of where you are with what you have. We can be a part of the changes the world needs to see. Life is not perfect, but wherever you are or wherever you're going, you can have a positive impact."

Peters thanked all the parents and GVC staff for everything they've done for the students over the years.

"Without them we wouldn't be where we are today," she said, adding the grads also appreciated everyone's efforts to make graduation special despite COVID-19 restrictions.

She also listed a few fond memories of good times shared with her fellow Zodiacs, noting, "I could not have asked for a better class to go through high school with."

In his guest speaker speech, GVC teacher Tom Friesen reflected on some of the benefits of having the school's first virtual graduation.

"I realize that many of you are disappointed about not getting the day

you envisioned, but I would encourage you to try and look at it differently. Your graduation day will likely be the only graduation day that is any different," he said.

"Grads are often concerned about making sure that their outfit is unique on a grad day that isn't. Well, now you're receiving a unique grad day and your outfit can be whatever you want. It might be hard to appreciate it now in this moment, but as you get older I really hope you will."

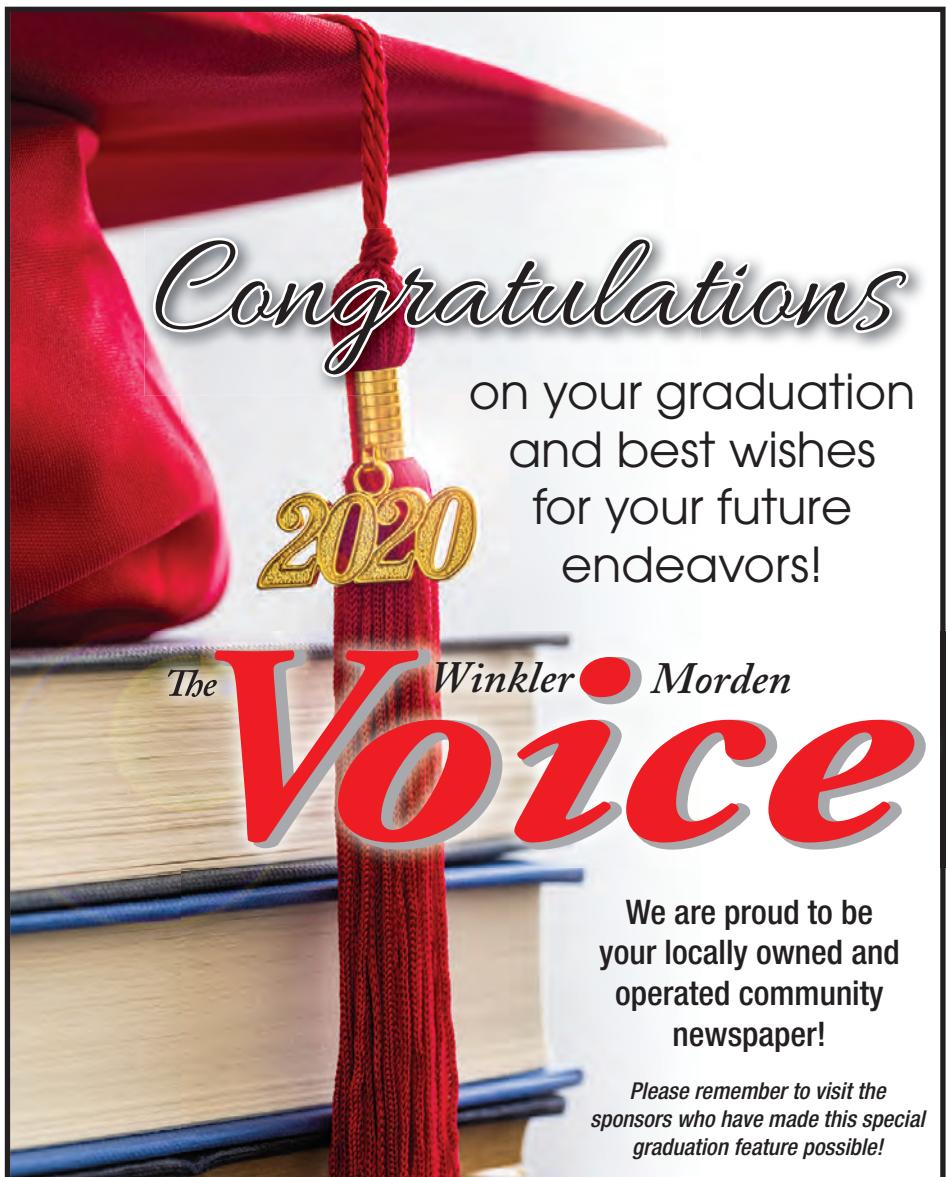
While some grads may have the next few years of their lives planned out already, others are likely still searching for a path. That's okay, Friesen stressed, noting it took him over a decade after his own graduation to decide to pursue an education degree.

"I want you to know that there is no timeline," he said. "Most of you probably won't take that long, but even if you do, spend those years surrounding yourself with people you care about, help people when you can, and ask for help when you need it. If you can do that, then life's challenges will become much easier."



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"Be the person who can tackle change without fear"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate valedictorian Amy Lloyd urged her fellow graduates to embrace change rather than fear it.

"2020 truly is the year of change. But your ability to adapt to new challenges has actually been a part of your education," Lloyd said in a pre-recorded address

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NPC valedictorian Amy Lloyd urged graduates to embrace change without fear. Lloyd was also named the class of 2020's Grad of the Year.

