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The Riverton & District Friendship Centre had a fabulous turnout to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 with cultural celebrations taking place on the grounds. Guests enjoyed a celebration rich in colour and heritage. Pictured, Tyson Prince performing the chicken dance.

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Tickets on sale for Gimli's Lobsterfest on July 15

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After a three-year COVID-induced pause, the Gimli Rotary Club's Lobsterfest returns to Gimli on July 15 at the Gimli Recreation Centre's curling rink (now, mercifully, air conditioned). Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m.

"We did manage to keep Lobsterfest

alive during those years," said Dave LeBlanc, a Rotary member who has organized this popular fundraising event for many years.

"People ordered lobster from us for pick up and held backyard lobster parties," said LeBlanc.

This year, we can finally tuck in our lobster bibs and get cracking together.

And that makes LeBlanc very happy.

"This is one of the few community events where there is dining and dancing. It's a summertime event that brings the community together — including tourists. And it's lobster!" adds Bob Munro, another longtime Rotarian and Lobsterfest organizer: "It's one day of the year when Rotary gets to meet community and community gets to meet Rotary. And you are getting something for your money. We are not just approaching you hat in hand."

Money raised by the event goes to support a myriad of community projects. Over the past three years, the club has planted 120 trees near the athletic fields and other places they were needed.

It also provides fruit and healthy snacks to students in area schools as well as bursaries for high school graduates totalling \$2,500 annually.

The club's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) sends students to Rotary Camp at Clear Lake to hone their leadership skills.

And the latest project? The club is part of committee raising funds for a youth hub near the Gimli Skate Park. It is intended to be a meeting place for activities and programs and a safe

place to hang out.

Because of Rotary's tireless support for Gimli, businesses are quick to support Lobsterfest in turn by buying tables and donating prizes for silent auctions. This year, the very first auction item the club received was a \$600 tool set from Eddie's Gravel.

High school kids from Interact/Wave youth clubs are helping with setup and cleanup.

LeBlanc comes by his love of lobsters honestly. His grandpa was a lobster fisherman and lighthouse keeper in the Maritimes.

"I traded lobster sandwiches for meat sandwiches at school because, for me, lobster meat was free. We ate lobster almost every day of the week," said LeBlanc.

His love of community comes naturally as well.

"As an RCMP officer, I belonged in a service club in every community I was posted to. It is fine just to be in the community, but my grandparents taught us to go to things in the community with the intention of helping," said LeBlanc.

The 1.5-pound lobsters are cooked

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Residents and visitors of Gimli enjoyed a spectacular fireworks display on the waterfront for Canada Day.

> LOBSTERFEST, FROM PG. 42

fresh in the Maritimes and shipped to Gimli to be steamed to perfection by volunteers.

If you are worried that you don't know the proper way to eat a lobster, LeBlanc promises to give you some

pointers, "but don't worry. We are all going to make a mess anyway."

And if you are still reluctant to try, steaks are also available.

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Eriksdale Creamery Days Fair and Rodeo was jam-packed with fun and entertainment for all ages. It kicked off Saturday morning with a complimentary pancake breakfast sponsored by the RM of West Interlake and prepared by the Eriksdale Fire Department. There was a Canada Day parade, home living exhibits, Heartland Rodeo, tractor pull and live entertainment.



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Parade and picnic



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Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Environment and Climate invites public comment on the following proposal:

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Vidir Vertical Inc. proposes to continue operating a vertical motorized storage carousel, automated material handling, and display systems manufacturing facility at 8126 Road 138 North Arborg in the Rural Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton. The facility designs, manufactures, installs, and services automated material handling equipment. Mitigation measures are in place to manage and control emissions to the environment.

Anyone likely to be affected by the proposal and who wishes to comment, should contact Eshetu Beshada, Senior Environmental Engineer, in writing or by email at Eshetu.Beshada@gov.mb.ca no later than August 7, 2023. Further information is available from the Online Public Registry: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries

Information submitted in response to this proposal is public and will be available to the proponent and placed on the public registry per Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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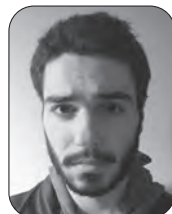
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Statement from Finance Minister Cliff Cullen on Tax Freedom Day

Submitted by Manitoba government

For the second consecutive year, the Fraser Institute has named Manitoba the No. 1 province for Tax Freedom Day, the day of the year when the average individual has earned enough money to pay their taxes. For 2023, Manitoba reached that day on June 6, ahead of all other provinces.

Whether it is filling up the gas tank, buying groceries or cooling a home, the purchases Manitobans make daily are becoming more expensive. As Manitobans continue to face a rising cost of living, providing historic help to make life more affordable for Manitobans remains of critical importance to the Manitoba government.

Introduced in Budget 2023, new and enhanced tax measures will bring Manitoba's personal income taxes in line with other provinces. The changes in personal income tax will allow families to keep more of their income and will attract interprovincial migration to grow the economy.

Incremental savings from all tax breaks, school tax rebates and affordability payments from 2022 to 2024 will total more than \$1.8 billion. That is more than \$5,500 for an average two-income family.

A reduction to Manitoba Hydro fees will have a favourable effect on electricity rates and save ratepayers \$190 this year and more than \$4 billion over the next 20 years. Manitoba Hydro's rate application to the Public Utilities Board is now only an increase of two per cent over each of the next two years, compared to the proposed 3.5 per cent rate increase.

In addition, starting on July 1,

Dog days of summer



EXPRESS PHOTO BY AMANDA CANNON

Temperatures soared over 30 degrees C. making for a hot and humid weekend. Last Saturday at Gimli's Interlake Dragway, two-year-old Loki, a Fila Brasileiro (bloodhound/Brazilian mastiff), tried staying cool on the tailgate with Ruben Schmid, left, and Deborah Sanders from Tyndall. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca.

Manitobans will see an increase in take-home pay on paycheques due to the largest ever enhancement to the basic personal amount to \$15,000. The savings to Manitoba taxpayers in 2023 will total \$311 million, with tax savings up to \$524 for individuals or up to \$1,048 for a two-income family compared to 2022.

In the last year, Manitoba's economy emerged faster and stronger than anyone could have anticipated. Over the last year, we have seen significant economic growth in our province and an

influx of skilled immigration. We see tremendous opportunities ahead with continued improvement in our fiscal position as we work to create the right conditions for sustained economic growth.

Our government remains focused on maintaining a strong, sustainable fiscal foundation that will provide better services to all Manitobans. This includes investing in front-line services and lowering taxes to make life more affordable for Manitobans and more competitive for Manitoba businesses.

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Riverton & District Friendship celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day

The Riverton & District Friendship Centre hosted a vibrant cultural and rich in heritage event to honour National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

Families from all walks of life came together to immerse themselves in the beauty and traditions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis cultures. From lively games and delicious food to mesmerizing performances by talented artists, this celebration was a true testament to unity, resilience and the power of cultural diversity.

Inside the RDFC, a craft creation station awaited eager participants who crafted beautiful dream catchers — a symbol of protection and positivity. Bannock sizzled over

an open fire and 350 Indigenous tacos were served. Michael Esquash, Trinity Handel and Tyson Prince provided the free stage entertainment. The Red Shadow Singers filled the air with soul-stirring melodies while RDFC Jigging Club showcased their impeccable dance moves. The opening prayer was done by Jody Macaig followed by heartfelt greetings from hometown hockey hero Reggie Leach — an inspiration to many aspiring athletes in the community. The celebrations ended on a high note with a joyous round dance where everyone came together hand-in-hand.




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Oh, the places Fisher Branch Collegiate grads are planning to go!

By Patricia Barrett

Fisher Branch Collegiate grads plan to dream big as they step off the Grade 12 stage and head into post-secondary studies and down career paths.

The collegiate and the Lakeshore School Division staff celebrated the success and achievements of 13 graduates during a ceremony held June 24 in the school gym.

Fisher Branch Collegiate vice-principal Donna Gislason, who emceed the celebration, said the grads are a “very high achieving” academic class, with 11 of them entering post-secondary studies this fall and the remaining two to follow in the near future. They plan to become a pharmacist, therapist, social worker, welder, RCMP officer and accountant, among other professions.

Collegiate principal Amanda Garton said she taught the graduating students when they were in Grade 7 and again in Grade 12, and this group “has always had a pretty special place in my heart.”

When they were in Grade 7, Garton said she had them read the book *Miss Bixby’s Last Day*, which features three students who show their favourite teacher — who has cancer and can’t finish the school year — how much she means to them by sneaking her out of the hospital for one last visit. Garton herself was going on maternity leave at the end of their Grade 7 year and didn’t think she’d be teaching them in Grade 8. She didn’t expect there’d be “one last visit” with them.

“They got me to come to the Cougar Den and the whole class shouted, ‘Surprise!’” said Garton. “This was no ordinary surprise party and I wasn’t prepared for what came next. They ushered me into the room while they played my favourite song on their phones, and all the items laid out at the party were the items Miss Bixby said she would like on her last day. They really had outdone themselves. I don’t think I had words; only tears. Not only had they thrown an awesome party, but they connected it to a book. As a teacher, this is what you hope for.”



Principal Amanda Garton presented the Governor General’s Bronze Medal for academic excellence to Rayna Hawkins.

Lakeshore School Division trustee Shaun Lindal said she’s confident the grads are leaving with a solid set of skills and educational proficiency they can draw on as they pursue their life dreams.

“I feel confident that as you move forward away from high school you’ll have a large number of skills that will support the choices you’ve made and your plans and dreams,” said Lindal. “I hope that you will find joy and success in whatever you choose to do and will remember all the people in your life who’ve supported you. After leaving today you’ll have many opportunities in your future.”

Lindal ended her congratulatory address with an inspiring quote from children’s author Dr. Seuss: “Oh, the places you’ll go!”

Teacher and guidance counsellor Amanda Bouchard, whom the grads chose as their guest speaker, said she had the pleasure of working with each graduate over the past 12 years, recalling their first day of kindergarten in 2010 when they were “excited, so adorable and nervous.”

Bouchard encouraged them to follow their dreams and to remember that dreams don’t have deadlines. She dipped into each grad’s Grade 1 memory capsule and recounted some of the dreams and aspirations they had back then.

Those dreams included living in a hotel and being a singer, owning a mansion, continuing on with horse-jumping, enjoying some delicious ribs, living in Lunenburg, N.S., driving a Chevy, becoming a train conductor, and returning to the Philippines because winters in Manitoba “really suck,” said Bouchard as the audience laughed.



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Fisher Branch Collegiate’s graduating class of 2023.

“As five- and six-year-olds, the sky was the limit with your dreams. There wasn’t anything you couldn’t achieve,” she said. “It’s time to head out to your future with the same belief. Never let anyone tell you your dreams are not attainable. Own your dreams. Fan that fire of passion to achieve them and run towards that flame. Do not let anyone extinguish it.”

Bouchard took them further down memory lane with a video featuring photos of each student through the years.

Danielle Lazorak earned Lakeshore’s proficiency award (\$100 and a plaque) for representing the collegiate in a division-sponsored speaking and current events competition. And Rayna Hawkins earned the Governor General’s Academic Medal for having the highest academic average in all Grade 11 and 12 courses.

Hawkins delivered the valedictory address, telling her fellow graduates it’s impossible to see what’s at the end of the road, but each “stride, jump or trip” will prepare them to face whatever lies ahead.



Rayna Hawkins was class valedictorian.



Lakeshore School Division trustee Shaun Lindal.

“Remember that each step you take causes tremors, each breath a gale. A wave hello can be a lifelong friendship. Getting lost may lead you down a different path. Embrace each moment, mistake, success and smile at the places they might bring you,” said Hawkins. “Now that we have broken free of our chrysalis, it’s time for us butterflies to truly take flight.”

The Rural Municipality of Fisher, Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, local organizations and businesses, families and academic institutions provided bursaries and scholarships to help get the grads off to a good start as they enter post-secondary education.

All the Best to
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Principal Amanda Garton presented Danielle Lazorak with the Lakeshore School Division’s Proficiency Award.



Brandt Cochrane (left) presented graduate Troy Shergold with Fisher Branch Collegiate’s Hype Man 2023 award and a scholarship of \$31.25.

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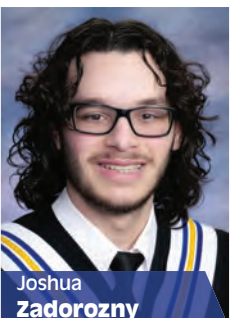
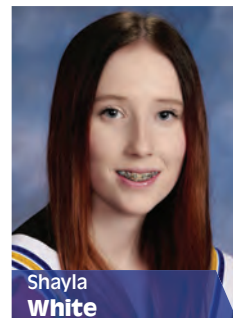
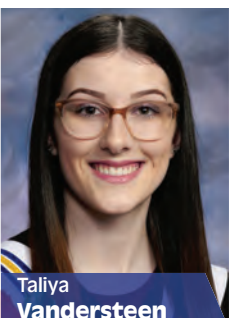
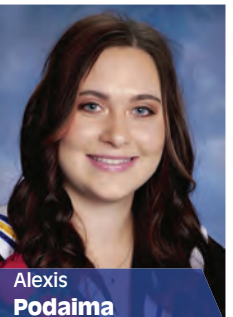
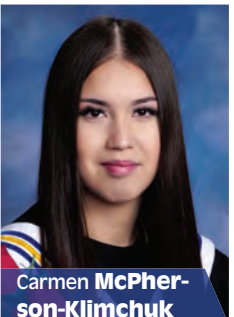
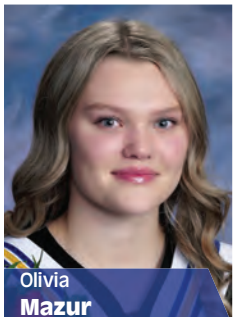
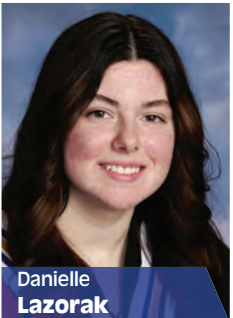
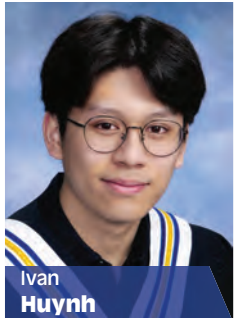
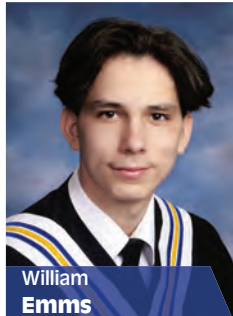


Fisher Branch's graduating class of 2023 toss their caps.



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Arborg Collegiate graduates' limitless potential celebrated

By Patricia Barrett

With faith in their graduates becoming society's future leaders, Arborg Collegiate, the Evergreen School Division and members of the community paid tribute to the graduating class of 2023.

Their success through 12 long years of schooling was recognized during a diploma and awards ceremony held on June 27 at the Arborg Community Hall.

Arborg Collegiate principal Krista Borgfjord said she had the pleasure of teaching the graduating class in Grade 9 and found them to be "wonderful young people" who refined their skills and talents throughout their high school years.

"It's been an enjoyable experience watching this group mature into the young adults you see before you. The past four years haven't always been easy, but these students have all come through in their own way and really stepped up when needed," said Borgfjord. "We had amazing athletes that contributed to zone banners, determined academics striving to excel, fantastic artists invoking feelings through their art, and skilled apprentices working in the community."

Life after high school graduation is an "incredible" time, she said. Graduates can take time to explore what they want to do with their lives, dream, "put it all on the line" and even fail.

"Your opportunities and your potential today are truly limitless. Every challenge will have its highs and lows. It will have aspects that you



Mackenzie Hibbert received the Governor General's Academic Medal.



Kylee Emms-Finsson received the Royal Canadian Legion 161 bursary.

are happy to remember and others you are happy to forget. But every challenge you overcome will only



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Arborg Collegiate 2023 graduates celebrate the end of a chapter with a ceremonial cap toss.



Hayley Fisher, ACI teacher, and Shelley Burak, AEMYS teacher



Arborg Riverton Band & Choral Scholarship recipient Amy Platt and band teacher Stephanie Marks.

strengthen you in the end," she said. "My one piece of advice for you all is to find something you love doing. While money is important to some degree, it's more important to love what you do since you'll spend most of your life working."

ESD Supt. Scott Hill paid tribute to the graduates for having completed high school and offered them some practical life advice. As they leave the safety of the school system where ed-

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Graduates had a red carpet and all to lead them to the stage where they accepted their diplomas.

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ucators had their best interests at heart and allowed them to learn from mistakes, it's important to associate with people who show compassion for others and to surround themselves with people who care about them.

"I don't say that to be melodramatic or to try to scare you," said Hill. "I tell you because it's important that you keep or grow a group of people around you who truly care about you. And I also tell you because it's important for you to be part of someone else's group of caring people, too."

Local organizations, the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, the Town of Arborg, Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, businesses and families, as well as academic institutions, provided generous bursaries and scholarships to graduates.



Kylee Emms-Finnsson with classmate and best friend, Rayna.



Graduates Zenin Stansell and Billy Moroski

CONGRATULATIONS

As you turn the page to the next chapter, the future is yours to write. Fill it with new experiences, good people and rewarding choices that help make the world a better place.

Best wishes to all of the dedicated seniors who are celebrating their graduation this year!

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Kylee Emms-Finnsson on the right, Zen Finnsson facing and Rayna Lea left (back of her).

Graduate Mackenzie Hibbert achieved the highest grade point average in grades 11 and 12 courses and was awarded the Governor General's Academic Medal, the most prestigious high school educational award in Canada.

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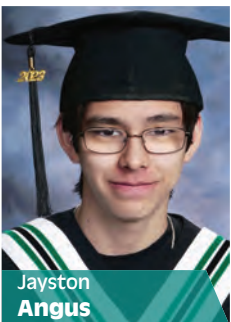


Brody Barylski in his parade car.

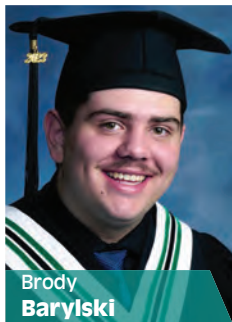


Arborg Collegiate Awards and Scholarships

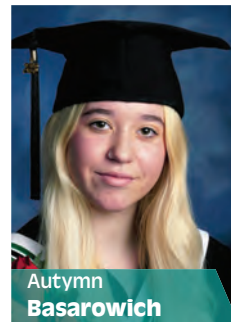
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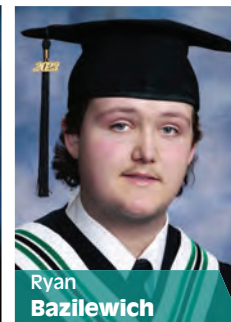
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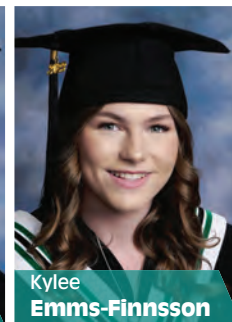
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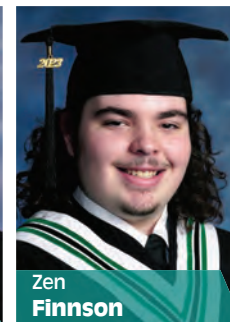
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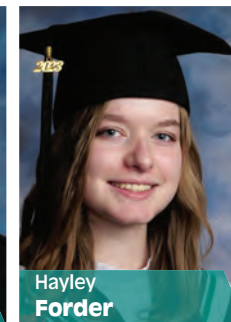
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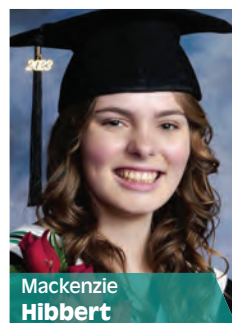
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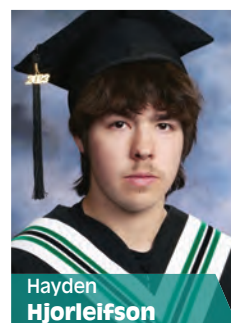
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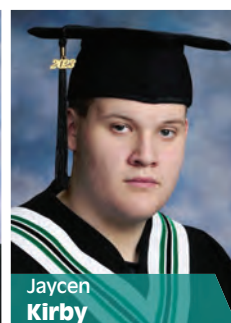
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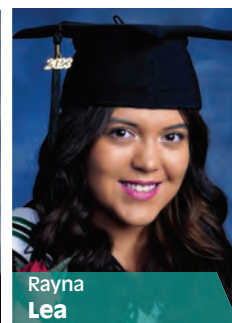
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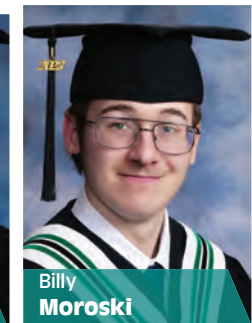
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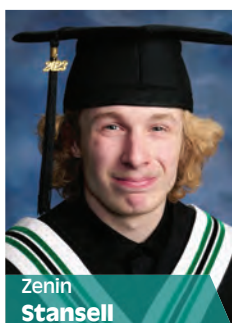
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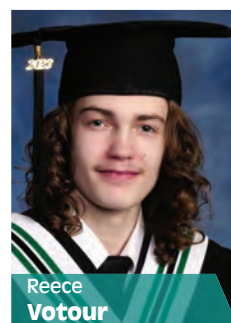
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Congratulations to the
Class of **2023** *Graduates!*

Lundar students overcame challenges to graduate

By Jo-Anne Procter

Graduating from high school is not just an academic accomplishment but a milestone in one's personal growth journey. It takes courage, hard work, resilience and unwavering determination to reach this point. And it's something every graduate should be proud of achieving.

Last Thursday, 20 Lundar graduates were celebrated at an outdoor ceremony where they received their Grade 12 diplomas.

This group of graduates was introduced to high school in Grade 9 and then faced the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic that brought chaos and uncertainty into their lives. However, they didn't lose their spirits and kept their heads high throughout it all. They even managed to carry on with school spirit and enjoy sports during their last year before graduation.

Master of ceremonies Amy Tycoles had the honour of sharing memories and introducing graduates, and principal Lawrence Grzenda presented diplomas while other community sponsors handed out scholarships and awards.

Grzenda read a heartfelt letter congratulating the graduates on their outstanding achievements. He reminded them that they had learned vital skills in school that would help them succeed in the future. These



Abby Beaman receives her diploma from principal Lawrence Grzenda. Beaman was the recipient of the Governor General's Bronze Medal as well as many other scholarships and awards.

include academic abilities, character traits such as determination and resilience, as well as being responsible and having a positive impact on those around them.

As each graduate moves onto their next chapter in life, Grzenda urged them to continue experiencing new things while maintaining positivity and perseverance. He said that by doing so, they would be able to discover what drives passion within themselves, leading to success.

His message was clear: take pride in one's achievements and keep moving forward with passion while learning from experiences.

"Today marks the end of a significant chapter in your life and is the beginning of a new one," he said. "The world needs your talents, your ideas



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Lundar School's graduating class of 2023.



Valedictorians Autumn Hanslip and Loa Thorkelson.

and your passions. So go out there and make an impact and never forget how far you have come. Remember that you alone are the person that can most impact the experiences and the tasks that you do."