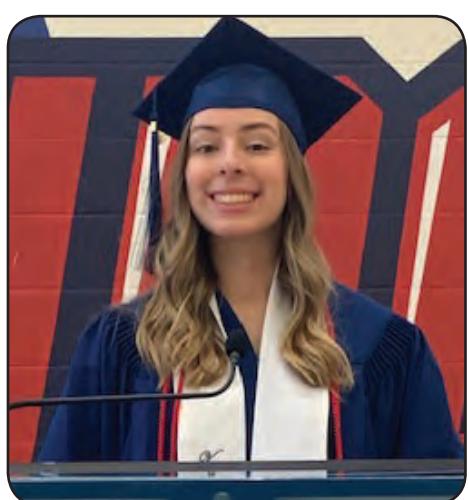
streamed as part of the Winkler school's online graduation ceremonies last week.

"Whether your next step is entering the workforce or pursuing further studies, don't spend your energy trying to be the strongest or the smartest," she said. "Be the person who can tackle changes without fear, who is relentless in finding a solution for every situation."

"If you can do this, you are a graduate that is ready to take on the unique set of challenges that face our generation."

The last few months have certainly made for an interesting end to what was already an eventful four years of high

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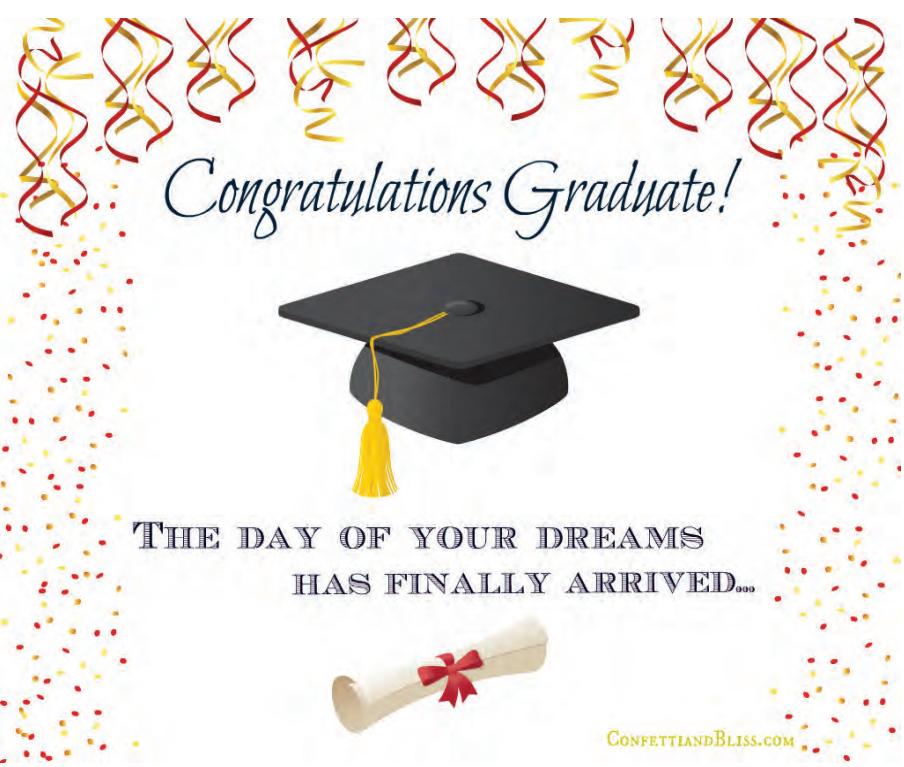
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Morden grads lauded for putting their best foot forward

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Collegiate class of 2020 earned praise from its valedictorian for always showing up in every circumstance.

There were many challenges, of course, in a year where everything changed for them due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our grade never fails to show up with our best foot forward, excelling in so many areas ... I believe it is this willingness to show up that has made us stand out," Mollie Wheeler said as part of her address filmed in advance and shown as part of a grad celebration screened at the Stardust Drive-In June 25.

"In high school, we have worked hard to bring to light the value of school spirit and participation at Morden Collegiate, setting an example for the grades following us, something our teachers have recognized and appreciated," she said. "There have also been countless remarks about what a well-round-

ed, compassionate, caring and unique group of students we are."

Wheeler also paused to remember their classmate Roxanne Martens, who died in an accident this spring.

"The loss of a beautiful graduate, classmate, and friend impacts everyone here. Roxy was, still is and will always be part of Morden Collegiate's class of 2020, and we remember her today and forever."

Graduation requires adaptability and resilience, and COVID-19 ensured the class has fine-tuned these skills.

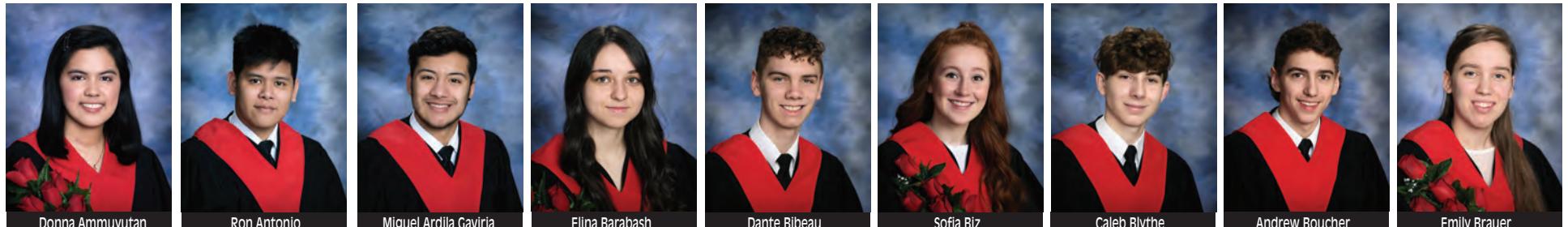
"It would have been easy to give up, and it would have been easy to feel miserable today. Yet, here we are, as together as we can be, doing our best to celebrate our hard work and achievements," said Wheeler.