Donny Thorkelson, a representative of the Lakeshore School Division, extended congratulations to the gradu-



Samson Szollosi was the recipient of the Craig Pottinger Memorial Bursary. Szollosi will be furthering his education in the medical field.

ates. His message spoke volumes about how each one of them had met the challenges posed by COVID-19 with stoicism and resilience.

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 We wish you continued success as you turn the page to an exciting new chapter. Good luck, and best wishes.
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Fundar's manager Abby Beaman, left, Madison Olafson and Mikki Thorkelson celebrates with an share a hug before the parade.



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Jesse Bindle presents his father with a rose during the Rose Ceremony.

He said as they enter a new phase in their lives that will require even more grit and de-



Madison Monkman-Pagee and Tyson Nikkel parade down Main Street.



Keaton Burke with roses to present to guests that supported him through the years.

termination, with this proven power within them, they can overcome any obstacle and lead themselves toward success.

Valedictorians Autumn Hanslip and Loa Thorkelson congratulated fellow graduates and reminisced about their shared school years. As graduation is a time for celebration, it is also a reflection on the obstacles and challenges that came along with this journey.

Hanslip thanked family and teachers for the never-ending love and support, specifically to the teachers who gave them another home. "Thank you for taking care of us and giving us a place to learn and grow as individuals," she said.

"As we leave here today and enter into this new and scary world, hold on to who you are," she encouraged. "Hold on to your spunk; hold on to your drive, your tenacity and beauty. Never let this big world define and change you because we are each unique."

Thorkelson thanked her peers for the great memories and for being some of the strongest and funniest people in the world.

"Finding out who you are or who you want to be is not for the faint of heart, but we have done it," she said. "We have accomplished this while the world was in chaos and if we can do that, I do not see what we can't do. We have made it this far and no one can take that away from us."

Graduates received roses along with their diplomas and awards. Each grad took a moment to present the roses to people who supported them through their school years as Tim McGraw's song "Humble and Kind" played.

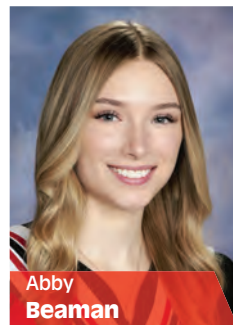
The community watched the class of 2023 parade down Main Street. They also took a memorable stroll through the Lundar Personal Care Home before attending a dinner and dance.

Lundar Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

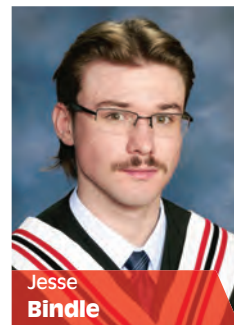
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Samantha Miller Loa Thorkelson	Eriksdale Legion Scholarship And Bursary Lakeshore Teachers' Association Scholarship Lundar Legion Scholarship Subject Award Medal - Chemistry
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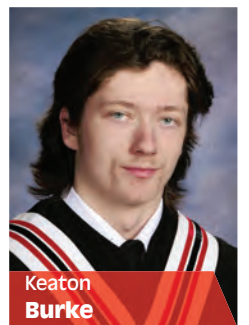
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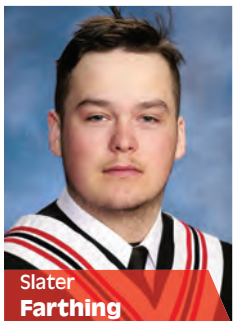
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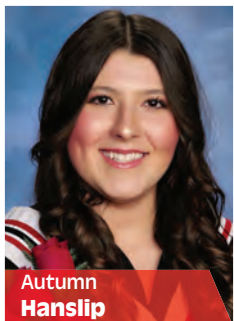
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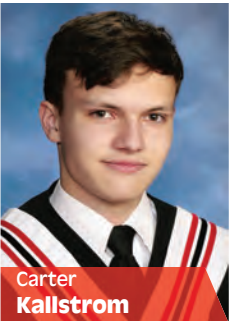
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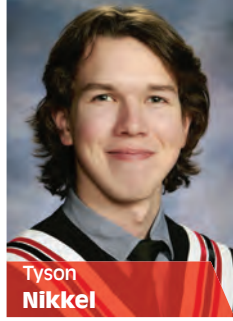
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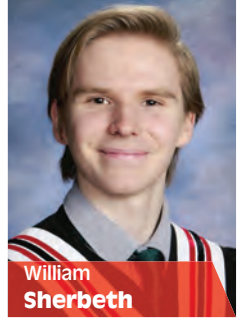
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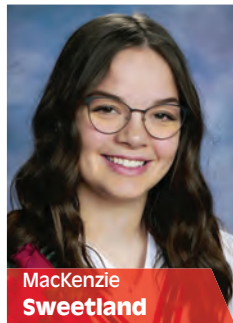
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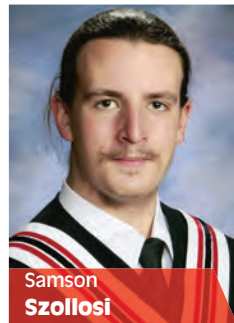
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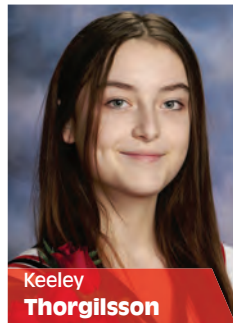
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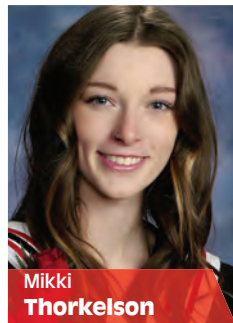
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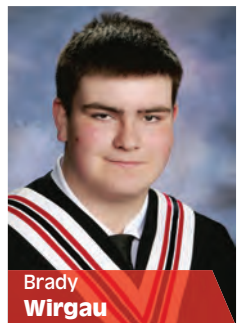
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Gimli High School grads destined to achieve great things

By Patricia Barrett

Although Gimli High School's graduating class of 2023 walked away with their high school diplomas tucked under their arms, they have no plans to rest on their laurels.

The graduates celebrated their achievement on June 28, feeling assured they're headed into a future that will see them achieve great things.

The high school held two graduation ceremonies in the school gym to accommodate a large class of 67 graduates. The ceremonies were attended by an enthusiastic audience of family and friends who whooped and cheered when each graduate was lauded for his/her achievement.

Principal Leona Groot singled out groups of grads and individuals who exemplified a range of different skills and interests that will serve them well in their future endeavours.

They included the adult students who showed great determination to earn their diplomas; the grad heads who got things done while organizing their graduation ceremony; the artists who were inspired by their art teacher to be creative; the workers who took on apprenticeships and internships; the musicians who learned to perform and express a range of emotion; the mechanics, metal workers and carpenters destined to build new com-

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Principal Leona Groot presented Jordan Selkirk with the Governor General's Academic Medal.



Leif Robak, left, and Adam Vigfusson delivered the valedictory address, congratulating fellow graduates for their achievements.



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Vice-principal and teacher Shelly Dankochik turns the tassel on a student's cap, officially pronouncing her a graduate.

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 munities; the school's "worker bee" who helped keep the school clean; the "kind and caring" student who always said good morning to everyone; the "stellar" academics who took learning to new heights; the athletes, the adventurers and the "quiet" students who went about achieving their goals with little fanfare.

"I wish you well as you move forward in life after high school," said Groot. "Life will not always be easy, but our hope is that we have supported you in becoming educated enough to choose wisely whatever career you are passionate about, resilient enough to deal with the adversities that life is sure to throw your way, and thoughtful enough to use your talents and skills to become the best person you can become."

Evergreen School Division Supt. Scott Hill said it's commonly believed

that educated people have a number of traits that include being curious and open-minded, the drive to try hard, an ability to bounce back when things go sideways, and are courageous, compassionate and self-knowing. Many of these attributes are apt descriptions of the graduates who earned their place on stage. But there's also a component of self-learning in which students learn from family, friends, the community and their workplaces, as well as through travel experiences, books and music.

Hill asked the grads to reflect for a moment and be grateful to "all the people here who have been helping to educate you."

Graduates Leif Robak and Adam Vigfusson delivered the valedictory address, telling their fellow students that they'll surely achieve what they set out to do as they move along life's journey, and that their "outstanding class of gifted individuals" has the fortitude and drive to take on future challenges.

"These past four years have been filled with hardships and adversity. But through it all we've not only gotten by, we've managed to flourish," they said. "When we entered Gimli High School four years ago, we were just immature kids. Now as I look

upon you all we are strong young adults destined to achieve great things."

They said high school was about more than just academic achievement and overcoming challenges posed by the COVID pandemic. It included socializing and making lifelong friendships. When they look back in 30 years' time, they want their classmates to cherish the "precious memories" they made together.

Robak and Vigfusson thanked Groot and their teachers — including teachers at Winnipeg Beach School, Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School and Dr. George Johnson Middle School — for supporting them along the way, as well as school trustees and parents.

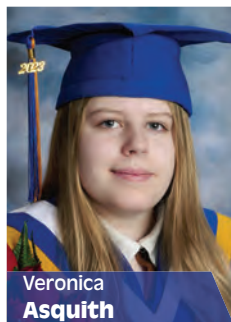
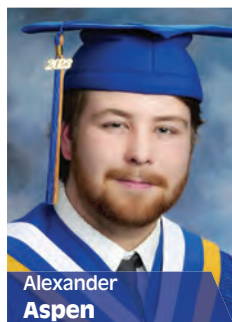
Graduate Jordan Selkirk earned the Governor General's Academic Medal for achieving the highest grade point average in Grade 11 and 12 courses.

After the presentation of diplomas and awards, the graduates held a boisterous parade through Gimli, cheered on by well-wishers along the streets. They headed to the beach for class photos before enjoying their graduation dinner and party.

The RM of Gimli, RM of St. Andrews, Town of Winnipeg Beach and RM of Armstrong, Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, local organizations and businesses, families and academic institutions provided bursaries and scholarships to help the grads pursue post-secondary education.