"We are making the most of the special event that has been created for us. We are showing up! Just as we did all through high

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Valedictorian
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Guest speaker Suzanne Powell, retiring École Morden Middle School principal, urged graduates to "give it all you've got."

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school, and just as I know we will continue to do moving forward.

"I want to thank you all for showing up. Showing up academically, athletically and socially for each other for the past four years. Not only that, but I want to encourage you to continue to show up in every aspect of your lives in the future. Don't wait to know where you are going before you start your journey. Sometimes to get started you have to take a chance."

Guest speaker Suzanne Powell encouraged the students to remember one important thing:

"As tough as all of this has been, you made it. You have more than survived, you have succeeded," she said.

"You are ready to take on a new set of challenges. You are moving forward, knowing that when life throws you a curve ball, you can handle it. When times get rough ... you now know that you can persevere and succeed."

Powell's advice for the grads revolved around a quote that stated we all have three choices: "Give up, give in, or give it all you've got."

"Give up railing in anger at it ... give up

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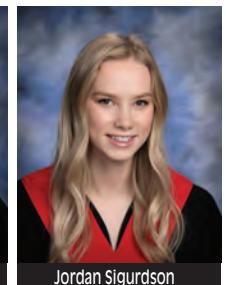
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"We have grown together"

By Lorne Stelmach

They are unique in being part of the world's students graduating amidst a pandemic, but the Nellie McClung Collegiate class of 2020 were celebrated as being special in their own right.

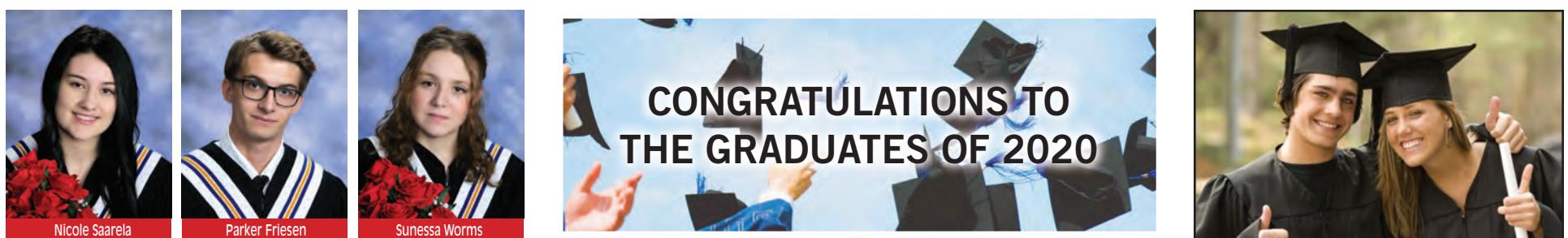
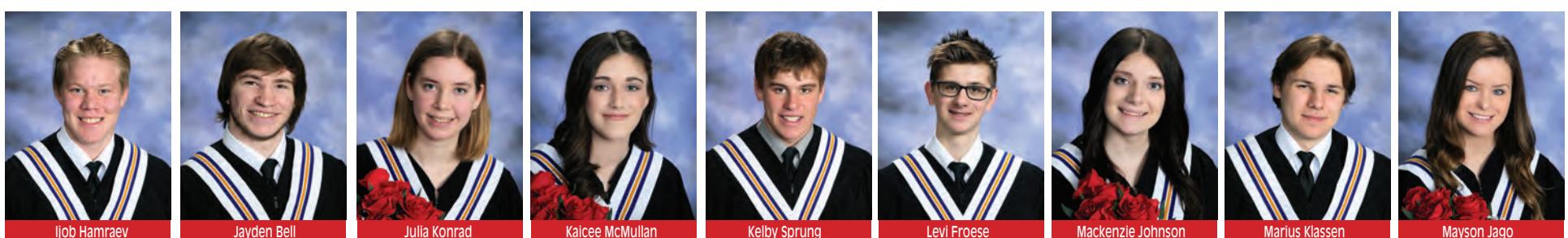
The Manitou school's 21 grads were honoured at an outdoor ceremony limited in size but also streamed live online on June 19.

"With COVID-19 happening in our Grade 12 year, our time here was cut short," said valedictorians Dayna Lea and Ashley Henderson as they reflected on making it to this day under such extraordinary circumstances.

They also aimed some of their wit at themselves in their lighthearted address out on the open grounds in Manitou as family and friends watched from lawn chairs and vehicles.

"This is not just a celebration for us as graduates but the teachers who survived our class," they joked. "The amount of people who declined to be our guest speaker is absolutely astonishing."

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"Have the courage to step out of your comfort zone"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

"Finally. The day we've all been waiting for. We've done it. We've actually made it out alive."

At Mennonite Collegiate Institute's graduation ceremony celebrating 14 graduates on June 28, class valedictorian Andrea Heide looked back on the group's time together and a Gr. 12 year that was like no other.

"This year, our senior year, I was ready to have the best school year of my life. Ready to make unforgettable memories, to get to know my classmates on a closer and more personal level, and to continue learning things that aren't exactly written in a textbook.