Gimli 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Tyra Angus	RM of Gimli Award, UM Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship - Tier 1 Larry and Helen Kristjanson Bursary, Kristine Kristofferson Memorial Bursary, St. Michaels Catholic Women's League Scholarship Camp Morton Ladies Aid Scholarship
Sofiya Balaban	Robert Arnason Memorial Bursary, UM Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship - Tier 1, Chown Scholarship, BBP Music Scholarship , Westshore Foundation Scholarship
Mitchell Baker	Manitoba School Boards Award, RM of Gimli Award UM Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship - Tier 1 Kiwanis Key Club of Gimli Scholarship
Rhianne Clark	Derek Johnson Citizenship Award, Valley Fiber / Commstream Award, Gimli Legion #182 Scholarship
Noah de Meyer	Quarry Physio Scholarship, Gimli District Health Authority Scholarship Nicholas Melnychuk Award, University of Calgary Entrance Scholarship
Owen de Meyer	Schulich Nominee (Recognition), Peter Froese Legacy Scholarship University of Calgary Entrance Scholarship, Evergreen School Division Award
Emily Friesen	Tim and Delphine Arnason Scholarship, Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary Scholarship, Lakeside Lions Club Academic Award, UM Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship - Tier 2, Town of Winnipeg Beach Scholarship, Evergreen Band Booster Scholarship, WPG Beach Legion BR #61 Scholarship Evergreen Teacher's Association Award, Town of Winnipeg Beach Scholarship
Nicole Grushka Cade Helstrom Mary Johnston	RM of St. Andrews Award, UM Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship - Tier 1 Rotary Club of Gimli Scholarship, Sigurbjorg Stefansson UM Entrance Scholarship, Westshore Foundation Scholarship
Tucker Knuston-Black Brady Michaluk	RM of Armstrong Award Evergreen School Division Award St. Michaels Catholic Women's League Scholarship
Amber Peterson Rhiannon Roberts	RM of Gimli Award, Gimli Legion #182 Scholarship CUPE Local 3164 Scholarship WPG Beach Legion Ladies Auxiliary #61 Scholarship
Tyler Roberts Leif Robak	Hailey Dugay Memorial Scholarship RM of Gimli Award, Lifetouch Canada Award, Harold AC Johnson Chemistry Scholarship, UM Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship - Tier 1, Rotary Club of Gimli Scholarship, Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary Scholarship , Gimli District Health Authority Scholarship, Gimli Legion #182 Scholarship, Hnusa Harbour Authority Scholarship , Westshore Foundation Scholarship Camp Morton Ladies Aid Scholarship, BBP Music Scholarship
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Jacob Senga Jordan Selkirk	Evergreen School Division Award Skuli Johnson English Scholarship, EBN Community Service Award UM Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship - Tier 1 Evergreen Band Booster Scholarship
Liz Valdes-Medina	Manitoba Nurses Local #51 Bursary, Gimli Senior's Resource Council Scholarship, Viking Masonic Lodge Scholarship , UM Hogg Centennial Entrance Scholarship - Tier 3
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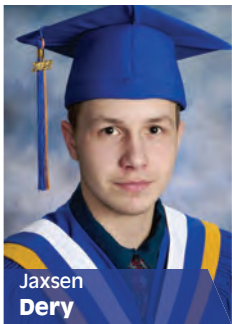
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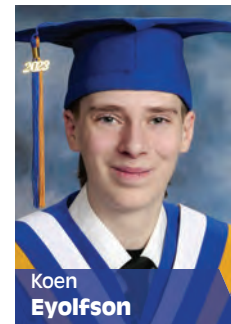
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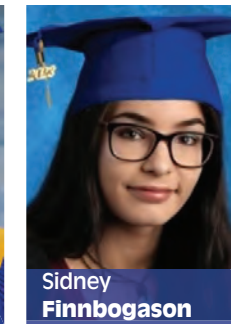
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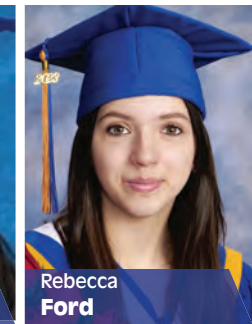
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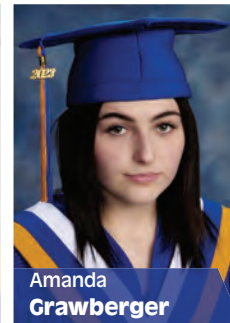
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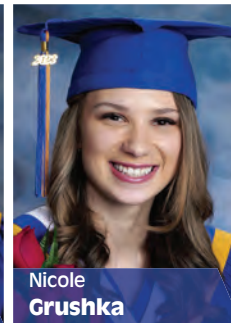
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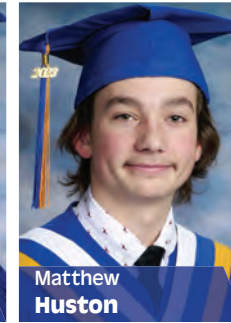
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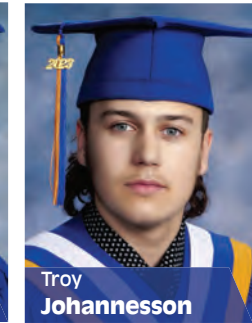
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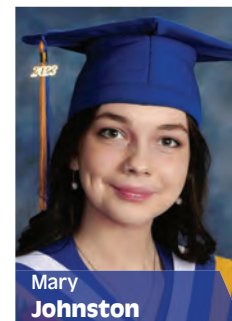
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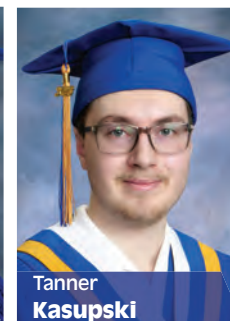
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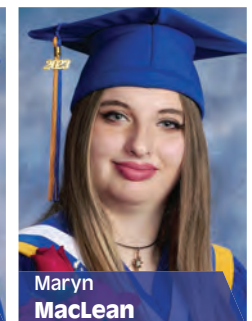
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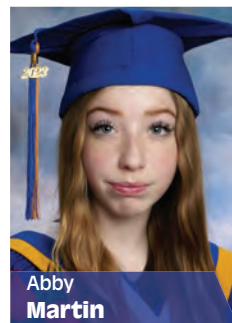
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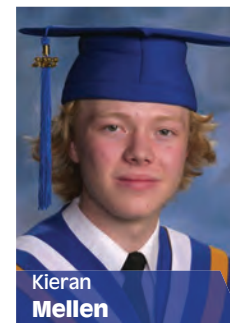
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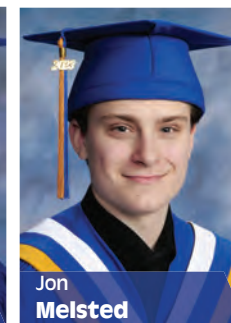
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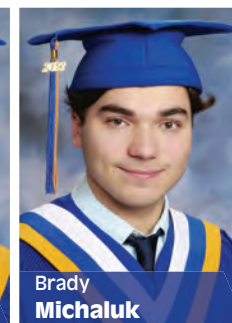
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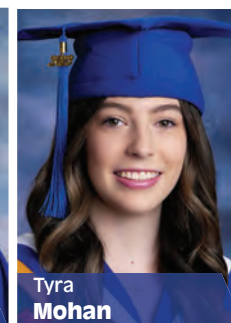
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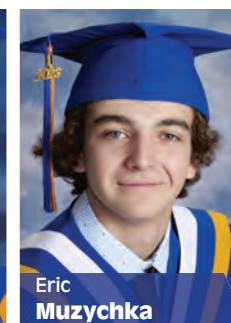
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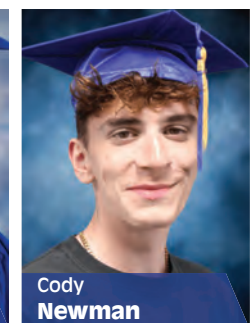
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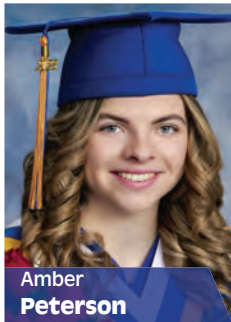
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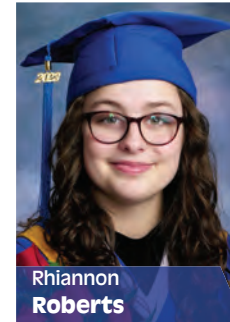
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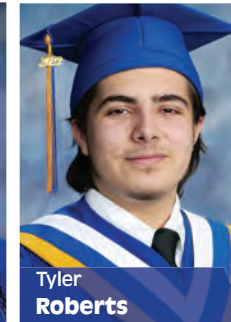
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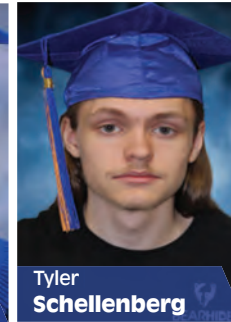
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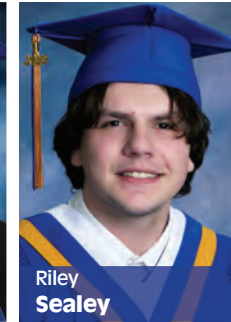
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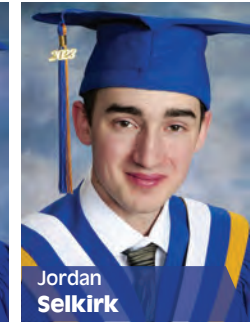
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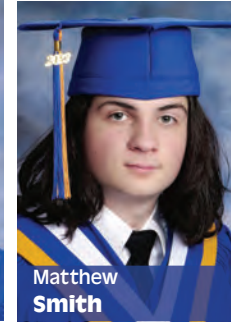
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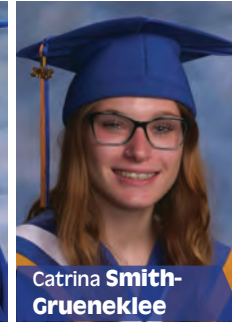
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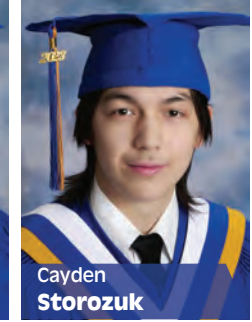
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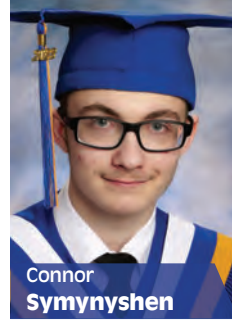
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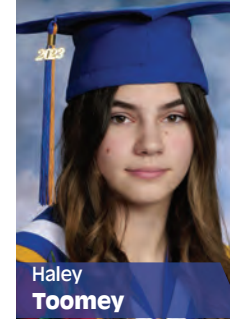
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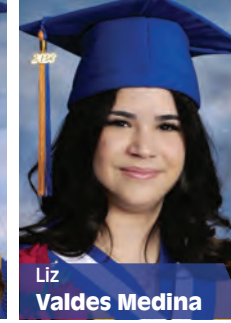
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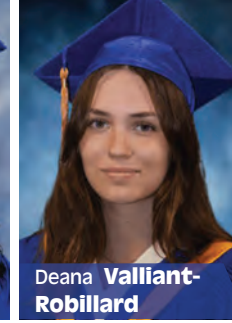
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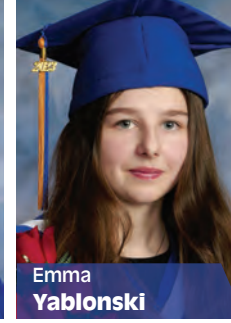
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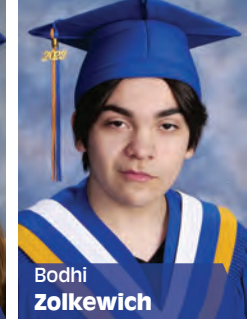
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Riverton Collegiate grads can do anything they set their minds to

By Patricia Barrett

Riverton Collegiate graduates walked away from high school last week confident in their ability to achieve anything they set their minds to.

The high school and the Evergreen School Division celebrated the grads' success during a diploma and awards ceremony held June 26 at the Riverton Hall where family and friends cheered them on.

As the graduates start the transition to life beyond the familiarity and comfort of the collegiate's walls, principal Erin Furgala provided some words of wisdom and inspiration.

She recognized the grads for putting in years of hard work and having commitment and determination to earn their diplomas despite some ups and downs along the way, which included the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic and serious societal issues. And as they move through life, they, like everyone else, will have to face difficult situations from time to time.

"Graduates, the years of your high school experience have been riddled with adversity, with global events including the COVID-19 pandemic, economic hardships and racial in-

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Riverton's class of 2023: Cory Martin Adam, Keegan Barkman, Onyx Bonkowski, Katie Collins, Shanice Cook-Thomas, Melissa Helgason, Tessy Hudson-Dyck, John Jonasson, Landon Keller-Gislason, Camry Kornelsen, Olivia Magnusson, Morgan Marks, Brody Maxwell, Kyla McKay-KaKegamic, Jared Podlaski, Blake Rundle, Juel Sigurdson, Linda Spigiel, Cameron Urquhart, Deanna Kitsch, Miranda Gislason, Enda Green and Precious Mitchell.