"All we would talk about was how excited we all were, confident that we'd have the most awesome Gr. 12 year. But as we all know, the worldwide pandemic kind of decided it wanted to be the center of attention and ruin not just our plans but the whole world's plans.

"I'm not going to lie, I'm really upset about how this year turned out. Screw you COVID-19."

Heide went on to recall her very first semester at MCI and her fears at being accepted.

"The first day I came to this school, I felt anxious, nervous, self-conscious," she said. "As the first two weeks passed, I felt there was no way I could



keep going. My emotions were all over the place."

She came to realize, though, that what needed to change was her mindset.

"I realized that if you want to have a good experience you can't expect it to just happen to you. You need to have the courage to step out of your comfort zone and face the inevitable challenges of doing so."

It's an important lesson Heide hopes her peers will carry with them wherever their lives may take them.

"Use your God-given gifts to your advantage with whatever obstacles come in your way," she added.

While the pandemic may have made for a challenging senior year, it couldn't change the class of 2020's core relationship with each other.

"Even though the last three months of school were taken from us we weren't left with nothing," Heide said. "We still had each other."

In his address to the grads, teacher Toby Wiens urged them to strive to live a Christ-centered life while also

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MCI's class of 2020 didn't let COVID-19 stop them from gathering together at the Gretna campus to celebrate last week.



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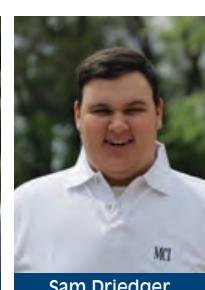
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Congratulations

Graduating Classes of 2020

> NPC, FROM PG. 9

school, Lloyd said, sharing fond memories from each grade.

"Traditionally, a valedictorian will mention things the graduating class are going to miss," she continued. "For the class of 2020, things are a little different. We already miss the comfy couches in the library, the cafeteria fries, and spending spares and lunches with our friends. We said goodbye to our normal school routines months ago. There is no real world for us to be thrust into today—we're already there."

"Various events during our senior year have caused



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Teacher Dustin Rachul urged graduates to spend their time investing in the people who are important in their lives.

us to realize things about ourselves and society previous grads didn't have to just yet," Lloyd said, noting the global pandemic has made it clear "that those in charge don't have all the answers. Leaders across the globe have had to quickly adapt, learn and find solutions to worldwide issues."

Lloyd thanked NPC's staff for working so hard to adapt to the new way of teaching when COVID-19 forced classes online.

"Receiving a high school diploma is not an independent achievement," she noted, thanking the parents as well for their integral role in getting grads to this day.

While the class of 2020 has the unique distinction of being the first to be able to attend the ceremony sitting "on a comfy couch in a pair of pyjamas," Lloyd hopes the grads will have the chance to gather together again in person.

"I look forward to our future class reunions where we will be social and dancing instead of social distancing."

Guest speaker Dustin Rachul, a physical education teacher at NPC, shared how some of the lessons graduates learned in his class apply to life after school.

"First, be prepared and #TryHard," he said, pointing out that luck isn't something to rely on for success. "Do your best to prepare for the goals in your life and the chances of you succeeding will be higher. Do the work necessary to prepare yourself for the next opportunity. You can beat out your competition. This is the reason why we practice. ... Preparation is something you cannot buy."

> MCI, FROM PG. 17

continuing to hone their critical-thinking skills by "peeling away the blindfold of popular culture and opinion and seeing beyond what you are being shown."

"Don't see the world through media headlines. See the world through God's words of faith, hope and love, as read in the Bible," he said, noting

It needs to be learned.

"Second, time is yours to spend," Rachul continued. "Graduating from this building, you will get to make a decision on how you will spend your time ... it can take years for people to solve that question."

"If I could give any advice on where to spend your time it would be to invest your time in people ... spend actual time with people to get to know what makes them, them. Their strengths, their weaknesses, goals, fears. Force yourself to spend time with those who might be different than you and learn and grow in character ... doing this creates understanding, creates relationships, and it creates community."

"Third, life is about being flexible," Rachul said. "If there's anything the last five months has shown us it's that we have very little control over tomorrow. Those who are not flexible and willing to learn along with the rest of society run the risk of being left behind."

"Your ability to be flexible in a world that changes daily will only serve you for the better."

Rachul ended by reminded grads that they are well-equipped to handle whatever life throws at them.

"You have been doing this your entire life, so don't stop now," he said. "Challenges are relative to your experiences, so don't shy away from new opportunities because it's the fuel that propels you to the better version yourself."

"Challenging yourself will elevate you higher than before."

Scripture is never changing and has encouraging words for every situation in life. "In the Scripture we have a playbook for life."

"MCI grad class of 2020, continue to be critical thinkers, put your faith in Christ into action, and persevere in the battle [between good and evil]."

"Cherish every moment of today and make your memories to last a lifetime"

From Pg. 16

After sharing memories of each student, Lea and Henderson stressed that they'll carry those memories with them forever.

"As a group, although ever-changing, we have grown together, and we have created memories and friendships that could last a lifetime. Whenever each of us go in the future, I'm sure we will look back at our time at Nellie McClung with fond memories."

"Cherish every moment of today and make your memories to last a lifetime," said guest speaker Karen

Milljour, a longtime teacher at Nellie McClung Collegiate until last June.

"I have considered your class to be the trendsetters for the future," she said. "Times are definitely changing, and trust me, it doesn't necessarily have to mean for the worst ... with the new norm, maybe the better. It's not entirely the same, but that's okay; maybe we needed this change but were afraid to do it."

Milljour went on to touch on the traits of this class.