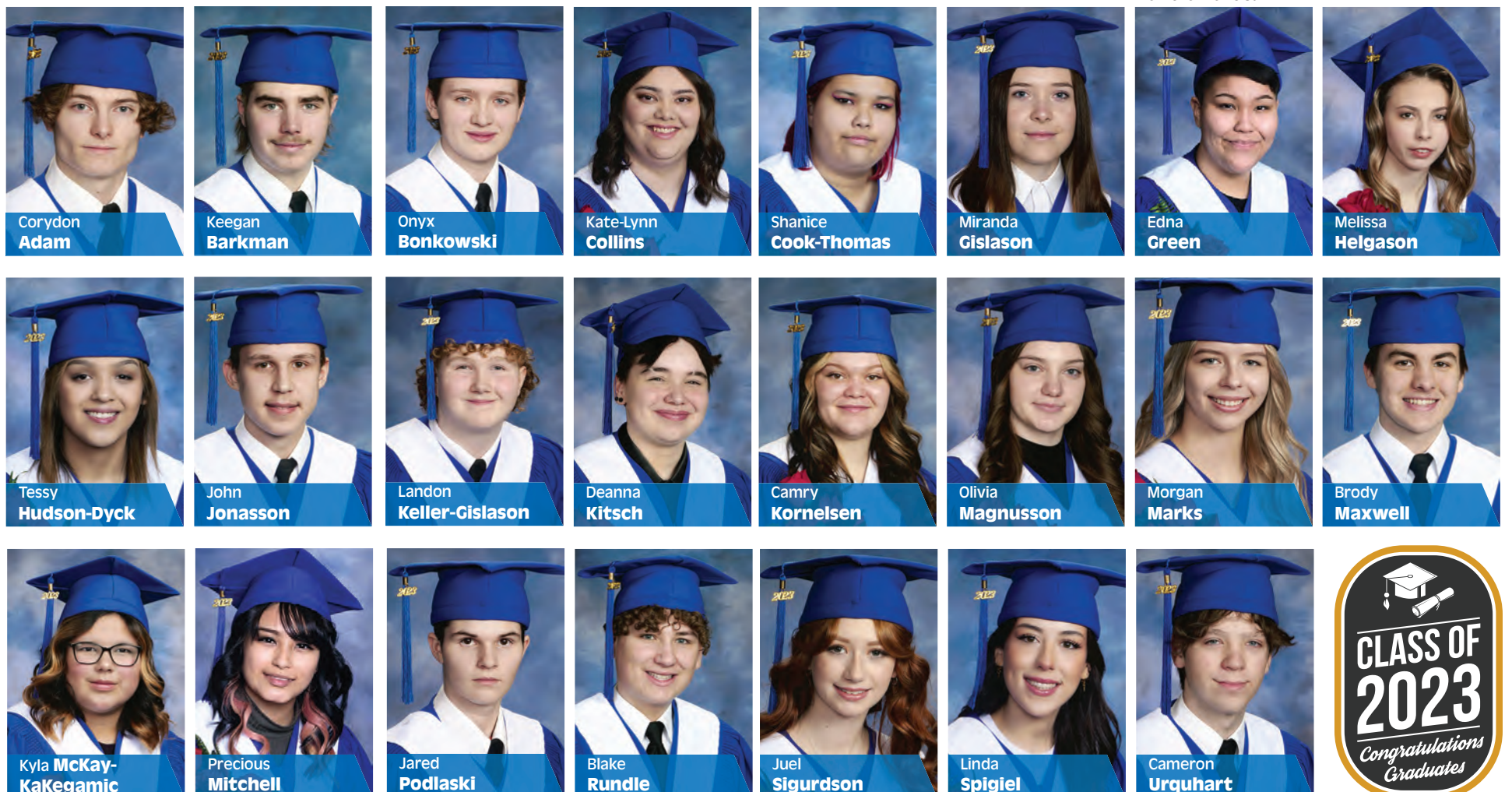
Erin Furgala presented Juel Sigurdson with the Governor General's Academic Medal.



The Sophie Hurdal Memorial Bursary was presented to Onyx Bonkowski.



Linda Spigiel celebrates her diploma and awards.





Superintendent/CEO Scott Hill addresses the Riverton graduates.

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justices,” said Furgala. “What does it mean to cope with adversity? It means that you effectively deal with a very difficult situation; it means you either work through or work around problems in a way that keeps your life in balance. Overcoming adversity is about taking an honest look at your own knowledge and skills, acknowledging your shortcomings and working to improve them every day.”

In addition to utilizing their inner strength to deal with adversity, Furgala said resilience includes reaching out to others for support and developing a sense of belonging.

Creating key connections with others — a basic human need — will help the grads live a more fulfilled

life, she said, and that entails face-to-face interactions rather than social media, which studies have shown to be harmful in some ways, including its ability to “disconnect” people from themselves, from others and from nature.

“In today’s age we live busy lives, trying to strike a balance between work, school, hobbies, self-care and more. Often, our social connections fall by the wayside,” said Furgala. “But connecting with others is more important than you might think. Social connection can lower anxiety and depression, help us regulate our emotions, lead to higher self-esteem and empathy, and actually improve our immune systems. By neglecting our need to connect, we put our health at risk.”



Riverton Collegiate grads Morgan Marks, Camry Kornelsen, Keegan Barkman, Olivia Magnusson and Tessy Hudson-Dyck.

She told the grads that they’re braver than they believe, smarter than they think and “loved more” than they know, and that they should take pride in how far they’ve come and have faith in how far they can go.

Evergreen School Division Supt. Scott Hill said the division’s overall mission is to help students learn to become contributing citizens of a democratic society, with the freedom to make mistakes and learn from them.

“Graduates, we’ve tried to make your school experience one in which you were able to make many mistakes, in a safe place and among people who care about you, and for you to learn from those mistakes,” said Hill. “This ability to safely make and learn from mistakes may get a bit trickier as you move into adulthood without a group of people like this group here today surrounding you.”

He encouraged the grads to stick with people who care for them and care for others as that’ll provide them with a solid support system as they venture out into the world.

“Keep or grow a group of people around you who truly care about you,” said Hill. “It’s important for you to be part of someone else’s group of caring people, too.”

Graduate Juel Sigurdson, who earned the Governor General’s Academic Medal for having the highest grade point average in Grade 11 and

12 courses, delivered the valedictory address.

She saluted her fellow grads for achieving their diplomas and for the lessons they learned from each other.

“Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the start of the next, that chapter being the rest of our lives. This is incredibly exciting and some of us have it all figured out. But I want you to know if you haven’t, that’s OK, too. When we do have it all figured out, I know this amazing group of graduates will achieve success in whatever we decide to pursue,” said Sigurdson. “I believe this because over the years I have spent with this class, we have become a family of beautiful, caring, extraordinary young adults, and we can do anything we set our minds to.”

Sigurdson thanked the grads’ family and friends and the community for their support. And she paid tribute to the “incredible staff” at Riverton Collegiate for having their best interests at heart.

“We wouldn’t be standing here today without all the amazing lessons they have shared with us. We have been lucky enough to be supported and pushed to achieve success in our Manitoba education,” said Sigurdson.

“We will not only take the educational lessons we have learned, but all of the life lessons we have been taught throughout the years, and we’ll cherish those lessons for the rest of our lives.”

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, local organizations, businesses, families, academic institutions and Berens River and Poplar River First Nations provided bursaries and scholarships to help the grads pursue future educational goals.

Riverton Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Graduate	Award
Kyla McKay-Kakegamic	Arborg Riverton Band & Choral Bursary
Linda Spigiel	Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Bursary
	Derek Johnson Citizen Scholarship
	Elements CTS Scholarship
	Westshore Community Foundation Award
	UM Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship
Camry Kornelsen	Erosion Control Award
	Katelyn Friesen Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Marks	Margrèt Bjarnason Memorial Scholarship (Canada Iceland Foundation)
	Margaret Johnson Memorial Bursary
	C.U.P.E 3164 Scholarship
	Elements CTS Scholarship
Miranda Gislason	Interlake Auto & Tractor Parts Award
Katie Collins	Jarred Gislason Award for Sustainable Community Development
Onyx Bonkowski	Sophie Hurdal Bursary (The Winnipeg Foundation)
	Evergreen School Division Award
	Riverton Co-op Bursary
	UM Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship
Juel Sigurdson	U of M Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship
	Arborg Agricultural Society Scholarship
	Evergreen Teacher’s Association Scholarship
	Governor General’s Academic Medal
Brody Maxwell	Stefan V. and Run Sigurdson (The Winnipeg Foundation)
	Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Bursary
	Elements CTS Scholarship
	Evergreen School Division Award
John Jonasson	Berger Peat Moss Bursary
Olivia Magnusson	Riverton Elks #530 Bursary
	Hnausa Harbour Authority
	Elements CTS Scholarship
Tessy Hudson-Dyck	Berens River First Nation Community
Edna Green	Poplar River First Nation Community
Precious Mitchell	Poplar River First Nation Community

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Ashern community celebrates 2023 grads

By Jennifer McFee

The pride was palpable when the procession of Ashern grads took their places during their convocation ceremony at the community's hall.

On Saturday, June 24, crowds gathered at Ashern Centennial Hall to celebrate the 2023 graduating class of Ashern Central School.

The 27 graduates rose for a rendition of *O Canada* and then listened attentively to a congratulatory address from Lakeshore Supt. Darlene Willetts.

"Over the years, you've grown not only academically but also as individuals. You've forged friendships that will last a lifetime, experienced both triumphs and setbacks, and discovered your passions and interests," she said.

"And let's not forget those unforget-



Governor General's Award winner Katherine Gagaluk.



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Congratulations to Ashern's graduating class of 2023: Kobe Anderson-Shorting, Nicky Eiriksson, Katherine Gagaluk, Warrick Gunther, Kierra Hickman, Andrew Johnson, Keyra Johnson, Miranda Kehler, Mishayla Kehler, Porter Kehler, Kaden Kippen, Morgan Mantik, Aviah Marsden, Patrick McIvor, Brenna Nickel, Darby Pischke, Mirlynn Pruden, Samantha Reykdal, Isaiah Richard, Braylynn Rudolph, Jonah Shorting, Shane Sisson, Zoie Spence, Kiara Stark, George Taylor, Kaydence Tindall and Chardonnay Veroneau.