"For the most part, they could get along, but on occasions they knew how to push each other's buttons," she said. "Through it all, you've man-

aged to be here today to celebrate this wonderful occasion."

She offered a range of advice for the students, including not defining yourself by your work, seeking to find your passion and never letting it go, all the

while accepting there will be mountains to conquer.

"Bad things happen to good people. It's how you deal with each of these situations that will define you and make you stronger."

> MORDEN GRAD, FROM PG. 14

the argument of whether it is fair or not," she said. "We need to put other's needs first ... give in, let go of advocating for your side and fill their bucket ... give in to human compassion and social justice."

"In everything else, if something really matters to you, give it all that

you've got."

"We are proud of you, graduates," said principal Marianne Fenn. "We know you have had to make sacrifices. We know that there is a world of opportunities around the corner for you."



Carman Collegiate

Congratulations
Graduating Class of 2020

Carman Collegiate celebrates graduates with big parade

By Becca Myskiw

Thirty students said goodbye to Carman Collegiate on Thursday, June 25.

The school had their own grad ceremony for the graduates and their families — it was not open to the public due to COVID-19 regulations.

At the ceremony, John Teichroeb received the Governor General's Medal. Hannah Benner, Erika Penner, Chantal Girouard, and Jayden Rutter gave the student address at the small and intimate ceremony.

Pandemic restrictions didn't stop the town from celebrating their grads, though.

They each picked a spot in King's Park and put a lawn chair down next to their graduating sign. Some even made back drops adorned with balloons or brought items that resembled who they are: one had a baseball bag, another stood by a painting she did.

Then, vehicles from what seemed to be the entire town of Carman and surrounding communities slowly drove around King's Park where they honked, waved and cheered for the graduating class of 2020.

Some vehicles came with signs congratulating the grads and others came decked out in balloons and streamers. All of them cheered on the 30 graduates from Carman Collegiate.

Over 70 awards, bursaries, and scholarships were given to the grads on Thursday. Some for academic excellence, community involvement, and others for sports achievements.



Aaron Fehr, left, and Colby Heaman pose for a photo together during the parade.



Lizzi Hendricks takes a selfie with a family member as the parade begins.



Twyla Brimson, left, and Pearl Zamora pose for a photo together during the parade.



Jack North, left, and Javan Neufeld wave back to those congratulating them.



Hannah Bennett stood with her family during the graduation parade.



King's Park was full of vehicles adorned with congratulations for the grads



Erica Penner waves at residents congratulating her at the parade.

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Kaden Hiebert, left, and Samuel Sullivan sit back and relax during the parade.



Hunter Gitzel smiles as vehicles honk at him.



John Teichroeb won the Governor General's Medal and the Chown Award.

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Scott Atkins	BSI Insurance	Deserving Student
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Elizabeth Hendricks	CANDO Rail Services	Spirit Award
Chantal Girouard	Carman Collegiate	Metalworks 40S, Woodworking 40S
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Raina Wiebe	Carman Collegiate	Topics in Science 40S (2019)
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Elm Creek Collegiate

Congratulations
Graduating Class of 2020

Elm Creek School holds COVID-19 grad ceremony

By Becca Myskiw

Elm Creek School graduated 16 students on Monday, June 22 for the first time in history at Scotty Sisson's wedding venue.

The sun was shining over the freshly mowed grass and wedding-like alter where each grad received their diploma. They walked from one of 100 chairs that were laid out on Monday — the number of people allowed in an outdoor gathering during COVID-19 regulations.

Each grad had a row of chairs to themselves and their family. All but maybe five chairs were filled.

Elm Creek School teacher Val Esau started Monday's ceremony by calling it "COVID grad 2020" and saying this year's graduates will go down in history.

"The opportunity to do this today was such a question mark a couple months ago," she said. "And now, the fact that we're able to have this celebration is a miracle in itself."

Teacher Ed Schroeder followed with



Val Esau presented half of the diplomas to the grads.

a prayer and reminded the grads that "to live in a constant state of fear and anxiety is unhealthy."

The ceremony then jumped into the presentation of diplomas and awards for each grad. The graduates received a Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) diploma, a Province of Manitoba diploma, a congratulatory certificate from MLA Blaine Pedersen, a congratulatory certificate from MP Can-



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The Elm Creek School 2020 graduates pose for one last class photo.



Ed Schroeder presented the other half of the diplomas to the grads.

dice Bergen, and a congratulatory letter from the PRSD board.

Fifteen of the 16 Elm Creek School graduates attended Monday's ceremony and walked across the grass to receive their diplomas.

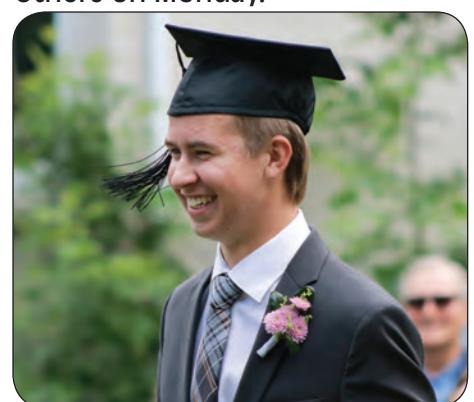
Valedictorian Katrina VandeVelde gave her speech to her classmates, insisting they make the day about the group's present and not their future.

"I know for a lot of us we've been waiting for this beginning for a long time. The beginning of the rest of our lives. Isn't that what graduation is all about?" said the valedictorian. "Maybe for some people the answer would be yes. But personally, I desire our graduation to be about us. To be about how we've grown together, laughed together, and cried together."