table school moments — the activities, the hilarious inside jokes and the un-

Ashern Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Non-Graduate Name	Award	Donor
Carrie Gibson	ACS Appreciation Award	Ashern Central School
Landen Kiesman	Electricity/Electronics 40S	Rhoda Freeman
Kalder McPherson	Vehicle Systems Part 1 40S	Ashern Otto Shop Inc
RJ O'Sullivan	Essential Math 40S	Talbot & Associates
Graduate Name	Award	Donor
Nicolas Eiriksson	Second Highest Academic in Automotive Technology	Whitetail & Walleye Game & Fish Association
	Second Highest Academic in Automotive Technology	Bumper to Bumper
	Valedictorian	Ashern Elks
Katherine Gagaluk	Governor General Award	Ashern Esso
	Pre-Calculus 40S	Sharptail Motor Inn
	Top Academic	Graymont Western Canada
Warrick Gunther	Entering College/University	ACS Band Program
	Music 40S	Moosehorn Community Club
	Musical Achievement Award	KCL General Repairs
	Electricity/Electronics 40S	Rhoda Freeman
Kierra Hickman	Biology 40S	Rhoda Freeman
	Physics 40S	Rhoda Freeman
	Drama 40S	North Interlake ATV Club
	French 40S	RM of Siglunes Scholarship in Memory of Lorne Park
	History 30F	Alf Cuthbert PAC
	Top Female Athlete	Lakeshore School Division
	Lakehsore Proficiency Award	David Pischke Memorial Fund
	Deserving Student	Carl Szczerski & Family
	Scheske Family Award	The late Eric & Hilda Hjartarson
	Drug & Alcohol Abuse Award	Derek Johnson, MLA
	Derek Johnson Citizenship Award	ACS Staff
	Student Leadership Award	Ashern Petro
	Second Highest Academic	West Interlake Watershed District
Andrew Johnson	Entering College/University	Moosehorn Consumers Co-op
	ELA Transactional Focus 40S	Camper Hall
	Most Improved	Bumper to Bumper
	Top Academic in Automotive Technology	International Brotherhood of Boilermakers
	Top Academic in Automotive Technology	A.M. Bruce Drilling
Keyra Johnson	Family Studies 40S	In Memory of Linda Fletcher
	Entering a helping profession	Lakeshore Teachers' Association
	Entering College/University	Ashern Legion
	Most Congenial	Rhoda Freeman
Miranda Kehler	Deserving Student	Ashern Insurance Agencies
Mishayla Kehler	Top Male Athlete	Ashern McMunn & Yates
Porter Kehler	Top Academic	Dodd's Siding
Kaden Kippen	Woodworking 40S	North Interlake ATV Club
Morgan Mantik	Future in Agriculture	Rhoda Freeman
Brenna Nickel	Visual Arts 40S	Ashern Elks
	Excellence in the Arts	Camper Hall
	Valedictorian	Rhoda Freeman
Isaiah Richard	Most Improved	Ashern Elks
Jonah Shorting	Perserverance Award	Camper Hall
Shane Sisson	Future in Agriculture	Rhoda Freeman
Zoie Spence	Deserving Student	Dodd's Siding
Kiara Stark	Foods & Nutrition 40S	In Memory of Linda Fletcher
George Taylor	Deserving Student	Ashern Chicken Chef
Kaydence Tindall	Dual Diploma in Apprenticeship - Motor Vehicle Body Repairer	Ashern Eye Care - Dr. Robert Yale
		Roadrunners Auto

The Governor General's Medal, established 1873, recognizes students who have achieved the highest academic average. On behalf of the Governor General of Canada, we are pleased to announce Katherine Gagaluk as the 2023 recipient.

forgettable field trips. It's these memories that will stay with you long after you walk out those doors today."

She offered the grads a few sage suggestions as they step towards the next stage of life: embrace change, never stop learning, be kind and follow your passion.

"As I look out at this sea of talented, ambitious young individuals, I have no doubt that each and every one of you has the potential to make a positive impact on the world," Willetts said.

"You have the power to shape the future, to break barriers and to create a better tomorrow."

She congratulated the class of 2023 and commended them for earning their moment in the spotlight.

"May your futures be filled with endless possibilities, and may you always remember the lessons you've learned here," Willetts said. "Go forth and conquer the world."

Then principal Tracey Kinkead took the stage to deliver some heartfelt reflections on the bittersweet nature of graduation day.

"It's an ending to places, routines and relationships — and it's a beginning for what all those things will now become. There's sadness for things

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Kierra Hickman received the Proficiency Award.

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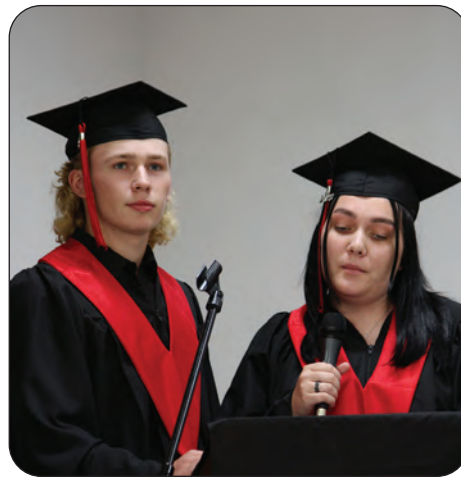
we wish didn't need to end. There's anticipation, excitement and uncertainty for what comes next," she said.

"Above all, on this day, there's the celebration and honouring of what you've worked to accomplish over these past four years. The achievement of your 30 credits and receiving this diploma opens the door for you to now choose what you want to do next in life."

At the same time, Kinkead acknowledged the impact of the pandemic on their high school experience.

"These young people are here on this stage today because of their hard work and dedication. They have faced restrictions and disruptions to school. They have faced the removal of sports, music and fun. They have faced nothing but a video screen — and they persevered and they succeeded," she said.

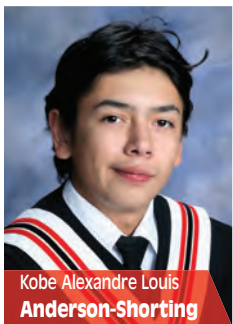
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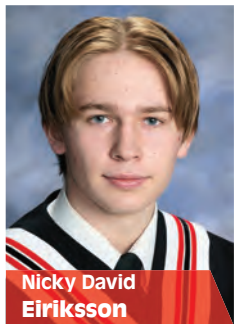
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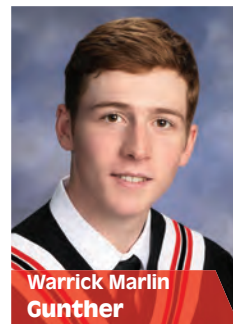
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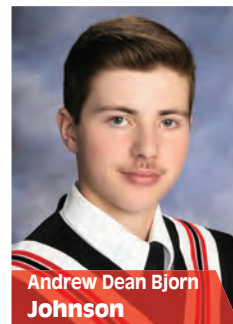
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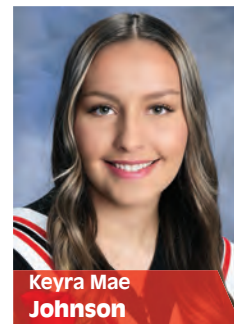
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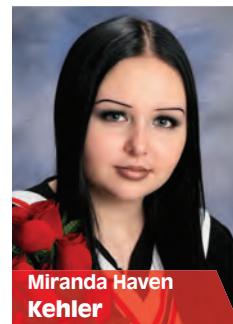
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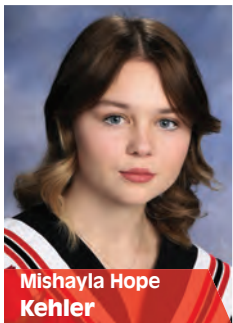
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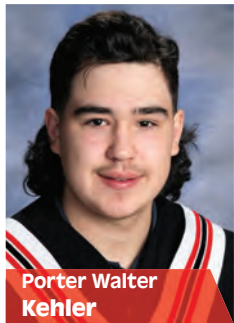
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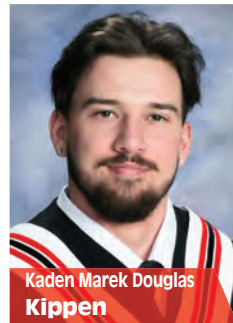
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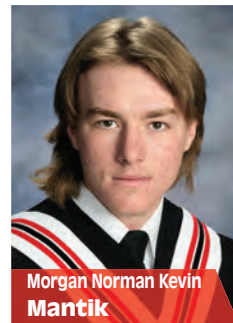
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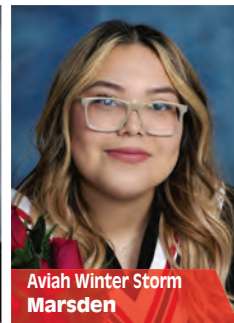
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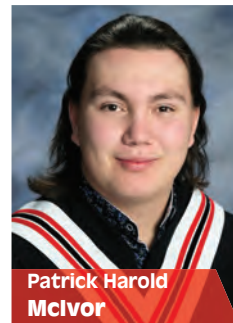
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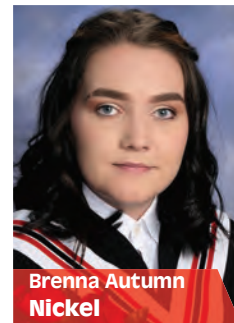
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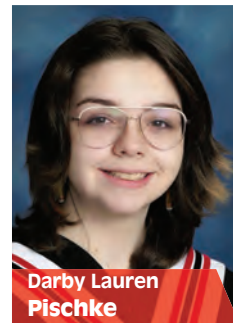
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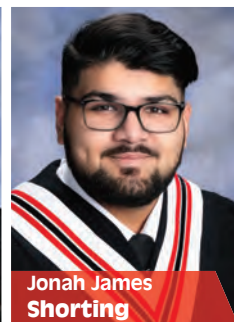
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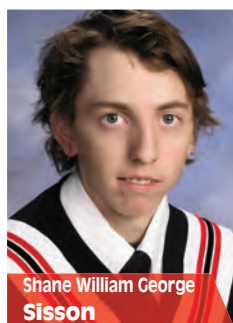
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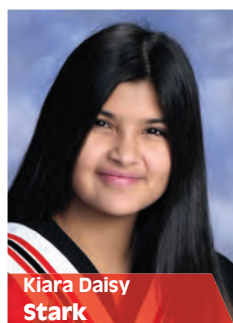
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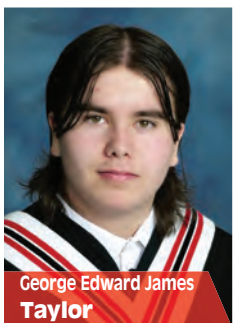
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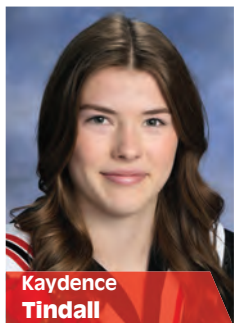
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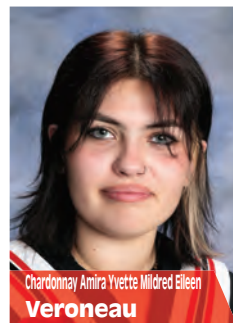
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“Now they’re leaving us for the next stage in their lives. They do so with the foundation they’ve gained here, and they do so with their natural gifts and talents, of which this particular group has many. On this stage are musicians, actors, athletes, scientists, writers, builders, fixers, inventors — and they are only just beginning to realize those strengths that will lead them to the next arena they’ll have the opportunity to enter.”

She encouraged the grads to bravely enter the arena of life without waiting for the perfect moment to embark on new adventures.

“Don’t wait until you feel confident that you can’t fail. I don’t believe that time ever comes for most of us, and if you wait for perfect, all those beautifully imperfect learning opportunities will pass you by,” Kinkead said.

“These last four years have been a foundation to prepare you for what is next, but it’s just the start of what will be a lifetime of learning — and what that next learning will be now becomes yours to choose.”

In parting, she shared her wish for all the

Ashern graduates on their important day. “Find what you love and do it well,” Kinkead said. “Walk into the arena, show up and dare greatly.”

Next, valedictorians Brenna Nickel and Nicky Eiriksson shared a speech filled with gratitude for the parents, teachers and friends who helped them along the way to this milestone moment. They reflected on memories and fun times of their years with their peers, eliciting smiles and laughter — and maybe even a few tears for proud parents and grandparents.

The ceremony continued with a slideshow presentation and a video address from the teachers.

After that, the graduates were called to the stage to receive their well-earned diplomas and awards. Kierra Hickman received the Proficiency Award, and Katherine Gagaluk earned the Governor General’s Award with an impressive average of 94.1 per cent.

Then, for the first time in three years, the graduates had the chance to enjoy a celebratory dinner at the hall. Families shared the delicious meal together with the graduates,



Ashern’s graduating class line up for the official ceremony.