VandeVelde mentioned a few class memories — Taylor Carlson bringing a goat in a onesie, Larissa Braun choking on a honeycomb, and Jacco Bentheim telling the class about his male heifer.



Taylor Carlson received the congeniality award with several others on Monday.



Alexander Wolf laughs with family as he makes his way down the aisle.

Those memories, VandeVelde said, are the ones she wants to keep with her forever.

The ceremony went on to include guest speaker Lee Ann Last who the grads chose, a tribute to the parents from Amalee Lehmann, and a reply from her father, and a tribute to the staff by Taylor Carlson.

Esau ended the service by saying this group of students set a high bar for future students.

"Next generation — if we can have

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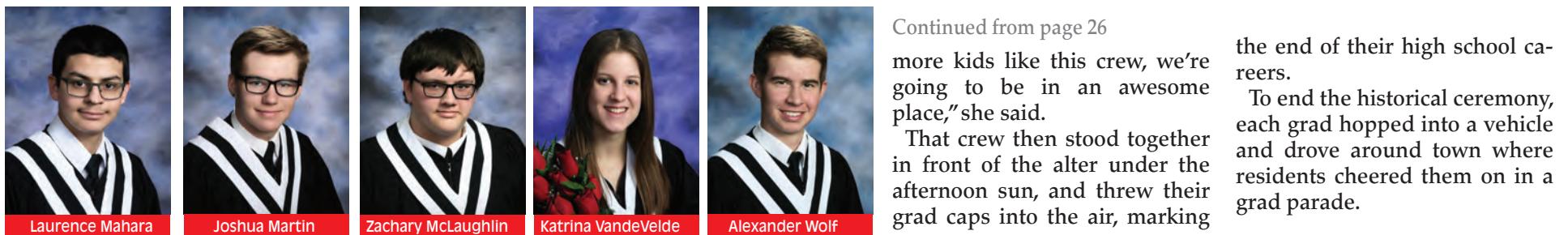
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Declan Janzen was one of the class historians to talk about class memories.



Katrina VandeVelde was voted class valedictorian.



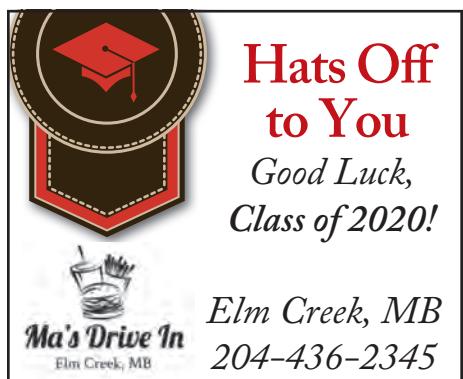
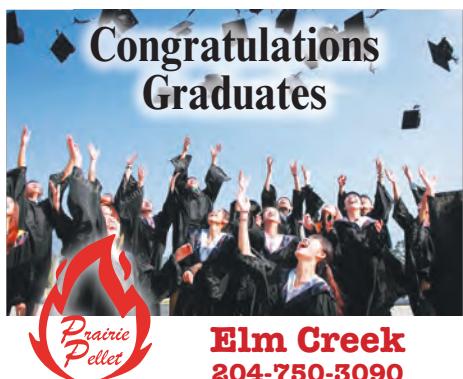
McKenzie Enns stops for a photo with Val Esau after receiving her diploma.

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more kids like this crew, we're going to be in an awesome place," she said.

That crew then stood together in front of the alter under the afternoon sun, and threw their grad caps into the air, marking

the end of their high school careers.

To end the historical ceremony, each grad hopped into a vehicle and drove around town where residents cheered them on in a grad parade.



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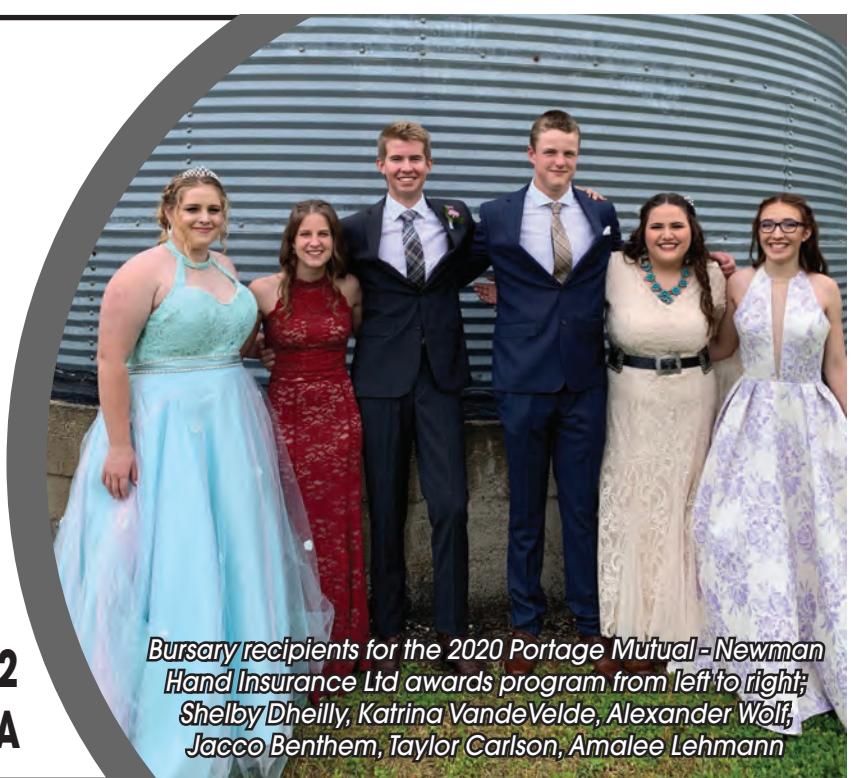
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Miami High School

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Miami School graduates 25 grads in 2020

By Becca Myskiw

One by one, Miami School graduates got 15 minutes to receive their diploma On Wednesday, June 24.