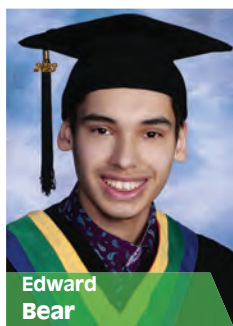
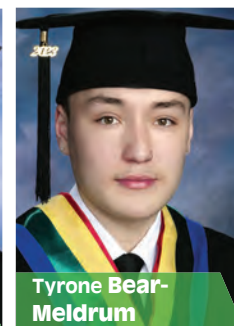
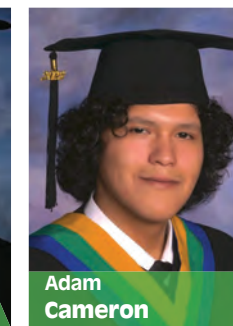
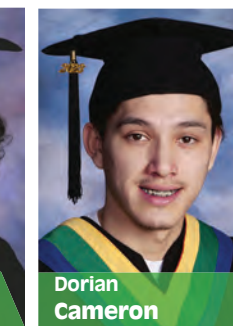



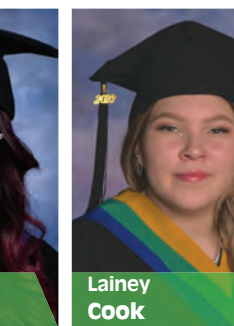
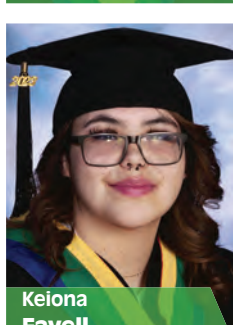
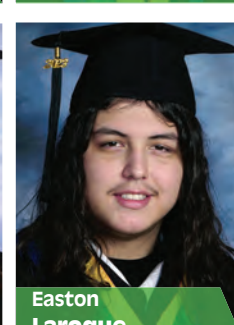






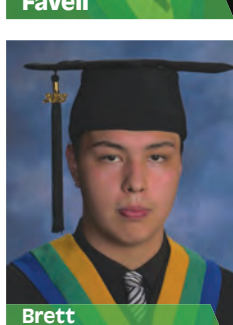
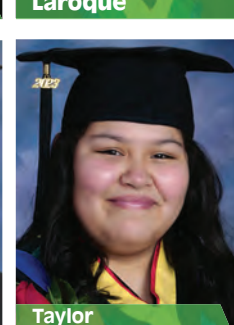






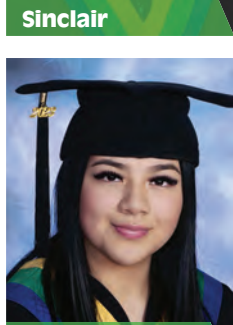
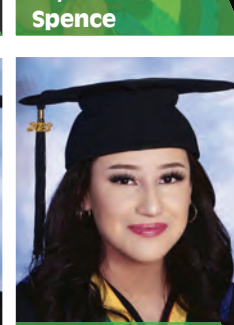
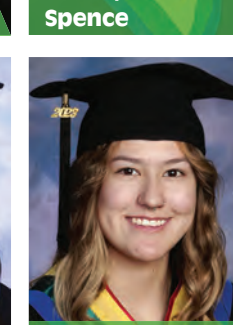
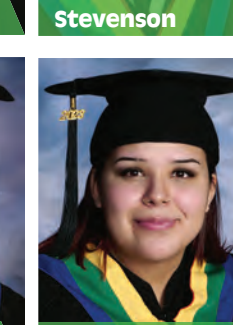

who were dressed to impress in sharp suits and colourful gowns.

On behalf of the parents, Jason Nickel shared some wise words with the grads, including his daughter Brenna, garnering giggles from the crowd.

To wrap up the festivities, the graduates took over the hall for their Safe Grad party, which surged with energy until the wee hours of the morning.

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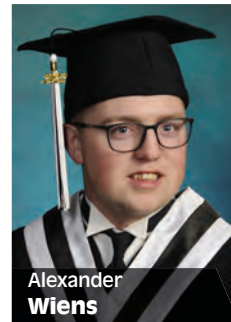
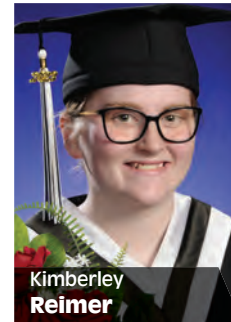
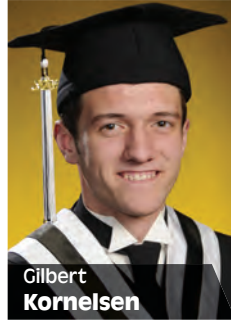


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Board chair Lewis Kornelsen presents Gilbert Kornelsen, right, with his high school diploma from Interlake Mennonite Fellowship School in Okno. In the background, school principal Byron Dueck.

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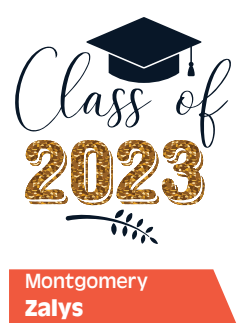
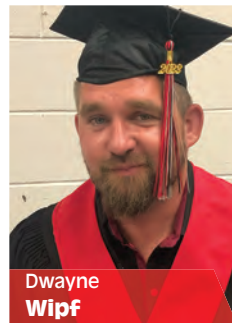
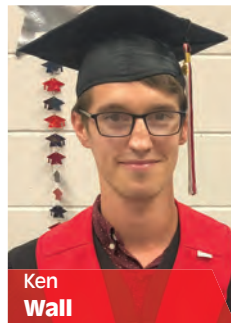
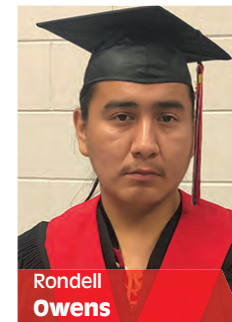
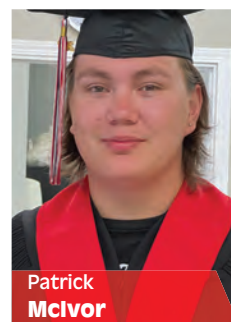
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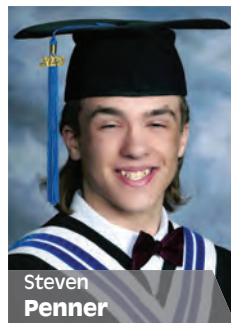
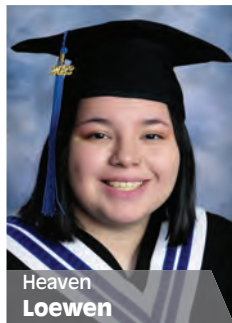
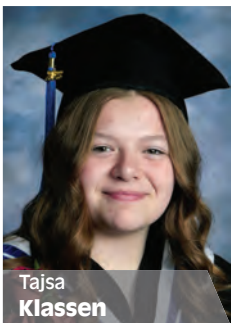
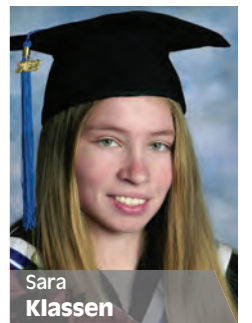
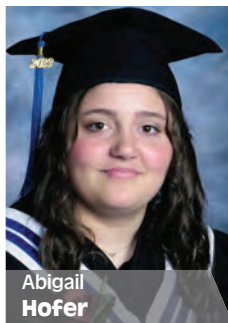
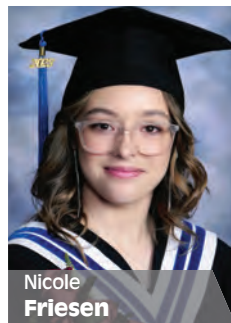
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Pictured left to right: Rondell Owens, Ken Wall, Dwayne Wipf and Christian Carter. Missing from the photo are Rayanne Raycroft and Montgomery Zalys.



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Congratulations to the Class of 2023

Impact defeats United 4-3

Staff

The Interlake Impact and Stonewall United have had a lot of really good battles over the years.

They had another one last Friday in Winnipeg.

The two teams combined for seven goals as Interlake defeated Stonewall 4-3 in Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division action.

Impact goals were scored by Dalen Penner, Josh Friesen, Eric Plett and Keyler Klassen.

Dante Lorenzo, Kevin Capek and Brian Penner replied for the United.

Interlake (2-4) played SCM Academy this past Tuesday but no score was available. The Impact will then take on Southside FC July 14 at Shaughnessy Park. Game time is 8 p.m.

Stonewall (3-4) will battle Central Plains FC on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Portage la Prairie.



The Interlake Impact's Garrett Hillmer goes high in the air against the Stonewall United in MMSL 4th Division action last Friday. Interlake won the game 4-3.

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Interlake Blue Jays defeat Winnipeg South

Staff

The Interlake Blue Jays defeated the Winnipeg South Wolves 7-4 at Charleswood Place last Wednesday in Manitoba Junior Baseball action.

With the win, Interlake improved its record to 10-11.

The Blue Jays will battle the Carillon Sultans on Wednesday (7 p.m.) at A.D. Penner Park.

On Friday, Interlake will play the Altona Bisons at Access Field in Altona. First pitch is 7:30 p.m.

The Blue Jays will then host Carillon on Sunday (7:30 p.m.) at Quarry Park.

Meanwhile, the Blue Jays are still in need of volunteers when they host the 2023 22U nationals in Stonewall from Aug. 3-6.

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In Winnipeg Senior Baseball League action, the Stonewall Blue Jays defeated the North Winnipeg Pirates 8-6 at Fines Field last Thursday.

Stonewall (6-6) played the Carillon Sultans this past Tuesday but no score was available. The Blue Jays will take on the Elmwood Giants this Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at Koskie Field.

The Interlake Orioles U18 AAA team was scheduled to play the St. James A's last Thursday but no score was posted on the league website at press time.

Interlake played the Elmwood Giants in a doubleheader this past Tuesday but no scores were available. The Orioles will host Pembina Hills in a doubleheader this Sunday at Atree Field. Game times are 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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Jack Bennet Nelson
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OBITUARY



Cassandra Jeannette May Tindall
 December 21, 1993 - June 7, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Cassandra Tindall on June 7, 2023 at the Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern, MB.

She leaves to mourn her beloved mother Leslie (Jeremy); her fur baby Zoey; grandparents Steven and Kathie; very special Aunt Toni (Gary); special cousins Coleton and Connor who were like brothers to her, along with many many great aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. She will also be missed by her extended family Tom and Beth.

Cassie was born in Winnipeg, MB on December 21, 1993 and was raised, schooled and worked in Ashern. Cassie graduated from the Ashern Central School and attended Red River Community College, graduating in Photography. She worked at CIBC in Ashern and Dauphin and was most recently employed with Access Credit Union in the Moosehorn Branch.

Cassie was a very private person, but if you were known as her friend, you were very special to her. She loved to travel and had visited Mexico, Italy, France and the United States. It was the ocean that she loved so much. She also liked to go camping, but she had to have hot water! When she lived in Dauphin, she liked to go in the Parkland area to take pictures.

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A Celebration of Cassie's life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at the Ashern Centennial Hall with Dawn Tober officiating. A luncheon followed with a private family burial in the Lakeside Cemetery.

As Cassie was a casual person, everyone was asked to attend the celebration dressed casually. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Cassie's memory to the Parkland Humane Society, Box 805, Dauphin, MB R7N 3B3 or to the Lakeshore Hospital Guild, c/o Julie Bergner, Box 1, Ashern, MB R0C 0E0.

Thank you to Dawn Tober for her kindness and support to our family. Special thanks to John and Karen Gray.

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OBITUARY



Andrew (Andy) Joseph Yablonski

Peacefully on June 27th, 2023 at the Betel Home in Gimli, formerly of Fraserwood, Manitoba, Andrew (Andy) Yablonski passed away at the age of 91 years old.

Andy was predeceased by his parents Anton and Katherine; his brothers John, Walter, Frank, Joe and Peter and his sisters Mary Michaluk, Jean Nickarz, Ann Kozera and Angela Grabowski. Andy is survived by his sister-in-law Pat Yablonski and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was born in Teulon, Manitoba on November 12, 1931 and was raised on the family farm in Malonton, Manitoba. Andy became blind by the young age of 17 and attended school at the CNIB in Toronto and Winnipeg. He had an ear for music and taught himself to play the accordion, violin, guitar, harmonica and keyboards. This love for music led him to become a member of the Polka Whippers band and with this band, and other musical partnerships, he spent many of his years performing at weddings, anniversaries and special events. Later in life, he provided musical entertainment at local care homes such as at Gimli Betel. Andy never ceased to impress with his musical abilities.

Andy treasured spending time with family and friends and would often walk to visit the many relatives and friends residing in the Fraserwood area. Andy welcomed visitors and enjoyed the company of his special friends, either by musical jams or by chatting on the phone. Andy touched the lives of many people who will remember him with great fondness.

A devoted Catholic, Andy was a member of St Michael's Roman Catholic Church and rarely missed a Sunday mass when he was able to attend.

Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, July 5th at St Michael's Church in Gimli, at 11:00 a.m. Viewing will take place prior to the service. Interment at Precious Blood Cemetery in Fraserwood, Manitoba. Pallbearers are nephews Joseph Kozera, Danny Kozera, David Yablonski, Michael Yablonski, Brian Yablonski and Joe Grabowski.

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OBITUARY



Audrey Lenore Greenham (nee King)
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Peacefully on Saturday, June 3, 2023 Audrey Greenham of Clarkleigh, Manitoba let go of the hand of her family and reached out for God's hand and her eternal heavenly home.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children: Wendy (Jim), Judy (Bill), Tom (Irene), Norma (Bob), Gracie (Dan) and Lorraine (Larry); her grandchildren: Diane, Michelle (Jamie), Wayne (Cora), Sheila (Chris), Stephanie (Steve), Bradley (Justine), Lyle (Charity), Jill (Scott), Ryan (Andrea), Darcy (Laura), Delaney (Virgil), Jordan (Mike), Rachel, Emily, Jeremy (Eva); her great-grandchildren: Gregory, Lisa, Alexandra, Ethan, Evan, Tyler, Austyn, Alyssa, Brooklyn, Makayla, Jayden, Callie, Aubrey, Nathan, Elsa, Jackson, Audrey, Knox, Danica, Morley, Violet, Evelyn and Juliet; her great-great-grandson Gunner; many nieces, nephews and great friends.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Morley; her parents, Fred and Emma King; sisters, Mary, Evelyn, Ruth, Emma, Helen, Dorothy; brothers, Fred, George, Harry and twin brother, Lawrence.

Audrey was born in Winnipeg. She moved to the farm in Clarkleigh with her family when she was four years old. She loved to make hay with the horses and we heard lots of stories about runaway horses in the hayfield. She really enjoyed school, playing baseball and soccer. She loved to run, with the colts, after the cows, and at the school and picnic races. She played the piano by ear and played for a school choir. She worked at East Meadows Ranch when she was a teenager.

Audrey married Morley, June 15, 1946 and they had 58 wonderful years together. She had a busy life working on their dairy farm and raising six children. She always made our work on the farm fun. We raced with the clock getting work done, played games and enjoyed picnics. She loved to mow hay and made the best hayfield lunches. She was very involved with her grandchildren, hosting many family gatherings, which usually involved a game of soccer.

Mom sewed many of our clothes when we were young. She crocheted, knit and sewed many quilts and always had a project on the go. Mom enjoyed watching the Blue Jays and the Jets. She maintained a close relationship with her siblings which gave us the gift of a large close knit extended family.

After Audrey and Morley retired from dairy farming in 1977 she became more involved with the Clarkleigh Friendship Club, working as secretary treasurer. She was very involved in the Clarkleigh United Church serving as secretary and then chair for many years. She also took tea and coffee for refreshments after church. Mom wrote notes about her childhood and time working on the farm. In her notes she wrote ..."The strength that I have from God has helped me all through my life."

Audrey travelled extensively after retiring from dairy farming, visiting family across Canada, USA, New Zealand and Europe. She loved her trip to Churchill to visit the polar bears when she was 86 years old.

In 2018 Mom moved from the farm to the Lundar Seniors Home. She enjoyed many friends there. The family would like to thank all the health care workers for their kind care of our Mom over the years. You are greatly appreciated!

We are so blessed to have had such a kind, easygoing, wise and hardworking Mom. We will miss her amazing attitude, ready laugh, and great smile! We all remember Mom/Grandma standing at the window waving good-bye to us.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Audrey's memory to Lundar Seniors' Housing, Box 655, Lundar MB R0C 1Y0, Lundar Seniors Resource Council, Box 430, Lundar, MB, R0C 1Y0 or to a charity of your choice.

A private family service will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at Clarkleigh United Church, followed by a public Celebration of Life at 2:00 p.m. in the Lundar Legion Hall. Interment will follow.

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OBITUARY



Michael Wayne Bellinger

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mike Bellinger of Gimli, Manitoba on May 25, 2023 with family by his side.

Mike will be greatly missed by his wife, Kirsten Valgardson, and his step-children, Cameron Parisien and Rianna Parisien. He is also survived by his mother, Cecile Bellinger; his sister Debbie, brother-in-law Ben Pelletier, his nieces Chantal, Shanda and Melanie; his brother Greg, sister-in-law Bev Bellinger and nephews Greg Jr., Jasper and Sterling. Mike is also survived by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Vaughan and Connie Valgardson; his sisters-in-law Anjie Valgardson, and Maren and John Gnall and their two sons, Eric and Jamie.

Mike was born in Quebec City in 1968 but lived most of his life in Ottawa and Brockville, Ontario. He was employed by Northern Cables. He and Kirsten had only recently relocated to Gimli to be near family and enjoy lake life. He had an abiding interest in cars of all kinds, but mostly "muscle cars".

Cremation has already taken place and a funeral service will be held on July 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at Gilbart Funeral Home in Gimli. A celebration of life will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion in Gimli.

Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



David Philp

February 28, 1957 - June 15, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we share the tragic passing of our husband, Dad, Papa, son and friend, Dave Philp.

Left to remember him are his loving wife, Beverley; children, Brenna, Nikki (Simon) and Graham (Kristin); grandsons, Mason, Finn and Linden; mother, Elvira; father-in-law, Millard; and many dear friends.

Dave was predeceased by his father, Ed; sister, Linda; and mother-in-law, Erika.

Dave was born in Toronto and raised in Winnipeg, graduating from John Taylor Collegiate. Dave grew an early love for sports and played competitive hockey throughout his childhood and teenage years. As an adult, Dave enjoyed weekly basketball games, snowmobiling and was dedicated to his English Billiards league.

At a young age, Dave developed a passion for all things cars. He pumped gas, built his love for drag racing at Drag Mart, Drag City and Supershop, and eventually worked 26 years in automotive accessory sales with Grandwest Enterprises. It was this love of cars, and the social life that came with it, that led Dave to meeting the love of his life, Bev. He would end up selling his racecar to buy an engagement ring for Bev.

Dave and Bev spent 41 years together. Their early days were spent travelling to different drag races. They bought a cottage in Gimli and cottage life quickly took over. Dave's favourite time at the lake was Sunday evening, when the neighbourhood would grow quiet and the nicest weather would arrive.

Dave was a loving, fair and tough parent. Above all, Dave was a source of constant support to his kids. He supported their schooling, careers, hobbies and passions. His primary focus was in helping them build solid and fulfilling lives. The Philp kids and grandkids were extremely fortunate to have been raised by Dave and will feel his absence greatly.

Hockey continued to play a significant role in Dave's life. He played rec hockey with his Dukes teammates and devoted years to coaching in St. James. He enjoyed bringing his 1975 Dodge Camper Van to the arena for pre-and-post game tailgates. He took immense pride in watching Graham play and being his private coach from the glass. Dave, when questioned about the seriousness with which he approached hockey, would say that "it was not about the hockey", it was about following rules, discipline, and building lifelong connections.

With the kids grown, Dave and Bev fulfilled their vision of moving to Gimli and building their dream home. Dave found joy in golfing, cutting grass, ice fishing, and tinkering in his shop. Dave and Bev began to travel again, sharing hot vacations with friends, and snowmobile trips to Hecla with their kids and grandkids. Dave and Bev built a beautiful life together - happy children, wonderful friends, shared interests, and most importantly, lots of love.

Dave was a life-long perfectionist and earned a great deal of pride from the projects he'd complete. From rebuilding cars and sleds to building additions to his cottage or home, Dave's work was immaculate. He took great care in maintaining his yard and loved to take in the views from his deck.

The Philp family would like to thank our community, neighbours and friends for the outpouring of support over the last few weeks. It has been both overwhelming and humbling. We would also like to thank the Gimli Car Club for your kindness during this difficult time.

Please join us to celebrate Dave's life at the Ambassador Conference Centre, Canad Inns Garden City (2100 McPhillips Avenue, Winnipeg) on July 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. A reception at Tavern United will follow immediately after.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Gimli Minor Hockey in Dave's honour.

In recent years, Dave lost two dear friends - Greg and Harold - and felt these losses deeply. It is our hope that Dave has reunited with his buddies and that they are cheering a cold OV to all of us who are left to remember them. We love you.

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OBITUARY

Aileen Agnes Blyth (Lane)
1933 – 2023



It is with profound sadness that our family announces the passing of our much loved mother, Nana, Sweetheart, Great Nana and friend.

Aileen was predeceased in 2010 by her loving husband, Bill. Mourning her passing are her children Len (Joyce) and Janice (Ron Gulay); her grandchildren and their families: Lee and Jayme (Tucker and Beckett), Betsy and Paul (Millie), Trevor and Lisa (Annika, Espen and Ivy), Allana and Adam (Jase and Aubrey) and Shawn and partner, Jade.

Aileen was born in Winnipeg in 1933 and lived in Thunder Bay, Brandon and Winnipeg making many friends along the way. Always a very proud Winnipegger and Manitoban, Aileen was a staunch supporter of the Winnipeg Jets and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

She was happiest surrounded by her family in the Interlake or at the cabin at Gustafson's Resort on Longbow Lake where she summered for many years with her grandchildren by her side.

The family wishes to acknowledge and thank the many medical professionals and caregivers who supported her in recent years. Thank you to the staff and doctors at the Arborg PCH.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to a charity of one's choice in Aileen's memory.



OBITUARY

Dorothy Germaine Bjornson

On June 27, 2023, at the age of 78, our Mother and Amma Dorothy Germaine Bjornson (nee Leach) was reunited at the gates of heaven by her life long love Buddy Bjornson. As heartbroken as we all are, we take comfort believing Mom and Dad are together.

Mom leaves behind her son Kevin (Angela) and daughter Theresa (Jason). Amma leaves behind her most special treasures – her grandson Carter (Carrigan) and great-granddaughter Leddy and granddaughter Miya and we cannot forget her beloved fur grand babies, Pepper and Bodhi.

Mom was well known for her limitless talents and took great pride in the exquisite sewing skills, baked treasures, love of entertaining family and friends, numerous flowers and the huge garden they worked on together. However, without doubt, her true passion was Carter and Miya. Amma never missed the opportunity to celebrate every event, whether school or sports and always had to know what they were involved in.

Unfortunately, three years ago Mom was diagnosed with dementia and she quickly lost many of her much-loved skills.

A huge and heartfelt thank you goes to Kin Place PCH in Oakbank for making Moms last years as enjoyable as possible. We could not ask for more kind and empathetic staff.

Thank you to everyone for the texts, calls and support during this difficult time. As per our parents wishes, cremation has taken place and a private burial will be held at a later date.

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