The school's teachers were sitting on one side of the gym, facing the stage that was closed off with a thick black curtain. On the curtain were the words, "A world awaits" over six lattices that served as a backdrop.

Each student entered the gym, accompanied by family, and made their way down the aisle in the middle of the gym. One either side of the aisle

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To finish off the day, Miami School graduates tossed their caps on the roof for a photo.



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were six tall round tables draped in black tablecloths. On top of them sat a vase with plants and blue lights.

The graduate would stop before going down the aisle, waiting to be announced. Then, they'd make their way to the end as staff members cheered and cameras followed their every move.

Resource teacher Nicole Nitsche said the staff was excited they could

still put a celebration on for the grads in some way.

From 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the gym was busy with each of the 25 grads and their families filing in and out.

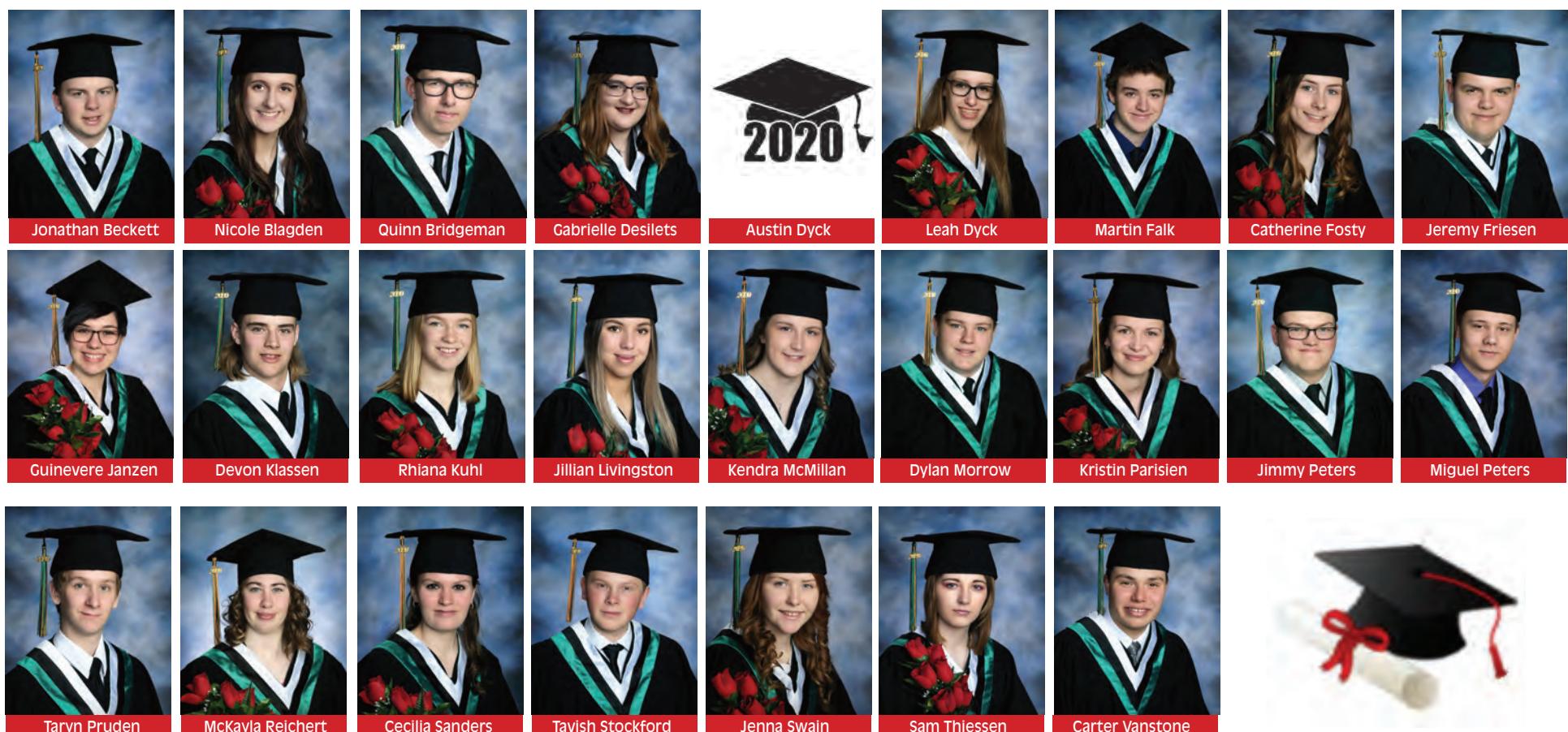
Then, at the end of the day, all the grads got together for a socially distanced group photo. That evening they went around town as residents cheered for them in a grad parade.

The school is saving all speeches for the fall when they plan to have a

proper grad ceremony. There, valedictorians Rihanna Kuhl and Tavish

Stockford will give their address to their fellow classmates.

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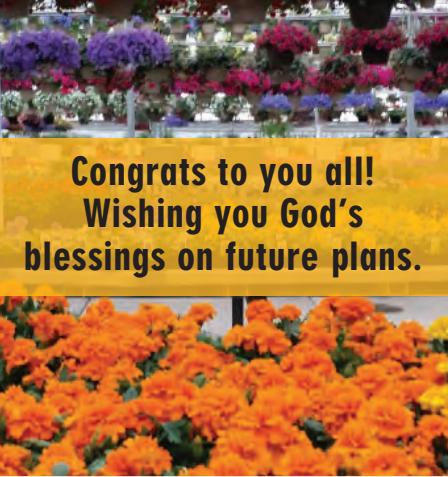
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Notre Dame Collegiate

*Congratulations
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École régionale Notre-Dame holds COVID-19 grad

By Becca Myskiw

Saturday, June 20 marked the end of the Grade 12s time at École régionale Notre-Dame.

Nine students who had been with each other since Kindergarten received their diploma on the cool and breezy Saturday.

School director Gisèle Bosc and acting vice principal Jocelyne Toupin gave the speech to the graduates, sending them off with well wishes despite their isolated ending.

"You still managed to maintain a certain courage in the face of the challenges that this pandemic presented you," they said in French. "The lessons learned during this time will certainly help you overcome challenges in your life."

Janelle Dupuis received the Governor General's Medal at Saturday's ceremony along with over 10 other awards.

Bosc and Toupin reminded the grads to remember all the good times they had at École régionale Notre-Dame



Alexander Poudrier received the Division scolaire franco-manitobaine.

and to not let the pandemic stand in the way of their memories.

"We end with a quote," they said. "Dear past, thank you for all the lessons. Dear future, I'm ready!"



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The nine graduates tossed their caps to celebrate the end of high school.

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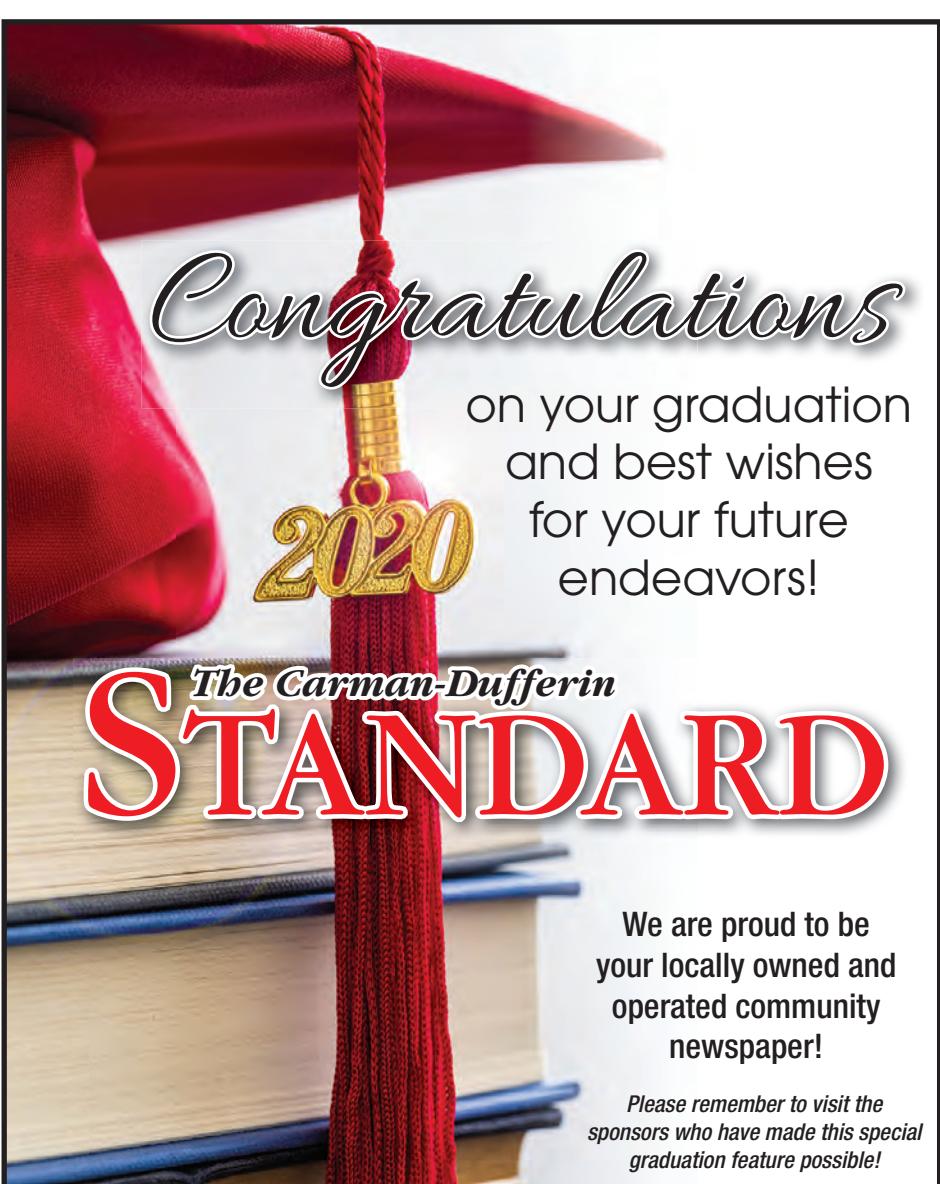
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Congratulations to the 2020 Notre Dame Collegiate Grads



Daniel Boisvert received over three awards, including the Candice Bergen Leadership Award.



Talia Deleurme received two awards, including the Chambre de Commerce Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes.



Janelle Dupuis received over 10 awards, including the Governor General's Medal.

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